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Workshop on Outcome-based Learning and Assessment



A day-long training program was organized by IQAC on Outcome-based Learning and Assessment for the faculty members of the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS) of North South University (NSU) on March 30, 2017. Dr. Nova Ahmed, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) of NSU, was the facilitator of the training session.

Twenty four faculty members participated in this training program. The training began with a welcome address by Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director, IQAC, NSU. Dr. Nova Ahmed, in her presentation, discussed several topics including the importance of outcome-based education to reach the global standards in education, different assessment methods to measure the learning outcomes of the students and ways to identify the student learning outcomes.

It was an interactive session and participants found the training very fruitful. A number of group presentations were made by the participants. Dr. Mohammad Sahadet Hossain, Additional Director of IQAC, distributed the certificates among the participants towards the end of the training session.

Workshop on Work-Life Balance



A workshop on Work-Life Balance was held on April 3, 2017 at the School of Health and Life Sciences (SHLS) Dean's Conference Room of NSU. Dr. Rumana Riffat, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Engineering and Applied Science, George Washington University, USA was the key-speaker of the workshop.

The workshop was attended by fifteen female faculty members of different departments under the SHLS and the SEPS. The workshop began with a welcome address by Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director, IQAC, NSU. The guest speaker, Dr. Riffat shared her own experiences regarding work-life balance. She talked about the challenges she faced and how she overcame those with support from family, friends and colleagues.

It was an interactive session and participants shared their own experiences as well. Some good suggestions about what can be done at workplace to help the faculty members attain work-life balance came out in the process of discussion. The IQAC plans to continue this kind of workshop first for the female faculty members and then for all.

Successful Completion of IQAC Staff Training on Mastering Effective Communication and Team Building & Time Management



In response to the positive feedback from earlier training sessions, IQAC organized and successfully completed a training program for the first batch of administrative staff of NSU.

Thirty participants from various administrative units and academic departments of NSU participated and successfully completed the training program comprised of two sessions – two days on Mastering Effective Communication and two days on Team Building and Time Management.

Training on communication was facilitated by Mr. Ashfaq Zaman, President, LEAD while Mr. Yahia Md. Amin, CEO of LEAD conducted the training on team building and time management. Some guest-speakers, including former secretary to the government of Bangladesh, Dr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, prominent psychiatrist such as Dr. Mekhala Sarkar, Dr. Sifat-e-syed and Dr. Nafia Farzana Chowdhury, Acting Executive Director of Dhaka Chamber Business Institute (DBI), Mr. Kazi Md. Shafiqur Rahman, FVP and Head of Communications and Branding of Dhaka Bank Ltd., Mr. Anwar Ehtesham, and specialist trainer, Mr. Mayen Uddin, took part in the deliberations and shared their real-life experiences with the participants.

The participants enjoyed and learned a lot throughout the training program. They thanked IQAC for organizing this type of training and suggested to arrange similar training in future. At this moment, two more batches of more than thirty participants each are in the process of completing the training program.

Since its inception, IQAC has been playing an active role in providing training programs to the administrative staff as well as to the faculty members of NSU. It is planning to organize more training sessions for both academic and non-academic staff on relevant topics in the upcoming days, thus ensuring quality education through qualified/trained workforce in the campus.

IQAC Sponsored Departmental Workshops



Workshop on 'BSCEE Program Assessment' by IQAC at Dept. of CEE held on April 02, 2017.



Seminar on 'Choosing Right PhD Topic for You' by IQAC at Dept. of Law held on April 06, 2017.



Workshop on 'Importance, Idea Generation and Basic Tools and Techniques of Research' by IQAC at Dept. of Economics held on May 25, 2017.



Seminar on 'Effective Teaching Methodology and Student Assessment' by IQAC at Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology held on May 17, 2017.

Workshop on 'Stakeholders (teachers, staff, students)' by IQAC at Dept. of CEE held on May 25, 2017.



Result-sharing Workshops



Dr. Shiblee Ratan Barua, Assistant Professor of the Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology and head of Self-Assessment Committee (SAC) presenting at the Result-sharing Workshop held on April 19, 2017.

Mr. Nafish Sarwar Islam, Lecturer of the Management Department and Head of SAC sharing the survey findings among other faculty members and IQAC officials at the demo workshop held on May 25, 2017.



The Department of Accounting and Finance of NSU presenting its survey findings of self-assessment through a workshop held on June 15, 2017.

Dr. G M Sayedur Rahman, Associate Professor of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and head of SAC presenting at the Result-sharing workshop held on June 18, 2017.



2nd QAC Meeting with QAC Members



The 2nd Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) Meeting of IQAC was held on April 6, 2017 at the VC Conference Room of NSU. The meeting was attended by the QAC

Members of IQAC. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Prof. Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Deans from SBE, SEPS, SHLS and Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Registrar, NSU were present among others at the meeting. IQAC Director Dr. Nazmun Nahar started the meeting by making a short presentation on the accomplishments of IQAC after the 1st QAC Meeting that was held on October, 2016 till March 2017. Towards the end of the presentation, quality improvement areas were identified and placed in front of the QAC members for discussion. Funding issues were also discussed. The Additional Directors, Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen and Dr. Mohammad Sahadet Hossain were present at the meeting and participated in the discussion session.

Monthly Status Update Meeting with Self-Assessment Committee (SAC)



The 4th status update meeting was held on April 5, 2017 at the SBE Dean's Conference Room of NSU. The meeting was attended by the heads and members of SACs of the various departments. Dr. Tazmeen made a short presentation on the upcoming activities of IQAC and discussed about things to be done by the first six SACs. In the meeting, the SAC members informed IQAC about their current status and talked about the challenges that they were facing while preparing SA report. There was a question answer session towards the end of the meeting.



The 5th status update meeting with SAC members was held on May 23, 2017 at the SEPS/SHLS Dean's Conference Room of NSU. The meeting was moderated by Dr. Nazmun Nahar,

Director of IQAC. In the meeting, the first six SACs (that started in July 2016) informed IQAC that they were hoping to come up with their result-sharing workshops and draft SAR by June 2017. In the meantime, IQAC officials advised them to start preparing themselves for the upcoming External Peer Reviewer (EPR) visit to the campus tentatively in July. The second six SACs (that started in January 2017) were advised to hold result sharing workshop and complete drafting the SAR by September and get ready for EPR visit in October this year. A question answer session was held towards the end of the meeting whereby the format and content of the result sharing workshop, significance of the non-survey evidence and preparation for EPR visit were discussed.



A meeting with the SAC Heads/ member representatives was organized by IQAC on June 07, 2017 at the SBE Dean's Conference Room of NSU. Dr. Tazmeen made a short presentation stating where the SACs are now. He mentioned the deadlines for conducting result-sharing workshops and preparing for EPR visit to the campus for the SACs. He urged them to choose subject experts and let IQAC know by the end of June. Dr. Tazmeen emphasized that since this year marks the first step towards transition of IQAC from The World Bank to NSU, the Vice-Chancellor of NSU and Chair of QAC Prof. Atiqul Isalm is taking IQAC activities quite seriously.

Upcoming IQAC Events

- 01 Training on 'Mastering Effective Communication' for administrative staff of NSU will be held on July 06 & 13, 2017
- 02 Training on 'Team Building & Time Management' for administrative staff of NSU will be held on July 20 & 27, 2017
- 03 Meeting with Department Chairs and SAC Heads on 13 July, 2017
- 04 Training on 'Outcome-based Education and Learning' for NSU faculty members will be held in July 2017
- 05 Departmental Workshops at 16 Departments of NSU



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