



# SRI RAMACHANDRA

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## Minutes of the General Body Meeting

<b>Venue:</b> IQAC Board Room, Medical College	<b>Date:</b> 16.12.2022	<b>Time:</b> 11.00 AM – 1.00 PM	
<b>Chairman</b>	Prof.P.V.Vijayaraghavan		
<b>Co-Chairman</b>	Prof. Mahesh Vakamudi		
<b>Senior Coordinator</b>	Dr. A. Ravi		
<b>Coordinator</b>	Dr.D.C. Mathangi		
<b>Ex-Officio Members</b>			
Thiru R.V. Sengutuvan, Pro-Chancellor			
Dr. S. P.Thyagarajan, Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research)			
Prof. K. V. Somasundaram, Professor of Eminence & Advisor (Academic)			
Dr.V.Raju, Provost, SRET			
<b>External Members</b>		<b>Status</b>	
Prof.C.Thangamuthu, Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Trichy		Present	
Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University		Apologies	
Mr.P.Balasubramaniam, Retired Commissioner of Police, Madurai		Present	
<b>Core Committee Members</b>			
Dr.Uma Sekar	Present	Dr.A. Seethalakshmi	Apologies
Dr.Latha Ravichandiran	Present	Dr. Lakshmi Venkatesh	Present
Dr.Padmavathi	Present	Dr. V. Vettriselvi	Present
Dr.Santhi Silambanan	Present	Dr. Deepak Moses Ravindran	Present
Dr.Sridharan K.S.	Present	Dr. Mohanapriya T	Present
Dr.P.Antony Leo Aseer	Present	Dr.R. Sumitha	Present
Prof. Narasimman Swaminathan	Apologies	Dr. A. Porkodi	Present
Dr.Pankaj Badamilal Shah	Present	Mr. V Sundaravadivel	Present
Dr. Leena Dennis Joseph	Apologies	Dr. P. Sankar	Present

<b>University Officials</b>			
Thiru.V. Swaminathan	Apologies	Dr. Kalpana Balakrishnan	Present
Prof. K. Balaji Singh	Present	Thiru. J. Ravisankar	Present
Dr. Jothi Malar	Apologies	Ms. Jhansi Lakshmi	Present
Prof. Roopa Nagarajan	Present	Mr. Vasanth Kumar	Apologies
<b>Special Invitees</b>			
Dr. S. Anandan	Present	Dr. S. Sankar	Present
Dr. H.Tamizhchelvan	Present	Dr. Selvam Jesiah	Present
Dr. Jerad Suresh	Apologies	Dr. P. Ramachandran	Apologies
Dr.S.J. Nalini	Present	Dr. Jolly Roy	Apologies
Dr. S. Senthil Kumar	Present	Dr.T. Ragunathan	Present
Prof. R. Sivakumar	Present	Mr.P. Ashok Kumar	Present
Dr. Solomon. F.D. Paul	Present	Mr.V. Ragavan	Present
<b>Alumni Members</b>			
Dr. M. Koushik Muthuraja	Apologies	Dr. V. Pavithra	Present
<b>Student Members</b>			
Mr.K.Jhai Kiran	Present	Ms.S.Jessica Janet	Present
<b>Parent Members</b>			
Mr.Lakshminarayanansaravanan	Apologies	Mr.A. Karthick	Apologies
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Action taken report on the GBM conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022</li> <li>2. Initiatives taken by IQAC for national and global ranking <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participation and outcome in new rankings- THE Impact ranking, Jalshakthi award, Asia award.</li> <li>b. Action plan for scaling up on NIRF ranking</li> <li>c. Update of IQAC website towards Times Impact Ranking</li> <li>d. Proposal for bringing out quarterly academic achievements of SRIHER (towards sharing with peers and experts to scale up on perception)</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Proposal for NAAC National Seminar /Conference</li> <li>4. Any other matter.</li> </ol>		

Hon Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of IQAC, SRIHER welcomed the External members and the internal members for the meeting. He highlighted the major outcomes from the last GBM.

The start of the meeting was with an important statement from the Vice Chancellor that “Quality cannot be enforced but internalized”. He requested IQAC Senior coordinator, Dr.A. Ravi to go over the meeting on the agenda.

