



“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.”

-William A. Foster

From the Desk of AQEC

3rd quarter of the year was full of activities where AQEC initiated and completed various tasks for the continuous improvement of teaching and academic facilities at SMIU to create a better learning environment for the students.

- Meeting with the Honorable Vice Chancellor
- Classes inspection report
- SMIU AQEC contribution in INQAHE newsletter
- Director AQEC lecture in Faculty Development Training Program
- Action Plan of MS/M.Phil. Equivalent Programs Self-Review
- Higher Education Statistics 2017-18
- AQEC Yearly Progress Report (YPR) 2017-18
- University Portfolio Report (UPR)
- Executive Summary and Actions Plan of SARs

Meeting with Honorable Vice Chancellor – September 2018

The Honorable Vice Chancellor had an interactive meeting with Deans, Chairpersons, Controller of Examination, Director IT, Director AQEC and Deputy Director AQEC regarding Quality of Teaching in Higher Education. The Vice Chancellor shared his valuable insights and stressed the need for proactive approach among chairpersons to raise teaching quality at SMIU.

Class Inspection Report – August 2018

Before the start of new semester (Fall 2018) Director AQEC and Team visited the university and inspected the classrooms, IT labs, faculty offices and prepared an inspection report for the maintenance and improvement of facilities and presented it to Honorable Vice Chancellor. SMIU management aims for continuous improvement and to provide best facilities to its students, staff and faculty members.

Campus Highlights



Meeting with Honorable Vice Chancellor- 5 September 2018



SMIU organizes Orientation Day - 31 August 2018



SMIU Celebrates Independence Day with a great national spirit. 14 August 2018

SMIU AQEC Contribution in INQAAHE Newsletter of September 2018

The Accreditation and Quality Enhancement Cell of Sindh Madressatul Islam University conducted self-review of MS/MPhil & Equivalent Programs as recommended by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in its revised criteria for Assessment of Quality Enhancement Cell by Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) on 30th May 2018. The event received coverage in INQAAHE newsletter.

Director AQEC lecture in Faculty Development Training Program

Dr. Saima Baig, Director AQEC delivered a lecture on “Importance of Self-Assessment in Higher Education” on 1st August 2018. The lecture was part of the faculty development training program for the newly hired faculty members of all departments.

Action Plan of MS/M.Phil. and Equivalent programs Self-Review

After successfully conducting self-review of MS/M.Phil. Equivalent and programs on 30th May 2018. Team AQEC developed an action plan to further improve the quality of programs based on the observations and the recommendations of review panel.

Higher Education Statistics 2017-18

Team AQEC successfully submitted the SMI University statistical data to Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) HEC statistics department as per their desired format.

QEC Yearly Progress Report (YPR) 2017-18

For the annual assessment of QEC performance, Team AQEC successfully submitted the YPR documents to QAA HEC as per their new assessment criteria. SMIU AQEC has been showing continuous improvement while successfully retaining W-category since the last three years.

University Portfolio Report (UPR)

As part of the new assessment criteria, Team AQEC successfully prepared and submitted the university portfolio report to QAA-HEC.

Executive Summary of Self-Assessment Reports (SAR)

Team AQEC prepared SARs of BS and MS programs of all departments in the year 2017-18 with the help of PT and AT members. An action plan and executive summary of these SARs was prepared and submitted to the Honorable Vice Chancellor for approval.

MS/M. Phil Equivalent Program Review – SMI University (Pakistan)
The Accreditation and Quality Enhancement Cell of Sindh Madressatul Islam University conducted an MS/MPhil & Equivalent Programs Review-Cell, as recommended by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in its revised criteria for Assessment of Quality Enhancement Cell by Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). The review panel consisted of one external member from the HEC, reviewer pool and two internal members: Institute of Business Administration, Karachi Director of QEC, Dr. Saad Hussain Mir and reviewer as external reviewer, Dr. Saad Aftab, Dean of Information Technology, and Dr. Zahid Ali Chaudhry, Dean of Business Administration Management and Commerce, were internal reviewers.
The panel reviewed all MS/M. Phil & Equivalent Programs of departments, i.e., Education Media and Communication Studies, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science, and Business Administration Management & Commerce. All reports were prepared in the HEC prescribed format and AQEC Director, Dr. Saima Baig, facilitated the MS Review meeting. The review panel met with Heads of Department and faculty members of MS/M.Phil. & Equivalent Programs then visited the University and to assess the adequacy of its facilities including the library, computer lab, and classrooms.
Thereafter, the review panel had an exit meeting with the worthy Vice-Chancellor of SMI University. The review panel discussed observations related to MS/M.Phil. & Equivalent Programs conducted by the departments. The Vice-Chancellor expressed hopes for further improvement in the MS/M.Phil. & Equivalent Programs, to provide quality of education in research and enhance capabilities in leadership and research at the international level. The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the AQEC department to fulfill the HEC requirement of the MS Program Review.
Accreditation Quality Enhancement Cell
On the recommendation of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, the Accreditation and Quality Enhancement Cell (AQEC) of SMI University registered “Two Day Institutional Performance Evaluation-2018” on 21st and 22nd June 2018. Mr. Muhammad Moinuddin Ali Khan, Head of Quality Enhancement Cell, Institute of Business Management (IBM) Karachi, was invited as an external evaluator. The team of evaluators included internal members of the University as well: The Dean, Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Saad Aftab and the Dean, Faculty of Business Administration Management & Commerce, Dr. Zahid Ali Chaudhry.
On the first day of evaluation, the team of evaluators scrutinized the Standardized documents, reports, annexures prepared by the HEC. In the evaluation encompassed proper writing of all the processes involved in the working of the University along with the documentary evidences, therefore, a substantial amount of time was invested by them to make sure that each process was being carried out as per the guidelines of the HEC. The absence of each administrative department of the University as well.
The Institutional Performance Evaluation was facilitated by the Director, Dr. Saima Baig, and an AQEC team. Dr. Baig presented the SMI University Portfolio Report to the evaluation panel then Mr. Moinuddin visited SMIU House of the University where he along with internal members and Director AQEC held a session with all faculty members and students of each of its five departments. Although faculty and students were on their summer holidays, they came specially to respond to the evaluation team. The general meeting with the faculty was held in the Quaid-e-Azam Conference Hall where Mr. Moinuddin addressed the panel and inquired about the processes and matters that were quite general in nature.
Furthermore, he paid a visit to the office of each chairperson of the department and inspected each and everything related to their courses, syllabus, teaching, evaluation, and student evaluation, to make sure each concern was properly recorded and maintained by them. The time-space for lunch and tea break was also observed in their busy schedule. The first day dealt mostly with the matters related to faculty and students. The next day was scheduled for administrative departments and other remaining matters. The second day of the Institutional Performance Evaluation began with the scrutiny of documents related to the administrative departments. The evaluation team embarked upon the inspection by paying a visit each department and assessing each of their aspects. The offices where the team paid visit included the Directorates of Finance, Directorates of HRM, Registrar Office, Directorate of QEC, Directorate of Planning & Development, IT Administrative Link, TV Studio, and Radio Studio in each department, the



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SMIU organizes a series of lecture programs on research work
6 August 2018



Director AQEC lecture in Faculty Development Training Program – 1st August 2018



Dr Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Honorable Vice Chancellor of SMIU and Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Honorable Vice Chancellor of AUST sign MoU of cooperation
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