

Minutes
Meeting -1

Date: 28/05/2015

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 28th May, 2015 at the Board Room in Thejus, NISH.

Present:

Dr Samuel N athew
Dr SreeKumar
Prof VijayaKumar
Dr Suja Kunnath
Ms Praveena Davis
Ms Raji Gopal
Ms Raji N R
Ms Daisy Sebastain
Ms Shirly G

Executive Director introduced the external members to the NISH faculty and vice versa.

Matters mentioned and discussed

1. UGC Guidelines for composition of the IQAC
2. Goal and functions of IQAC set by UGC
3. Fund received from UGC for 2014-15
4. Setting up Quality Policy for NISH
5. Deficiencies came across while preparing SSR for NAAC

Decisions taken

- To develop a culture of excellence and ethics which transudes generations and to fill decay and be on top always
- Make documentation a habit
- Setting benchmarks and arrange in-service training for teaching faculty.
- In order to manage time properly, identify inefficiency and see if that can be made up with technology and free up time.
- The six faculty members belonging to IQAC to sit together and brainstorm to develop a protocol to Improve academic standard, student progression and teaching learning and develop skill matrix for staff and students and bring that up for discussion in the next IQAC meeting.
- To convene next meeting in another 2 or 3 weeks.

The meeting ended with a word of thanks by the coordinator.

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Meeting -2

Dates: 29/7/15 & 4/8/15

Present: 29/7/15

- Dr Samuel N Mathew,
- Dr SreeKumar
- Prof VijayaKumar

- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Daisy Sebastain
- Ms Shirly G

Present: 4/8/15

- Dr Samuel N Mathew,
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Daisy Sebastain
- Ms Shirly G

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Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 1st meeting of IQAC and subcommittee meetings conducted.

Presenters: Ms Shirly, Ms Raji N R, Ms Praveena

Discussion:

Ms Praveena presented BASLP students' skill matrix. It was approved by the members.

Ms Raji NR presented the skill matrix format of DHI students. Few suggestions came up to change the terminology used. She was asked to change them and circulate through email for approval of the committee.

Ms Raji N R presented the staff skill matrix. It was reviewed and discussed. As the committee could not come to a conclusion by 4.30pm the meeting was adjourned and decided to meet at the earliest.

The continuation of the second IQAC meeting was held on 4th Aug, 2015.

The committee decided to conduct a pilot study including the whole population ie all the regular staff members with a single question "Am I having a positive relationship with ----?". Each staff has to rate the relationship with his/her colleagues with respect to a likert scale of 0-5.

[0-Not Known 1-Not Good 2-Satisfactory 3-Neutral 4-Good 5-Excellent]

Ms Rji N R was asked to create a google doc including the names of all the regular staff members and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Director will send the link to all the staff.

Conclusion:

Minutes were approved. The class coordinators has to conduct the student skill matrix once in a semester. To discuss the outcome of the pilot study in the next meeting to finalise the staff skill matrix.

Agenda Item : 02: To note the SSR submitted to NAAC by the Steering committee.

Presenter: Shirly

Members congratulated Dr Suja Kunnath, NAAC SSR preparation steering committee coordinator. Dr Suja thanked Shirly for arranging grant from UGC under GDA. But for the grants NISH should have paid an additional Rs 3.5 lakhs as NAAC processing fee.

Agenda Item : 03: Setting up IQAC office using the fund received for that from UGC

Presenter: Shirley

The Chairman gave permission to set up IQAC office at the earliest in the Academic block once the building is ready.

Agenda Item: 04: Reporting on the utilization of the fund provided by the UGC under General Development Assistance.

Presenter: Shirley

She reported that NISH's proposal was approved by UGC and thus received grant.

Agenda Item: 05: Any other item with the permission of Chair

Nil

Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G

Coordinator, IQAC

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Meeting -3

Date: 16/09/2015

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 16th September, 2015 at the office of Executive Director.

Present:

- Ms Shirly G
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Anju V J
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Ms Sneha Sara John
- Ms Anoop Mathew

Absent:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Dr Sreekumar
- Ms Daisy Sebastain
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Ms Anuja Sudheer

As Dr Samuel N Mathew, the chairperson of IQAC was attending an important meeting with the Chief Minister, the meeting was chaired by Prof Vijayakumar.

A quorum of members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with discussion. Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new members who have been included as per guidelines by UGC.

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Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 2nd meeting of IQAC.

The coordinator presented to the members the minutes of the second IQAC meeting for approval.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item : 02: To develop action plan for the year 2015-16.

