

**SEVA MANDAL EDUCATION SOCIETY'S**  
**SMT. MANIBEN M. P. SHAH WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF ARTS & COMMERCE**  
**Autonomous under S.N.D.T. Women's University**  
**as per Maharashtra State University Act (2016) Uniform Statute No: 3 of 2019**  
**NAAC Re-accredited**  
**UGC Status: College with Potential for Excellence**  
**BEST COLLEGE AWARD 2017-18: Adjudged by S.N.D.T. Women's University**  
**338, R.A. Kidwai Road, Matunga, Mumbai – 400019**

A meeting of the IQAC was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the President's Chamber at 10.30 am.

The following members were present for the meeting

President, SMES Dr. Dilip Trivedi

Honorary Secretary, SMES Dr. Bharat Pathak

Principal Dr. Leena Raje, Chairperson

QAC member Shri Sunil Mantri

QAC member Dr. Beena Inamdar

Member Coordinator Ms. Madhavi Sathe

Member Dr. Usha Mishra

Member Dr. Avaneesh Bhatt

Member Ms. Ashwini Prabhu

Member Ms. Darshana Buch

Member Dr. Jyotsana Lal

Member Dr. Shubhangi Kulkarni, Coordinator, MCom

Member Ms. Reshma Murli, Coordinator, MA, Counselling Psychology

Student member Ms. Fakhera Mamawala, MA Counselling Psychology

Student member Ms. Prachi Mungekar, MCom

Student member Ms. Kajal Yadav, BCom-AFI

Special Invitee Mr. Vasant Pansare, Senate member, SNDTWU

**Leave of Absence was granted to**

Shri. Uday Gaitonde, QAC expert

Special invitee Dr. Vatsalaben Trivedi, Senate member, SNDTWU

Special invitee Dr. Mala Pandurang, Principal, Dr. BMN College of Home Science

Special invitee Mr. T.M Jethani, Principal, SMES Law School

Special invitee Ms. Anjali Katdare, Principal, SMES Nursing College

Member Dr. Shobha Dedhia

Member Dr. Gouri Mohan

Member Ms. Vaishnavi Kamat

Member Mr. Ravi Warik

Member Mr. Ravi More

**Agenda Item no 1:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Shree Sunil Mantri instructed that minutes should mention 'Leave of Absence' about the absentee members, not 'regrets'.

Mrs Madhavi Sathe, Co-ordinator, IQAC, read out the report of the IQAC activities. Following were the discussion points over and above:

- Shree Mantri mentioned that API verification by the college IQAC is not required as per the UGC guidelines for staff promotion.

- Dr. Leena Raje announced that some faculty members are eligible for two promotions simultaneously in near future. Shree Mantri suggested that there might be objections from the Joint Director's office on two promotions at a time and advised to keep a gap of a few months to process the files of two promotions.
- Shree Mantri advised that IQAC should check the website of Gujarat Knowledge Corporation for ideas to prepare the format of the Administrative Audit.
- Shree Mantri said that the format for the Academic Audit should be stringent and be prepared with incisiveness so as to use it to implement another college. Since, Smt. MMP Shah College is at the initial stage of autonomy, constructive criticism will benefit the college in the long run. It was also suggested that Academic Audit should focus on the aspects where we have lost points in the NAAC evaluation.
- Shree Mantri advised that we should include members from the colleges of South India on our assessment body of autonomous colleges, as autonomy is in practice there since long. To this Dr. Raje responded that we are bound by the rules and have to invite someone as per the UGC recommendations. Dr. Inamdar mentioned we should invite a faculty from Stella Maris College, which has an impressive record as an autonomous college. It was suggested that we can invite someone who could be an independent observer. This idea was welcomed by Dr. Bharat Pathak as it is the college authority's prerogative to invite someone.
- During discussions on NAAC recommendation on providing hostel facility, Shree Mantri suggested that the admission forms should have the question if the applicant requires the same, this way we shall have a data how miniscule number of students require the facility and the future auditors/NAAC team will be able to see that expenses for hostel facility is not worth, as few takers will utilise it. Dr. Inamdar said that the college should be able to make arrangements for students' accommodation, but it need not own a hostel. Dr. Pathak pointed out that the college is close to four railway stations, and hence a students' residency is not an urgent requirement. This should be explained to the team that visits to assess the college.
- Discussing NAAC assessment method, Shree Mantri said that since 70% assessment is through artificial intelligence, the colleges that receive better grades due to earlier subjective/managed assessment are now getting a lower grade. Dr. Inamdar strongly said that we should de-glamourise grading or any such assessment, it does not reflect the quality of the college. Students' happiness and their enrolment is important. The college should have its own benchmarks, and not strive to fit into the straightjacketed evaluation system.
- Dr. Dilip Trivedi contradicted the view and said that the general public looks at the grade and builds an image of the college. Shree Mantri and Dr Inamdar disagreed with Dr Trivedi and said that 'social grading' is more important than NAAC grade. Shree Mantri also said that grade B++, given by NAAC to Smt. MMP Shah Women's College, is a good grade anyway.
- Dr. Raje announced that the college is closing down Economics majors in Gujarati medium due to consistent drop of students. Shree Mantri advised that college should apply for 'converting' the aided Gujarati medium Economics major into English medium emphasising on saving teachers' careers without any additional burden on the government's exchequer. He also said that the proposal should state the following points clearly: 1. Women's college 2. Autonomous 3. No financial liability to the government. Dr. Leena Raje agreed to try this out and thanked Shree Mantri for the valuable suggestion.

#### Agenda Item no 2

Dr. Raje informed that a number of programs and skill development courses that have been planned and some of which have been started during the first year of autonomy-Basic Tailoring course is completed by 25 NSS volunteers. A course on preparation of fresh snacks such as wada pav, samosa-pav where the students will also be taught how to secure micro-finance for their enterprise and marketing their product is also planned next week. Shree Mantri suggested that students can be allowed to run the canteen to gain first-hand experience of running a canteen.

Dr. Raje also reported that the approval for the BA in Economics, English medium and PG Mass Media courses have received approval from the Academic Council in a specially arranged meeting and will start from next academic year.

#### Agenda Item no 4

Dr. Raje informed about the upcoming seminar on Fitness: connecting mind and body organised along with the Sports Department of SNDT Women's University. Shree Mantri suggested that the information about this seminar can be sent to various Physical education colleges and institutes to attract more participants.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.