



# SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

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## Minutes of the 43rd Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) meeting of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), SIU held on Monday, 25 September 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Convention Centre, Hilltop, Lavale

Dr. Bhama Venkataramani, Dean, of Academics and Administration, on instructions of the chairperson, presided over the meeting.

Dr. Hardik Vachharajani, Director of QMB and IQAC welcomed all the members to the 43<sup>rd</sup> IQAC meeting

All the members were taken through the agenda points of the 43<sup>rd</sup> IQAC meeting.

### ITEM NO. 1

**To confirm the minutes of the 42nd IQAC meeting held on 21 July 2023.**

Director IQAC mentioned that the meeting minutes held on Friday, 21 July, were communicated to the Directors via email dated 12 September 2023.

Since the members had no further observations or comments, the minutes were unanimously confirmed by passing the following resolution.

**Resolution Item No.1: IQAC: 25.09.2023**

*Resolved that the meeting minutes held on Friday, 21 July 2023, at Conference Room 1, Lavale, SIU, be and are hereby confirmed.*

### ITEM NO. 2

**Review of the Action Taken Report of the 42<sup>nd</sup> IQAC meeting held on 21 July 2023.**

Director IQAC mentioned that the resolutions passed at the 42<sup>nd</sup> IQAC meeting held on 21 July 2023 had been communicated to the concerned Directors/Officials or Institutes/ Support Departments/ Sections/ Committees for acting as per the resolutions.

**Resolution Item No.2: IQAC: 25.09.2023**

*Resolved that the actions taken on the resolutions passed at the meeting on Friday, 21 July 2023, be and are hereby noted.*

### ITEM NO.3

**To discuss about the QMB department's initiatives related to compliance with SIU as per the statutory bodies, including UGC.**

Dr. M. S. Shejul, Registrar, SIU updated about the compliance of SIU as per the directives/requirements of the statutory bodies, including UGC.

SIU follows regulations by UGC, NMC, BCI, CoA, INC, AICTE, and university authorities. All proposals go through specific bodies before reaching the Board of Management. SIU values



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transparency and provides necessary information on its website. Student grade sheets are uploaded on the Digi Locker-NAD portal using ABC IDs.

## Resolution Item No.3: IQAC: 25.09.2023

*Resolved that members noted the compliance followed by SIU as per the statutory bodies, including UGC.*

### ITEM NO.4

To initiate the accreditation of Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune, by 'The National Board of Accreditation' (NBA).

SIT has received approval to submit a Self-Assessment Report by 26 September 2023 and will be evaluated in February 2024. Staff at SIT and SIU are working hard for NBA and Dr. Ketan Kotecha, Director, SIT and Dean FoE appreciated the work done by everyone.

## Resolution Item No.4: IQAC: 25.09.2023

*Resolved that members noted the status of NBA accreditation status at SIT as initiated by the QMB department.*

### ITEM NO. 5

To update about the AQAR progress for A.Y 2022-23 and the achievements, accreditations, and rankings of the constituents at SIU for the A.Y 2023-24.

The director of IQAC informed the members that Quality Management and Benchmarking (QMB) has created a mechanism to collect the details of accreditation and ranking from all institutes regularly, which will then be presented in the IQAC.

Dr. Dharmendra Pandey, Head of Quality Assurance, SIU informed all members that the data collection process for AQAR 2022-23 has been enhanced, and the criterion heads have verified its smooth operation. QMB has conveyed all necessary information to stakeholders, and the AQAR process flow was explained to QIC coordinators and criterion heads.

## Resolution Item No.5: IQAC: 25.09.2023

*Resolved that members noted and appreciated the AQAR progress for A.Y 2022-23 and the achievements, accreditations, and rankings of the constituents of SIU for A.Y 2023-24 as initiated by the QMB department.*

### ITEM NO. 6

To update about the initiatives of Quality Management and Benchmarking (QMB).

Director, IQAC, presented the Quality initiative of the QMB department.

During the meeting, all members were informed about the *Prakarsh* QMB knowledge series, which covers quality assurance and other crucial aspects of higher education institutions. QMB held two sessions on SWOC and alignment with SDGs.



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## Resolution Item No.6: IQAC: 25.09.2023

*Resolved that members noted and appreciated the new initiatives of the QMB department.*

*Dean - Academics and Administration, SIU suggested having a Prakarsh QMB session for all the faculty members of SIU.*

*Dr. Swati Sahasrabudhe, Head of International Initiatives and Collaboration, and Mr. Jaisurya Das, the Co-Founder and Editorial Director suggested that SIU should map research performed at SIU with contemporary research topics including SDGs.*

*The Co-Founder and Editorial Director further suggested that the research publications must include keywords on SDGs to ensure better traction.*

## ITEM NO. 7

**To discuss the innovative practices and quality initiatives adopted by the various Constituents and departments of SIU in A.Y 2023-24.**

As per the prevailing practice, Dr. Girija Mahale, Head of Symbiosis Centre for Emotional Wellbeing (SCEW), and Dr. Sanjeevani Ayachit, Director and Dean FoAD Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) were invited to present the innovative practices and quality initiatives adopted by them under the guidance of the QMB department.

Mr. Jivesh Govil., Thought Leader, Global Visionary, and Experienced Strategy and Operations Leader, Yeritas Technologies LLC, Pune complimented both the directors and suggested that directors must also present their challenges/shortcomings so that they may be discussed. SIU would then be in a position to appreciate the constraints under which departments/institutes are performing.

Prof. Vinayak Shirgurkar, Management Consultant observed that the main function of IQAC was to generate new ideas that may be implemented across SIU. The suggestions were accepted by the committee.

## Resolution Item No.7: IQAC: 25.09.2023

*Resolved that members noted the quality initiatives and best practices initiated by the QMB department and implemented at SID and SCEW.*



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## ITEM NO. 8

To seek suggestions/ feedback from all stakeholders.

CA. Supriya Deshpande, Deputy Finance Officer suggested that regarding rankings and accreditation data to be submitted by the constituents, it would be helpful if the SIU departments were provided with a planner indicating the time and the period for which data will be required.

**Resolution Item No.8: IQAC: 25.09.2023**

*Resolved that members noted the suggestion by CA. Supriya Deshpande to get a planner indicating the timelines for data requirements related to rankings and accreditation at SIU from the QMB department.*

Any other points with the permission of the Chair.

As there was no other point for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair and all present.

Director of the IQAC

Chairperson

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Date: 04/10/2023