The first draft of the action plan for the year 2015-16 was made. It is as follows:

Academic

- ✚ Develop NISH policy, mission and vision*
- ✚ Arrange atleast four in-service training to teachers*
- ✚ Implement Google class room*
- ✚ Ensure all academic staff undergo atleast one FIP/MOOC Course*
- ✚ Implement Students' skill matrix*
- ✚ Conduct Staff Evaluation by the end of each semester*
- ✚ To ensure that each dept submit proposals to UGC/International Organizations to avail of Minor or Major Research Projects*
- ✚ To publish an annual multi-disciplinary research journal with ISSN*
- ✚ Compile the seminars by DHI students and form a video archive.*
- ✚ To develop a criteria to determine teacher quality.*

Non academic

- ✚ Create alumni database with course wise group id and provide a link/page on NISH website.*

A number of questions were asked and extensive discussion ensued to develop criteria to determine teacher quality. Decided to determine the teacher quality by rationalizing the workload of teachers, which will help to improve the quality of teachers. A subcommittee was constituted with Dr Suja Kunnath, Ms Chithra Prasad, Ms Praveena and Ms Shirly as members to determine ways to find out the workload of teachers.

Prof Vijayakumar to handle a faculty improvement session on the topic "*Teaching and teachers in higher education today*" to all teaching staff on Nov 6th from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.

Ms Chithra to constitute a committee for alumni database development.

Ms Raji N R was entrusted to compile the seminars by DHI students and form a video archive.

Agenda Item : 03: To discuss and approve DHI students skill matrix.

It was approved.

Agenda Item :04: To view the outcome of the 5 scale study conducted to find out the relationship of NISH staff members with their colleagues.

Ms Shirly briefed the outcome of the study conducted in August 2015.

Agenda Item: 05: Any other item with the permission of Chair

Nil

Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G

Coordinator, IQAC

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Meeting -4

Date: 12/01/2016

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 12th January, 2016 at the office of Executive Director.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Dr Sreekumar
- Ms Shirly G
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Daisy Sebastain
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Ms Sneha Sara John

Absent:

- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J
- Ms Anooa Mathew
- Ms Anuja Sudheer

A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, proceeded with a discussion.

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Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 3rd meeting of IQAC.

The coordinator presented the minutes of the third IQAC meeting for approval. The half yearly analysis of plan of action for 2015-16 was presented. Regarding the implementation of Google classroom management system, ED raised his concern and enquired the effectiveness and decided to hold a discussion session for the teachers to find out its effectiveness in being used for managing classes for both academics and administration. Till now 13 staff have completed one MOOC course. ED reminded that NISH will reimburse 49\$ to 99\$ fee per course for one teacher annually. He also said this will be taken into account during performance appraisal of the employees. For analysing the staff evaluation, Ms Shirly requested a support. It was approved and permission granted to get assistance from Ms Vidhya, Computer Lab Asst. ED suggested to motivate the various depts. And to submit research projects to UGC. ED raised his concern about publishing research journal annually. It was decided to compile CC/JC articles of ASLP. Ms Sreedha Sreedhar was entrusted.

The minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: 02: Ms Chithra to update the outcome of the subcommittee which is formed to determine ways to find out the workload of teachers and to discuss about it.

Ms Chithra presented the google format developed by the subcommittee. As the feedback from the teachers who participated trial run was that it is time consuming, the committee suggested that instead of start time and end time, duration can be given. In order to reduce the number of fields, it can be made in a tabular format/matrix, which will be less time consuming, simple and can be done at the EOD. Ms Chithra to modify that send to the committee members for approval.

Agenda Item : 03: Ms Chithra to update steps taken for alumni database development and Ms Raji N R to update steps taken to compile the seminars by DHI students and form a video archive.

Ms Chithra complained that the alumni are not showing the expected response. The committee entrusted Ms Praveena and Ms Chithra to identify ways to develop database.

Ms Raji updated that the seminars of four students were video recorded. Remaining students' were not recorded as they were not up to the mark. These will be kept in the library as video archives.

Agenda Item: 04: To discuss the readiness for NAAC

1. Shirly updated that in order to give awareness about the SSR , its video recording is being taken. The presentation by SSR team members are being interpreted by HEFP team. This will be shared with staff as well as students very soon.
2. ED updated about waste management committee formulated recently

3. ED also updated that AO is doing the necessary for sign boards.

Agenda Item: 05: To develop criteria to find out the outcome of the feedback from different stakeholders.

NISH uses the following formats to collect feedback from its stakeholders.

1. Students & Parents complaint register
2. Service feedback form
3. Feedback about student clinician
4. NISH- Student's Grievance registry
5. Dalit redressal (Register & link in website)
6. Staff Evaluation

Actions taken and / or to be taken

1. Students & Parents complaint register- Ms Daisy to initiate action and make sure that the HOD of the concerned dept takes appropriate action.
2. Service feedback form- Social worker in the reception to check for any complaint once in 2 weeks and report to the ED for taking appropriate action.
3. Feedback about student clinician by clients- Complaints are to be checked by one social worker and a senior faculty and appropriate actions similar to assigning another clinician to that client is taken.
4. NISH- Student's Grievance registry- Ms Daisy to take action as per students' entitlement by UGC.
5. Dalit redressal (Register & link in website)- Ms Daisy to take action as per students' entitlement by UGC.
6. Staff Evaluation- HoDs to discuss the performance of every faculty member during performance evaluation interview and suggest measures for the required improvement. This performance is to be considered for appraisal every year.

