

Nirma University

Institute of Pharmacy

Minutes of the Eighth Institute Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21st October, 2021 at 11.00 am through Google meet. The following members were present:

- 1 Prof. C. K. Kokate - Member, IAC
- 2 Prof. R. K. Goyal, Member, IAC
- 3 Dr. Ajay Khopade, Member, IAC
- 4 Dr. Ketan Patel, Member, IAC
- 5 Prof. Manjunath D. Ghate, Director, Institute of Pharmacy (Convener)
- 6 Prof. Tejal Mehta, Head, Department of Pharmaceutics, Institute of Pharmacy
- 7 Prof. Priti Mehta, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Institute of Pharmacy
- 8 Prof. Jigna Shah, Head, Department of Pharmacology, Institute of Pharmacy
- 9 Dr. Hardik Bhatt, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Institute of Pharmacy
- 10 Dr. Niyati Acharya, Head, Department of Pharmacognosy, Institute of Pharmacy
- 11 Dr. Mayur Patel, Co-ordinator, Eighth Institute Advisory Committee

Prof. Navin Sheth, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad could not attend the meeting.

Prof. Ghate welcomed the IAC members and invited Heads of the Departments for the 8th IAC meeting. Dr. Ghate presented Institute progress of last academic year and provided supporting information. Deliberation and discussion was carried out in length and members provided following comments / suggestions:

1. **Consideration of confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 26.06.2020. (Encl-I)**

Resolved that the minutes of meeting held on 26.06.2020 be confirmed as circulated.

2. **Consideration of the note on action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting. (Encl.-II)**

Resolved that the action taken on the decision of the meeting held on 26.06.2020 All the activities were taken. However, following activity needs to be taken:

- Pharmacovigilance activities.
- Faculty members should apply for various scholarships like Commonwealth, DAAD etc. For international training or exchange programme.

3. **Discussion on Institute Progress for the year 2020-21.**

- Members congratulated for securing first rank in GSIRF ranking.
- The members appreciated efforts taken by institute to provide group and individual training to interested students for GPAT examination. Members also provided steps to taken for improvement in GPAT results of B. Pharmacy students.
- The members appreciated International Expert Lecture series organized by the institute.
- The members appreciated various international and national expert talks organized under UG research council. However, they suggested to combine it with UG project offered to final year B.Pharm students.
- Members suggested that the activities pertaining to pharmacovigilance should be improved.
- Members appreciated that thesis writing workshop was organized for PG and PhD students, however, they insisted on improving their writing skills and to increase their interest in research.
- Dr. Ketan R. Patel suggested to organize lecture series which helps to improve thought process in the students and aids in shaping up their minds.
- Dr. Ajay Khopade appreciated the improvement in the quality of publications. It was suggested to publish negative outcome of research project/thesis if any.

4. **Discussion on Accreditation and Rankings.**

- The members complement institutes for various activities and achieving NIRF ranking - 20 in NIRF-2021 rankings.
- The members suggested improvements in rankings and accreditations by thoroughly analyzing the Ranking Parameters with other Institutes.
- **NIRF Ranking (Teaching Learning Reourses):**

- Faculty student ratio (FSR) should be improved by increasing the regular faculty strength (Total number of regular faculties are less than half as compare to other institutes).
- New PG program and Pharm. D. program can be initiated.
- All faculty members having PhD should apply for guideship to Increase in number of PhD guides and PhD students.
- Increase in number of publication as well as quality of publication.
- Increase in number of patent and explore the possibility of design patent
- Increase in number of research projects.
- NU funded project should be done in collaboration with the Industry so it can be considered in research project points.
- Instrumental facility should be improved.
- **Points for improvement in Graduation Outcomes (GO)**
 - Median salary improvement in placement
- **Points for improvement in Outreach and Inclusivity (OI): Region Diversity**
 - Explore B.Pharm. admission at all India level.
- **Points for improvement in Perception**
 - Regular advertisement of Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University in the National newspapers for improvement in perception

- Members suggested to increase the number of Full-Time Ph.D students.
- Increase the number of International Collaborations and effective MOUs.
- Members suggested to increase the number of funded projects.
- It was suggested to improve the Regional Diversity in Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programme by attracting students from All India Level.
- Members suggested that faculty members take part in the National / International Committees, attending the conferences and research output to increase the perception of the Institute.

5. **Discussion on Thrust Area of Research.**

- The members felt that the Thrust area of Research should be more specific and suggested to make necessary changes in them.

6. **Improve in Reach & Circulation of NUJPS**

- One of the suggestions may be thinking of changing the name of the journal.

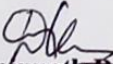
7. **Development of Research Centre of Institute**

- It was suggested to have research centre on “Centre of Advanced Pharmaceutical Research” and should have subcommittees as per UGC requirements.

8. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

- Members appreciated the development of new cell culture facility.
- It was suggested that instrumentation facility as per regulatory agencies could be explored for better outreach to industry as well as to academia for testing and consultancy.
- Members suggested to have UGC – 12B recognition to help faculty getting more grants and /or BAB accreditation of some departments.
- Members suggested that now the Institute initiate to start new Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes.
- Members suggested to improve more Industrial MOU and Collaboration activities.
- Prof. Kokate insisted to go for AICTE recognition an improve the Industry interaction which will be real strenght to the Institute.

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. Executive Registrar, Nirma University