

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL
(IQAC)
Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi – 110062

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date of Meeting: January 08, 2018 (Monday)
11:30 am at Board Room, Vice Chancellor's Secretariat

A meeting of the IQAC Committee was convened on January 08, 2018. Meeting was attended by the following:

Internal Members

1. Prof. Ehsan A. Khan, Acting Registrar
2. Prof. Farhan Jalees Ahmad, SPER
3. Prof. M.Z. Abdin, SCLS
4. Prof. M.A. Jafri, SUM
5. Prof. J.K. Batra, SCLS
6. Dr. Shibu John, SMBS
7. Dr. M. Shahar Yar, SPER
8. Mr. Mirza Vazir Hussain, COE

External Members

1. Dr. G.J. Samathanam, former Advisor DST
2. Prof. Anil Wali, MD, FITT, IIT-Delhi
3. Dr. Davinder Gill, CEO, Hilleman Labs

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Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard

Prof. Ahmed Kamal (Pro Vice Chancellor and Internal Member), Prof. B.P. Sanjay and Dr. Rajesh Gokhale (External Members) could not attend the meeting and informed their inability in view of commitments elsewhere. The Chairman granted them leave of absence.

With the permission of the Chairman, Prof. S. Raisuddin, Director, IQAC initiated the proceedings by welcoming all the members in the meeting that was being convened for the first time after Jamia Hamdard has been accredited for the third cycle. He also informed the house that as per the suggestion of Peer Team of the National Assessment and Accreditation (NNAC) which visited Jamia Hamdard in August 2017, the IQAC Committee has been reconstituted in tune with NAAC guidelines.

Prof. (Dr.) Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard and Chairman of the IQAC Committee welcomed the members of newly constituted IQAC Committee with special thanks to External Members for their time and interest in Jamia Hamdard in general, and IQAC in particular. He informed the house that in a short span of 6 months Jamia Hamdard has faced three high-powered visits which included visit of UGC-Expert Committee for review of grant of Deemed University status to Jamia Hamdard in

 

April 2017, NAAC Peer Team for accreditation of third cycle in August 2017 and UGC-Expert Committee for grant of 12(b) status to Jamia Hamdard in October 2017. He informed that house that with the active support and contribution of all stakeholders of Jamia Hamdard the outcome of all the visits has been positive.

The Vice Chancellor informed the house that in last about one year Jamia Hamdard has taken several steps to improve its visibility and improvement in infrastructure. Some of the highlights he mentioned as quality initiative and best practices are as follows.

- Renaming of Faculty as School to provide a boarder horizon and autonomy.
- Induction of eminent researchers with distinction of Fellows of prestigious academies on the campus.
- Induction of young faculty under UGC-recharge Faculty programme.
- Introduction of new courses in the last academic session such as B.Sc.-M.Sc. integrated course in School of Chemical and Life Sciences and MBA in Insurance and steps to launch 5-year Law course from the next academic session.
- Massive drive of face-lifting of campus by installation of modern lighting system and signages at all buildings.
- Invitation of distinguished personalities on campus for interaction with students and faculty and lectrure.
- Rolling advertisement for faculty recruitment and drive to recruit non-teaching staff.
- Advertisement for non-teaching positions.

The Vice Chancellor informed that in the next convocation the first batch of MBBS graduates will be conferred with degrees. He also informed that the 30th year of establishment of Jamia Hamdard as a Deemed to be University has been planned to be celebrated with a series of national and international conferences throughout the year 2018.

External Members, in particular, observed that in the last one year or so visibility of Jamia Hamdard has increased significantly.

Dr. Davinder Gill complemented Vice Chancellor for his efforts in improving the campus infrastructure. He particularly mentioned about the excellent lighting system, which has been installed all over the campus.

Dr. GJ Samthanam observed that he has been associated with Jamia Hamdard for a long time in various capacities including IQAC. He mentioned that he has observed growth of Jamia Hamdard over the years and complemented Vice Chancellor and his team for various quality improvement initiatives.

Dr. Anil Wali also noted that Jamia Hamdard has emerged as one of the vibrant centres of higher education and quality research and hoped that under the leadership of Prof. Hasnain it will reach the new heights.

Subsequently, Director, IQAC made a power point presentation on various quality initiatives of Jamia Hamdard some of which have also been highlighted by the Vice Chancellor. He also presented agenda items for deliberations. Based on deliberations on agenda items the minutes of the meeting are presented as follows.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9-01-2017

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9-01-2017 were circulated to members for their comments. Final minutes were approved by the Chairman. A copy of minutes was placed on web site of the university at <http://jamiahamdard.edu/iqac/>.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as brought out.