Agenda Item: 06: Any other item with the permission of Chair

Nil

It was decided to have the next meeting on the 12th of April, 2016. Venue is ED's office.

Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G
IQAC Coordinator

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Meeting -5

Date: 4/05/2016

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 4th May, 2016 at the AV Room in Dhyam, NISH.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Dr Sreekumar
- Ms Shirly G
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Daisy Sebastian
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J

Absent:

- Ms Anooa Mathew
- Ms Anuja Sudheer
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Ms Sneha Sara John

As Dr Samuel N Mathew, the chairperson of Planning Board was away in the USA, he attended the meeting by connecting through Skype. A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, and proceeded with a discussion.

Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda

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Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 4th meeting of IQAC.

Ms Chithra presented the google format developed by the subcommittee to identify the workload of teachers. As the feedback from the teachers who participated trial run was that it is time consuming, the committee suggested that instead of start time and end time, duration can be given. In order to reduce the number of fields, it can be made in a tabular format/matrix, which will be less time consuming, simple and can be done at the EOD. Ms Chithra to modify that send to the committee members for approval.

Ms Chithra complained that the alumni are not showing the expected response. The committee entrusted Ms Praveena and Ms Chithra to identify ways to develop database.

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NAAC readiness

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6. ED also updated that AO is doing the necessary for sign boards.

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7. Students & Parents complaint register
8. Service feedback form
9. Feedback about student clinician

10. NISH- Student's Grievance registry
11. Dalit redressal (Register & link in website)
12. Staff Evaluation

Actions taken and / or to be taken

7. Students & Parents complaint register- Ms Daisy to initiate action and make sure that the HOD of the concerned dept takes appropriate action.
8. Service feedback form- Social worker in the reception to check for any complaint once in 2 weeks and report to the ED for taking appropriate action.
9. Feedback about student clinician by clients- Complaints are to be checked by one social worker and a senior faculty and appropriate actions similar to assigning another clinician to that client is taken.
10. NISH- Student's Grievance registry- Ms Daisy to take action as per students' entitlement by UGC.
11. Dalit redressal (Register & link in website)- Ms Daisy to take action as per students' entitlement by UGC.
12. Staff Evaluation- HoDs to discuss the performance of every faculty member during performance evaluation interview and suggest measures for the required improvement. This performance is to be considered for appraisal every year.

The minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: 02: Ms Chithra to present the Google format modified by the subcommittee to identify the workload of teachers

Ms Chithra presented the google format modified by her. It will take less than 5 minutes for each staff to enter the daily work. Dr Sreekumar suggested to place the Examination module towards the end as that module will be filled by teachers only once in six months. The members appreciated Ms Chithra for the efforts taken.

Agenda Item : 03: Ms Chithra and Ms Praveena to present methods identified to develop Alumni database.

Ms Chithra informed that she and Ms Praveena are working on this. They have posted messages in the social media of NISH and getting responses from the Alumni. The committee suggested to continue to collect data until the data of all Alumni are received.

Agenda Item: 04: Present annual report of the SSR criteria

1. Curricular aspects- Ms Chithra Prasad
2. Teaching, Learning and Evaluation- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
3. Research, Consultancy and Extension- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
4. Infrastructure and Learning Resources – Ms Anju
5. Student Support and Progression- Ms Shirly
6. Governance, Leadership and Management – Ms Shirly
7. Innovations and Best Practises – Dr Suja Kunnath

The coordinator invited the theme owners one by one.

Curricular aspects

ASLP

The entire curriculum of BASLP and MASLP was changed to Choice based credit system (CBCS), by adopting an internationally acknowledged system to allow the flexibility in education system, so that students depending upon their interests and aims can choose interdisciplinary, intra-disciplinary and skill-based courses. Minimum marks were included both in clinical practicum and theory papers. Skill matrix was started for students in clinics. Induction program with a detailed sessions on critical thinking and scientific writing was included there itself. Parental induction program for improving the quality of students getting admitted into BASLP course was done. Google classroom is used by all students and staffs. Students are given MOOC course for improving their scientific knowledge.

Every week half a day(Friday afternoon) has been allotted for the students for educational activities like product launches/lectures on specific topics by expert faculty and Journal Club/ Clinical Conference.

Degree (HI)

Google classrooms were introduced to students and staff. Both students and staff were trained in the same. The main usages include assignment submission, class note sharing, making announcement and conducting online quizzes. The peer tutoring sessions were extended to all subjects. Introduced Monthly class plans for each subject .The monthly reports by teachers were monitored by class coordinators and In-charges of each course with respect to the monthly plan. Implemented Skill matrix that constantly monitors the different abilities of each student which includes his time management skills, compliance skills and learning skills. Double evaluation method has been adopted which reduced valuation errors and maintain the accuracy. Students were motivated to attend the workshop conducted by other institutions. The 2013 batch students attended National workshop on 'Android Development' organised by AJ institute of Technology. Students are encouraged to join online open source software MOOC and six students passed the online course on Linux conducted by IIT Mumbai as part of spoken tutorial project. All students are encouraged to join MOOC and an hour is allotted for this in the time table. The students who completed the MOOC presented the course contents in the class.

