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4th IQAC Meeting: AY 2020-21

Date: 26-06-2021 (Saturday)

Time: 11.30 am – 1.00 pm

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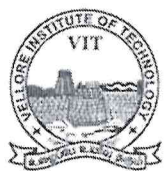
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Programme Schedule

11.30 – 11.35	Welcome address & Introductory Remarks by Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor & Chairperson IQAC
11.35 – 11.40	Address by Dr. S Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore Campus
11.40 – 11.45	Address by Dr. Kanchana Baskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chennai Campus
11.45 – 11.50	Address by Dr. Partha S Malick, Director RAAC
11.50 – 12.20	IQAC presentation by Dr. Kuppan P, IQAC Co-ordinator, VIT 1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting 2. Action Taken Status of last IQAC meeting suggestions 3. New Quality Initiatives 4. New Programmes offered in AY 2021-22 5. Analysis of Students Placement - 2020-21 passing out batch 6. Major students achievements in AY 2020-21 (Director, SW) 7. NAAC Annual Quality Assurance Report AY 2019-20
12.20 – 12.55	Suggestions from the IQAC members for Quality Enhancement
12.55 – 13.00	Vote of thanks by Dr. Brintha Theresa, IQAC Co-ordinator (Chennai Campus)



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Minutes of the 4th IQAC Meeting – AY 2020-2021

Date / Time : 26th Jun 2021 / 11.30 am – 01.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Mode - ZOOM Meeting :

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Members Present:

1. Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Vellore Campus)
3. Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai Campus)
4. Dr. P.K. Manoharan, Additional Registrar (Chennai Campus)
5. Dr. G.L. Samuel, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT, Madras
6. Mr. Ashok Ranjith, HR-Talent Acquisition, CTS
7. Dr. Madhan Mohan, ABB, Chennai
8. Dr. V. Palani, Genewin Biotech, Bangalore
9. Mr. M. R Ravi Sankar, Advocate, Vellore
10. Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director, RAAC, Vellore
11. Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC, Vellore
12. Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC, Chennai
13. Dr. S. Renuga Devi, Assistant Director, IQAC, Vellore
14. Dr. M. Murugan, Assistant Director, RAAC, Vellore
15. Dr. Chitra Krishnan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
16. Dr. R. Gunabalan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
17. Dr. G. Jayaraman, Dean, Academics, Vellore
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23. Dr. P.C. Sabumon, Director Sponsored Research, Chennai
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25. Dr. Mahindrakar Amit Baburao, Director, Students Welfare, Vellore
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34. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Asst. Professor, SAS, Vellore

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Leave of Absence:

1. Dr. K. Sathiyarayanan, Registrar
2. Dr. V. Sugumaran, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Chennai
3. Dr. M. Subaji, Director- (IIP) & Director VITOL
4. Dr. Arockia Selva Kumar, Assoc. Professor, SMEC, Chennai
5. Mr. S. Naveen Kumar, Tata Consultancy Services
6. Dr. S. K. Sekar, Director, Estates, Vellore
7. Mr. S. Baskar, Chief Finance Officer
8. Dr. Angeline Gautami Fernando, Asst. Professor (Sr.), VITBS, Chennai
9. Mr. Aman Agarwal (18BEC0830), Student Representative

Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson IQAC, welcomed the IQAC members and elaborated on the significance of mission, vision and core values of the institution. He emphasized that the institution should provide utmost importance to Teaching - Learning process and Research excellence.

He also highlighted upon the adoption of 4P excellence model (4P – Program, People, Process and Procedures, Partnership) for further development and to march towards excellence.

Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore campus acknowledged the gracious presence of all IQAC members and listed briefly the achievements of VIT

- VITBS being accredited by the international accrediting body for business schools, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- Successful completion of Online VIT Engineering Entrance (VITEEE 2021) Examination
- Significant improvement in research publications, citations, h-index, impact factor, sponsored research, funded project proposals submitted and granted and excellent placement records.

He requested the members to provide their valuable suggestions.

Dr. V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chennai campus, briefed about the new programmes that are to be offered in Chennai during the upcoming academic year.

- Integrated B.Tech programme in Civil Engineering which utilizes good existing infrastructure.
- School of Mechanical Engineering is offering a new programme with good industrial collaboration.
- Multidisciplinary programmes are to be introduced in schools like Law, Fashion Technology and Basic Sciences.
- B.Com (Hons) is also to be offered.

Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director Ranking and Accreditation, stressed upon the importance of nurturing creative thinking among students in online classes. He also spoke about certain challenges faced during the pandemic period, like providing individual care to the students and quality of faculty members to be recruited.

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director IQAC presented the IQAC report.

The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting held on 22nd Apr 2021 and action taken status
2. New Initiatives of various units
3. New Programmes offered in AY 2021-22
4. Analysis of Students Placement - 2020-21 passing out batch
5. Major students achievements in AY 2020-21
6. NAAC Annual Quality Assurance Report AY 2019-20
7. Suggestions from the IQAC members for Quality Enhancement

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 22nd Apr 2021.