S.No.	Agenda	Presentation by the team to the members	Suggestions by the Experts and Members
1	Action Taken Report based on the GBM inputs of the April 2022.	Dr.Ravi, presented the Action Taken Report based on the GBM inputs of the April 2022. Members approved on the submission.	
2. a	Dr.Ravi started that we are working on multiple submissions like NIRF, AISHE, THE Asia Awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIRF – Data are being collected towards submission</li> <li>• THE Asia Awards – three themes have been identified and teams formed.</li> <li>• Leadership and management team of the year</li> <li>• Teaching and Learning Strategy of the year</li> <li>• Outstanding contribution to Environmental leadership</li> <li>• AISHE – We need to be more diligent with data collection as this would, in years to come, become the single major source of data for Government of India.</li> </ul>	Prof. S.P.Thyagarajan appreciated the efforts taken by the IQAC’s proactive initiatives in participating in the various ranking/grading. He reiterated that participating on the mandatory ranking and accreditations should be focussed on with analysis down to micro details and presenting a proposed plan of action to the decision making bodies of the university.
2.b	THE Ranking	<p>Dr.Ravi informed the members on the ranking of the university on the THE Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Over all SDG Ranking – 401-600  SDG 3: Good Health &amp; Wellbeing – 101-200  SDG 4: Quality Education –201-300  SDG 6 : Clean Water &amp; Sanitation – 201-300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr.Ravi also informed on the University’s participation in Jalshakthi award, Govt. of India.</li> </ul>	

2.c	Presentation of NIRF 2022 Analysis	Dr.Mathangi, IQAC Coordinator, presented the NIRF analysis and action plan. She highlighted the areas that SRIHER needs to focus and also presented the methodology that needs to be focussed on. These include Research	<p>The analytical report and suggested action plants were appreciated.</p> <p>Salient points of discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof.SPT - Comparative analysis – year wise and with other institutions would give a better status check to reflect and take appropriate action. Based on the analysis done by sir, he said as other competing institutions have shown graded improvement, SRIHER was slipping</li> </ul> <p><i>Vice Chancellor informed the members that the detailed analysis was presented by the IQAC to the UDC and informed that the document would be shared with the members.</i></p> <p>Members expressed their concerns too</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VC - Most of the competing institutions have an Engineering college which has given the impetus towards scaling up in their ranking. He further told that we cannot hide behind this anymore as being multi-disciplinary is mandated as per NEP 2020 and hence SRIHER needs to work harder towards focussed targets and time lines.</li> <li>• Mr.Ravishankar, CFO - Most of the competing institutions started as engineering and then moved over towards healthcare streams unlike SRIHER which started as medical college and engineering stream commenced recently.</li> <li>• Prof.Ravi - NIRF did not consider MD/MS as to be equivalent to PhD since last two years. In addition only full-time PhD were considered.</li> </ul>
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			<p>Hence it affected scoring in this metric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof.Thangamuthu, External Expert - SRIHER was pioneer in introducing the Choice based credit system and we need to make them relevant to the students and not forced upon.</li></ul> <p>Prof. SPT suggested the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IQAC to identify the academic programs of SRIHER that need to be addressed for 100% admission and the strategies for the same.</li><li>• IQAC to work on Faculty-wise PhD and number of Teacher's with PhD. We need to identify faculty without PhD in the faculty of medicine and dentistry all faculties &amp; colleges and motivate them to register for PhD.</li></ul> <p>Dean, SRET - Uniqueness of our programs, internship and training, placement to be highlighted to prospective students.</p> <p>On the OE (Online Education) Though certain courses proposed by the faculty of SRIHER came under the prohibitory courses as they are under health sciences, Prof.SPT sir suggested the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To look beyond the prism of medical college</li><li>• Focus on Structured Capacity building for all faculty as they can all explore the possibility of conducting programs through SWAYAM/NPTEL.</li><li>• To explore the initiatives taken through the anatomy department</li><li>• Move out of apathy and resolve to take action oriented steps and commence.</li><li>• Dr.Mangala sundar of IIT Madras, is willing to handhold SRIHER towards the capacity building</li></ul>
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2.d	Research Promotion Initiatives	<p>Research Enhancement initiatives of SRIHER were presented by Dr.Kalpana Balakrishnan, Dean Research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bird's eye view of research output of SRIHER was given for the year 2020-21</li> <li>Fund generated (38 crores); On-going research projects (40); New (27); Submitted (121)</li> <li>SRIIC – Startup (10); Pre incubates (12), Trainings/workshops (30)</li> </ul> <p>She explained the methodology adopted for the various awards during the University day towards encouraging contributing researchers of SRIHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team awards for high impact publications</li> <li>Interdisciplinary nature of the publications during faculty wise</li> <li>Faculty wise publication</li> <li>Productivity index</li> <li>Indexed publication per faculty</li> <li>Highest volume of grant</li> <li>Highest number of citation</li> </ul> <p>The Dean Research further highlighted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality and quantity of publications have gone up</li> <li>Decentralization and making PGMC seamless</li> <li>Reimbursement policy for publication charges</li> </ul>	<p>Prof.SPT sir appreciated the efforts taken and outcomes that are presented. He advised that we need to work on fixed targets and timelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focussed team to encourage ICMR STS</li> <li>MD/MS Research dissertation support from ICMR</li> </ul> <p>Hon. Vice Chancellor informed that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Kamakoti, Director IIT Madras, has offered to guide us on patenting including expedite the process. We need to work focussed on this.</li> </ul> <p>Quality of PhD should be maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guides should be made accountable towards quality research</li> <li>Supervisor Research guidance methodology, faculty development program to be conducted</li> <li>Research methodology workshop conducted by Comm med dept is a huge success garnering participants from various institutions. It would be more prudent if it becomes more problem based approach</li> </ul> <p>Dean of SRET brought to the table the practice in other institutions for encouraging PhD scholars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD scholars may be given a stipend of Rs.30,000 and can also be used as teaching assistant and for active involvement in the conduct of the course work</li> </ul>

