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Minutes of the IQAC meeting held on 29.01.2024

- The Principal, Dr Mausumi Chatterjee, welcomed all the members, including the two honourable external members, Dr Sharmila Mitra, Principal of Behala College, and Sri Sudip Halder, CTO and Director, Jupiter Wagons Ltd.

- Prof Gautam Mukherjee informed the members about the minutes of the last IQAC meeting held on 17/01/2024 and the suggestions put forward by different teachers for increasing the number of students in pure science departments like Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. The minutes were confirmed.

- Prof Shantanu Basu asked Dr. Mitra (who has a vast experience as NAAC Peer Team member) about the issues that we should emphasize on in the fourth cycle. Dr Sharmila Mitra said that in the fourth cycle emphasis should be laid on:

  - MoUs with industrial establishments,
  - employability of students,
  - revenue generation (for example optimum round-the-clock utilization of college infrastructure)
  - introduction of certificate courses like Handicrafts, Travel and Tourism, Photography etc.
  - formation of a common pool of database for NAAC, NIRF and AISHE
  - motivating General students for lateral entry into engineering colleges after completing graduation.

- Sri Sudip Halder, industrialist, suggested that students should be acquainted with new horizons of the application of Chemistry like FPO and FSSAI assessments, waste management etc. Similarly he suggested the Bengali Department can offer useful Add-on Courses on:
  - Script writing
  - Translation
  - Legal document writing in Bengali
  - Proof reading
  - Vernacular journalism and content writing etc.
- Prof Supriya Mukherjee wanted to know whether the College can introduce subjects offered by universities other than Calcutta University. Dr Mitra and the Principal, Dr Mausumi Chatterjee, both answered in the negative as we have to follow C.U. rules and Higher Education Dept. guidelines.
- In response to Prof Anirban Mukherjee's query, Prof Sharmila Mitra said that Career counselling class should be made mandatory in the routine. Prof Mitra said a dedicated team of teachers and staff must work continuously to keep in touch with the changing bench-marks of NAAC in tune with the NEP2020.
- In answer to a question regarding introduction of Library Science at the UG level, the Librarian, Dr. Joydeep Chanda, said that the experience of two nearby Colleges has not been satisfactory.
- Citing example of Behala College, Dr Mitra said some special measures must be taken for challenged sections like audio recordings for blind students.

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- Prof Samrat Chatterjee suggested we can approach the university authorities to introduce such subjects as BBA, BCA, Data Science, Media Science, Artificial Intelligence as self-financed subjects.
- College should have a single comprehensive Alumni Association (instead of Departmental unions) and in the routine there should be a dedicated class for counselling by Alumni Association members.
- Prof Sarmistha Ganda Roy suggested that all awareness programmes should be given in the web-site.
- On the basis of above discussions and advice by the experts the IQAC recommends that Admission, Office Software and Website management should be given to a single service provider for uniformity of data collection, collation and analysis.

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