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S.No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
1.	Enhance the knowledge and skills of people - faculty, technical staff and supporting staff	• The suggestion has been sent to Academic Staff College and HR office. • Latex training - 18.06.21 • Language proficiency for teachers - 22.06.21 • Effective communication for faculty - 23.06.21
2.	Analyse the reasons for low pass percentage in some of the three year degree programmes and take necessary actions.	• The Dean Academics informed the concerned school deans to analyse the pass % and submit an action plan. Accordingly, the school deans have submitted the action taken report.
3.	Take steps to increase the number of students benefited through semester abroad programme (SAP).	• International Relations office has been contacting the partner universities to improve the students benefited through semester abroad programme (SAP).
4.	Contact the foreign institutions with active MOUs to learn the best practices/new approaches followed/implemented by them during the last one year (pandemic period) to amplify the learning experience of students in online mode. Some of the best practices can be replicated at VIT to improve the learning experience of our students.	• Contacted our foreign partners Like ANU, SUNY Binghamton, ASU, UTS IUPUI etc, to learn and adopt some of their approaches to learn experience of students. • Organised series of on line lectures partnering with some of our MoU institutions. • Conducted series of online lecture programmes amongst faculty in several schools.

S.No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
5.	Establish a peer-to-peer faculty learning community.	Schools have created focused research group and peer group for learning.
6.	Interested students to be provided with an opportunity to carry out lab experiments which they have missed during pandemic by providing additional slots when they get back to the campus.	The Dean Academics will provide a provision in the timetable for the students to carry out missed lab exercises, when they returned to the campus. e.g. In the QCM of SELECT school, it is informed to the students that an opportunity will be provided to do electrical machines lab.
7.	VITOL can offer the online courses to our students.	• VITOL will be offering online courses to our students from August/September 2021. • Finalizing new LMS vendor as the existing one is not meeting our requirements. • Working on establishing exclusive partnership with Arizona State University, USA, for our online programs and agreement will be signed shortly.
8.	Institute can facilitate various activities/measures for stress management of faculty and students during this pandemic.	• O/o Faculty and Staff Welfare has been informed to conduct activities to reduce their stress levels specifically during pandemic. • Destress your stress - for newly joined faculty by ASC on 24.06.21 • Yoga in daily life by Mrs. Padmini Jog on 21.06.21 • O/o of Students Welfare organised about 31 stand-alone events to help our student's handle this pandemic. It would be towards their physical, mental and social wellbeing. • To name a few are stress busters, personal counselling sessions, fitness, healthy eating, getting close to family, personal hygiene, yoga, making use of lockdown period, etc. • About 3000 students have attended and benefitted from these events.

2. New Initiatives of various units

Unit	New Initiatives
Academics	1. Strengthening of foundation core courses 2. Enhanced academic flexibility 3. Core courses to have either tutorial or laboratory 4. Delinking of theory and laboratory component to enhance rigour 5. Capability-linked options for students 6. Multi-disciplinary learning options

Unit	New Initiatives
Academic Counselling	Reducing the number of slow learners by continuous follow up throughout the semester
UG Admission	1. Introduced Online Remote Proctored Exam with 3rd eye to curb malpractice 2. Improved communication with email/ WhatsApp/ SMS and Call centre Solution 3. Developed videos demonstrating counselling process in Hindi and English version
Academic Research	1. Raman Research Award 2. Induction of Post - Doctoral Fellows 3. Procurement of Thesis and Research Paper writing platform 4. Web of Science subscription
Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy	1. Revamped the Overhead incentive guidelines 2. Revamped the consultancy policy 3. Proposal to list all facilities available in university for wider reach to capture funding and consultancy opportunities
Estates Department	1. Smart campus concepts 2. Monitoring of Power Consumptions using IoT
Library	1. Increase e-resources and ensure efficient and effective service. 2. Conduct training programs for researchers and faculty on the e-resource content to improve its usage. 3. Upgrade the digital facility of the library and train the librarians 4. To improve reporting facility by fine tuning the integrated library management systems.
VIT Technology Business Incubator (TBI)	1. Student Startup Venture (SSV) Grant of up to Rs.1 crore to students. This is an initiative of VIT carried out through the Entrepreneurship Cell, which is one- of- the kind support provided to students building innovative technology products. 2. Pre-incubation Program – Students who start working on product ideas in their 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of academics or those ideas that do not fall in the full time incubation mandate fit into this support scheme. 3. Providing Internship opportunities to students in Startups under Incubation and Pre-Incubation at VITTBI throughout the year. 4. Including Startup expo as part of Entrepreneurship Summit every year to promote student internships.
RAAC/IQAC	1. Developed a portal for data collection from various units 2. University level data coordinators 3. Introduced IQAC calendar for all functional units 4. Sensitization programmes on world ranking of subjects

