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Lr. No. 418/Dr.BRAOU/GRADE-CIQA/2021-22   18th September 2021

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

Sir/Madam,

It is decided by the Vice-Chancellor to conduct CEMCA sponsored 2nd Workshop from 22nd to 24th September 2021 in blended Mode. The details related Criterion-III, IV & VI will be covered. The following teachers should join the 2nd workshop to be held from 22nd to 24th September 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. Dr. G. Laxma Reddy, Registrar, Dr. BRAOU
2. Smt. N. Hema Bhanu, Finance Officer, Dr. BRAOU
3. Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dept. of Physics & Dean, Faculty of Sciences
4. Dr. G. Saroja, Head, Dept. of Library and Information Sciences & Officer I/c, Centre for online Learning
5. Dr. K. Sreedevi, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics
6. Dr. G. Dayakar, Department of History & Addl. Controller of Examinations
7. Prof. Shakeela Khanam, Head, Dept of Hindi & Urdu, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Director, UGC-DEB Affairs
8. Dr. Gunti Ravinder, Officer I/c, AVPRC
9. Dr. Srinivas Rao Vaddanam, Head, Dept. of History & Officer I/c., Material Production
10. Sri. D. Vasanth Rao, Computer Centre I/c
11. Sri. B. Lakshmi Prasad, Executive Engineer, Dr. BRAOU
12. Sri. B.S.R. Bharath Reddy, Asst Engineer (Electrical), Dr. BRAOU
13. Dr. Y. Venkateswarulu, Deputy Director, Student Services
14. Dr. D. Udayani, Producer, AVPRC
15. Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer, Dr. BRAOU
16. Dr. Lakshmi, Department of Political Science
17. Dr. Pallavi Kabde, Department of Public Administration
18. Dr. Srinivas, Department of Zoology
19. Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy, Director, GRADE-CIQA

The above 19 participants are requested to join for the 2nd workshop in the EC Hall from 22nd to 24th September 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,

Director

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ORDERS

Sub: Dr. BRAOU - Constitution of Working Committee for Criterion-III - for NAAC Accreditation - Orders - Reg.

Ref: Vice-Chancellor's Approval dated 30/9/2021

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

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

Members   :   Dr. K. Sreedevi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics
Dr. G. Dayakar, Dept. of History
Sri. D. Koteswara Rao, Academic Asso., Dept. of Chemistry
Dr. U. Vijaya Usha Sree, Academic Asso. Dept. of Physics
Sri. Vasanth Rao (Computer Centre I/c)
Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer
Dr. D. Udayani, Producer, AVPRC

The Chairperson is requested to conduct meetings with the committee members and finalize the report pertaining to Criterion-III 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.

With regards,

Director, GRADE-CIQA

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

Criterion-IV   : **Infrastructure and Learning Resources**

Chairperson   : Prof. Shakeela Khanam, Director, UGC-DEB Affairs

Convenor   : Dr. Vaddanam Srinivas Rao Officer I/c Material Production

Members   : Dr. Gunti Ravinder, Office I/c, AVPRC
         Sri. D. Vasanth Rao, Computer Centre I/c
         Dr. B. Srivivas, Head I/c, Dept. of Sociology
         Sri. B. Lakshmi Prasad, Executive Engineer
         Sri. B.S.R. Bharath Reddy, Asst. Engineer
         Dr. Y. Venkateswarulu, Deputy Director, Student Services
         Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer

The Chairperson is requested to conduct meetings with the committee members and finalize the report pertaining to Criterion-IV 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.

With regards,

Director, GRADE-CIQA

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

Criterion-VI   **:**   **Governance, Leadership and Management**

Chairperson	:	Dr. G. Laxma Reddy, Registrar
Convenor	:	Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Dean, Faculty of Commerce
Members	:	Smt. N. Hema Bhanu, Finance Officer
		Dr. Lakshmi, Dept. of Political Science
		Dr. Pallavi Kabde, Head I/c Dept. of Public Administration
		Dr. P. Srinivas, Dept. of Zoology
		Dr. K. Krishna Reddy, Head I/c Dept. of Economics
		Sri. Vasanth Rao (Computer Centre I/c)
		Dr. Venugopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer
		Dr. D. Udayani, Producer, AVPRC

The Chairperson is requested to conduct meetings with the committee members and finalize the report pertaining to Criterion-VI 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.

With regards,

Director, GRADE-CIQA

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PROCEEDINGS OF WORKSHOP – 2

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 22-24 September 2021 at the University Campus. This is the second in the series of workshops being organized by the two institutions.

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

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 19 identified members attended the workshop physically. The Chief Guest of this workshop Sri Navin Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Government of Telangana, 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. Madhusudhana Reddy. He briefed the participants about the theme and the topics of the Workshop-2.

