



Quality Enhancement Cell



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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Institutional Quality Circle (IQC)

IQC meeting was held in the Committee room, VC Secretariat, at 11:00 am dated October 14, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Nasir Amin, Vice Chancellor Government College University, Faisalabad.

The followings were attended the meeting:

1. Vice Chancellor	Convener
2. Deans of all Faculties	Members
3. Registrar	Member
4. Director Advance Studies	Member
5. Director Academics	Member
6. Director Student Affairs	Member
7. Director Undergraduate Studies	Member
8. Director ORIC	Member
9. Director Training & Development	Member
10. Chairman Affiliation Committee	Member
11. Treasurer (Nominee)	Member
12. Controller Examination	Member
13. Director QEC	Secretary

Meeting was started with the recitation of Holy Verses from Holy Quran. After a comprehensive presentation of the Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Asim Mansha on the PSG-2023 the agenda items were proposed for subsequent approval from IQC.

Agenda Item-1: Discussion regarding the preparation of Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE) by HEC.

- It was decided in the meeting that QEC Officials will prepare Institutional Performance Report (IPR) as they are trained and already prepared Institutional Performance Evaluation Reports many times for external and Internal reviews.
The already nominated Committee for Self-IPE 2023-24 will evaluate IPR. (Annexure -A)

Agenda Item-2: Discussion regarding Program Review Effectiveness & Enhancement (PREE).

- IQC approved 07 Programs (one from each Faculty) for PREE/SAR.
The Committee also grant approval to start the process for PREE. (Annexure -B)

Agenda Item-3: Graduate Program Review (GPR)/ Ph. D. and MS/M. Phil & Equivalent Program Review:

8/2/24
25/10/2024



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- IQC approved to start the process for Self-GPR 2024-25.
The already approved Committee will conduct Self-Review of GPR-2024-25.
(Annexure -C)

Agenda Item-4: Approval of Quality Policy

- The draft for Quality Policy presented for approval. The IQC approved the Quality Policy and decided to implement it in its full letter and spirit.

Agenda Item-5: Approval for departmental QEC (Excellence Drive Unit (EDU)).

- The IQC proposed the name of the departmental QEC "Quality Cell of (Name of the department). It is decided that QEC will arrange meeting with all academic departments at level of faculties and will train them for new role of departments in PSG-2023.
(Annexure - A)

Agenda Item-6: Approval of Departmental Activity Calendar (Targets)

- The Committee approved the Departmental Activity Calendar and concentrating the QEC to send these targets to the departments so the departments may start working on these targets.

Agenda Item-7: Discussion for the departmental rating Committee (on annual QEC targets)

- The IQC granted permission to the QEC to propose the committee for the above mentioned committee with TORs.

Agenda Item-8: SAR & HES Data for the Affiliated Colleges

- The IQC has shown its serious concern on the data submission to HEC regarding HES and Self-Assessment Reports.
- The Committee directed the Chairman Affiliation Committee to do this on urgent basis.

Sincerely,


25/10/2024
Prof. Dr. Asim Mansha
Secretary,
Institutional Quality Circle (IQC)



Quality Assurance Policy

Introduction

Across the globe, higher education systems are increasingly adopting and implementing learning outcomes initiatives within accountability and quality assurance frameworks. Clearly articulated teaching and learning objectives are widely recognized for their benefits. They provide students, employers, and other stakeholders with a clear understanding of the value of education. Moreover, these objectives are expected to enhance institutional and programmatic improvements in areas such as monitoring, curriculum development, and teaching methodologies. Well-defined outcomes and structured processes also offer better control over educational quality, addressing elements that have traditionally been seen as intangible in the realm of quality assurance and accountability. In addition, these policy guidelines will help harmonize GCUF's quality policy with both national and international standards and best practices.

The Quality Policy is a strategic document that outlines the GCUF's integrated approach to managing quality and standards. The university's quality assurance practices adhere to the guidelines established by the Quality Assurance Agency of the Higher Education Commission (QAA-HEC) and the 2023 Quality Assurance in Higher Education Framework, as envisioned in Pakistan's Precepts, Standards, and Guidelines (PSG-2023). The GCUF is dedicated to meeting international standards and benchmarks for quality assurance, drawing on both national and global best practices. Additionally, the university applies insights gained through peer collaboration with other institutions. GCUF has established an Institutional Quality Circle (IQC), led by the Vice Chancellor, to promote and embed quality across the university, its sub-campuses, and affiliated colleges. The IQC functions as an internal quality assurance (IQA) mechanism, forming the foundation for external quality assurance (EQA) efforts.

Vision

To set a benchmark for research quality and educational excellence among universities recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan.

Mission

To ensure and elevate the quality of higher education and foster a research-oriented environment at Government College University, Faisalabad, enabling students to play a key role in the development of nation and country.

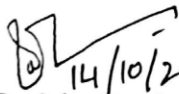


Objectives

The objectives of the Quality Assurance policy include

1. Implementation of the Quality Assurance Framework outlined by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
2. Ensuing that university programs adhere to the regulatory and reporting standards established by accreditation councils and the Higher Education Commission (HEC).
3. Implementation of a comprehensive self-assessment system at all GCUF institutions, fostering continuous and sustainable quality improvement.
4. Establishing procedures and overseeing their implementation through both internal and external quality audits.
5. Compiling and delivering university data for ranking purposes to both national and international bodies.
6. Offering support for the capacity building of faculty and staff engaged in quality assurance initiatives.
7. Supporting the recognition of accomplishments and awards for both faculty and students.
8. Striving to foster an atmosphere that supports ongoing enhancement in its efforts to deliver quality education.

In conclusion, our efforts aim to make our students valuable to society specifically and to humanity as a whole. In our interactions with industry and utilities, we strive to uphold standards of integrity and quality.


14/10/2024
Prof. Dr. Asim Mansha
Director QEC

Note: Approved from IQC and sent to syndicate for approval.