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

The 2013-17 batch students attended National workshop on 'Android Development' organised by AJ institute of Technology in March 2016. Six students of 2013-17 batch passed the online course on Linux conducted by IIT Mumbai as part of spoken tutorial project in March 2016. Latest online learning platform like Google classroom was introduced in June 2015 for assignment submission, class note sharing, making announcement and conducting online quizzes. Introduced Monthly class plans for each subject from June 2015 onwards. Implemented Students Skill Matrix from June 2016. Double Evaluation method has been adopted from December 2015 semester exam. Orientation to DACE was conducted for deaf students in schools, their parents and teachers of deaf schools in the state on April 11, 2016. HEFP department initiated the preparation of Ebooks for teaching English stories in class from January 2016 onwards. Extended break was provided on Friday for integrated activities like practice of the National Anthem and other songs etc from June 2015 onwards. For the staff, research methodology class was conducted

Research, Consultancy and Extension

During April 2015 to march 2016, the following research activities were carried out at NISH. Department of Computer science has conducted a 3 day National Workshop on Research methodology from September 28-30, 2015. Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology conducted 3 day Audiology International Masterclass Series from December 4-6, 2015. The department of Early Intervention program conducted 2 day CRE program on Introduction to Disabilities from March 8-9, 2016. Two papers from Cochlear Implant Unit were accepted for poster presentation at 33rd World Congress on Audiology. Three papers were presented by Ms. Saumya Sundaram, of Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology at the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity in Honolulu, USA.

Infrastructure and Learning Resources

Library functions are automated. Books, dissertations, project reports and journal were barcoded. Old computers are replaced with new computers with better facilities. The number of books and e journals have increased. All the classrooms are equipped with high capacity UPS. Seven non-working projectors were replaced. Staff name boards have been standardised and fixed at the required positions. Bio gas plant was enabled. A snack/coffee kiosk in the main building have been installed and is running effectively. RO plant was commissioned for the continuous supply of

drinking water in the campus. Water authority connection have been converted to Japan drinking water project for the continuous supply of drinking water.

Student Support and Progression

- **UNIVERSITY YOUTH FESTIVAL-2016**

One of the DHI students NISHAD N ,IV Sem BSc (Computer Science)(HI) won third prize in Mon act

- **DISABILITY CENSUS KULATHOOR 2015**

NISH conducted a disability census in Kulathoor ward of Trivandrum. There were three objectives in the project: a) to record accurately prevalence of Person With Disabilities (PWD), b) To screen and record data related to children's developmental disabilities accurately, c) To formulate a census model to gather accurate data about person with disabilities. Degree students at NISH who study various aspects of disability and conduct clinical assessment and therapy were involved as enumerators in the process. All MASLP students, third year and second year BASLP students were recruited to conduct the census. There were 75 students involved and they divided into a team of two each. It was considered as part of their clinical practicum and counted with hour of requirement.

The census had three phases to ensure the accuracy of data collected. In the first phase, data about PWD collected from the house visit. In the second phase enumerators visited the schools where children from the census area study, to ask whether teachers observed any behavior that indicate a disability. It was done with a basic tool which determine disability. In the third phase, Identified children from school screening were asked to report at NISH for an advanced assessment and the same did later.

The census was on September 2015. It was a great job done by the students which brought lots of learning experience and also they could generate awareness among people about various disabilities. They spent 48 to 52 hours in the field as part of the census. Enumerators collected details of 5534 persons from 1493 houses and also they visited 31 schools in Trivandrum for the initial screening of 623 children. It is found in the census that disability prevalence in the area is 4.5% which is comparatively greater to state percentage of 2.32%. The census report has been submitted to Social Justice Dept. Gov. of Kerala.

Governance, Leadership and Management

Seven storey building Thejus is nearing completion. RO plant was installed. IP cameras installed in therapy rooms. Initiated installation of 114 IP Cameras for surveillance and Monitoring. Initiated networking in the new building and initiated upgrading network switches in old building. Purchased additional 2 servers and 2 UTMs, which ensure redundant service. ICT like PCs, Smart Boards, Projectors and Instrumentation like clinical diagnostic audiometer Piano Inventis with PTA, VRA and special tests, one BERA Diagnostic instrument Biologic Navigator Pro with all early, middle and late potentials (eg P300) as well as the VEMPs is procured for enhancing the efficiency of the audiology clinic. Apart from this for enhancing research opportunities, Biologic Scout Sport - OAE diagnostic instrument (measuring facility of 100 point per octave) and one OAE screener were purchased during 2015-2016. Rs 490.76Lakhs collected as corpus fund. Clean drive was organised on 4/3/2016. All staff and students participated.

