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20th October 2021

To
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University
All the Faculty Members and Heads of the Branches
Hyderabad.

Sir/Madam,

It is decided by the Vice-Chancellor to conduct CEMCA sponsored 3rd Workshop on 28th and 29th October 2021 in blended Mode. The details related Criterion-V & VII will be covered. The following teachers should join the 3rd Workshop to be held 28th and 29th October 2021 physically in the EC Hall. The remaining teachers should join through zoom with their personal devices.

The following participants should join the workshop physically:

1. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Director, CSTD
2. Dr. Gunti Ravinder, Officer I/c, AVPRC
3. Dr. G. Saroja, Head, Department of Library and Information Sciences
4. Dr. Y. Venkateswarulu, Deputy Director, Student Services Branch
5. Dr. Rabindranath Solomon, Officer I/c, Centre for Skill Development
6. Dr. Srinivas Rao Vaddanam, Officer I/c, Material Production
7. Dr. K. Sreedevi, Department of Mathematics
8. Dr. A. Kishore Kumar Reddy, Department of English
9. Sri. B. Lakshmi Prasad, Executive Engineer, Dr. BRAOU
10. Dr. Banoth Lal, Director, Student Services Branch
11. Dr. Kanaka Durga, Assistant Director, Student Service Branch
12. Prof. Y. S. Kiranmayi, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Business Management
13. Dr. P. Venkata Ramana, Addl. Controller of Examinations
14. Dr. Pameela Kethavath, Head I/c Department of Chemistry
15. Dr. Pallavi Kabde, Nodal Officer
16. Dr. Chandrakala, Head Department of Education
17. Dr. G. Mary Sunanda, Department of Education
18. Sri. D. Vasanth Rao, Computer Centre I/c
19. Dr. D. Udayani, Producer, AVPRC
20. Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer, Dr. BRAOU
21. Dr. Lakshmi, Department of Political Science
22. Dr. Srinivas, Department of Zoology
23. Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy, Director, GRADE-CIQA

The above 23 participants are requested to join for the 3rd workshop in the EC Hall on 28th and 29th October 2021 from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. for better interaction with the Trainer/Mentor of CEMCA. All other Faculty members, SSS Teachers and Academic Associates should join through zoom. Zoom link will be shared.

With regards,

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To
All the Chairpersons and Conveners
Criterion- I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII

Sir/Madam,

As per the direction of the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, a meeting is convened with the following Chairpersons and Conveners of Criterion-I, II, III, IV, V, VI & VII in E.C. Hall on 30th October 2021 at 11.00 a.m. Prof. V. Venkaiah will interact and share his expertise for the preparation of SSR.

Criterion-I : Curricular Aspects

Chairperson: Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic)
Convenor : Prof. Shakeela Khanam (Senior Dean)

Criterion-II : Teaching, Learning and Evaluation

Chairperson : Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic)
Convenor : Dr. Banoth Lal, Director, (Student Services)

Criterion-III : Research, Innovations and Extension

Chairperson : Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dean, Faculty of Sciences
Convenor : Dr. G. Saroja, Head, Dept. of Lib. & Info, Sciences

Criterion-IV : Infrastructure and Learning Resources

Chairperson : Prof. Shakeela Khanam, Director, UGC-DEB Affairs
Convenor : Dr. Vaddanam Srinivas Rao Officer I/c Material Production

Criterion-V : Learner Support and Progression

Chairperson : Dr. Banoth Lal, Director, Student Services Branch
Convenor : Dr. Kanaka Durga, Assistant Director, Student Service Branch

Criterion-VI : Governance, Leadership and Management

Chairperson : Dr. G. Laxma Reddy, Registrar
Convenor : Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce

Criterion-VII : Institutional Values and Best Practices

Chairperson : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Director, CSTD
Convenor : Sri. B. Lakshmi Prasad, Executive Engineer

With regards,

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ORDERS

Sub: Dr. BRAOU - Constitution of Working Committee for Criterion-V -
for NAAC Accreditation - Orders - Reg.
Ref: Vice-Chancellor's Approval dated 21/10/2021

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As per the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the Working Committee for Criterion-V is constituted with the following members for the preparation of SSR Report to the NAAC Accreditation of Dr. BRAOU:

Criterion-V : Learner Support and Progression

Chairperson : Dr. Banoth Lal, Director, Student Services Branch
Convenor : Dr. Kanaka Durga, Assistant Director, Student Service Branch
Members : Prof. Y. S. Kiranmayi, Sr. Advisor, Dept. of Business
Management
Dr. P. Venkata Ramana, Addl. Controller of Examinations
Dr. Prameela Kethavath, Head I/c Department of Chemistry
Dr. Pallavi Kabde, Officer I/c e-Office and Alumni Affairs
Dr. Y. Venkateswarulu, Deputy Director, SSB
Dr. Chandrakala, Head Department of Education
Dr. G. Mary Sunanda, Department of Education

The Chairperson is requested to conduct meetings with the committee members and finalize the report pertaining to Criterion-V within 4 weeks with all necessary relevant data and documents of various branches of the University and forward the same to GRADE-CIQA branch in both soft and hard copy.

