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Proceedings of the meeting of the NAAC (Sub Committee-Criteria III) held on 02/03/2021 at 3.00 pm in the CARER Conference Hall, Mangalore University, Mangalagangotri

The convenor of the sub-committee Prof. N. Karunakara welcomed the chairman and members of the committee (list of the members who attended the meeting is attached as Annexure 1).

Agenda : Discussion on the NAAC grade sheet of the University

Discussions

1. Copies of the NAAC grade sheet of Mangalore University was shared with the members of the committee
2. An elaborate discussion was held on the scores obtained under various sub-criteria of Criteria III-Research, Innovation and Extension
3. The members wanted to know why no score has been awarded under metric 3.1.2. The institution provides seed money to its teachers for research. University has given seed money for research for teachers during the year 2016-17 (Total 7.73 Lakhs). However, no score has been allotted for this metric.
4. Similarly, no score has been awarded under metric 3.1.3 (Percentage of teachers receiving national/international fellowship / financial support by various agencies for advanced studies/research). In the SSR, the data provided by the University is as follows:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
1	2	1	1	8

The committee was of the opinion that **it would be better to obtain information about the benchmark for scoring for different matrices.**

5. Under metric 3.1.4 (Number of JRFs, SRFs, Post Doctoral Fellows, Research Associates and other research fellows in the University enrolled during the last five years) - the data provided by the University is as follows:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Total
23	26	41	27	42	159

The data allowed by the NAAC is as under:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Total
09	12	20	11	21	73

The remarks given by the NAAC is: "Revised excluding the research fellows appointed under research project grants and not registered for Ph.D."

The NAAC SOP states that "List of JRFs, SRFs, Post Doctoral Fellows, Research Associates and other research fellows along with the details of the funding agency to be provided. E copies of fellowship award letters is mandatory." SOP suggests providing the details of JRFs and SRFs along with the details of the funding agencies. The condition now stated after DVV is that the research fellows appointed under research project grants and not registered for Ph.D is not considered. A JRF/SRF will work in a research project funded by external funding agencies, and there is no binding for him/her to register for Ph.D. Moreover, the SOP does not mention anything about this condition. It may also be noted that Post Doctoral Fellows and Research Associate do not register for Ph D as these fellowships are awarded for those who have Ph D degree.

6. Members have noted that the University has provided the following data under metric 3.4.5 (Number of research papers per teachers in the Journals notified on the UGC website):

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Total
305	290	200	200	186	1181

The data provided by the Inflibnet for the publication is as under:

Sl. No	**Source**	**Number of Publications**
1.	Scopus	1206
2.	Web of Science	1075
3.	Indian Citation Index	252

The publications counted for awarding score by NAAC are :

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	Total
274	257	177	161	146	1015

It is evident that a total of 191 publications were reduced (w.r.t. Inflibnet data for scopes listed publications) in the process of DVV as against the Inflibnet provided data.

The NAAC SOP has made it abundantly clear that the data for this category will be fetched from Inflibnet. Hence, the committee wanted to know why there is a discrepancy between Inflibnet data and the number of publications accepted by the NAAC.

7. Under metric 3.5.2 (Revenue generated from consultancy and corporate training) - the data provided by the University is as follows:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
11.41	13.5	17.03	7.42	7.06

The data allowed by the NAAC is as under:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
11.41	8.45	7.22	7.42	7.06

A grant Rs. 9.81 lakhs was generated by the Centre for Advanced Research in Environmental Radioactivity (CARER) towards consultancy work undertaken by it for a detailed radiological survey in the Chellakere region for the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC). This consultancy work was for a period of three years and grants of Rs. 6.54 Lakhs and Rs. 9.81 Lakhs were generated during the SSR period for the years 2014-15 and 2016-17, respectively. An audited Utilization Certificate was submitted for the DVV process. The committee is of the view that this should have been considered for awarding a score.

Similarly, a grant of Rs. 5.05 Lakhs was generated by the Department of Business Administration for the consultancy service rendered to M/s Dakshina Kannada Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited for the year 2017-18. Similar to the previous case, this grant should have been considered as revenue generated under consultancy.

8. In metric 3.6.4 (Average percentage of students participating in extension activities) – the data provided by the University is as under:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
2424	2607	2786	2599	2452

The data allowed by the NAAC is as under:

2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
122	322	571	380	230

The remarks given by the NAAC is:
"Revised as per the attached list for the year 2018-19, the authorized list is not provided for rest of the years so no. of students participating in the extension activities is considered as per the data template. Attached links of the reports are not working."

The committee ensured that all the links to the documents provided by the University for this category are working without any problem. The University has provided data for all five years in the excel sheet, and the links to the report of the activity are also provided. This being the case, it was difficult to understand how NAAC had allowed some data and disallowed/not considered other when links for the five years were working.

9. Under the metric 3.7.1 (Number of Collaborative activities for research, Faculty exchange, Student exchange/ internship) – The University has claimed a total of 289 collaborations. However, only two were allowed. The glossary given in the NAAC Manual explains collaboration as "Formal agreement/ understanding between any two or more institutions for training, research, student/ faculty exchange or extension support".

The SOP issued by the NAAC states that - "The collaboration activities for research and academic development of faculty and students facilitated through the mentioned collaboration only to be considered."

"Copies of documents indicating the collaboration/related documents indicating the nature of collaboration and activities year-wise."

"The HEI should provide the summary of the collaboration indicating start date, end date, nature of collaboration etc. List of year-wise activities and exchange should be provided."

"The collaboration activities for research and academic development of faculty and students facilitated through the mentioned collaboration only will be considered."

The University has provided all the documents relevant for collaboration. It has also provided a Scopus/Web of Science link for research articles published jointly by the teachers of Mangalore University and scientist/teachers of the other institution. Members were of the opinion that there is no better/relevant document than a research publication that shows the names of Mangalore University and collaborating institution. Similarly, members noted that the certificate issued by the national institution such as Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology (BRIT) and such other national institution in support of the collaboration activities are also not considered.

10. In the end, the convenor thanked everyone.