Innovations and Best Practises

- **KELP**

KELP is a programme started with the aim of providing a platform for enhancing professional and general knowledge for staff through various tools available online and offline. It is intended to motivate the staff to utilize the available online resources effectively. This includes sharing the interesting TED Talks, information about MOOC (Massive Online Open Courses), YouTube videos etc. Also KELP intends to start KELP - Dialogue where interactive sessions on specific topics are organized regularly. Regular meetings are organized to foster knowledge transfer. NISH Project Board has approved MOOC course fees to be reimbursed to staff who takes approved MOOC courses and applies for certificates. The KELP committee oversees evaluation and approval of MOOC courses at NISH. It is mandatory for each staff member to complete one MOOC course of interest every year.

Number of programs conducted -

- **ECG++**

ECG aims at improving excellence and ethics in the campus. There are seven task forces identified they are communication, branding, Motivational talks, Monthly Interactions, accountability, Keep the fire burning and code of ethics. Two full day workshop was held under the guidance of Madhan Vasishta (Gallaudet University, USA) on.....

An interactive session was held on 15th April 2016

- **CATI**

The National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) has recently started a Centre for Assistive Technology and Innovation (CATI) with financial support from Federal Bank. The Centre strives to meet the assistive technology (AT) needs of persons with disability (PwD) especially the accommodation and accessibility needs of students and clients of NISH. CATI is being developed as a state-of-the-art resource centre on the lines of Assistive Technology Centres (ATCs) in leading Universities and aims to be a leader in coordinating and aggregating AT resources to raise the quality of living of PwD, addressing their needs for mobility, communication, education, integration, employment, socialisation, leisure and recreation. The Centre started functioning in Oct 2015 with the coming on board of its first two staff members: Dr. Akila Surendran joined on 3 Oct and Prof. K. G. Satheesh Kumar joined on 5 Nov 2015.

- **NIDAS**

National Institute of Speech & Hearing (NISH) along with the Directorate of Social Justice conduct NISH online Interactive Disability Awareness Seminar (NIDAS) on every third Saturday. This is simultaneously presented at all the District Child Protection Units (DCPU) offices for audiences present there via internet. Public whoever register is given the link to participate this webinar. The two and a half -hour programme aims to reach out across the globe to larger numbers of parents and caregivers, who are not aware of the implications of disability. The purpose is to reach out across the globe to a large number of parents and caregivers, who are not aware of the implications of disability.

Agenda Item : 05: Discuss guidelines and format for preparing faculty profile for AAA
Decided to discuss about AAA in a meeting after NAAC peer team visit.

Agenda Item: 06: Ms Praveena to update about the purchase of Turn-It-In

Agenda Item: 07: Dr Suja Kunnath to inform about the NAAC peer team visit scheduled for 23/5/16 to 25/5/16

Dr Suja informed about the scheduled visit and Dr Sreekumar conveyed his wishes to NISHians.

Agenda Item: 08: Any other item with the permission of Chair

Nil

Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G
IQAC Coordinator

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Meeting -6

Date: 25/08/2016

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 25th August, 2016 at the Board Room in Thejus, NISH.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Dr Sreekumar

- Ms Shirly G
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Daisy Sebastian
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J
- Ms Anooa Mathew
- Ms Sneha Bose

Absent:

- Ms Anuja Sudheer
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Praveena Davis

A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, and proceeded with a discussion.

Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda.

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Agenda Item: 01: Dr Suja Kunnath to share the NAAC score and grade to the IQAC.

The ED informed the IQAC the outcome of NAAC inspection. NISH cleared the NAAC inspection with A Grade and 3.15 score. Dr Sreekumar appreciated NISH for the best score. It was decided to circulate the NAAC report among NISH staff. It was also decided to take steps to rectify the defects reported by the NAAC team.

Agenda Item: 02: To confirm the minutes on 5th meeting of IQAC.

Committee approved the minutes.

Agenda Item: 03: Ms Chithra to present the software developed to identify the workload of teachers and to present the outcome of the pilot run.

Mr Linesh Paul, Lab Assistant, Computer Science presented the software developed by him using ASP.net as front end and MySQL as back end. He also presented the graph output of the pilot run conducted for four staff members. The IQAC appreciated Mr Linesh Paul for the software developed by him. Ms Chithra to do the needful for all the staff to start entering their workload from 1st September onwards.

Agenda Item: 04: Discuss and approve Action Plan for 2016-17.

It was decided in the ISO’s Steering Committee Meeting held on 3rd August, 2016 to set one set of objectives which can be labelled as Quality Objectives and considered as Plan of Action in IQAC term. Shirly informed this to the committee and the IQAC approved this. She presented the quality objectives of all the departments collected as part of ISO. The IQAC approved the QO as the action plan for the year 2016-2017 with minor changes. It goes as follows,

