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Progress Report for Senate

(From 2nd half of January, 2020 to 1st half of February, 2020)

1. Proposed Changes to Internal Quality Assurance under Commission Circular 09/2019:

Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of USJP has been reconstituted as the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) of USJP, with effect from 01.02.2020 as instructed by the Commission Circular 09/2019. Further, Internal Quality Assurance Cells of Faculties have been renamed as Quality Assurance Cells of Faculties. The website of the CQA was updated to reflect these changes.

2. Mission Visit from British Council and the University of West Scotland on introducing Student Engagement in QA:

Representatives of the British Council and the University of West Scotland visited the University, in the morning hours of 12.02.2020 and had discussions with the Director/CQA, Coordinators of Faculty QA Cells and the Student representatives of each Faculty. Their main aim was to understand the current context as to student engagement in QA in USJP and discuss the methods that can be adopted to strengthen this process further in Sri Lankan Universities.

This was followed by the Discussion Forum on 14.02.2020 at the Movenpick Hotel, Colombo 03, as to the Introducing Student Engagement in QA at universities. Dr. Rajitha Gunaratne, Coordinator, Technology Faculty QA Cell, participated in this discussion forum representing the Director, CQA of USJP. This forum has been organized by the British Council with the representatives of the university of West Scotland.

3. Workshops conducted on Quality Assurance:

- (i) The Director/CQA, Prof. Samantha Senaratne and the QA Consultant, Prof. Kalyani Perera, conducted a workshop for the participants of the special intake for Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE), on 05.02.2020. The special intake was the Probationary Assistant Lecturers of University of Visual and Performing Arts.
- (ii) Prof. Kalyani Perera conducted a Self Evaluation Report (SER) writing workshop for the Programme Review(PR) on the evening hours of 05.02.2020 and 10.02.2020, for the Faculty Coordinator of Quality Assurance Cell and the SER writing Team of Faculty of Applied Sciences.
- (iii) Prof. Kalyani Perera conducted a Self Evaluation Report (SER) writing workshop for the Programme Review(PR) on 17.02.2020, for the Academic Staff of the Department of Food Science of the Faculty of Applied Sciences.



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4. Evaluation of Proposals:

CQA evaluated the proposals of following study programs, before submitting for the approval of the Quality Assurance Council of University Grants Commission.

- (i) Proposal for Master of Arts in Anthropology (02 years with course work and research) was evaluated on 24.01.2020.
- (ii) Proposal for Advanced Certificate Course in Data Analysis for Social Scientists was evaluated on 11.02.2020.
- (iii) Proposal for Undergraduate Degree Programme in Bachelor of Science Honours in Information Technology was evaluated on 17.02.2020.

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Director/CQA

17.02.2020