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ORDERS

Sub: Dr. BRAOU - Constitution of Working Committee for Criterion-VII -
for NAAC Accreditation - Orders - Reg.
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As per the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the Working Committee for Criterion-VII is constituted with the following members for the preparation of SSR Report to the NAAC Accreditation of Dr. BRAOU:

Criterion-VII : **Institutional Values and Best Practices**
Chairperson : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Director, CSTD
Convenor : Dr. Gunti Ravinder, Officer I/c, AVPRC
Members : Dr. G. Saroja, Officer I/c Centre for Online Learning
Dr. Y. Venkateswarulu, Deputy Director, Student Services Branch
Dr. Rabindranath Solomon, Officer I/c, Centre for Skill
Development
Dr. Srinivas Rao Vaddanam, Officer I/c, Material Production
Dr. K. Sreedevi, Department of Mathematics
Dr. A. Kishore Kumar Reddy, Department of English
Sri. B. Lakshmi Prasad, Executive Engineer

The Chairperson is requested to conduct meetings with the committee members and finalize the report pertaining to Criterion-VII within 4 weeks with all necessary relevant data and documents of various branches of the University and forward the same to GRADE-CIQA branch in both soft and hard copy.

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PROCEEDINGS OF WORKSHOP – 3

The 3-day Workshop on “SSR Preparatory Work for NAAC Assessment” was organized by GRADE-CIQA of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Hyderabad and CEMCA, New Delhi from 28th to 30th October 2021 at the University Campus. This is the third and last in the series of workshops organized by the two institutions.

Prof. V. Venkaiah, former Vice-Chancellor, Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh and former Rector, Dr.BRAOU has been the mentor for this Workshop.

All the sessions of this workshop were held in the Executive Council Hall of the University in blended mode. The Vice-Chancellor of Dr. BRAOU, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao presided over the inaugural session, the Director (Academic), Prof. E. Sudha Rani, and 22 identified members attended the workshop physically. The Chief Guest of the session, Prof. R. Limbadri, Chairman, State Council for Higher Education, Government of Telangana, Guest of Honour for the session, Prof. D. Ravinder, Vice-chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad and Prof. V. Venkaiah, Mentor of the Workshop and rest of the university faculty members and identified non-academic staff attended the workshop virtually over zoom platform.


DAY-1 The inaugural session opened at 10.30 am with a welcome address by the Director, GRADE-CIQA, Prof. P. Madhusudhan Reddy. He briefed the participants about the theme and the topics of the Workshop.

In his Presidential remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao discussed about all the series of workshops conducted thus far and the matters discussed therein. Thereafter, Prof. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic), introduced the Chief Guest, Prof. Limbadri and Guest of Honour, Prof. D. Ravinder, to the participants.

Prof. Limbadri, in his address (over zoom) lauded the contribution of Dr. BRAOU towards higher education in Telangana and appealed to all the faculty members to put in their best efforts in SSR preparation. Later, in his speech, Prof. D. Ravinder, stressed on the need for proper maintenance of all records and documents. He called upon the SSR preparation team of the university to ensure that each and every indicator of the NAAC framework has to be thoroughly prepared. He cited a few instances experienced in certain colleges, which failed to score high in spite of best efforts. He wished all success to the university and stated that BRAOU deserves a high score.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, in his closing remarks, once again reiterated the importance of scoring a high grade in view of obtaining better funding in future and more autonomy, as well. He expressed his thanks to CEMCA and the guests of the session for their support. Prof. Venkaiah, in his speech, briefed about the importance of all the key indicators under Criterion- V, and VII.

The Director, GRADE-CIQA, Prof. P. Madhusudana Reddy formally presented a vote of thanks for the inaugural session.


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DAY-1, Session-2 Prof. V. Venkaiah made a PowerPoint on Criterion-V on Learners Support and Progression comprising both Qualitative and Quantitative Metrics. He suggested ways and means for achieving better enrollment of learners even with online admissions in the university.

Regarding Learners Support Services, he stated that the dispatch mechanism of study materials to the learners has to be improvised. He stated that there is also a need to develop mechanisms to attend to learners queries. Towards the end, he suggested setting up Call Centres, Help Desks etc, in the campus.

A brief interaction followed the session.

In the post-tea Session, Prof. V. Venkaiah continued with elaboration of key indicators under the head, Learners Support and Progression wherein he said that the university should track the dropouts and find reasons for the same, so that adequate remedial measures are taken. In this context, he also suggested to register the alumni association of BRAOU and rope in distinguished alumni as members.

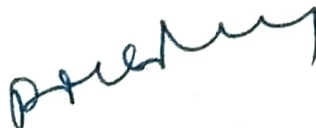
DAY-2, Session-1 started with a welcome address by The Director, GRADE-CIQA, Prof. P. Madhusudan Reddy, wherein he briefed the topics of workshop sessions.

