The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad

Quality Enhancement Cell

Newsletter Information

(Reporting Period: January 01, 2015-June 30, 2015)

Activities:

- 1) After reviewing submitted application for the HEC Best University Teacher Award 2014 based on the prescribed criteria of HEC they have been forwarded for further processing at the HEC.
- 2) In association with the Department of Botany, Faculty of Sciences and Engineering, QEC conducted an AT Meeting for the evaluation of the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) of M.Phil. Program on June 25, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed, Dean Faculty of Sciences, Hazara University, Mansehra (KPK) was invited as the AT Expert.
- 3) QEC in association with the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences and Engineering conducted AT Meeting for the evaluation of the SAR of M.Phil. Program on June 17, 2015 at Chelha Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Prof. Dr. Bukhtiar Muhammad, Professor Department of Chemistry, Hazara University, Mansehra (KP) was invited as the AT Expert.
- 4) Conducted AT Meeting at the Institute of Education, Faculty of Arts on June 17, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Dr. Iqbal Majokha, Assistant Professor Department of Education, Hazara University, Mansehra was invited as the AT Expert to evaluate the SAR of BS Program.
- 4) Mr. Lal Hussain, Assistant Director joined back QEC on June 17, 2015 after successfully completing six months Ph.D. research under HEC IRSIP scholarship program from the Nonlinear and Biomedical Physics Research Group (N&BMPR group), Lancaster University, UK under the supervision of Prof. Aneta, Stefanovska, Professor of Biomedical Physics.

- 5) Conducted AT Meeting, Department of English, Faculty of Arts on June 16, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Assistant Professor Department of English & the Director QEC, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shringel, Dir (KP) was invited as the AT Expert to evaluate the SAR of M.Phil. Program.
- 5) Conducted AT Meeting, Department of CS&IT, Faculty of Sciences and Engineering on June 16, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Dr. Adnan Idris, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Sciences, University of Poonch, Rawalakot was invited as the AT expert to evaluate the SAR of M.Phil. Program.
- 6) Conducted AT Meeting of the Department of Law, Faculty of Arts on June 14, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Dr. Muhammad Asim Iqbal, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Shariah & Law, International Islamic University, Islamabad was invited as the AT Expert to evaluate the SAR of LLB Program.
- 7) Conducted AT Meeting, Department of Art & Design, Faculty of Arts on June 13, 2015 at City Campus, University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad. Mr. Zarar Haider Babary, Lecturer, International Islamic University, Islamabad was invited as the AT Expert to evaluate the SAR of BFA Program.
- 9) Mr. Lal Hussain, Assistant Director QEC made a seminar presentation entitled “Spatial Coherence and Coupling connectivity between Phase of Brain Waves: Differences in Resting States with Eye Open and Closed” at Nonlinear and Biomedical Physics Research Group (N&BMPR group), Physics Building, Lancaster University, UK on June 12, 2015.
- 10) On June 10, 2015 QEC in collaboration with the Department of Software Engineering & IT section organized an orientation seminar of the newly developed software for conducting HEC online Surveys at the Digital Video Conferencing (DVC) room. Engr. Muhammad Zaman Fakhar, Lecturer,

Department of Software Engineering demonstrated the online surveys software to faculty members and HODs.

- 13) Mr. Naveed Sarwar, Deputy Director QEC participated in a three-day workshop on Quality Assurance organized by the Higher Education Commission and IMSciences, Peshawar from April 27-29, 2015 at Islamabad. The workshop comprised different sessions on aspects of quality assurance at the Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) of Pakistan and under international settings as well.
- 10) Mr. Lal Hussain, Assistant Director QEC participated in two days seminar/workshop on Outcome Prediction in Attention, Learning and Cognitive Control on March 19-20, 2015 organized by the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK.
- 11) Under the TESP project of HEC, Prof. Dr. Shams-ud-Din Qureshi, former Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET) Sindh, and ex-federal secretary for Science & Technology visited the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad on March 09, 2015 as an independent consultant to review the IPE (Institutional Performance Evaluation) of the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad under Third Party Validation (TPV) of Tertiary Education Support Program (TESP) of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad; being partially supported by the World Bank. During the visit, Dr. Qureshi held detailed interactive sessions of deliberations with the staff members of the Directorate of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), the senior and junior faculty including the Deans, the Heads of Academic Departments; and the Principal Officers comprising the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, the Director Finance, the Director Planning and the Director Works.

Overall, the efforts being made by the faculty and management of the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir were appreciated in view of the challenges being faced, such as the limited infrastructure and financial constraints.

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qayyum Khan (Director QEC) participated in workshop on Financial Management from April 06 to April 10, 2015 at Margala Hotel, Islamabad.

- 10) Organized a meeting of Institutional Performance (IPE) report for University Principal Officers, HoDs and faculty members on March 04, 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to share with the officials the contents of IPE report as conducted by the HEC and the upcoming TPV visit and Evaluation criterion such as Program Mission, Objectives and Outcomes, Planning and Evaluation, Organization and Governance, Faculty, Students, Institutional Resources, Academic Programs & Curricula and Assessment & Quality.

Introductory session of Third Party Validation visit, Chaired by Honorable Vice Chancellor

Meeting of the Consultant with Deans, Directors, Chairmen, Chairpersons, Coordinators, Senior and Junior faculty members.

Meeting of the TPV Consultant with Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) staff

Assessment Team Meeting M.Phil. Program, Department of Botany