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Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022

A meeting of the Faculty of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 2.15 p.m. at the Institute. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Ajit Ranade
2. Prof. Rajas Parchure
3. Prof. Deepak Shah
4. Prof. Sangeeta Shroff
5. Prof. Kakali Mukhopadhyay
6. Prof. Kailas Thaware
7. Prof. Anjali Radkar
8. Prof. Jayanti Kajale
9. Prof. Nanaji Shewale
10. Prof. Prashant Bansode
11. Dr. Anurag Asawa
12. Dr. Vini Sivanandan
13. Dr. Lalitagauri Kulkarni
14. Dr. Atreyee Sinha Chakraborty
15. Dr. K. S. Hari
16. Dr. K. S. Reddy
17. Dr. Suddhasil Siddhanta
18. Dr. Prema Borkar
19. Dr. Dilip Kajale
20. Smt. Amruta Suryavanshi
21. Dr. Neha Dhanawade
22. Dr. Ashish Kulkarni
23. Dr. Savita Kulkarni
24. Dr. Pooja Thakur
25. Ms. Saylee Jog
26. Dr. Bal Govind Chauhan
27. Mr. Pramod Joshi
28. Dr. Sunil Bhosale
29. Prof. P. N. Rath

Mr. Shardul Manurkar was also present in the meeting.

Minutes:

1. At the outset, the Vice Chancellor informed the members that there should be frequent faculty meetings to discuss about different matters and the same may be held at least once in two months.

2. The Vice Chancellor updated faculty regarding Vision and Roadmap Committee Meeting and informed that the out of six members, four members had attended physically the first meeting that happened on April 4, 2022 and one member, Prof. Errol d'Souza attended the meeting online. Prof. Yamii Iyer could not attend because she is in the United States. The minutes of the meeting of the said meeting is already circulated to all the faculty members. The members are likely to visit the Institute on 4th of June and have interaction with all teaching staff, non-teaching staff, Ph.D. students of the Institute. They will have one separate meeting with members of the Servants of India Society also.

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3. The Vice Chancellor informed the faculty that 5 New Research Centres are likely to be established in the Institute out of which significant progress has been made on three centres as per the following:

   a. **Centre for Health Policy and Systems-** Dr. Anjali Radkar is working with Dr. Sumit Kane from Melbourne University. One project approved by the UK Medical Science Research Council.

   b. **Center for Public Policy-** Talks with YASHADA are moving ahead. The idea of this Centre came up as a result of initiation made by former Officiating Director, Prof. Rajas Parchure had initiated the dialogue of training Government officers by the faculty of the Institute.

   c. **Centre for Law and Economics-** This Centre will be focusing on analysing the economic impact of judicial decisions. As a step towards this, the Institute is planning to conduct a Workshop on Economic Cost of Poor Justice Delivery and the Anatomy of Judicial Pendency in collaboration with India Justice Report Collective. This Workshop is tentatively scheduled in July 2022. Retd. Justice A P Shah is likely to attend the Workshop and the Institute will also try for sitting Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court to grace the Workshop.

   d. **Centre for Finance and Regulations-** This Centre will be focusing on the financial market and evolving regulations. We are likely to get a substantial grant for starting this Centre.

   e. **Centre for Sustainability and Development-** The establishment of this Centre will further Prof Kakali Mukhopadhyay's work on Environmental Economics. Besides, the Dhananjayarao Gadgil Centre for the Sustainable Village Development, which is presently working as an outreach centre of the Institute, will also be affiliated to this Centre.

4. **Faculty Profile for Websites-** The members discussed about problems in uploading documents in the Google drive circulated for updating faculty profiles on the Website. In this connection, the Vice Chancellor asked Mr. Pramod Joshi to ensure glitch-free operations. He also informed the members that the final formatting will evolve over a period of time having uniformity in the format and photographs as well.