It was followed by a speech by Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Director, CSTD of BRAOU who is the Coordinator of Criterion-VII of the NAAC framework. Later, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao addressed the participants and stated all key indicators under this criterion are important in terms of weightage as there are more Qualitative Metrics.

Prof. V. Venkaiah made his PowerPoint presentation on Criterion-VII wherein he urged all the members to go through the NAAC manual thoroughly and understand the implications under each and every metric, while preparing the SSR. He explained the scope of the key indicator on Gender Equity, such as documenting the university activities, over the last five years, towards creating awareness amongst women employees about women rights.

Later, he explained the various metrics relating to Environmental Consciousness and Sustainability. He also suggested various measures such as all kinds of waste management facilities within the campus. He also stressed the need for facilities of human assistance for special support to equity groups [differently able learners].

Next, he dealt with key indicators under Inclusive Environment, Human Values and Professional Ethics. In this context he stated the four parameters of learning as defined by UNESCO, namely, i] learning to know; ii] learning to do; iii] learning to live together and iv] learning to be. All these four aspects have to be inculcated amongst the learners through various courses, Prof. Venkaiah stated. He also suggested developing a Learners Charter by the university and explained its importance.


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DAY-2, Session-2 Prof. V. Venkaiah covered extensively all the metrics under Criterion-VII particularly on the Best Practices. He suggested the need for undertaking measures such as Green Initiatives, Green Campus etc.

Thereafter, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani highlighted the university achievements on best Practices and university distinctiveness. He also narrated university extension activities/ best practices such as science and health awareness programmes, virtual open social forum etc.

In the last Session, Prof. V. Venkaiah explained all the key indicators under Institutional Distinctiveness and Best Practices. He suggested identifying any two areas which can be portrayed as university distinction. In this regard, he suggested identifying two areas as best practices, One -- multimedia teaching and technology-enabled learning wherein Live Tele-conferencing programmes can be highlighted. Second, the GRADE and CSTD can be portrayed. Overall, Prof. V. Venkaiah made certain important suggestions such as:

- Creation of eco-friendly campus
- Promoting inclusive education
- Focusing on technology-enabled learning and OERs
- Flexibility in courses and evaluation/assessment methods
- Offering courses in multiple media
- Automation systems to be developed, wherever necessary


A detailed discussion on all key indicators followed by faculty members as to what is in place, what is in process and what needs to be done. He suggested preparing a 5-minute video to give an overview of the university.

Under best practices, Prof. Venkaiah identified a few practices at BRAOU, such as the following:

- technology-enabled learning through web-conferencing, tele-conference
- science education through labs at headquarters
- green campus with eco-friendly environment
- IT and technical infrastructure
- Special education
- women-exclusive study centres and study centres at remote tribal villages

In the discussion that followed, Prof. V. Venkaiah suggested the certain practices that might be undertaken such as remedial teaching with extended teaching for slow-learners. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani gave an overview of the session and formally ended at 1.30 p.m.

With this, the session was closed following a formal vote of thanks by Director, GRADE-CIQA, Prof. P. Madhusudhan Reddy.


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PROGRESS OF CRITERION-I, II, III, IV, V, VI AND VII

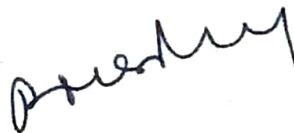
On the 3rd Day of the workshop an interaction session was organized by GRADE-CIQA with the Chairperson and Convener of the 7 Criteria. Prof. V. Venkaiah and Prof. C. Pushpa Ramakrishna interacted with the participants. Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director Academic, Chairperson for Criterion I & II has presented the progress made in the process of collection of data and documents for the Criterion I & II. She has taken clarity with the mentor Prof. V. Venkaiah and Prof. C. Pushpa Ramakrishna, Advisor regarding certain of the issues identified during the meetings with respective committee members.

Later Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dean Faculty of Sciences presented the progress on Criterion-III and discussed various issues pertaining to Criterion-III. During the discussion the mentor Prof. V. Venkaiah clarified the doubts raised by Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani.

The session was ended for Lunch break.

In the next session Prof. Shakeela Khannam Director UGC-DEB presented the progress on Criterion-IV. Certain of the issues were clarified by Prof. V. Venkaiah. Dr. Banoth Lal presented the progress made regarding Criterion-V. During the course of discussions Dr. Kanaka Durga also joined and got clarifications on certain of the issues with the mentor. Subsequently Prof. I. Anand Pawar discussed on the various aspects on Criterion-VI. At the end Prof. G. Chakrapani Director CSTD elaborated the Best Practices of the university and Institutional Distinctiveness. The debate occurred on the Best Practices in Dr. BRAOU. The Vice-Chancellor and the mentor have suggested to develop 10 Best Practices of the University and 5 Institutional Distinctiveness.

Dr. P. Madhusudhana Reddy concluded the meeting with Vote of Thanks. He also expressed thanks to CEMCA for supporting the three workshops for the preparation of SSR of Dr. BRAOU on NAAC Accreditation.


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