Unit	New Initiatives
Finance	1. Digital payments and avoiding cash receipts 2. Fee collections NO cash transaction is allowed 3. online submission of claim form Via people orbit in these COVID period and submission of hard copies later and this helps in regular outflow of payments to all outside parties 4. Smooth flow of operations in this COVID period and tightening expenditure norms
Students Welfare	1. Digital Initiatives– includes: event approvals, e- certificates, online registration, digital publicity. 2. Regular programs on 'happiness' for the students. Self-defense, life-saving skill and health awareness workshops for the students. 3. Zumba and Yoga sessions for better health. 4. Celebration of regional festivals throughout the year to know the cultural heritage of India.
Physical Education	1. Enhancing New Sports facilities 2. Arranging Sports experts for various Sports and Games
Academic Units (Schools)	1. Effective use of Modern ICT Tools 2. Organizing joint webinar series along with university abroad 3. Hybrid Learning, discussion forum at all times with the help of Learning Management System software 4. Promote Product Development by strengthening the industry-institute relations. 5. Inculcating Research among UG Students 6. Formation of Domain specific Research groups among Faculty 7. Participation in the reputed research group across the globe 8. Special training from the first year of study in the emerging areas 9. Planning Monitoring Committee (PMC) to motivate the individual faculty members to aspire their skills at international level 10. School Research and Development committee 11. To benchmark the laboratories facilities like renowned laboratories in the world 12. School News letters
Research Centres	1. Moving towards trans-disciplinary/ multidisciplinary oriented research 2. Collaboration with Top cited Researchers 3. Collaboration with industries and to carry out successful translational research 4. Virtual Seminar Series 5. Alumni Webinar Series 6. Formed research groups 7. Focusing on development of products rather than converting into papers 8. Establish a finishing school to train young scientists to be absorbed into the relevant area of training.

Unit	New Initiatives
Examinations	1. Online Remote Proctored Exams (ORPE) – CAT & FAT exams 2. Online Question Paper moderation 3. Online verification extended for external agencies like industries / Company with softcopy / hardcopy options – External agencies have to upload their document in our portal; documents will be verified and verified details will be shared to them based on their mode of selection (hardcopy/ scanned softcopy which avoids postal delays).

3. New Programmes offered in AY 2021-22

Proposed Programmes in Vellore Campus

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Intake
1.	Master of Social Work (MSW)	30
2.	M.Sc. Mathematics (Integrated)	60
3.	M.Sc. Physics (Integrated)	60
4.	M.Sc. Chemistry (Integrated)	60
5.	M.Sc. Food Science and Technology (Integrated)	60

Proposed Programmes in Chennai Campus

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Intake
1.	B. Tech. Mechanical Engineering with Specialization in Electric Vehicles	60
2.	M. Tech. Construction Technology and Management (Integrated)	60
3.	B.Sc. Mathematics and Computing	60
4.	Bachelor of Science (with 2 Majors and 1 Ancillary, choosing from Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)	60
5.	B.Com. Honours	120

4. Analysis of Students Placement - 2020-21 passing out batch

Highlights of 2021 Graduating Batch

- ✓ 700+ Companies for the 3rd consecutive year
- ✓ 762 Companies
- ✓ 9419 Offers
- ✓ 5477 Student places
- ✓ 1147 Super Dream Offers
- ✓ 2367 Dream Offers
- ✓ 44 Lakhs Highest CTC

5. Major students achievements in AY 2020-21

Presented and noted by the members.

6. NAAC Annual Quality Assurance Report AY 2019-20

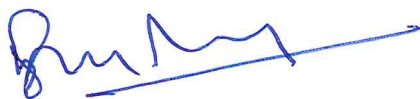
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7. Suggestions from the IQAC members for Quality Enhancement

- Research scholars to be motivated and encouraged to complete their Ph.D within the minimum stipulated period . To provide training to orient them towards focused hard work. To conduct review meetings at least twice a year to keep track of their progress.
- Efforts to be made to encourage and inculcate entrepreneurial mind set among the students.
- Use of AR & VR can be explored to demonstrate and conduct online lab sessions.
- To explore the possibility of offering Integrated B.Tech Programme after completion of class X with focus on the application part of engineering.
- Demand for civil engineering programme to be boosted by creating specialized labs in the areas of Environmental, Water resources, Structural Engineering etc.
- Conscious efforts to be taken to connect with people to mitigate depression/ psychological issues faced during this pandemic.
- An awareness session for students on effective utilization of e-resources available in E.V.R.Periyar Central Library shall be arranged.
- VITOL to offer minor/ honours courses during upcoming summer holidays for the benefit of the students.
- Vaccination drive for the students who have not been vaccinated with second dose may be arranged when they return to campus.

The members appreciated all the quality initiatives taken up by the institution, specifically, the vaccination drive program for employees and dependents, fee waiver for students who had lost their earning parent, and the unhindered teaching-learning & placement activities that were carried out.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC.

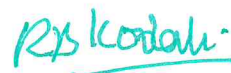


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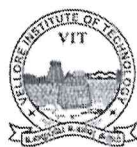
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3rd IQAC Meeting: AY 2020-21

Date: 22-04-2021 (Thu)

Time: 11.30 – 13.00 Hrs

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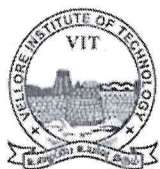
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Agenda:

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2. Action Taken Status of last IQAC meeting suggestions
3. Analysis of Students feedback- Fall 2020-21
4. Analysis Fall 2020-21 Semester Results
5. Analysis of Sponsored Research Projects – FY 2020-21
6. Analysis of IPR data - 2020
7. Functional MoUs status
8. Online course content developed by VITOL
9. Suggestions from the IQAC members for Quality Enhancement
10. Any other items

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Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson IQAC, welcomed the IQAC members and emphasized the importance of enhancing the quality of people.

Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore campus highlighted the achievements in research papers and sponsored projects. He also informed that VIT Business School, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the top accrediting body for business schools globally. It is the second accredited business school in the State and the 15th in the country.

Dr. V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chennai campus highlighted the development in Chennai campus since the last meeting.

Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director Ranking and Accreditation highlighted the recent international rankings of Vellore Institute of technology

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director IQAC presented the IQAC report.

The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting held on 12th Jan 2021 and action taken status
2. Recent Achievements (Rankings & Awards)
3. Analysis of Students Feedback-Fall 2020-21
4. Analysis Fall Semester 2021 Results
5. Analysis Sponsored Research Project FY 2020-21
6. Analysis of IPR Data
7. Functional MoUs
8. Online course content developed by VITOL
9. Suggestions from the IQAC member

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 12th Jan 2021.

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S.No	IQAC Suggestions	Action Taken Status
1.	VIT shall partner with other universities so that the students can do practical in their near-by institutions during pandemic.	• Due to the pandemic, and the reluctance of students to travel around, this suggestion is not yet explored. • However, faculty members are using e-resources available in the public domain for the practical classes. • It is planned to provide students an opportunity to have the hands-on experience as and when they are permitted to come to campus.
2.	Students requested the institute to provide alternate for the 4-week industry internship due to difficulty in getting during pandemic.	• A detailed circular is sent to the students on taking alternative during pandemic: Industry certifications, Research projects, Courses etc. in lieu of internship.
3.	MoUs with partner institutes need to be followed continuously to make it functional.	The following measures are taken to increase the functional MoUs: • Prune the existing MoUs every year • Ensure an activity at least in a year • Only sign an MoU if an activity is initiated or intended to be initiated for which a MoU is essential.
4.	Student exchange programmes can be explored through online mode during pandemic period.	This suggestion has been implemented and our students are doing online internship and Semester Abroad Programme with some of our partner universities.
5.	Mentors/ proctors to identify the aspirations of students and help them to achieve the same.	Proctors were asked to convene meetings and guide students regarding their aspirations and also guide the students to appropriate people for further help.
6.	To strengthen Mentor-Mentee scheme, Students career development.	• Proctors were informed to speak to the proctees periodically to enhance the bond and create good relationship. • The experts have been invited to deliver lectures to the students on various avenues available to explore higher studies and employment.
7.	Introduce a scheme to attract young faculty from foreign countries who had completed their Ph.D degree from reputed Institutions.	This suggestion has been sent to HR and the specific schemes to be framed.

8.	To collect data on emotional and physical health care/well-being of faculty /staff members.	A survey is being planned by Director, Faculty & Staff welfare.
9.	To implement more schemes / activities to motivate the students to take up entrepreneurship. Aatma Nirbhar Bharath Abhiyan scheme can also be explored.	• VIT TBI has organized an Entrepreneurship Learning Series by seasoned entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship educators through online mode during pandemic . About 1000 students have been benefitted. • Startup VIT, a business plan competition has been organized every year. • Student Startup Venture grant initiative is a grant provided by VIT to students engaging in innovative technology product development. • Entrepreneurship Cell is engaged in providing entrepreneurship skills and competencies to students through various events all through the year.
10.	Special attention to be provided for non-circuit branch laboratory sessions, during this pandemic period.	The students were taught through video recorded experiments (demonstration) from the labs by the respective faculty members during pandemic.
11.	The conference publications, books and chapters may be focused too in addition to journal publications.	Deans and Directors have been requested to encourage faculty members to participate and present their research work in reputed conferences in addition to publications of books and contributing to book chapters.
12.	Skill based education should be imparted through case-studies.	Faculty members have been advised by the School Deans to discuss relevant case studies from their own research papers with the students.
13.	The best case studies presentation can be published in YouTube channel to reach the students and faculty from VIT and other institutions.	The schools are taking steps to publicise the best-case studies from the faculty members through the online platform.
14.	Invite professors from partner Universities to VIT and sponsor VIT faculty members and scholars to work in labs abroad to enhance joint research.	• To strengthen the collaborative research work during pandemic, Schools/Centres have initiated a webinar series with partner universities of VIT. • Financial support has been provided for the faculty members to visit the labs abroad to strengthen the joint research collaboration. • Financial support for scholars will be explored.
15.	Industry experts can be requested to share their expertise with students and faculty after working hours.	• The schools have been informed to invite the industry experts as per their convenience to address the students and faculty members.
16.	Steps to be taken to establish industry sponsored chairs.	Applied for the chair of excellence with Department of Defence, Govt. of India.
17.	The number of research centres and incubation centres shall be increased.	• Seven research centres have been established during 2020-21. • Augmenting incubation facility will be explored as per the need.
18.	To strengthen teaching-learning, faculty development and research & consultancy activities.	• Faculty development programs to strengthen the teaching-learning and research capability of our faculty members are organized by ASC and Schools.

