

Minutes of the Meeting held on 07/01/2022

An online meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun, to discuss the agendas was convened on 07/01/2022. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Shri A.S. Rawat, Director, FRI & VC, FRIDU/Chairman IQAC, FRI Deemed to be University.
2. Shri Jagdish Chandra, PCCF & Managing Director, Haryana Forest Development Corporation Limited, Panchkula, Haryana (Member)
3. Dr. N.S.K. Harsh, Scientist-G (Retd.), Forest Pathology Division, FRI (Member)
4. Dr. H.S. Ginwal, Dean (Academic), FRI Deemed to be University. (Member)
5. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University. (Member)
6. Dr. Vipin Prakash, Scientist-E, Forest Protection Division, FRI (Member)
7. Dr. Vikas Rana, Scientist-E, C&P Discipline, Forest Products Division, FRI (Member)
8. Mrs. Ismita Nautiyal, Scientist-D, Research & Planning Division, Directorate of Research, ICFRE (Member)
9. Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Scientist-C, Forest Products Division, FRI (Member)
10. Ms. Diksha Mishra, Student, M.Sc. Forestry, FRI Deemed to be University. (Member)
11. Dr. V.K. Varshney, Scientist-G, Chemistry and Bioprospecting Division, FRI (Member Secretary)

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of IQAC and after that the Member Secretary of the IQAC with the permission of the chair started the proceedings of the meeting.

(V.K. Varshney)

Member Secretary, IQAC
FRI Deemed to be University
Dehradun

(A.S. Rawat)

Chairman, IQAC
Director, FRI & VC
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Agenda of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, Dehradun

Agenda Item No. 1/2021:- To consider the confirmation of the minutes of meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) held on 06.04.2021

Resolution No. 1/2021: The minutes of the meeting held on 06.04.2021 were circulated to the Honorable members of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) vide email dated 14.07.2021 with the request to send their comments. As none of the member shown their disagreement with the minutes, the minutes have been taken as approved.

Agenda Item No. 2/2021:- To consider the compliance report on the resolutions of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) passed in its meeting held on 06.04.2021

Resolution No. 2/2021: Members having gone through the compliance report accepted the same

Agenda Item No. 3/2021:- Activities of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University during academic session 2021-2022 (July 2021-December 2021)

Note: Following activities are completed during academic session 2021-2022 (July 2021-December 2021).

- (i) Conduction of RDC, Academic Council and Finance Committee meetings.
- (ii) Declaration of result of M.Sc. courses.
- (iii) Entrance examination for M.Sc. and Ph.D. courses through online mode.
- (iv) Declaration of results for entrance examination for M.Sc. and Ph.D. courses.
- (v) Conduction of Ph.D. interviews via online mode.
- (vi) Orientation programme for M.Sc. courses and Ph.D.
- (vii) Commencement of regular M.Sc. classes and Pre Ph.D. compulsory classes through online/offline mode.
- (viii) Submission of term papers and Master's Thesis by M.Sc. students and their evaluation.
- (ix) Organization of online expert lectures by resource persons/ guest faculty for M.Sc. students.
- (x) Conduction of one day study tours and field excursions for M.Sc. students.

Resolution No. 3/2021:-

The Cell, having gone through the completed activities during even semester (July 2021 to December 2021), resolved to grant the approval

Shri A.S. Rawat suggested that the IQAC meeting should be conducted before the commencement of the odd/even semester so that the members can provide their suggestions

pertaining to the activities. Member Secretary assured to conduct the IQAC meeting before the commencement of the odd/even semester. He further suggested that the Term Paper and Master's Thesis topics should be uploaded in University website so that the students can easily access them and duplication of term paper and Master's Thesis should be avoided. Dean (Academic) of FRIDU conformed to do the same. He further suggested to engage faculties Dr. Sanjeev Chauhan and Dr. K.K. Prathiman for expert lectures for students as well as for faculties in the odd semester (January 2022 to June 2022). Dean (Academic) of FRIDU informed to host the lecture of these faculties in the current semester. He also suggested to appraise the Cell about the guest lecturers conducted online/offline during the even semester (July 2021 to December 2021) in the next IQAC meeting. Dean (Academic) of FRIDU conformed to do the same.

Dr. N.S.K. Harsh suggested preparation of database for term paper topics in order to maintain the quality of the term papers and to upload the same in University website. Dean (Academic) of FRIDU conformed to do the same.

Agenda Item No. 4/2021:-

Activities initiated by Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University to be included under best practices during academic session 2021-2022 (July 2021-December 2021)

Note: Following activities are explored and identified by the Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University under best practices during academic session 2021-2022 (July 2021-December 2021)

Administration:-

1. The students are part of various decision making process of the University like Student's welfare & Disciplinary Committee, Anti-sexual Harassment Committee, Internal Quality Assessment Cell etc.
2. Compilation of Ph.D. thesis abstracts from 2010-2018 to build a virtual compendium.

Academic:-

1. The University prepares a detailed academic calendar and course plan at the beginning of every semester and all activities are carried out while strictly adhering to the same.
2. Orientation programme for newly admitted students is conducted at the beginning of every academic year during which the students are familiarized with the academics and administration of the University. At last the students were sent to library and various divisions of the Institute to understand their working process.
3. In M.Sc. Wood Science and Technology Programme of the University students are attached to reputed Industries nationwide for a period of one month to expand their practical knowledge in the field.

4. Incubation Cell has been established in the University to encourage the students in innovation and entrepreneurship.

5. Round the year, guest talks, seminars and symposiums are organized wherein eminent personalities from the research/corporate field are invited to share real life experiences with students. A good blend of theory and practical is experienced by the students.

6. Regular academic meetings were conducted by the University for timely completion of the curriculum and conduction of examinations. The attendance, IT related issues, etc., were understood and analysed regularly to ascertain the quality of academic delivery.

7. During COVID-19 pandemic students were given exposure to laboratory assignments/practical experiments through virtual laboratories, sharing of the recorded visuals of laboratory work and digital resources available for the purpose. Virtual classrooms and video conferencing facility were developed and all teaching staff were trained with the use of the technology. The online classroom platforms like webex and google meet were used for the optimum utilization of teaching.

Resolution No.4/2021:

The Cell, having gone through the explored and identified activities, resolved to grant the approval to consider them under the best practices during even semester (July 2021 to December 2021) academic session 2021-2022.

Shri A.S. Rawat suggested to include Prof. Puran Singh Best Thesis Cash Award under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Registrar, FRI(DU) informed that this activity is included under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.