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Minutes of the Twenty Seventh Meeting
Internal Quality Assurance Cell
23 JULY 2025

Minutes for the Twenty Seventh Meeting of IQAC

The 27th Meeting of IQAC was held in hybrid mode on July 23, 2025 at 3:00p.m. in the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room, First Floor Aryabhata Academic Block.

The following members joined the meeting online:

1. Prof. S. K. Bawa, Former Former Vice Chancellor, Guru Kashi University
2. Prof. Jatinder Kaur, Director IQAC, GNDU, Amritsar
3. Prof. Kawaljit Singh Kaura, AIIMS, Bathinda
4. Dr. Rekha Kalia Bhardwaj, Former Principal, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar
5. Dr. Puneet Bhandari – Special Invitee

The following members were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Chairperson, IQAC
2. Prof. Kiran Hazarika, Pro-Vice Chancellor, CUP
3. Dr. Rajkumar Sharma, Finance Officer
4. Prof. Anjana Munshi, Director, R&D
5. Prof. B. P. Garg, Controller of Examinations
6. Prof. P. K. Mishra, Department of Economic Studies
7. Prof. Anil Kumar Mantha, Department of Zoology
8. Prof. Vinod Kumar, Department of Chemistry
9. Prof. Yogalakshmi K. N., Department of Environment Sciences & Technology
10. Prof. J. K. Pattanaik, Department of Geology
11. Prof. Ramanpreet Kaur, Department of Punjabi
12. Prof. Sunil Mittal, Department of Environmental Studies
13. Dr. Baljinder Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry
14. Dr. Sesadeba Pany, Associate Professor, Department of Education
15. Dr. Preeti Khetarpal, Associate Professor, Department of Human Genetics and Molecular Medicine
16. Dr. Parvinder Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Technology
17. Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Assistant Librarian
18. Dr. Rabindra Kumar, Technical Officer (Alumni)
19. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC – Member Secretary

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari. The Pro-Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members and discussed about the achievements and activities of the University and role of IQAC quality assurance and in university growth. He emphasized upon its importance at the University. He invited the member secretary to present the agenda items. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, the member secretary thanked the members to attend the meeting and introduced about the new logo of the university in the start of her presentation. She started presenting the agenda items one by one to the members of the IQAC:

Agenda 27/2025/1: **Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings**

The minutes of the 26th meeting of IQAC held on December 20, 2024 was circulated amongst the members through e-mail.

The minutes were submitted for confirmation. Attached as ***Annexure-1***.

RESOLVED
The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the 26th meeting of IQAC held on December 20, 2024.

Agenda 27/2025/2:

Action Taken Report of 26th meeting of IQAC
Action taken report was submitted for information ***(Annexure-2)***.

RESOLVED
The action taken report of the 26th meeting was presented by the member secretary one by one. The members of the committee noted & approved the Action Taken Report of the 26th meeting of IQAC.

Items for Information

Agenda 27/2025/3:

Progress Report of IQAC
The activities performed by IQAC after the 26th meeting are detailed below:

Training and Lectures

1. Lohri Celebration cum session on ***Contextualizing Ancient Indian Education System*** by Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 13th January 2025.

2. Two days' workshop on ***Outcome Based Education*** by Prof. Manikrao Salunkhe, Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Rajasthan On 6-7th February 2025.

3. Invited Lecture on ***"Binary Accreditation System of NAAC"*** by Prof. Nitin R. Karmalkar, Former Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University on 12th February 2025.

4. Guest Lecture on **"Integrating Science and Society through Science Communication"** on 17th April 2025 by Prof. Ranjana Aggarwal, Director, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research.

RESOLVED
The members appreciated the activities performed by IQAC and applauded its good work.

Awards and Achievements

1. The University has secured **3.5-star** rating in Institution's Innovation Council (IIC-6) on the basis of the activities performed by IIC for the year 2023-24. The certificate of rating is attached as ***Annexure-3***.
2. ISO certificate of the university has been renewed and is attached as ***Annexure-4.***
3. CU Punjab has secured the 7th position in the

"Central Universities (Overall)" category in the IIRF Top Universities in India 2025 Rankings.

4. AIU sponsored Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AIU-AADC) has been approved for CU Punjab and a MoU has to be signed with AIU (***Annexure -5***).

RESOLVED

The initiatives of IQAC which lead to various awards and achievements for the university were appreciated and applauded by the members of the committee. Prof. S. K. Bawa congratulated the IQAC team for the awards and achievements.