		- A handbook on major facilities has been prepared to communicate to industries to showcase our expertise available and attract more consultancy projects. - Also, schools and centres have prepared the news letters to publicise their activities and achievements.
19.	To move from research centre to centres of excellence.	The existing Research Centres have initiated more collaborative research work with international and national institutions. e.g. The Automotive research centre established the "Centre of Excellence for Autonomous Vehicles Research" with SUNY, Binghamton University, USA.
20.	To improve the faculty student ratio.	Efforts are being made to recruit more faculty members during pandemic through online interviews to improve the FSR
21.	Encourage collaboration among various campuses of the institution.	Research collaboration and sharing of research facility among various campuses of the institution are encouraged.

2. Recent Achievements (Rankings, Awards)

- THE (Times Higher Education) Impact Rankings 2021 was released on 21.04.2021. VIT secured the following positions under various SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals):

SDG	Description	Global Rank	India Rank
SDG 6	Clean Water and Sanitation	28	1
SDG 7	Affordable and Clean Energy	24	2
SDG 17	Partnership for Goals	101-200	5
SDG 3	Good Health and Well-being	401-600	9
Overall		201-300	5

- QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021

Subject Name	World Rank	India Rank
Engineering and Technology (Overall)	401-450	10
Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)	251-300	9
Chemical Engineering	301-350	12
Computer Science & Information Systems	351-400	9
Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	351-400	11
Chemistry	401-450	13
Biological Sciences	551-600	16
Mathematics	451-500	12

- University Ranking by Academic Performance Turkey 2020-2021

World Rank-696, India Rank-9

- US News World University Ranking 2021

Best Global Universities (Global)	-	936
Best Global Universities (Asia)	-	227
Best Global Universities (India)	-	17

Best Global Universities (Subject Ranking):

Electrical & Electronic Engineering	190
Computer Science	313
Engineering	340
Chemistry	432
Biology and Biochemistry	471
Materials Science	483

- Ranked within 801-900 in Shanghai World University Rank 2020.
- New Code of Education awards by CNN News, , “Best Digital Practice” – category – Private / Deemed University – 1st Runner-Up
- Upcoming Ranking 2021
 - NIRF Ranking 2021
 - ARIIA | Atal Ranking of Institutions of Innovation Achievements
 - INDIA TODAY Magazine
- Ongoing Data Submission
 - Institute of Eminence (IoE)
 - AQAR 2019-2020
 - Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

The members appreciated the lead role played by IQAC.

3. Analysis of Students Feedback-Fall 2020-21

Students Feedback of Fall 2020-21 was presented and noted by the members.

4. Analysis Fall Semester 2021 Results

Result analysis 2021 was presented in programme wise and noted by the members.

5. Analysis Sponsored Research Project FY 2020-21

Presented and noted by the members.

6. Analysis of IPR Data

Analysis of IPR Data and recent initiatives taken by IPR was presented and noted by the members.

7. Functional MoUs

Presented and noted by the members.

8. Online course content developed by VITOL

Presented and noted by the members.

9. Suggestions from the IQAC member for Quality Enhancements

The members appreciated the continuous efforts taken by the institution to sustain and improve the quality during pandemic period.

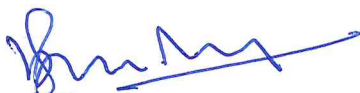
The members congratulated VIT Business School for having been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

Student members expressed happy with the steps taken by the Institute for effective online teaching-learning and evaluation, and online campus placement drive.

The following are the suggestions:

- i. Enhance the knowledge and skills of people - faculty, technical staff and supporting staff.
- ii. Analyse the reasons for low pass percentage in some of the three year degree programmes and take necessary actions.
- iii. Contact the foreign institutions with active MOUs to learn the best practices/new approaches followed/implemented by them during the last one year (pandemic period) to amplify the learning experience of students in online mode. Some of the best practices can be replicated at VIT to improve the learning experience of our students.
- iv. Take steps to increase the number of students benefited through semester abroad programme (SAP).
- v. Establish a peer-to-peer faculty learning community.
- vi. Interested students to be provided with an opportunity to carry out lab experiments which they have missed during pandemic by providing additional slots when they get back to the campus.
- vii. VITOL can offer the online courses to our students.
- viii. Institute can facilitate various activities/measures for stress management of faculty and students during this pandemic.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC.



