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Date : 17-Oct-2020

## Minutes of IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting-1 (Virtual Mode)

The third IQAC Advisory Committee meeting for academic year 2020-20 is held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Online using Microsoft TEAMS application software. The meeting was chaired by Dr.B.Penchalaiah, IQAC Chairman and Principal for SMGIG.

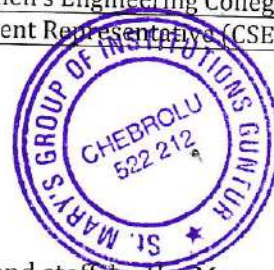
The following members attended the meeting :

S.No.	Name of the IQAC Member	Designation
<b>Chair Person</b>		
1	Dr.B.Penchalaiah	Principal, St.Mary's Group of Institutions Guntur
<b>Member(s) from Management</b>		
2	Mr. V.V.Ratnakar Reddy	Managing Director, St.Mary's Guntur Campuses
<b>Coordinator of IQAC</b>		
3	Dr.K.N.V.Ratna Kumar	Principal - Engineering Programme
<b>Administrative Officers</b>		
4	Mr.Y.Raghava	Campus Incharge
5	Dr.S.Apparao	Dean of Academics
6	Dr.P.V.Rao	Principal - Pharmacy Programme
7	Mr.Ch.Ravi Babu	Principal - Diploma
8	Mrs. M.HimaBindu	Head - Training and Placements Office
<b>Teacher Representatives</b>		
9	Mrs. Sd.Farzana	HoD - Sciences and Humanities
10	Mr.Subhani Shaik	HoD - Computer Science and Engineering
11	Mr.D.Satyanarayana	HoD - Electronics and Communications Engineering
12	Mr.G.Rajeswara Rao	HoD - Mechanical Engineering
13	Mr.M.Narasimha Rao	HoD - Civil Engineering
14	Mr.Ch.V.Siva Varma	HoD - Master of Business Administration
15	Mr.U.Srikanth	HoD - Diploma
<b>Nominee From Industry and Stakeholders</b>		
16	Mr. Ramabrahmam	Parent Representative
<b>Nominee From Local Societies, Students and Alumni</b>		
17	Dr. P.Rupesh Kumar	Associate Professor and Head - S&H Dept., St.Mary's Women's Engineering College, Budampadu, Guntur
18	Ms. Venkata Sravanthi Kongala	Student Representative (CSE-III Year)

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### Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Welcome Address by the IQAC Chairman
2. Inquiry on Health and Safety of students and staff, by the Managing Director
3. Status of faculty registrations in NITTTR modules, NPTEL, SWAYAM, and other LMS portals



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4. Academic delivery in offline / blended mode, as per guidelines of statutory and/or apex bodies
5. Introduction of Emerging Engineering courses with effect from the A.Y. 2020-21, and the need analysis for such courses in the existing context
6. Commencement and conduct of semester regular/supply examinations in Sep 2020, utilization of facility for students to write examinations at their nearest institute, as per JNTUK's circular
7. Implications of Online sessions on Course delivery and students

## Minutes of the Meeting :

### 1. Welcome Address by the IQAC Chairman

The IQAC Chairman cordially welcomed all the members of the IQAC advisory board to the meeting and briefed on the agenda of the meeting. Also, he inquired about the well being of all the stakeholders of the institute.

### 2. Inquiry on Health and Safety of students and staff, by the Managing Director

The Managing Director of Guntur campuses of St.Mary's inquired the well being of all the stakeholders of St.Mary's. He requested the members to convey his regards and pass on a circular messaging the students and staff to maintain Social Distance, Wearing Face Mask (N95), Frequent Sanitization, as suggested by Medical and Health officials. He advised the IQAC advisory board by elaboration on precautions to be taken to hold the containment of the new virus. He requested the members to inform all the students and staff to strictly comply with the govt. issued COVID-19 protocols, for curbing the spread of this deadly virus. He instructed the HoDs to ensure that as per the UGC guidelines received, the institutional premises must be placed with banners / posters / notices with such precautionary instructions and COVID protocols.

