

**NIRMA UNIVERSITY**  
**INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY**

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Institute Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting held on 23/01/2019 at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University.**

**The following members were present:**

1. Prof. A. K. Chakraborti - Chairman, IAC
2. Prof. P. R. Vavia, Member, IAC
3. Dr. Kiran Kalia, Member, IAC
4. Dr. Jyoti Paliwal, Member, IAC
5. Dr. Mukul Jain, Member, IAC
6. Dr. Shivprakash Ratnam, Member, IAC
7. Prof. Manjunath D. Ghate, Director, Institute of Pharmacy (Convener)
8. Prof. Tejal A Mehta, Head, Department of Pharmaceutics, Institute of Pharmacy
9. Prof. Priti Mehta, Prof, Department of Pharm Analysis, Institute of Pharmacy
10. Prof. Jigna Shah, Head, Department of Pharmacology, Institute of Pharmacy
11. Dr. Hardik Bhatt, Head, Department of Pharm. Chemistry, Institute of Pharmacy
12. Dr. Niyati Acharya, Head, Department of Pharmacognosy, Institute of Pharmacy

Prof. A. K. Chakraborti chaired the meeting. Chairman welcomed the members and invited all HODs for the 5<sup>th</sup> IAC meeting.

**Item No. 1. Consideration of confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting held on 03/03/2018.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of meeting held on 03/03/18 *be confirmed* as circulated.

**Item No. 2. Consideration of note on action taken on the decision of the previous meeting held on 03/03/2018**

**Resolved** that the action taken on the decision of the meeting held on 03/03/2018, be noted with following observations and decision:

- NIRF ranking analysis for year 2018 was discussed and members were in opinion for appointment of faculty for improving required FSR (Faculty Student Ratio).



- Dr. Ghate discussed efforts done for improving consultancy. However committee felt that total consultancy received in last two years is low. It was discussed to circulate available research faculties with thrust areas of faculty/department to various companies for attracting consultancy. It was suggested to improve animal house faculty to get more consultancy.
- It was shared that each department identified their thrust research areas. Members advised to focus on these areas for better research output.
- The members felt to strengthen the industry based projects and increase the number of project applications for grants towards external agencies.
- Motivating students to opt for MOOC courses as elective in area of bioengineering, polymer science etc. was also discussed.
- It was advised to increase number of full time Ph. D students for improving research. They also suggested to collaborate with research organizations including foreign universities to enhance the quality of research. The chairman shared that only few students visited foreign universities for conferences/ symposia/seminar/workshops, hence it is suggested to increase the budget of travel grant for Ph. D Students such that many students can participate.
- Looking to increase in demand of biotech products to cure life threatening diseases, members express good opportunity to start M pharm in field of Pharm. Biotechnology.
- UG students receive the scholarship from government, SCOTT and Nirma University. Therefore, it was proposed that others scholarship approaches should be explored, which include RGPS, Minority, MNF, Competitive scholarship etc. for UG students.

### **Item No. 3. Discussion on Institute Progress for the year 2018-19**

Progress of the institute was appreciated by the members. However, following are the observations:

- The members discussed to improve GPAT results of B. Pharmacy students.
- The committee felt that exposure towards entrepreneurship, professional ethics and communication skills needs to be enhanced further.
- The average salary for placements was increased compared to last year. The members advised to explore placements opportunities outside Gujarat.
- 4 international and 7 national MOU were already done. It was advised to monitor the MOUs.

### **Item No. 4. Department wise presentation on Research activities**

- All the heads of department presented the research progress made during the year 2018-2019 and following are the remarks of the committee.



- The progress was found satisfactory. However, it is suggested to improve publications, research projects, patents and consultancy.
- Policy for technology transfer and research fund mobilization should be improved.
- Tie up towards analytical laboratories should be encouraged
- Faculty should be motivated for foreign visits to update their knowledge.

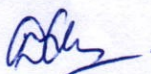
**Item No.5. Student Satisfaction Survey**

- The student satisfaction survey of last year was discussed and found satisfactory by the members. However, there can be increment in internship, student exchange program and field visit opportunities for the students.

**Item No.6. Any other item with the permission of the chair**

- Facility as per regulatory agency could be explored for better consultancy and research
- Foreign faculty could be invited as visiting faculty
- The principally approved DST-DPRP project was also discussed and opinion of the committee members was taken for assigning space for the instrument to be procured under the scheme. Committee members were in opinion to keep this facility with Central Instrumentation Laboratory of University with other instruments to enable ease in accessibility.
- **NBA:** The revised vision, mission of the institute and PEOs and POs of B.Pharm Program were shared with the members. The members found them satisfactory. The members also reviewed the preparation of NBA. Dr. P.R. Vavia gave suggestions for measuring attainment of POs.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
 Prof. Manjunath D. Ghatge  
 Member Secretary –IAC

C.f.w.c. to:

1. Vice President, Nirma University
2. Director General, Nirma University
3. Hon. Director (Academic & General Administration), Nirma University
4. Executive Registrar, Nirma University