Activities performed by IQAC

1. Curriculum Audit of the 31 departments was conducted on April 23-24, 2025. Prof. (Dr.) Tankeshwar Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Haryana and Prof. (Dr.) Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur were two the external experts during the Curriculum Audit. The schedule of the Curriculum Audit is attached as ***Annexure-6.***
2. List of activities performed by IIC-7 since the 26th meeting of IQAC is attached as ***Annexure-7.*** These activities are to be submitted for grading till 31st August 2025.
3. Data submitted for Times Higher Education Ranking (***Annexure-8***)
4. Data submitted for India Today Ranking (***Annexure-9***).
5. IQAC is compiling and is in process to submit the data to Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions: NEP Progress Monitoring Data Collection Web Form, Ministry of Education.

RESOLVED

The committee appreciated the efforts and approach of IQAC for compiling and submitting the data on the various portals to secure good ranks for the university.

Items for Ratification

Agenda 27/2025/4:

Report of the Curriculum Audit:

Every year before the beginning of the academic session curriculum audits are conducted. Based on the presentation of the HoDs and the inputs by the experts the report of the curriculum from the respective programs was prepared and shared with the respective department heads for necessary action. After the audits the department conducted their BoS, followed by the School boards for finalizing the curriculum for the academic session 2025-26. The report of the

Curriculum Audit is attached as ***Annexure-10***.

The Member Secretary presented the report of the Curriculum Audit based on which BoS and School Board Meetings of all the departments were done.

RESOLVED
The committee members confirmed the report of the Curriculum Audit. The members praised audits as one of the best practice of the university and suggested that it must be ensured that the inputs of the audits are incorporated in the curriculum.

Agenda 27/2025/5:

Implementation National Credit Framework in academic session 2025-26:
The National Credit Framework (NCrF) is being implemented in the university gradually. A committee was constituted to plan the implementation of UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes (PGCF) from 2025-26 academic session. The Minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 1st May 2025 are shared as ***Annexure-11***, the committee proposed the following new guidelines in the curriculum for academic session 2025-26:

- The two-year Postgraduate program will have three options; 1. Three semesters of course work and one semester of research; 2. Two semesters of course work and two semesters of research; and 3. All four semesters of course work.
- The revised course codes for the university wide courses, course codes for BS-MS Programs and PG Programs to maintain uniformity.
- Inclusion of SDGs in the Curriculum.
- Mapping of Vision and Mission of the University with Curriculum.
- Utilizing the Bloom's Taxonomy for assessing learning outcomes and devising the question papers based on it to assess the cognitive understanding such as Knowledge, application, analysis, synthesis and creativity among learners.

In addition, Policy documents were prepared for implementation of Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit, NCrF and Swayam courses by Prof Monisha Dhiman, Prof PK Mishra and Prof Felix Bast respectively which was then submitted to MoE (***Annexure-12***).

RESOLVED
The members acknowledged that NCrF supports the NEP 2020's vision by including vocational, and experiential learning, promoting academic flexibility, and emphasizing on multi-disciplinary education

system that adapts to emerging skills and sustainable development goals, hence its implementation from academic session 2025-26 will be crucial while NEP-2020 is being implemented at the university.

Agenda 27/2025/6:

Other initiatives of IQAC for Quality

The member secretary briefed the members that time to time many initiatives are taken up by IQAC for overall quality assurance, few such initiatives are:

1. Constitution of committee for establishing Centre for Disaster Management and Practice in Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Reconstruction ***(Annexure-13)***.
2. Constitution of committee for formulating policy for the use of AI in Academics and Research. ***(Anneuxure-14)***
3. Plan to organize capacity building sessions on use of AI in research ***(Annexure-15)***.
4. Workshop to be organized on Bloom's Taxonomy
5. Co-instructor model in the class room.
6. Preparation of question paper based on Bloom's Taxonomy.
7. Inclusion of IKS in curriculum.

RESOLVED

It was suggested that the ATR from the committee constituted must be taken time to time so ensure their functioning (1& 2).

The committee appreciated the initiatives of IQAC for quality assurance and its plan for the capacity building through sessions and workshops (3 & 4).

The members recommended to frame Policy/SoPs for the Co-instructor model (5).

Members recommended to audit the question papers prepared based on Bloom's Taxonomy (6).

Agenda 27/2025/7:

Collaborative activities with Wadhwani Foundation:

While attending the YUGM Innovation Conclave at Bharat Mandapam on 29th April, 2025, there was interaction with Wadhawni Foundation. They plan to partner with CU Punjab to strengthen innovation, entrepreneurship, and employability.