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1	To develop a computer assisted learning program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
2	To conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Applied Learning series seminar in Neurodevelopmental Sciences • one hands on software workshop for CS students • Workshop using Internal resources for students • atleast 2 hands on training to on software testing • EAP (employability skill augmentation program) for atleast one batch • a workshop on sign language for teachers of the deaf • disability awareness seminars for mainstream teachers • a cultural workshop as part of the Cultural club • a reading awareness week for faculty and students • awareness session deafness and ISL class in colleges • integrated class for CS students • a student organized conference to enhance the organizational capacity of students
3	To start <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LREP [Logical reasoning enhancement programme] • Spoken tutorial certification by IIT • atleast 2 short term courses for the exit students • ISL batch (min 1) at IT companies • a movie club and conduct two days film festival • Bilingual program for children below 3 years
4	To identify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • atleast 3 internship partners • short term skill development courses for persons who suffer from CP and ASD
5	To create <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM classrooms for DHI and EIP • a DIY (Do-it-yourself) lab
6	To prepare a new curriculum for improving reading, writing and comprehension skills in English and improving mathematical skills of HEFP students and check its effectiveness
7	In order to ease hurdles in technical writing, research publications of students and teachers, the Library will make available APA Style Central, an online platform of the American Psychological Association.
8	In order to encourage varied reading among its Patrons; and to strengthen its diverse collection, the Library will procure atleast 100 books in subject areas like motivational, personality development, self-helping , entrepreneurship, fiction, career guidance etc.
9	To organize <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • training sessions for faculty in teaching aid preparation • faculty - student interaction program once in three months to build a healthy relationship between students and faculty
10	To set up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Electrophysiology lab exclusively for research purpose • a Vestibular Assessment lab

- Changes suggested by IQAC:

- ✚ Start a single club for cultural activities including film fest. Need not have another club namely Film club. Different similar activities to be clubbed and brought under one umbrella. For example Soft Skill Sessions-SSS, Logical reasoning enhancement programme-LREP to be brought under KELP. This will make documentation simple. They may have different objectives. It has also been decided to intimate the conveners and coordinators of various clubs and committees to document the meetings, activities so that there will be ownership, sustainability and next person who takes the charge will get a better knowledge about the objectives and activities done so far.
- ✚ The outcome of conducting a student organized seminar should be developing a conference and not to enhance the organizational capacity of students.
- ✚ To reword the objective of HEFP as follows.
To ensure that the new curriculum for HEFP for improving English language skills in reading, writing and comprehension and numerical ability is periodically reviewed for effectiveness.
 - Considering the importance of eliminating Soft skill gaps, it was decided to arrange SSS frequently.

Agenda Item: 05: Student representatives to share their suggestions for discussion
ASLP representative requested to make available more number of copies of text books in the library. Now only two copies are available for most of the important text books. Also the language level of some books are very difficult for all the students to understand. Hence she suggested that library should store books by different authors for the same subject.

DHI representative requested to inform the commerce teachers to prepare notes using simple sentences and to avoid complex sentences which the deaf students find very difficult to study. She also said the CS staff use simple sentences.

Agenda Item: 06: Any other item with the permission of chair

Shirly informed that she did not include discussion on AAA as one of the agenda as decided in the last meeting because she researched and understood that it is to be done by departments under a University and NISH being an affiliated college need not do AAA.

It is also decided to convene next meeting on last Thursday of November at 3.30pm. Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G
IQAC Coordinator

Minutes
Meeting -7
Date: 24/11/2016

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 24th November, 2016 at the Board Room in Thejus, NISH.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Dr Sreekumar

- Ms Shirly G
- Ms Anooa Mathew
- Ms Sneha Sara John
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Praveena Davis

Absent:

- Ms Anuja Sudheer
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Daisy Sebastian
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J

A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, and proceeded with a discussion.

Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda.

Minutes

Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 6th meeting of IQAC.

Committee approved the minutes.

Actions taken for the decisions made during Meeting:6 was updated by the coordinator. The committee suggested the following

1. Extend SEPS to BASLP also. Entrusted Ms Praveena to identify the need and report.
2. Self-defense training to all. Ms Raji Gopal updated that she is arranging one for all, especially girls.

Agenda Item: 02: To ruminant the report of the study conducted to identify the workload of teachers.

As Ms Chithra could not attend, coordinator explained the bugs in the present software. It was decided to prepare a specification and submit to Dr K G Satheesh Kumar who is spearheading the team for procurement of NISH academic&clinical software.

Agenda Item : 03: To setup quality benchmarks/parameters for the various academic administrative, research and extension activities to ensure efficient and periodic-progressive performance and to decide the mode of ensuring the credibility of teaching, learning, evaluation examination procedures through internal academic, administrative and physical audits on annual basis.

A subcommittee was constituted to device mechanisms with the following as members.

1. Ms Parvathy Pavithran
2. Ms Praveena Davis
3. Dr Suja Kunnath
4. Ms Shirly G

Agenda Item: 04: To collect suggestions from students' representatives and Alumnus.

DHI representative, Ms Anooa Mathew requested /complained the following

1. All teachers of all courses must use simple sentences

2. All teachers should use examples while teaching
3. ISL interpreter is not interpreting completely. Feels he is using ASL in between
4. HI students are not able to see the interpreter properly as lighting in Marigold is not proper.