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Internal Quality Assurance Cell

IQAC Meeting: AY 2020-21

Date: 12-01-2021 (Tue)

Time: 11.30 – 13.00 Hrs

Join Zoom Meeting

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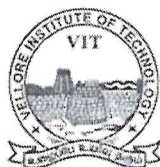
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Agenda:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting and action taken status
2. Analysis of Faculty Publications in CY 2020
3. Rankings - ARIIA 2021 and NIRF 2021
4. Online examination
5. New Proposed Curriculum
6. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

Programme Schedule

11.30 – 11.40	Welcome address & Introductory Remarks by Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor & Chairperson IQAC
11.40 – 11.45	Address by Dr. S Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore Campus
11.45 – 11.50	Address by Dr. Kanchana Baskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chennai Campus
11.50 – 11.55	Address by Dr. Partha S Malick, Director RAAC
11.55 – 12.10	Report on IQAC by Dr. Kuppan P, IQAC Co-ordinator
12.20 – 12.15	Report on Online examination by Dr. Mohan Ganesh, COE
12.15 – 12.25	Presentation on New Proposed Curriculum by Dr. G Jayaraman, Dean Academics
12.25 – 12.55	Suggestions on “New Proposed Curriculum”
12.55 – 13.00	Vote of thanks by Dr. Brintha Theresa, IQAC Co-ordinator (Chennai Campus)



INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

Minutes of the 2nd IQAC Meeting – AY 2020-2021

Date / Time : 12th Jan 2021 / 11.30 am – 01.00 pm

Venue: ZOOM Meeting :

<https://vit-ac-in.zoom.us/j/98219199085?pwd=UngyM0NKQzZCaGZnTExNVGI4NjNFZz09>

Members present:

1. Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Vellore Campus)
3. Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai Campus)
4. Dr. K. Sathiyarayanan, Registrar
5. Dr. P.K. Manoharan, Additional Registrar (Chennai Campus)
6. Dr. G.L. Samuel, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT, Madras
7. Mr. Ashok Ranjith, HR-Talent Acquisition, CTS
8. Dr. V. Palani, Genewin Biotech, Bangalore
9. Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director, RAAC, Vellore
10. Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC, Vellore
11. Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC, Chennai
12. Dr. S. Renuga Devi, Assistant Director, IQAC, Vellore
13. Dr. M. Murugan, Assistant Director, RAAC, Vellore
14. Dr. Chitra Krishnan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
15. Dr. R. Gunabalan, Assistant Director, IQAC, Chennai
16. Dr. G. Jayaraman, Dean, Academics, Vellore
17. Dr. Nayeemullah Khan, Dean, Academics, Chennai
18. Dr. S. Mohan Ganesh, Controller of Examinations, Vellore
19. Dr. V. Sugumaran, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Chennai
20. Dr. P. Ramesh Babu, Dean, Academic Research, Vellore
21. Dr. Kalyani Desikan, Dean, Academic Research, Chennai
22. Dr. Rasool M, Director, Sponsored Research, Vellore
23. Dr. P.C. Sabumon, Director Sponsored Research, Chennai
24. Dr. Mahindrakar Amit Baburao, Director, Students Welfare, Vellore
25. Dr. R. Padmanabhan, Director, Students Welfare, Chennai
26. Dr. V. Samuel Rajkumar, Director, Placement, Vellore
27. Dr. C. Shanthi, Director, Library, Vellore
28. Dr. C.M. Mohan Kumar, Asst. Director, Systems, Vellore
29. Dr. Muhammad Rukunuddin Ghalib, Asst. Director-IR, Vellore
30. Dr. P. Jagadeesh, Professor, SCE, Vellore
31. Dr. T. Shankar, Assoc. Professor, SENSE, Vellore
32. Dr. R. Thirumalaivasan, Assoc. Professor, SELECT, Vellore

33. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, Asst. Professor, SAS, Vellore
34. Dr. Arokia Selva Kumar, Assoc. Professor, SMEC, Chennai
35. Mrs. R. Vimala, Parent Representative
36. Ms. Priyanka Aishwarya, Student Representative
37. Mr. Aman Agarwal (18BEC0830)

Leave of Absence:

1. Mr. S. Naveen Kumar, Tata Consultancy Services
2. Dr. Madhan Mohan, ABB, Chennai
3. Mr. S. M. Kannan, Alumni Representative
4. Mr. M. R Ravi Sankar, Advocate, Vellore
5. Dr. C. Vijayakumar, Director, International Relations
6. Dr. S. K. Sekar, Director, Estates, Vellore
7. Mr. S. Baskar, Chief Finance Officer
8. Dr. Angeline Gautami Fernando, Asst. Professor (Sr.), VITBS, Chennai
9. Mr. Ruchir Saraswat, Student Representative
10. Ms. Pelluri Sai Ramya Meghana, Student Representative

Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson IQAC, welcomed the IQAC members and emphasized the role of IQAC in institutional quality enhancement.

Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Vellore campus highlighted the development in Vellore campus since the last meeting for the members.

Dr. V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor, Chennai campus highlighted the efforts taken at Chennai campus for establishing new research centres and start up incubation centres.

Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director Ranking and Accreditation requested the external members to provide suggestions on implementation of NEP policy and to attract students for non-IT courses.

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director IQAC presented the IQAC report.

The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting held on 28th Oct 2020 and action taken status
2. Analysis of Faculty Publications in CY 2020
3. Rankings - ARIIA 2021 and NIRF 2021
4. Online examination
5. New Proposed Curriculum
6. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 28th Oct 2020

- Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.
- The action taken status of the suggestions will be presented in the next IQAC meeting.

2. Analysis of Faculty Publications in CY 2020

- There is a good increase in the number of papers with Impact Factor in 2020.
- School wise comparison of research output was also presented

The members appreciated the steps taken by the institution for improving the quality of publications.