In his Presidential remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao elaborated the purpose of the workshop and re-iterated that the target is to score a 'respectable' grade in NAAC assessment. He also briefly explained about the Taskforce Committee for preparing guidelines for ODLs set by NAAC, which was headed by the Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU, New Delhi, Prof. Nageshwar Rao and of which he had been a member. He thanked Sri Navin Mittal for his support and encouragement for undertaking the accreditation process of BRAOU.

Sri Navin Mittal in his address (over zoom) stated that as per NEP-2020, NAAC accreditation is mandatory for all Higher Education Institutions (HIEs) across the country and scoring a high grade in NAAC is essential in terms of obtaining future funding for the university. He cautioned that the SSR preparation team of the university should ensure that each and every indicator of the NAAC framework has to be thoroughly looked into and that there should never be a casual approach to any point or key indicator as it might result in an adverse score. He stated this while citing a few such instances experienced in certain colleges. He wished all success to the university and stated that BRAOU deserves a high score as it enters into its 40th year of educational journey.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, in his closing remarks, narrated the 'action plan' taken so far and future course of action. He expressed his thanks to CEMCA, Sri Navin Mittal, Prof. V. Venkaiah, for their support.

The Registrar of BRAOU, Dr. G. Laxma Reddy formally presented a vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

DAY-1, Session-2   Prof. V. Venkaiah made a powerpoint presentation on Criterion-III on 'Governance, Leadership and Management' comprising 9 Qualitative Metrics and 7 Quantitative Metrics. He stated that the purpose of the session was to give conceptual clarity to the participants.

He elaborated and explained the principles of 'Good Governance', which he called "Autonomy and Accountability". He illustrated UNESCO definition on e-Governance and analyzed it in the context of NAAC. He suggested in-house development of technology and said that the university should try to satisfy the interests of its stakeholders.

Regarding 'Leadership', he stated that ideal leadership means "making a difference". He further stated that there needs to be an integration of 'Governance' (result-oriented) with 'Management (process-oriented) for sustainable development. He also elaborated about "transformational leadership" (and cited the example of Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft company). He ended the session with a quote of "The Idea of a University" by John Henry Newton, in 1859.

A brief interaction followed the session.

DAY-2, Session-1 started with an address by Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, BRAOU who is the Coordinator of Criterion-III. Prof. V. Venkaiah made his power point on Criterion-III and stated that all key indicators under this criterion are important in terms of weightage as there are more Quantitative Merits and hence there is every possibility of scoring more on Criterion-III, Criterion-VI and Criterion-VII. He also suggested various measures that need to be taken under 'Innovations' head.

DAY-2, Session-2   Prof. V. Venkaiah dealt at length on Criterion-III particularly on the criterion on "Research, Innovations and Extension". The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao appraised about the various committees set up for the purpose.   Prof. V. Venkaiah suggested the need for investing in technological facilities in the university. Prof. C. Pushpa Ramakrishna, retired Professor and former Director (Academic), BRAOU suggested (over zoom) that all the technological facilities need to be extended to all the Regional Coordination Centres and Study Centres of BRAOU as well.

DAY-3, The last day of Workshop-2 was rescheduled to 2.45 p.m. (on 24th September 2021). In Session-1, Prof. V. Venkaiah made a powerpoint on Criterion-IV. He explained all the key indicators under Criterion-IV on "Infrastructure and Learning Resources". He stated that there is ample scope in the Criterion to highlight university achievements as there is no word limit on notes to be written under this head.

He explained about IT facilities and suggested a reorganization exercise with rationalization of expenditure and optimum utilization with Learner Support Services. He further suggested decentralization of the admission online process and that all Regional Coordination Centres need to be augmented in terms of IT.

Overall, Prof. V. Venkaiah made certain important suggestions such as:

- University (Mobile) App need to be created
- High-speed internet Bandwidth to be procured
- Geo-tagging of all photos that would be uploaded
- Maintenance of records of Learners or viewers of all Audio-Visual programmes
- Creation of Web-radio
- Automation systems to be developed, wherever necessary
- Develop an 'Organ gram' of how the university is providing learners support services

DAY-3, Session2, Prof. V. Venkaiah explained about the process of Data Validation and Verification (DVV). He suggested that adequate data on SSR be kept ready well before submission of IIQA. He also suggested that utmost care need to be taken no to insert any incorrect date as it would lead to penalty/disqualification by the NAAC team.

In the discussion that followed Prof. V. Venkaiah suggested the weekly and Fortnightly Meetings of all NAAC-related teams should be held for review of NAAC work progress.

The session ended at 5.30 p.m. on 24th September 2021 with that, the Workshop-2 was closed following a formal vote of thanks by Director, GRADE-CIQA, Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy.

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