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STUDENTS QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL - SQAC

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Quality Assurance (QA) involves the systematic review of educational process to maintain and improve its quality and efficiency. Quality assurance is important to ensure that an institution develops and performs in line with the curriculum and standards. Trust, participation and responsibility are the most important values for improving quality in higher education.

The foundation of successful shared governance lies in the transparent communication among the stake holders of the system. Collecting the inputs, analyzing it and considering it for further decision-making processes, assures confidence amongst all the stake holders which benefits mutually. The quality culture in higher education can only be established with an active student participation. As the students are the key stakeholders of an institution, their role and participation in institutional decision-making can have a tremendous impact.

In pursuance with the same, Students Quality Assurance Cell (SQAC) has been instituted as a constituent body of student community under the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the institute.

SQAC aims in including students at all levels in quality assurance and decision-making to improve the quality of higher education further. The student members of the SQAC shall support the institution in all its academic and non-academic activities, thereby facilitating a student-centered learning, to create a holistic environment and improvise the best practices that are being followed in the institution.

Student life in college blends the social and academic aspects, helping the students to realize their priorities and discover the impact of getting involved in activities supporting their institution. SQAC provides an environment and enhances the overall educational experiences of students through development



of, exposure to, and participation in academic, social, cultural, multicultural, intellectual, recreational, traditional and community service programs.

Objectives

- 1. Initiate the student's involvement in QA.
- 2. Assess the needs of the students.
- 3. Improve the quality of students.
- 4. Involve students in the process of assessing teaching and learning.
- 5. Provides an opportunity to discuss about their rights, roles and responsibilities
- 6. Develop, Implement, Monitor and evaluate all the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- 7. Coordinate all the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities along with faculty members.
- 8. Participation in professional society activities.
- 9. Involve in Innovation, Product development and Student level research.

Areas to be evaluated in OA

- 1. Teaching Learning Process
- 2. Assessments (Assignments, Tutorials, Internal and End Semester exams)
- 3. Course Content
- 4. Curriculum
- 5. Placements
- 6. Internships
- 7. Value Added Courses
- 8. Sports and Extra-curricular Activities
- 9. Co-Curricular activities



Role of students involved in QA

Participation in

- Course exit survey
- Program exit survey
- Alumni survey
- General amenities feedback
- Faculty feedback
- Event feedback

Representation in

- Class committee meetings
- Peer group meetings
- Tutor ward meeting
- Department Academic Council (DAC)
- Board of Studies (BOS)
- Clubs and Committees

Benefits and Challenges for Students involved in QA

Feedback is one of the most effective strategies for improving a process and has an immediate impact on learning progress. It reflects the effectiveness of the process. Providing appropriate feedback, knowing the right questions to ask improves the process productively and influences a fair evaluation. Students attitude and maturity can be fine-tuned by sharing and providing clarity on the process of Quality Assurance. SQAC involves students who voluntarily take part in this process, have a good rapport with their peers and juniors, and responsible enough to understand the impact of the feed backs given.



Steps to enhance student's involvement in QA

To educate the student community about the importance of Quality Assurance procedures. This helps students to understand how their involvement in very important and vital to the development of the institution. Also, this improves confidence, self-awareness and enthusiasm of the students and creates a healthy sustainable teaching learning environment.





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