ASLP representative Ms Sneha Sara John suggested / requested the following

1. Students are being issued only one book at a time. Hence they are not getting opportunity to read general books from NISH library.
2. Access facility for online books from home
3. Few journals which ASLP students require the most are not available in the library
4. Not getting opportunity to clear doubts/ have a discussion immediately after evaluating/intervening a client
5. Conduct rendezvous often

Executive Director enquired whether students are referring to Google Scholar or other online repository to clear doubts or to learn more about the topic discussed. He advised that the students should inculcate practice to search /research Google scholar to enhance the knowledge.

Ms Shirly suggested to start conducting periodic clinical audit for ASLP clinics.

Agenda Item: 05: Any other item with the permission of chair.

Nil.

It was also decided to convene next meeting on 23rd March, 2017 at 3pm. Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G
IQAC Coordinator

Minutes Meeting -8

Date: 27/04/2017

A meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 27th April, 2017 at the Board Room, NISH.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew
- Ms Shirly G
- Ms Anoop Mathew
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Daisy Sebastian
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J

Absent:

- Dr Sreekumar
- Ms Sneha Sara John

- Ms Praveena Davis
- Dr Ajimsha K M

A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, and proceeded with a discussion.

Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda.

Minutes

Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 7th meeting of IQAC.

Committee approved the minutes.

Actions taken for the decisions made during Meeting:7 were updated by the coordinator. The committee suggested the following.

1. A senior clinician from ICCONS or any other centre to audit/review the clinical procedures annually as part of clinical audit
2. The faculty members to identify balance between teaching and attending meetings. Ms Chithra suggested that this will be solved once we identify the workload of NISHians.
3. SEPS to be extended to DISLI students. To teach signs for technical terms to DISLI students
4. To compensate missed classes while attending talks or training by conducting classes on Saturdays. Hereafter HoDs to choose programs before permitting the students.

Ms Parvathy presented the format developed by the subcommittee for benchmarking the activities and it was approved.

The format is as follows

Key Aspects	Sub Aspects	Benchmarks	Attained/Not attained	If not attained, why?

Agenda Item: 02: To decide the deadline for submission of AQAR and discuss about uploading the IQAC minutes, AQAR in NISH’s website.

The criteria owners to submit the report to the coordinator on June 29th, 2017. Coordinator requested the support of HoDs for the same. Newly included member Ms Sindhu, Head, EIP was welcomed. It was decided to include Dr K G Satheesh Kumar, Director, CATI in the IQAC.

Agenda Item : 03: To discuss the status of quality circle in NISH and to decide how to take that forward.

Was not put for discussion due to lack of time. To include as one of the agenda for the next meeting.

Agenda Item: 04: To collect suggestions from students’ representatives and Alumnus.

Ms Anupa, who represented DHI complained that, even though there are 5 groups of students in BCS, there are only 3 class rooms for BCS. To solve this timetable adjusted in such a way that atleast one batch is in CS lab always.

ED reminded the DHI staffs present about the rooms getting ready by partitioning 504 in Thejus.

Agenda Item: 05: Any other item with the permission of chair.

Nil.

It was also decided to convene next meeting on 3rd August, 2017 at 3pm. Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G
IQAC Coordinator

Minutes of **Meeting -9**, Date: 03/08/2017

The 9th meeting of the IQAC of NISH was held on 3rd August, 2017 at the Board Room, NISH.

Present:

- Dr Samuel N Mathew- joined via skype from USA
- Dr K G Satheesh Kumar
- Ms Shirly G
- Ms Anoop Mathew
- Ms Raji Gopal
- Ms Raji N R
- Ms Parvathy Pavithran
- Ms Sreebha Sreedhar
- Ms Maria M Reji
- Ms Praveena Davis
- Ms Sindhu I V

Absent:

- Dr Sreekumar
- Dr Ajimsha K M
- Prof VijayaKumar
- Ms Daisy Sebastian
- Ms Chithra Prasad
- Dr Suja Kunnath
- Ms Anju V J

A quorum of members were present, and the meeting, been duly convened, and proceeded with a discussion. Ms Shirly welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the agenda.

Minutes

Agenda Item: 01: To confirm the minutes on 8th meeting of IQAC.

Committee approved the minutes.

Agenda Item: 02: To devise mechanism to capture data necessary for AQAR digitally.

Assigned Ms Shirly to develop a structure to collect monthly data.

Agenda Item : 03: To discuss the status of quality circle in NISH and to decide how to take that forward.

The committee noted that informal meetings are happening in all the departments. Improvements and changes to be made are discussed periodically by them. But nothing is documented. Executive Director commented that documentation is the weakness of NISH. Documentation needs to be part of the culture. As these improvements made are innovations, documentation of the outcome is

very important. Dr KGS said. It was decided to urge the departments to devise simple ways to document the changes and innovations tried or implemented. This should reflect in the QSP too.