5. **Common facilities for students: -** The members discussed about giving access to common facilities such as gardens, reading rooms etc. that are located at the Institute and the residential campuses to all the students and resolved as follows:

   (i) As a principle, all the students of the Institute including Undergraduate, Masters and Ph. D. students will be allowed access to all the common facilities that are located in both institute campus and residential campuses;

   (ii) The students be supplied with a Code of Conduct as there are frequent complaints of rude behavior towards faculty members and also indecency in public places;

   (iii) Though strictly there won't be any policy not to allow non-resident students to the facilities in the hostel campus, the hostilities be given preference over others in case there is shortage of space in the reading room located near the hostel. The day-scholars be advised to use the Library reading room which should be made functional on priority basis and be kept open till mid-night so that all the students can use the facility;

   (iv) One classroom in the Institute Campus may be made available for students to study at night;

   (v) A Committee may be set up to look into this matter in case it is so desired.

6. **Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)-:** The faculty members discussed about submission of Quality parameters which was circulated to them about a month back. Prof. Sangeeta Shroff, IQAC Coordinator informed that though the last date of submission was April 25, complete data for not a single criterion have been obtained though some faculty members have given information about a few metrics separately. It is resolved that all the one person may be appointed as a group leader for submission of data for each of the criterion. It will be his/ her responsibility to collect and submit data to the IQAC mail id on different metrics in the format as circulated to them earlier. Accordingly, the following parameters and the group leaders are suggested:

Sr. No.	Name of the Criterion	Group Leader
1.	Curricular Aspects	Prof. Rajas Parchure
2.	Teaching, Learning and Evaluation	Prof. Kailas Thaware
3.	Research, Innovation and Extension	Prof. P. N. Rath
4.	Infrastructure and Learning Resources	Mr. Pramod Joshi
5.	Student Support and Progression	Prof. Prashant Bansode
6.	Governance, Leadership and Management	Dr. Ajit Ranade
7.	Institutional Values and Best Practices	Prof. Sangeeta Shroff

The revised deadline for submission of data to IQAC mail id is fixed as May 5, 2022.

7. **Digital Initiative: -** The members discussed about the digital initiatives made by the Institute as part of its digital transformation project. In this connection, Mr. Pramod Joshi, Information Scientist of the Institute informed the members as follows:

   (i) The implementation one module for HR and Payroll system purchased from one vendor namely GreyT HR is in process which will take care of all HR related matters such as attendance, leave sanction, salary etc.

   (ii) An Information Technology Policy document for the Institute that will address e-mail, access, security etc. is being formulated and will be finalized soon;

   (iii) Master Plan for digital infrastructure at the Institute and residential campuses are almost finalized;

   (iv) For IT support, ticketing system has been introduced.

8. **Faculty Recruitment: -** The Vice Chancellor discussed the issue of faculty recruitment with the members and informed that Government of Maharashtra has approved for filling up 8 faculty positions for the Institute after finalization of the Employee Roster. It is resolved that the work of roster certification be expedited to fill the said positions. It is also resolved in the meeting to explore the possibility of having more Chair Professorships recruit faculty under the same.

9. **Developing a Framework for Distribution of Projects: -** The Vice Chancellor emphasized that the Institute should develop a framework for distribution of projects irrespective of whether these are sanctioned under different research centres like AERC, PRC etc. He also emphasized on rolling out a process for accepting/bidding for consulting projects After much discussion, it was resolved that the same may be placed and discussed in a separate meeting of the research staff.

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10. **Creation of Deans:** - The Vice Chancellor informed the members about creation of four positions of Deans as per the following to streamline academic administration:

   (i)   Dean of Faculty
   (ii)   Dean of Academic Affairs
   (iii)   Dean of Students Affairs
   (iv)   Dean of Research and Publications

All the Deans will be working with one Associate Dean except Academic Affairs where two Associate Deans will be appointed. The Deans and Associate Deans will be appointed for two years by rotation. Further, it is announced that all the academic matters will be discussed by a committee consisting of Deans, Associate Deans, Controller of Examinations, Programme Coordinators and Registrar of the Institute.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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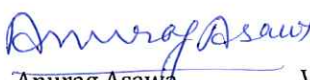
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