RESOLVED

It was resolved that a meeting should be convened at earliest to plan the collaborative activities. It was also suggested that Prof Vinod Kumar and Prof Sunil Mittal will coordinate with Wadhwani team for various joint activities.

Agenda 27/2025/8:

As per the vision of NEP-2020, the education has to be affordable, accessible and equal for all. In order to encourage the meritorious and deserving students from socially and economically weaker sections to pursue

their studies without any financial strain, the Central University of Punjab strives to provide adequate number of studentships, free-ships and financial assistance from Student Aid Fund maintained by the University as per government policies and guidelines applicable at the time of the award. The tuition fee is refunded to all eligible awardees after the issuance of the fees waiver notification. For the current academic session, the tuition fees of the economically and socially challenged students were waived off and list of the same is enclosed as ***Annexure-16***.

RESOLVED

The members appreciated the efforts of the university for access, equity, and inclusive education at the postgraduate level and approved the list of students given tuition fees waiver as per the Policy for Fees Waiver and Financial Assistance of the university.

Agenda 27/2025/9:

The member secretary briefed the members that the scheme is operational since 2015 and more than 500 students have been benefitted from this scheme. Recently, considering the budgetary constraints and number of students waiting to work under this scheme, the policy was revised. The revised policy is already approved by AC and EC it may be started again so that the students get benefitted (***Annexure-17***).

RESOLVED

The members acknowledged that EWYL scheme is one of the best practice of the university and it must be continued and any student who has worked during this time should be paid as per rules after approval from CA.

Agenda 27/2025/10:

IQAC Calendar

IQAC Calendar for the year 2025-26 is prepared and submitted for approval. Attached at ***Annexure-18***. The member secretary presented the IQAC calendar and informed the committee that this calendar is prepared every year and IQAC performed as per calendar. There are some additional activities which are performed by IQAC but cannot be added in the IQAC calendar.

RESOLVED

The committee approved the IQAC calendar. It was suggested that the same kind of calendar should also be prepared for the departmental activities.

Agenda 27/2025/11:

Reports and Analysis for Feedbacks

1. Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Survey for the year 2023-24 was taken from the employees of the University. Analysis of the same was discussed

with the members ***(Annexure -19)***.

2. Administrative Audit of various sections in the university was conducted in the month of October and November 2024. Report is prepared and is attached as **Annexure-20**.
3. Teachers feedback was taken from the students and same was emailed individually to all the faculty members for improvement if any.
4. Peer Perception is being taken from time to time from the experts/industrials who visit the University by the departments organizing any activity.

RESOLVED

The committee appreciated the efforts of IQAC and advised that it was a good step to address the problems which are being faced by staff as well as students.

It was recommended that reports and feedback should be shared with the respective stakeholders and ATR has to be submitted to IQAC to rectify the issues (if any).

The teacher's feedback was discussed in detail and it was resolved that it will be reviewed critically.

Items for Consideration

Agenda 27/2025/12: **NISP Policy to be adopted with modification** (***Annexure-21***).

RESOLVED

The members of the committee noted that NISP will be adopted after some necessary modifications if required. It will be a positive move towards promoting the culture of Innovation and Entrepreneurship among teaching fraternity.

Agenda 27/2025/13: **NEP- SAARTHI Scheme of UGC**

The list of NEP-SAARTHI approved by UGC is enclosed as ***Annexure-22*** and SAARTHI Activity Calendar (2025) provided by UGC for activities is attached as ***Annexure-23***. The activities to be organized as part of IQAC activities and funds to be allocated for the same.

RESOLVED

The committee was of the view that NEP-SAARTHI scheme is a good initiative of UGC and it was recommended that the funds required for the activities organized by NEP SAARTHI may be utilized from university budget.

Agenda 27/2025/14: MoU signed with Rekhi Foundation. Department of Psychology will coordinate for Centre for Happiness to be established. (***Annexure-24***)

RESOLVED

The committee noted the MoU signed with Rekhi Foundation and appreciated efforts to promote mental well-being of the students by setting-up Centre for Happiness. Department of Psychology will be the nodal centre and will coordinate with the Rekhi Foundation for setting up the Centre for Happiness and implementing other initiatives of their foundation.

Agenda 27/2025/15: **Any other agenda with the permission of the Chair.**

Prof. S. K. Bawa suggested that there should be a dedicated team to perform the activities of IQAC. IQAC is here in the university to get ranking. Workload of IQAC may be divided into members of IQAC or some other committees may be formed to compile data for IQAC. Prof. Rekha Kalia Bhardwaj endorsed the same.

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