3. Rankings - ARIIA 2021 and NIRF 2021

- The parameters and weightages for ARIIA and NIRF are presented and noted by the members.

The members appreciated the efforts of IQAC for ARIIA and NIRF data collection.

4. Online Examination

- The process of online Final Assessment Test for the Fall semester 2020 was presented by the Controller of Examinations.
- CodeTantra platform has been used for conducting the online examination. It is an online proctored video exam system.
- The video samples of an online exam were shown to the members.

The members appreciated the efforts taken by the institution to ensure transparency and quality in the conduct of online examination.

Student members appreciated the institution for the smooth conduct of final assessment test through online mode.

5. New Proposed Curriculum

The salient features of existing and proposed new curriculum were presented by the Dean Academics.

- The need for restructuring the curriculum was explained.
 - i. Based on feedback from stakeholders
 - ii. Focus on cross/trans disciplinary learning
 - iii. To accommodate the norms by regulatory bodies
 - iv. To implement National Education Policy
- The features of present curriculum structure were listed and the existing gaps and opportunities were analysed.

The flexibilities offered in proposed curriculum were appreciated by the external members and student members.

6. Suggestions given by the members for quality improvement:

- The number of research centres and incubation centres shall be increased
- To move from research centre to centres of excellence
- The conference publications, books and chapters shall be focused too in addition to journal publications
- To improve the faculty-student ratio

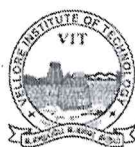
- Skill based education should be imparted through case-studies from the papers published by the faculty members
- The best case studies presentation can be published in YouTube channel to reach the students and faculty from VIT and other institutions
- VIT shall partner with other universities so that the students can do practical in their near-by institutions during Covid period
- Students requested the institute to provide alternate for the internship due to pandemic

Dr. A. Brintha Therese, IQAC Coordinator, Chennai Campus proposed vote of thanks.

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Internal Quality Assurance Cell

IQAC Meeting: AY 2020-21

Date: 28th Oct 2020 (Wed)

Time: 11.30 – 13.00 Hrs

Join Zoom Meeting

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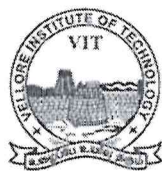
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Agenda for discussion:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC minutes of meeting & Action Taken Status
2. IQAC Report
 - IQAC Calendar (AY 2020-2021)
 - IQAC Initiatives
 - Recent International/National Rankings
 - Target for the AY 2020-2021
 - Review of Academics, Research, Internationalisation and Students' progression
3. Suggestions on implementation of "National Education Policy 2020" in VIT
4. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

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11.55 – 12.25	Report on IQAC by Dr. Kuppan P, IQAC Co-ordinator
12.25 – 12.55	Suggestions for Quality Enhancement by the members: Implementation of NEP 2020 at VIT
12.55 – 13.00	Vote of thanks by Dr. Brintha Theresa, IQAC Co-ordinator (Chennai Campus)



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Minutes of the 1st IQAC Meeting – AY 2020-2021

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Venue: ZOOM Meeting :

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17. Dr. Nayeemullah Khan, Dean, Academics, Chennai
18. Dr. Murugavel R, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Vellore (on behalf of COE, Vellore)
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12. Mrs. R. Vimala, Stakeholder Representative

Points Discussed

Dr. S. Narayanan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Vellore) welcomed the members of IQAC and introduced Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor to the members.

Dr. Rambabu Kodali, Vice Chancellor also welcomed the members, and emphasized the significance of quality in teaching and learning process, evaluation, critical thinking and Industry readiness. The vice Chancellor also informed that, since the NAAC accreditation process is ongoing, the term of the existing IQAC members is extended till the NAAC Peer Team visit is completed.

Dr. V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor (Chennai) highlighted various activities during pandemic period indicating the continuous efforts of VIT faculty members, staff and students.

Dr. Partha S Mallick, Director, RAAC insisted the importance of quality in teaching-learning and research.

Dr. P. Kuppan, Deputy Director, IQAC made a presentation on the IQAC report for the period May 2020 to October 2020.

The following agenda items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Confirmation of last IQAC Minutes of Meeting held on 25th May 2020
2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions
3. IQAC activities since the last meeting
4. IQAC Calendar (AY 2020-2021)
5. Recent Achievements (Rankings/Awards)
6. Target for the AY 2020-2021
7. Review of Academics, Faculty and Staff, Publications, Sponsored Research, Students' Progression & International MoU's
8. Suggestions on implementation of "National Education Policy 2020" in VIT
9. Any other items with the permission of Chairperson

1. Confirmation of minutes of last IQAC meeting held on 25.05.2020

Minutes of the last IQAC meeting was presented and approved by the members.

