



MINUTES OF IQAC MEETING HELD ON 08 FEB 2024

The Institute Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), SMIT met on 8th February 2024 at 16:00 hrs for a meeting. It was conducted from the Conference Hall of SMIT.

The following members were in attendance:

1. Prof. (Dr.) G. L. Sharma, Director, SMIT - Chairperson
2. Dr. Sangeeta Jha, Associate Director (Academics)
3. Dr. Kalpana Sharma, Associate Director (Research & Development)
4. Dr. Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya, Associate Director (Student Affairs)
5. Dr. Ajeya Jha, Chairperson, SMU Staff & Faculty Capacity Building & Development Council
6. Dr. O.P. Singh, Head, Faculty & Staff Development Cell
7. Dr. Biswaraj Sen, Head, Training, Placement & Industry Liaison
8. Dr. Bikash Sharma, Head, e-Cell
9. Dr. Santonu Savapondit, Head, International Collaboration Cell
10. Dr. Premoda Devi, Librarian
11. Dr. Udit Kumar Chakraborty, Head, Quality Cell
12. Dr. Saumya Das, Co-ordinator, IQAC - Convenor
13. Dr. Archit Yagnik, Quality Cell Representative
14. Dr. Amit Kumar Singh, Quality Cell Representative
15. Dr. T. Ramu, Deputy Controller of Examinations (Tech.)
16. Dr. Himanshu Pal, Chairman, Admissions
17. Dr. Amit Kumar Roy, Chief Warden
18. Dr. Samarjit Borah, HOD, CA
19. Dr. G. C. Mishra, HOD, Physics
20. Ms. Namrata Parbat, B Tech Student
21. Ms. Pranita Pradhan, MSc Student
22. Ms. Asmita Sen, MCA Student

The following invited members were in virtual attendance over MS Teams link shared:

1. Dr. Ashis Kumar Mukhopadhyay, AICTE, MARGDARSHAK
2. Mr. Jayanta Guha, Sr. Director, Head - Mobile Engineer Services, West Asia and South East Asia Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants (India) Pvt Ltd
3. Mr. Abir Biwas, General Manager, Centre Head – Ericsson Kolkata Cloud Services & Software, Ericsson India Global Services
4. Mr. Pragnajit Datta Roy, Alumni, Senior SoC Performance Architect, Qualcomm

The meeting started with Director, SMIT welcoming all members to the meeting. Thereafter, the following topics came up for discussion:

- (1) Dr. Saumya Das, the IQAC Coordinator, delivered introduced the departments, programs and ranking status of SMIT to the august audience.
- (2) Prof. Udit Kumar Chakraborty, Head of the Quality Cell, presented the quality assurance policies and quality initiatives taken by SMIT.

(3) Prof. Chakraborty also presented SMIT's current ranking status in greater detail and set out the agenda for discussion. The major issues discussed were:

- a) Admissions 2024
- b) Placements and Internships
- c) Research Output

(4) Prof. Ashis Mukhopadhyay mentioned the following:

- a) Appreciated SMIT's efforts to ensure quality in both academic and extracurricular activities.
- b) Advocated for complete understanding of NEP and proposed accepting the best of it.
- c) Emphasized the necessity of skill development for students in today's demanding environment.
- d) Underlined the importance of encouraging students to pursue higher education and become entrepreneurs.
- e) Warned about the potential consequences of AI in the future. Students must be prepared to handle AI responsibly.

(5) As a SMIT recruiter, Mr. Jayanta Guha had the following to say:

- a. Praised SMIT students for their hard effort and eagerness to learn new things.
- b. Recommended management to address the following questions to ensure quality.
 - (i) Why will SMIT be the first choice for admission?
 - (ii) What product quality does SMIT offer?
 - (iii) Is SMIT preparing future ready students?
 - (iv) Is SMIT training students to handle AI?

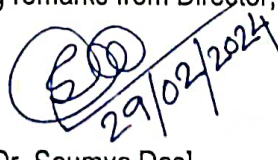
(6) Mr. Abir Biswas discussed the service industry's expectations from the students. Students should be able to solve problems and tell stories. Furthermore, they should be the complete finisher.

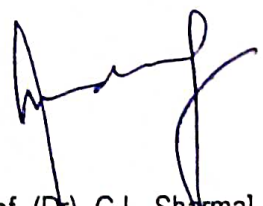
(7) Mr. Pragnajit Datta Roy emphasized the relevance of laboratory-based learning in the curriculum. He emphasized the importance of using secure and cost-effective open-source platforms to deliver lab-based learning. Students must be made aware of cutting-edge technologies. Environments must be developed to foster critical thinking skills. Faculty should encourage students to learn research papers. There should be opportunities for students to choose interdisciplinary subjects in their curriculum.

(8) Director, SMIT briefed about the recent modifications made to curriculum to prepare students industry ready. He also emphasized how SMIT, in collaboration with the Atal Incubation Center, encourages students to become entrepreneurs.

(9) The meeting ended with concluding remarks from Director, SMIT.


[Prof. U. K. Chakraborty]
Head, Quality Cell


[Dr. Saumya Das]
Co-ordinator, IQAC


[Prof (Dr) G.L. Sharma]
Director