2. VISIT OF NAAC PEER TEAM AND ACCREDITATION REPORT FOR THE THIRD CYCLE

The NAAC Peer Team under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor Central University of Punjab visited the campus on August 23-25, 2017 to have a detailed assessment of various attributes and facilities of Jamia Hamdard and to have interaction with the Jamia Hamdard authorities, faculty, non-teaching staff, students and alumni. The NAAC Peer Team verified various reports submitted by the university in the Self Study Report (SSR). The Peer Team also attended presentations made by the Vice Chancellor, Director, IQAC, Deans and other officials as per the protocol of the NAAC Assessment and Accreditation. It is a matter of satisfaction that in the third cycle Jamia Hamdard has been accredited with grade 'A' with an CGPA of 3.15 as against 3.08 in the second cycle. The CGPA accredited to Jamia Hamdard has not been so high and based on the suggestions/observations, university needs to work hard to attain the highest grade.

The Vice Chancellor proposed that Jamia Hamdard is considering to offer it for re-assessment after completion of one year of the current cycle to improve the CGPA based on development which have taken place in last one year and will take place in year ahead.

It has been proposed that the Director, IQAC will present an action plan for addressing the comments and observations made by the NAAC Peer Team in the next meeting.

3. VISIT OF UGC-EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS

The UGC expert Committee for the purpose of review of Deemed to be University status visited Jamia Hamdard on April 10-12, 2017. The Committee was chaired by the Prof. Yogesh Chawla, PGIEMR, Chandigarh. The Committee had detailed visit to various facilities and interacted with Vice Chancellor, Deans, other Officers of Jamia Hamdard. The Committee also visited hospitals and interacted with teachers, non-teaching staff, students, parents of students and alumni. A separate interaction was held with the girl students. Jamia Hamdard has received recommendation of the Committee from the UGC and status has been renewed for another term of 5 years.

Members complemented Jamia Hamdard for this achievement.

4. VISIT OF UGC-EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR GRANT OF 12(B) STATUS TO JAMIA HAMDARD

Although Jamia Hamdard has been receiving Fixed Maintenance Grant and Plan Grant since its inspection, in a recent comment from the UGC it was pointed out that Jamia Hamdard



need to get 12(b) status to become eligible for UGC grants. This stand of the UGC affected release of grant to faculty members who have been awarded research grants and fellowships. Jamia Hamdard initiated steps to meet the above requirement so that fund flow from the UGC may be ensured. An Expert Committee constituted by of the UGC under the chairmanship of Prof. R. K. Kohli, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Punjab visited Jamia Hamdard on October 12-13, 2017. Jamia Hamdard has received recommendations of the Committee which recommended the grant of 12(b) status to Jamia Hamdard.

Members complemented Jamia Hamdard for this achievement and hoped that with this will facilitate inflow of grants.

5. NIRF RANKING STATUS

Jamia Hamdard ranked very well in the second cycle of National Institutional Ranking (NIRF) conducted by the Government of India in 2017. NIRF is one of the robust and reliable rankings of institutions of higher learning. In the NIRF - 2017 we were placed as follows:

- Pharmacy - 1
- University - 26
- Overall -42

The ranking results were announced by the Minister of Human Resource Development on April 4, 2017 and certificate and citation were conferred by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhawan on April 10, 2017. We consider it s commendable achievement considering the fact that Jamia Hamdard is a small university in terms of student enrolment, faculty strength and number of courses. In NIRF - 2016 in case of Pharmacy our rank was 3. Thus, achieving rank No. 1 in NIRF- 2017 is not a mean feat. Our faculty, students and all staff deserve accolades for this achievement.

Director, IQAC informed that data for NIRF -2018 has been uploaded on the NIRF portal and results are expected in the month of April 2018.

Members wished best for NIRF 2018.

6. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR UGC-INSTITUTES OF EMINENCE SCHEME

Jamia Hamdard has submitted a comprehensive proposal to UGC for consideration for Institutes of Eminence (IOE) Scheme. This scheme of UGC will entail Jamia Hamdard with more autonomy and also an elite status among the Indian higher education institutes. Institution will be able to run study programmes of its choice, set the fee structure, and hire the international faculty.

Members noted this development and wished that Jamia Hamdard gets this status.

7. SUBMISSION OF DATA FOR ALL INDIA SURVEY ON HIGHER EDUCATION

IQAC submitted data for All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17 on the designated portal of AISHE. It is mentioned here that since 2011-12 Jamia Hamdard has consistently submitted data for AISHE.

 

Noted.

8. REPORT OF NATIONAL ACADEMIC DEPOSITORY (NAD)

National Academic Depository (NAD) is a digital initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource development (MHRD), Government of India. Under the scheme all the degrees and diplomas will be required to be uploaded on the academic depository and prospective employer will be able to access it. This initiative will decrease manual work and also ensure quick verification of authenticity of degrees and diplomas.

