

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

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ACADEMIC AUDIT REPORT

YEAR: 2015-2016

Name of College : College of Home Science, Nirmala Niketan, 49, New Marine Lines, Mumbai, 400020.

Visit Date: 16th February 2016 Time 9.30 am to 5pm

Number of Full Time Teachers: Permanent 28 temporary Nil

Part Time: Nil Visiting Faculty Nil

Number of courses: Graduate Degree: 1 Post Graduate Degree :1 Diploma Certificate:: 6

PEER TEAM REPORT

Observations on Key Aspects:--

1) Academic Management

.College has been re accredited (Cycle 3) by NAAC and has secured A grade, with CGPA 3.11 in the year 2014. College is trying to sustain and also enhance its quality.

. College, through proper Academic teaching and Examination plan, has managed to have 180 teaching days, despite the fact that the number of examination days have increased due to credit system.

.Every department prepares academic teaching plan, which is well monitored. Teachers Diaries are maintained regularly.

. Teachers are encouraged to involve in University activities.

.Heads of departments are generally monitoring teaching learning processes.

2) Administration and Management (Supporting Academics)

.Management has introduced 3 self financing courses (2 M.Sc, 1 P.G. Diploma course and 6 value added courses and Management is providing necessary academic support to them. They have signed MOU'S / Collaborations with local colleges and some Universities abroad viz: FU JEN Catholic University of Taiwan, Ghent University, Belgium..At the Masters level,

FND and TFT programs appear to be more in demand by Industry. Placements cell is well managed.

.Management is very supportive in the Rural and Urban Outreach programmes that facilitate in real life situations and create sensitivity towards various social issues.

. All 28 teachers' Posts are filled and all of them are permanent. Management makes arrangement to make salary payment on time. They motivate nonteaching staff by treating them on par with teachers. All non teaching clerical staff are Computer savvy.

.Management encourages teachers in staff development activities like acquiring higher qualifications, upgrading their knowledge and skills, applying for research grants, publishing articles in research journals, attending seminars and conferences etc.

3)Academic practices

.All classrooms are IT enabled. Most of the teachers are using student friendly appropriate teaching learning strategies. Students expressed satisfaction about classroom teaching in feedback forms and also during Peer Team's interaction with students.

.College Examination papers are properly set and evaluated. Examinations results are analysed. Internal examination marks are properly given.

.Remedial and Bridge courses, for needy students, has helped produce more than 90% results for most subjects.

.Mentoring for students and staff & counseling by qualified counselors is available.

.Capacity building programmes ,personality development programmes, Educational tours are organized.Extra lectures and practicals are conducted to compensate for loss during staff leave.

4)Infrastructure, Financial support facilities for Academic Activities.

. College has 7 storied building with 1335 sq.mtrs,constructed area 12 ICT enabled classrooms.12 well equipped Home science and computer laboratories,A well equipped Library and 2 office rooms.

.Library is computerized with adequate number of books, e-journals.

.College has a well established Reseach Center led by an experienced Director and other support facilities.

.Management has spent more than a crore rupees in last few years for modernizing classrooms,Laboratories,Library and other infrastructure facilities.

.Management has made special efforts to increase its existing corpus fund of 16 lakhs on the occasion of its completion of 60 years .

5)Institutional Social Responsibility.

.Social Outreach program of the college , makes students aware of their social responsibility for the poor and marginalized sections of the society.Every year many students are involved in this activity.

.Rural camps ae arranged on a regular basis for nutrition education or health.Organisation of health camps and otheractivities by the social service committee.to beneit people from low socio income groups.

.The NSS unit of the college is started in the year 2015-16 is actively involved in actiites specied by the University.Life Long Learning Pogamme of the University is also conducted by the college.

6)Functioning of IQAC

.IQAC is working quite systematically as per NAAC guide lines.

.IQAC is actively planning and supporting the various college committees towards curricular co curricular and extra curricular activities.

.AQAR are regularly submittred annually.

.IQAC is mainly involved in planning and facilitating student and staff development activities.

.IQAC coordinates with Principal and Management o better administration of academic activ

OVERALL ANALYSIS

1)Institutional strengths.