### 3. Status of faculty registrations in NITTTR modules, NPTEL, SWAYAM, and other LMS portals

As informed by the Hon'ble Chairman of St.Mary's Group, in the previous IQAC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, regarding enrolment of all staff for NITTTR modules, the IQAC Coordinator appreciated all HoDs for encouraging the staff of concerned department for their active involvement in registrations to the modules and compliance to assessments in those respective modules on a timely manner. He has informed the Heads of the departments in the Institute to share all those details to the office of IQAC on or before 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, for records.

### 4. Academic delivery in offline / blended mode, as per guidelines of statutory and/or apex bodies

The members of the advisory committee has requested the management to permit the continuity of sessions in both virtual and offline modes in due consideration to the issues of the students who have residences geographically far from the institute. In this context, the IQAC Chairman and Coordinator have referred to the guidelines received from



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national, regional, and local bodies regarding the conduct of sessions in blended mode, but as there is no clear instructions from respective authorities for resuming the Canteen and Hostel Services, they informed the members that a representation will be forwarded by the institute to the District Collector seeking advises and/or permissions for resuming such services related to canteen and hostel. The members were advised to inform students to wait for attending offline sessions in full strength till a clarity is sought from the local authorities. The Principal and IQAC Chairman has confirmed that until such permissions are obtained, a ratio of 50 : 50 attendance for classroom instruction can be continued, and hostel and canteen services remain suspended.

## 5. Introduction of Emerging Engineering courses with effect from the A.Y. 2020-21, and the need analysis for such courses in the existing context

The Managing Director of St.Mary's Guntur campuses have elaborated on the need for upgrading the courses being delivered at the institute, particularly in the areas of Computer Sciences and its allied disciplines. He announced that the management has take a very bold and brave initiative to transform the institutional strategies in terms of courses being offered to match with the current market demands and in long term view of openings for Engineering, and Management graduates. He also mentioned that the management has applied to AICTE and obtained approval for introduction of the following emerging engineering courses with effect from current academic year, in Polytechnic, UG and PG programmes as well :

- Diploma in Multimedia & 3D Animation
- Diploma in Graphics & Multimedia
- Diploma in Web Designing
- B.Tech - Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS)
- B.Tech – CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI&ML))
- B.Tech – CSE (Data Science)
- B.Tech – CSE (Cyber Security)
- B.Tech – CSE (Internet of Things)
- M.Tech - Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI&DS)
- M.Tech – CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI&ML))
- M.Tech – CSE (Data Science)
- M.Tech – CSE (Cyber Security)
- M.Tech – CSE (Internet of Things)
- MBA (Digital Marketing)
- MBA (Artificial Intelligence)
- MBA (Big Data Analytics)



All the participants applauded the initiative of the management in transforming the institute with a strategy to cater to industry requirements rather continuing the regular branches of engineering. They have unanimously agreed for the wide spread of this

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message in the market that would certainly help the students belonging to economically weaker / minority sections who might aspire for well rewarded careers.


**6. Commencement and conduct of semester regular/supply examinations in Sep 2020, utilization of facility for students to write examinations at their nearest institute, as per JNTUK's circular**

The IQAC Chairman has referred to the commencement and conduct of examinations in the month of September 2020, wherein few students have availed the facility of attending these exams at the nearest examination centre to their residences and he informed the HoDs to submit details of such cases. HoDs agreed to submit the details by 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.


**7. Implications of Online sessions on Course delivery and students**

The IQAC Coordinator has referred to the course delivery in previous semester over online platform due to COVID-19 conditions. He brought to the notice of all the members that the students have developed a sense of negligence and procrastinate, thus neglecting academics. It is observed that there was very less seriousness among students while attempting examinations and this need to be addressed quickly. All the faculty of the institute must consider this with top priority. In the recent interactions with students while collecting feedback for the previous semester, it is observed that they could not follow the online delivery of faculty especially for certain courses that had mathematical concepts and derivations. He insisted that effective delivery can happen only when the faculty involves students in subject related discussions and motivates them with various assignments / tasks / exercises linked to the conceptual delivery. The members agreed to his view point and gave their consent in enhancing the student involvement through proper mentoring.

*The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by IQAC Chairman. All the members wished and greeted each other for a safe and healthy stay at their respective houses.*

  
(Dr.K.N.V.Ratna Kumar)  
IQAC Coordinator



  
(Dr.B.Penchalaiah)  
IQAC Chairman

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