Noted.

9. REPORT ON VISITS OF EMINENT PERSONALITIES AND 'DISTINGUISHED LECTURE' SERIES AND 'ABDUL MUEED LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE ORATION'

In the year 2017 Jamia Hamdard has instituted "Abdul Mueed Leadership Excellence Oration" award to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Janab Abdul Mueed, formerly President, Hamdard National Foundation (HNF). Each year on May 9 (date of birth of Janab Abdul Mueed) this Oration will be held by inviting an eminent personality from any sector of society who has made a mark with his/her leadership quality. The first Oration was delivered by Prof. A.V. Rama Rao, former Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad and founder of a successful enterprise AVRA Labs and founder of A.V. Rama Rao Foundation on May 9, 2017. The topic of his oration was "Reflections from a personal Journey as Scientist, Technologist and Entrepreneur".

Another lecture series under the name of "Distinguished Lecture Series" has been instituted in the year 2016. Under this Lecture series, renowned scientists from any field are invited to deliver lecture on contemporary topics and to interact with faculty and scholars. The first lecture in the series was delivered by Dr. Amit Sharma, Group Leader & Scientist, International Centre for Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi. Following this lecture over a half a dozen Distinguished Lectures have been delivered by eminent personalities including two former Director Generals of CSIR namely Dr. RA Mashelkar and Dr. Samir Brahmachari and Prof. (Dr.) Jörg Hinrich Hacker, President, The German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Germany.

The Vice Chancellor informed that now onward the speakers under 'Distinguished Lecture Series' has been requested to talk on general aspects with little technical content so that it has wide audience.

Members appreciated this initiative aimed at enhancing visibility of campus and its branding as emerging centre of excellence.

10. REPORT ON SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Jamia Hamdard organised 'Special Convocation' on December 7, 2017 to Confer the Degree of D.Sc. (h.c) to Prof. (Dr.) Jorg Hinrich Hacker, President, The German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Germany.

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11. REPORT ON THE FIRST OFFICIAL ALUMNI MEET

Jamia Hamdard organized its first Alumni Meet on the eve of Founder's Day on September 13, 2017 where over 600 alumni responded. The meet was followed by Founder's Day Lecture (Hakeem Abdul Hameed Memorial Lecture) on September 14, 2017 by India's star entrepreneur Dr. Krishna Ella, Founder Chairman, Bharat Biotech International Ltd. on the topic "Innovation and entrepreneurship".

Noted.

12. CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY – 2017

The National Science Day was celebrated on February 28, 2017 with much fanfare with a lecture by Prof. Balram Bhargava on the topic "Frugal Innovation for Healthcare in India". On this occasion students and faculty were felicitated for their scientific accomplishment with cash incentive and appreciation certificates.

Noted.

13. OTHER QUALITY INITIATIVES

The Committee noted and appreciated efforts of Jamia Hamdard and IQAC for the following quality initiatives.

- a) Online student feedback
- b) Rolling advertisement for faculty positions
- c) Induction of eminent faculty
- d) Advertisement for non-teaching and supporting staff
- e) Consolidation of Library facilities
- f) Campus improvement
- g) Payment of salary based in the recommendations of 7th Pay Commission Commission.

In the conclusion the following remarks were made by the External Members.

- Dr. Smathanam observed that Jamia Hamdard should create a strong linkage with the neighbourhood as its societal responsibility. He mentioned that there is huge population in Sangam Vihar, which may be a catchment area for Jamia Hamdard for its 'Institutional Social Responsibility' (ISR). Besides Sangam Vihar, he also mentioned Mewat (Haryana) as another area where Jamia Hamdard needs to spread its mission of education and healthcare.
- Dr. Samathanam also urged Jamia Hamdard to focus on 'lab to land' concept in the field of biotechnology and pharmacy.
- Dr. Anil Wali also observed that Jamia Hamdard should undertake 'social outreach' programmes in rural areas. He also observed that Jamia Hamdard may emulate 'Start-up' and 'Incubator' culture as soon as possible. He also urged on strengthening of IP activities.

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- Dr. Davinder Gill offered all the support to Jamia Hamdard in strengthening university-industry relationship. He also urged Jamia Hamdard to prepare its 'strategic plan' for future expansion horizontally and vertically.

ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR.

It was observed that in the IQAC Committee there is no representation of women. Director, IQAC was directed to propose few names from the faculty who could be inducted as Members. The action taken in this regard may be reported in the next meeting.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

 29/1/2018
(Prof. S. Raisuddin)
Member – Secretary

Minutes are placed for kind approval.

 29/1/2018
(S. Raisuddin)

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor


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