.One and only Home Science College of the University dedicated to women's education.

.Being the only college,its faculty play a major role in framing curriculum.

.The curriculum is life oriented, community oriented, career oriented focussing on developing entrepreneurial skills which is relevant for the comprehensive development of women.

.Strong Institute-Industry linkage with collaboration for research and student placement.

. Committed, approachable, sincere Faculty with Good staff development programs.

.Good Student Teacher Ratio.

2) Institutional Weaknesses

.Space is a major constraint, which restricts the Institute from starting new academic and other cocurricular activities.

. Less contacts with potential donors to meet the target of Diamond Jubilee corpus fund.

.Limitations on fund raising through consultancy.

.Limited sports activities.

3) Institutional Challenges.

.To face International and national level Institutions.

.Extending the infrastructural facilities, and optimally using the existing infrastructure.

.Optimally using the existing faculty to meet the challenges off competition, and fulfil needs of Industry.

4) Institutional Opportunities.

. More Industrial collaborations are possible.

.Collaborations with schools for guidance on Nutrition, School Uniforms, Weight of School bags and counseling can be undertaken

.Collaborations with NGO's for guidance on nutrition of under nourished children in urban, rural and tribal areas.

.Starting career oriented short term programmes.

. More Staff student exchanges and new programmes in collaboration with local Institutions and foreign Universities.

.Utilisation of existing Laboratories, and expert faculty for fund raising through consultancy.

.More potential donors should be contacted to increase the corpus fund.

Recommendations

a)Vital

.Number of Ongoing Ph.D students should be more. While selecting students for Ph.D, preference be given to existing teachers of the college.

.More teachers should also be encouraged to remain associated with professional bodies, related to their subjects, so as to remain in touch with latest developments

.Efforts should be made to get more Major research projects,

As per the demands of the course, students are required to stay in college for longer hours. As such canteen facility should be provided.

.Optimal use of existing infrastructure and making available additional infrastructure be given priority.

b)Essential

.College should make efforts to get autonomy. Along with benefits of, own curriculum, evaluation system, it will enable them, by following due procedure, approval for some of their own college level and other autonomous computer, and some other courses conducted in the same building.

. Existing students feedback Systems should be supported by immediate proper analysis of the same .

.Being the only college of its type, Students totally depend on college Library facilities. Sufficient copies of some books in demand should be provided in the Library.

.Most of the teachers, using power point presentation should as per student need, make available hard copies or soft copies, which can be downloaded , in the library. Method of providing lectures in advance and learning by moodle may help some students.

. More. Peer learning groups of students should be encouraged.

.Technology based teaching is a recent new teaching tool. In order to perfect our teaching

methodology using multiple methods , we need to learn from each other.To achieve this, Peer review and peer learning groups of each departments should be further strengthened. Model Lectures of renowned teachers be arranged.

c)Desirable.

.College should conduct its own internal academic audit.

.College should have more International linkages, Faculty /Student exchange programmes. e.g Paris fashion Designing Institutes. etc.

.College results are generally more than 94%.More systematic efforts on advance learners can produce more O and A class students.

. Participating in sports activities is very low due to lack of ground facility .University ground which at present is used only once a year,could be hired more often. Efforts be made to popularise the existing Gymnasium facility.

Roles and Duties: Observations on key aspects

1)State Government and University.

.Fees for both aided and self financing courses need to be revised.

. Being a unique college of its type, University should recommend the college to UGC and other agencies for special grants.

2) College

a)Management

.Management should make optimum use of space and provide some more self financing and add on courses as per need.

b)Academia

More participation in Research and consultancy oriented activities, and Membership of subject related association may be helpful

.Further strengthening Peer review, Peer group processes will be useful.

c) Students

.Students should take advantage of all Personality development activities.

.Students learning should not be merely examination oriented.

.Students generally expressed satisfaction about teachers', approach, classroom and lab. Teaching , other activities, Infrastructure.

d) Other Stake Holders.

Industry-college linkages need to be increased.
Alumni Association should become more active.
Parents involvement and feedback system should be further strengthened

Names and Signatures of Mumbai University AA PT Members with dates.

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