Institutional Quality Assurance Cell

Revised IQAC Activity Report 2020

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IQAC Activity Report 2020

During the crisis period of COVID-19 pandemic, IQAC struggled with regular activities and transformed some of these into online mode in 2020. Some face-to-face activities were organized till the middle of March 2020 and most of others were in distance mode by using online platforms. These activities are categorized, aligned with the functions of IQAC stated in the IQAC Operations Manual (2nd Ed., 2015), as (1) Providing supports for EPR and SA activities (2) Assisting departments for improving delivery of higher education (3) Organizing workshops, seminars and trainings (4) Liaise with QAU of UGC and (5) Liaise with BAC.

(1) Providing supports for EPR and SA activities
The mentionable IQAC activities during 2020 include:

a) Compilation of current PSAIP status of six departments
Six departments submitted their current Post Self-Assessment Improvement Plan (PSAIP) status reports are Nursing, Mechanical Engg., Business Administration, Economics, Tourism and Hospitality Mgt. and Computer Science and Engg. Received PSAIP reports are summarized with key points of achievements and the areas to follow-up. Other 3 departments (EEE, CE, Agr.) are expected to submit their PSAIP status reports.

b) Updating OBE, PSA and FQAC committees with new members
New leaderships are updated in the IQAC website. Separate meetings will be called with OBE and PSA committees within February 2021 to discuss on the action plans of OBE and Self-Assessment of all respective programs.

(2) Assisting departments for improving delivery of higher education
A number of meetings were organized, both in face-to-face and online mode, by IQAC with the key members in different departments for discussing with relevant important matters of quality assurance in the programs offered. These discussion meetings were organized to discuss how to update Outcome Based Education (OBE) Curriculum documents aligned with UGC guidelines and accreditation documents from BAC. Separate meetings were organized: one on 29th February with the department of Mechanical Engineering and other on 2nd

November 2020 with all non-engineering programs. In the online discussion workshop on OBE curriculum and preparation on accreditation with BAC, 17 non-engineering faculties and departmental leaders participated.

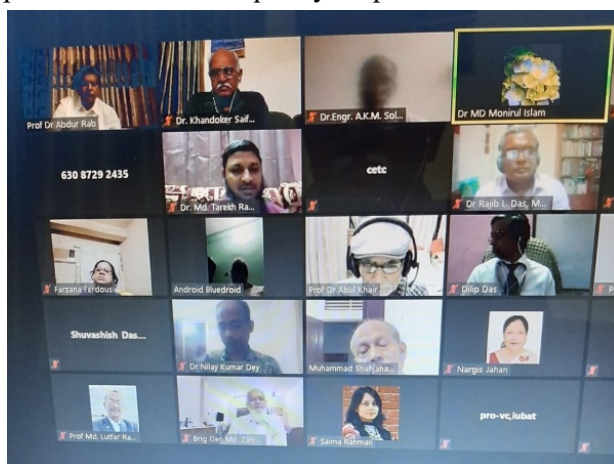*Face-to-face departmental meeting for OBE curriculum*

(3) Organizing workshops, seminars and trainings

In the beginning of Spring 2020 semester a 3-day training workshops were organized for the newly recruited faculty members at IUBAT. Internal resource persons conducted the various pre-planned sessions in face-to-face mode on effective teaching and appropriate students'

Resource persons and participants in training sessions under FDP throughout the year 2020

evaluation in an active student-centred learning approach. Total 12 teachers got training, from 24-hour training sessions held in 4 days, under the Faculty development Program (FDP) as a part of continuous quality improvement. Similar FDP programs were postponed for other

semesters in the year due to institutional lock down during COVID-19 crisis. Later, IQAC organized an online workshop on the use of Learning Management System MOODLE in the online teaching. 180 faculty members from different departments attended the workshop held on 17th July 2020.

Online workshop on MOODLE use in online teaching

(4) Liaise with QAU of UGC

IQAC of IUBAT had been keeping in regular contact with UGC and BAC officials during 2020. IQAC received important documents from UGC and BAC regarding quality assurance

in higher education and program accreditation. Improvement Plan Information was sent to UGC on 15th October 2020. From 29th November to 1st December 2020, the Director and Additional Director of IQAC attended a 3-day online workshop titled "Are Your Online Students Engaged?" organized by UGC and Powered by Institute for the Development of Online Learning (IDOL).

(5) Liaise with BAC

On 13th October 2020, Bangladesh Accreditation Council (BAC) organized a workshop for the IQAC directors of private universities on accreditation standards and criteria for the programs offered by higher education institutions in Bangladesh. IQAC Director of IUBAT attended the online workshop

Online workshop with BAC