

Institutional Performance Evaluation

University of Haripur

IPES Report

(Draft)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

Background of IPES Review Process

The visit to University of Haripur was conducted on 23 – 25 September 2014 on the basis of eleven IPE Standards. Prior to the team visit, the university had provided the University Portfolio Report (UPR) which was prepared based on the guidelines provided to them by HEC. This also included a series of answers to the questions related to each of the eleven standards. During the visit to the university the Review Panel saw the infrastructural facilities, acquainted itself with the institutional resources and held discussions with the faculty members, administrative officials and students. The well prepared UPR facilitated the job of the Review Panel to the great extent.

Efforts put in the preparation of the UPR and cooperation extended by all administrative and academic officials, especially the focal person are gratefully acknowledged. Vice Chancellor's extended meeting with the Panel and elaborate discussion on the matters relating to uplift the functioning of the university and enhancing the quality of teaching and research was appreciable.

IPES Review Panel was comprised of following members.

- Dr Rafique Baloch (DG QAA HEC)
- Dr Abdul Sami (Dir QEC Mehran Engg University Sind)
- Brg(Retd) Engg Saleem A Khan (Dir QEC Riphah International University, Islamabad)
- Air Cdre Engg Abdul Wahab Motla (Dir QEC Air university Islamabad)
- Ms Iram Sohail (Dir QEC GCU Lahore)
- Mr Shoaib Irshad (HEC Coordinator)

COMMENDATIONS

The vision and mission statement of university have been evolved by involving all stake holders within university. It is printed in prospectus, annual report 2012-13 and also published on university webpage.

The university has well defined planning and evaluations processes and allocations of budget are made to the departments to meet their projected requirements.

As the university is in development phase, all required PC-1s have been prepared and submitted to HEC and Planning Commission for approvals.

As the University of Haripur was upgraded from campus to the status of university in 2012 and progress made within limited time of two years is praise worthy.

Top management is committed towards development of different processes, building infrastructure and facilities for students and faculty.

Every member of management and academic departments showed their involvement and interest to improve upon quality of teaching, learning and research.

The campus is well maintained and presentable.

Faculty and students seemed to be satisfied with environment of university.

Affirmations:-

The university was formally recognized by HEC in 2013 but so far meeting of Senate has not been taken place.

Due to delay in conduction of Senate Meeting, approval of the statutes of different statutory bodies for functioning of university are unapproved.

Due to delay in Senate Meeting faculty and staff appointments are held up which directly affecting the performance of academics and other functioning of university

In the absence of approved statutes, Academic Council, Board of faculties (BOF), Board of Studies (BOS), Selection board and Advance studies and research boards are dysfunctional which is affecting MS/PhD students' performance at most.

Three Meetings of Syndicate were held in the last two years.

There are about 38 faculty members with PhD qualification but only one is on the list of approved HEC supervisor.

Due to shortage of space in the campus, Laboratories are not established as per the requirement of programs, however efforts are being made to build infrastructure.

The course codes are also not in line with standard guidelines.

There are about ten thousand books in central library for about 2670 enrolled students.

Book Issuance system is not properly established.

There are 150 computers available in labs for all students, as per standard guidelines, student to computer ratio is 1:3.

There is no connectivity for HEC digital library. It may affect the progress/performance of researchers, MS/MPhil and Ph.D. students.

Separate prayer room for the female students is not available however a portion of café has been nominated as prayer place.

Non availability of day care center in the university may affect the progress/performance of faculty/staff especially female faculty/staff.

There are no suggestion/complaint boxes installed at any place in campus for students and visitors.

Recommendations

Dedicated efforts may be made to conduct Senate meeting on priority so that pending issues including Statutes of university may be approved.

University must take necessary steps for the regular conduction of meetings of statutory bodies of university as per University Act.

Faculty members with PhD qualifications may be encouraged to become HEC approved supervisors

Computing facility may be equipped with more computers

For efficient functioning of existing committees like grievance committee, harassment committee, plagiarism committee, discipline committee, unfair mean committee, their SOPs may be develop.

The course codes need revision as per standard guidelines.

The university may conduct a need based assessment survey in respect of laboratories, library, and other facilities for the identification of deficiencies.