- Research grant targets – 4 thematic labs
- Encourage faculty towards Cluster submission
- Engineering colleges from outside are requesting SRIHER to participate in their collaborative research projects. We also need to join hands with our Engineering college.
- Research analytics to be shared with the faculty heads
- Research networking through RIP – regular with minimum of 60-70 participants. We should explore for protected time to encourage many students and faculty to actively get involved in these programs.

Research accountability for intramural funding

- Detailed analysis initiated which will be done annually
- Good work to be presented in the science day and given additional support
- Nucleus creation around the PI extramural grantees with PhD scholars, Faculty GATE project and summer research grants

Research visibility - New COO of BIRAC

- Faculty of SRIHER are there in National task force like faculty of Public Health, Dept. of Community Medicine.
- Other faculty with such credentials

		<p>may keep the IQAC and Dean research informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These members could give us the areas we need to focus when writing for research grants.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Kalpana further stated that she and her team are working in coordination with the Academic Officer on the following points - PhD students (intake), Patent and Admission. However she informed the members of the GBM that they have initiated discussion with the CFO for Increase of stipend for PhD. Currently we have close to 40 PhD per year and propose to increase to 100 PhD/ Year.</p>	
2.e.	Feedback analysis from stakeholders of SRIHER	<p>Feedback analysis from stakeholders of SRIHER was presented by Dean Education She highlighted on the strength and areas to strengthen based on the feedback. Action taken on the feedback was also presented.</p>	Members appreciated the action taken report that was presented.
2.f	IQAC Data Collection and Analysis Portal	<p>IQAC initiative in the Development of website for data collection along with faculty of SRET was presented.</p> <p>Highlights of this portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection as a single time activity</li> <li>• Comparative analysis would be done</li> <li>• Double authentication (password and via email)</li> </ul> <p>Dr.Ravi informed the members that IQAC will be testing the new portal with one or two faculty before taking it to all the faculties</p>	<p>Members appreciated the new portal designed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr.Ragunathan, Dean SRET suggested that prediction algorithm can also be worked out.</li> <li>• Dean research – align with their dept so that resurgence and this portal would help us in obtaining quality information</li> </ul>



2.G	Proposal for bringing out quarterly academic achievements	Dr. Ravi informed the members that, to improve the perception IQAC Proposes to bring out quarterly academic achievements of SRIHER	This was accepted by members.
3	IQAC National Symposium	Dr.Ravi informed the members on the proposed IQAC National Symposia on the theme "Implementation and Impact of NEP 2020in Health Professional Education" Tentative time : March / April of 2023	
4	Under Any other matters	Dr.Selvam Jesiah, Principal, Faculty of Management, asked why we are focussing on our areas to strengthen, we have number of areas were we are stronger than many of the top institutions. We need to take efforts to further strengthen these areas.	Dean of Faculties informed that SRIHER has already exploited the strong areas and has got this score. To scale up further in these metrics, we need to work harder. Hence focussing on other low lying targets would be prudent.
		Dr.Tamilselvan, Dean dental college informed the members on the letter from DCI on separate NAAC accreditation for Dental college.	Vice Chancellor informed that NAAC is mandatory for Dental College. However, as SRIHER University accreditation was done inclusive of the dental college, this might not apply.

Dr. Ravi thanked all the members for fruitful deliberations and valuable inputs to strengthen SRIHER as we move towards various rankings.



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