

# **Progress Review of Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) Activities of University of Sri Jayewardenepura (SJP)**

**University Grants Commission**

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**SLFI**



- **University: Sri Jayewardenepura**
- **Director of IQAU: Prof. Samanthi Senaratne**
- **Date of Establishment: 01.06.2012\***



# Faculty QA Cells

Faculty	Year of Establishment	Coordinator
Humanities and Social Sciences	2014	Ms. Irosha Chandrasena
Applied Sciences	2013	Dr. Sarath Banneheka
Management Studies and Commerce	2013	Dr. Sisira Kumara
Medical Sciences	2013	Dr. R B Marasinghe



# Gradual Evolution of IQAU, SJP

**IQAU was in operation from  
2008 in a limited scale mainly  
with academic staff**

**Completion  
of all subject  
reviews by  
2010**

**Institutional  
Review 2011**

**IQA  
Activities  
2012 to  
March 2016**

# Activities on Quality Assurance Completed at IQAU of SJP (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Period
Incorporation of QA activities into the SJP Corporate Plan	IQAU	To set the tone for QA activities at university strategic planning	2011 (2006)
Development of policy document for IQA at SJP	IQAU	To provide guidance for execution of QA strategy	May 2013
Establishment of mechanism for IQA at faculty level	IQAU	To executive the QA strategy	2013-2014



# Activities on Quality Assurance Completed at IQAU of SJP (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Period
Creating awareness of IQA at faculty level	IQAU	To improve academic staff understanding of IQA activities	June to October 2013
Development of operating guidelines for faculty IQACs	IQAU	To provide guidance for smooth conduct of IQA activities at faculty level	August 2014
Preparation for IR: Awareness creation Development of an action plan Preparing reports at faculty level	IQAU	To develop an internal forum to assess the progress of IQA activities of the University	From October 2015



# Activities on Quality Assurance Completed at IQAC of Faculties of Study (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Period
Development of curriculum in line with accepted standards including SLQF	Faculty IQAC via CDRC	To review and revise curriculum to meet stakeholder needs (OBE )	Continuous 2010-2015
Improvement of reaching, learning and assessment (TLA) methods	Faculty IQAC via Departments of Study	To abreast new developments in pedagogy and assessment (SCL)	Continuous 2010-2015
Improvement of learning resources	Library and other academic support units	To facilitate the TLA process of degree programs	Continuous Intensified during 2014-2015



# Activities on Quality Assurance Completed at IQAC of Faculties of Study (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Period
Introduction of formal student evaluations	Faculty IQAC via Departments of Study	To improve effectiveness of courses and instructors	Continuous after 2010/2011
Web based education via LMS	Faculty IQAC via Departments of Study	To incorporate latest technology to TLA process	Continuous Intensified after 2012
Improvement of academic guidance and counselling	Faculty IQAC via student counsellors and CGU	To guide the students in academic and personal matters	Continuous Streamlining after 2011





# Activities on Quality Assurance Completed at IQAC of Faculties of Study (up to 15.03.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Period
Staff training (Teaching methods, skill and attitude development)	Faculty SD programs and SDC	To improve the competencies of both academic and non-academic staff	Continuous New types of programs after 2013
Research and innovation	Research council , faculty research committees/ centres	To improve the research culture and output of the University	Continuous Intensified in 2015
Community services and consultancy	Faculty IQAC via Departments of Study	To improve the contribution to the society	Continuous Streamlining after 2011



# Activities on Quality Assurance Proposed (after 15.03.2016 and till 31.12.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Proposed Period
Preparation of SER for IR	IQAU and Faculty IQACs	To make an assessment of quality standards maintained by the University	Ongoing, August 2016
Revision of SJP policy document on IQA	IQAU	To keep in line with new developments on IQA	Ongoing , May2016
Establishment of IQACs in new faculties	IQAU	To establish IQA mechanisms	June 2016



# Activities on Quality Assurance Proposed (after 15.03.2016 and till 31.12.2016)

Name of Activity	Responsible Entity	Objective	Proposed Period
Improve reporting mechanism on IQA	IQAU and Faculty IQACs	To improve awareness and understanding on IQA activities	On going, June 2016
Review and revise certificate courses, diplomas, and postgraduate programs in line with SLQF	Faculty IQACs via Departments of Study/ Boards of Study of FGS	To align programs of study with SLQF	On going , November 2016



# Best Practices of IQAU (3 best)

- \* Strategic level intervention to IQA activities
- \* Delegation of IQA activities to units of implementation whilst IQAU focusing on policy
- \* Integration of all key functions of the University into IQA activities



# Constraints faced by IQAU (3 most pressing)

- \* *Mental constraints:* Lack of internalization of QA activities in staff
- \* *Resource constraints:* Both human and physical
- \* *Time constraints:* Transitional issues (Changing from existing systems to new systems)



# ***Thank you !***