Agenda Item: 04: To discuss the role of IQAC to ensure the effective functioning of various committees in NISH

A subcommittee constituting Ms Sreebha Sreedhar (convenor), Dr SreeKumar, Dr KGS, Ms Shirly was constituted to devise mechanism to identify the effectiveness of the various committees in NISH. The mechanism should check the existence of non-active committees, effectiveness of committee, improving the quality of committee, collect yearend status report in a common platform.

Agenda Item: 05: To discuss the role of IQAC in Academic and Co-curricular programmes and to set parameters and benchmarks.

HODs to identify one interesting area and create benchmark and then proceed with other areas or activities. IQAC developed and approved format should be used for the same. In future, Dr Sreekumar who have a lot of industry experience and hence have a lot of ideas and Dr Ajimsha, NISH alumni who has abundant exposure should be invited to join the meeting atleast via skype. Dr VijayaKumar who could not attend the committee through an email repeated what he always says. "As an academic I feel that ultimately quality will be delivered if all teachers bring quality to their work. The job of the administrators is to ensure that the right conditions for this are available at NISH". It was read out loud by the coordinator.

Agenda Item: 06: To collect suggestions from students' representatives and Alumnus.

Ms Maria M Reji, ASLP representative requested access to computers till 5.30pm initially. It was discussed and decided to arrange one lab assistant to stay back till 5.30pm. S/he can avail one hour LP on his after office duty day. Also decided to mandatorily ask all students to own laptop while joining NISH. Sponsors/scholarship should be arranged by NISH for students from economically poor family. Vendors should also be invited to supply laptop on instalment basis to NISH students.

She also requested to start a stationary counter. It was decided to approach the SHH to start a counter. To entrust Mr Prasanth and Mr Vikranth to think and come up with ideas to start a counter in NISH if SHH is not willing to start one.

Agenda Item:07: To discuss the status of decisions made during the last academic year.

Ms Shirly presented the report. All decisions except two have been implemented. Ms Praveena was assigned once again to organise clinical audit. The following persons were suggested by Dr Sam as auditors hoping they can give creative inputs. Dr Ajith Kumar, Mr Sameer, Dr Sridevi , Dr Ajeesh. Some of the visiting faculty from Universities abroad may be asked to review our operations to gain input from a different perspective.

Ms Raji N R to take action to merge similar clubs/committees.

Agenda Item: 05: Any other item with the permission of chair.

The COG approved Plan of the Institute for the year 2017-18 was presented by the coordinator.

Plan of Institution for 2017-18

1. To customize and install digital repository software (DSpace)
2. To procure at least 100 books of general interest for the HI community
3. To develop a Neurodevelopmental Habilitation Centre (NHC) as a part of the project titled "Comprehensive Care for Neurodevelopmental disorders" initiated by NISH in collaboration with SCTIMST
4. To conceptualize and pilot a higher education program for persons with ASDs
5. To develop culture sensitive interactive resource material customized for children with ASD
6. To start a skill development course for adults with Autism
7. To conduct Hindi NIDAS for parents in Hindi belt
8. To organise Commerce fest and exhibition on day to day objects made from scrap as student initiatives
9. To develop a Math ISL dictionary
10. To convert present curriculum of DHI to CBCS
11. To develop Outcome based curriculum development and CBCS for all DHI programs
12. To develop an internship program for DISLI students
13. To implement new Administrative and Accounts software, E office.
14. To setup a crèche
15. To setup green campus
16. To install Solar power plant, Solar street light, sewage Treatment plant, Water recycling process
17. To introduce online entry of clinical records and marks
18. To modify curriculum by implementing the new RCI syllabus for BASLP and MASLP
19. To conduct online webinar for students of ASLP in the specific area
20. To expand the FM system in EIP and DHI and study the effectiveness of implementation
21. To create a working model for a Video Relay Service (VRS) at NISH
22. To expand the group of transcriptionists for Real-Time Transcription Service (RTTS)
23. To popularize AT and AAC devices through photos and videos of users for NISH website and reception
24. To plan for a national-level AT conference
25. To create a welcoming environment in CATI with awareness posters and photos of AT being used
26. To arrange for demos of the multi-device connectivity feature in the interactive projectors in classroom and explore possibilities of a collaborative classroom in DHI
27. To support the rehabilitation process by procurement of electrotherapy equipment
28. To procure test material to quantify the outcome or effectiveness of the client
29. To establish Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and prepare the client for independent living
30. To implement multidisciplinary approach in the rehabilitation process by establishing of Sensory Motor Unit
31. To enter clinical record online and maintain softcopy
32. To conduct memory training for 10 deaf student to improve memory
33. To put to use the new accounting software in order to adopt best practises
34. To automate HR procedures by implementing an integrated admin and accounts software solution
35. To facilitate staff engagement programs through Excellence and Ethics group activities.
36. To organise regular Health awareness and fire & safety classes
37. To introduce "Fundamentals of research" sessions to DECSE students
38. To resume ISL training for all the staff
39. To introduce 3 months internship for DECSE students
40. To start bilingual EIP sessions for kids of deaf parents
41. To make a basketball court

Coordinator thanked the members for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirly G, IQAC Coordinator