2. Action taken status of last IQAC meeting suggestions

S.No	Suggestions of IQAC meeting held on 29-5-2020	Action Taken Status
1.	Both students and faculty members to be provided training (Digital detox) to overcome the stress / fatigue experienced by them in online classes	- Suitable instructions were given to the students and faculty members to ensure that online classes are conducted smoothly. - At least 15-20 minutes break is given between each class sessions. - Students were advised to do short exercises involving eyes, neck and shoulders, so that digital toxicity does not harm their well-being and health.
2.	To use the Pareto principle- Invest in 20% of MoU's which result in meaningful Rol's (80% returns). Present the status in BoM/BoS, and decide on the MoU's that has to be actively pursued.	- Out of all 199 MoUs signed from 2014 till date, 54 MoUs are very active with minimum one activity per academic year. These universities will be focused for more activities. - IR office is started sharing the list of MoUs signed to the schools every month indicating specific areas of cooperation. - The schools can take it further with the concerned university for which IR office will facilitate.
3.	To focus on Quality of online delivery – to overcome criticisms from the students and parents.	Faculty members have been advised to use different and relevant strategies to ensure quality in the teaching-learning processes.
4.	To train the teachers to deliver online courses is the need of the hour. Look for ways and means to make the course delivery interesting	Faculty development programmes on the use of different digital tools to ensure quality in online teaching were conducted by the Academic Staff College.
5.	The institute to be thoughtful while using online mode for teaching-learning and evaluation.	- Online teaching, learning and assessment is the need of the hour in this pandemic. - The processes involved were discussed and deliberated in Deans and Directors meeting before it was implemented.
6.	One good faculty who can effectively communicate can deliver online lecture for all batches instead of many faculty offering the same course.	This suggestion is not possible to implement. All faculty members are good.
7.	To ensure transparency in evaluation schemes	VIT always ensures transparency in the evaluation process.
8.	Invite Professors from other Universities (MoU's) to conduct classes through online	The Schools/Centres have invited many Professors from the partnering Universities to give lecture to our students during this pandemic.
9.	The institute to talk to the employers who	Weekly follow up on phone calls - Directly with

have recruited students this academic year through campus interview and ensure the jobs of students	HR of the Company • Weekly reminder mail to HR of the company
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3. IQAC activities since the last meeting

Presented and noted by the members.

4. IQAC Calendar (AY 2020-2021)

IQAC Calendar AY 2020-2021 was presented and noted by the members.

5. Recent Achievements (Rankings, Awards)

- Ranked within 801-1000 in Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2021.
- Ranked within 801-1000 in Shanghai Ranking [Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020 (ARWU)]. VIT is in the 9th position among all Indian Institutes.
- VIT has been shortlisted for the award under "Outstanding Support for Students" Category in THE Awards ASIA 2020.
- National India Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2020 - India Rankings 2020 was released on 11th June 2020 by Hon'ble Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. VIT secured the following positions under various categories.

28th in Overall Rank
16th - University Rank
15th - Engineering Rank
55th - Management Rank

- Round World University Rank, RUR – 719
- VIT Webometrics Rank – 1060

The members appreciated the lead role played by the IQAC and RAAC.

6. Target for the AY 2020-2021

Proposed target for the AY 2020-2021 was presented and noted by the members.

7. Review of Academics, Faculty and Staff, Publications, Sponsored Research, Students' Progression & International MoU's

- List of new programmes introduced in the AY 2020-2021.
- Academic Processes during the Pandemic Period
- Details of Faculty and Staff members as on date
- Analysis of Scopus indexed publications, Thomson Reuters publications (with Impact factor), total citations and mean citation index, h-index
- Schemes for promoting research activities at VIT
- Sponsored Project details were presented. Strategies to improve the Funded Projects / Consultancy were proposed.
- Students' Placement data
- Recent MoUs signed
- Extraordinary Achievements by student clubs and chapters

The members appreciated the activities and progress made during the pandemic period.

8. Suggestions from the members for quality improvement

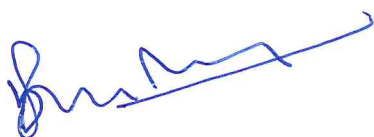
The members congratulated the new Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rambabu Kodali and the predecessors for the laurels brought to VIT. They also appreciated the ease with which the new normal was accepted by students, faculty and staff members

Student representatives appreciated the efforts taken by VIT to provide hands on experience using simulation packages and virtual labs during pandemic period.

The following suggestions were received from the members.

- Introduce a scheme to attract young faculty from foreign countries who had completed their Ph.D degree from reputed Institutions
- Invite professors from partner Universities to VIT and Sponsor VIT faculty members and scholars to work in labs abroad to enhance joint research
- MoUs with partner institutes need to be followed continuously to make it functional
- Student exchange programmes can be explored through online mode during pandemic period
- To build new technology for e-mobility
- To collect data on emotional and physical health care/well-being of faculty /staff members
- To implement more schemes/activities to motivate the students to take up entrepreneurship. Aatma Nirbhar Bharath Abhiyan scheme can also be explored
- Special attention to be provided for non-circuit branch laboratory sessions, during this pandemic period
- Encourage collaboration among various campuses of the institution
- Industry experts can be requested to share their expertise with students and faculty after working hours
- Mentors/ proctors to identify the aspirations of students and help them to achieve the same
- Steps to be taken to establish industry sponsored chairs
- To strengthen Mentor-Mentee , Students career development & wellness, Teaching-learning, faculty development and research & consultancy activities

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. A. Brintha Therese, Deputy Director, RAAC.



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