

Site visit of the Review team for Bachelor of Science Degree Programme

The programme review for the Bachelor of Science degree programme of the Faculty of Science (FoS), University of Jaffna commenced in the early part of 2020 by preparing a thorough self-evaluation report (SER) in order to promote a culture of analysis and evidenced-based programme improvement. The FoS submitted the SER on June 30, 2020 to the QAC of the UGC for evaluation. Subsequently, a team of external reviewers appointed by the UGC started to evaluate the SER from a broader perspective. Due to the prolonged pandemic in the country, the evaluation process was suspended and then resumed by mid-2022.



As a part of the programme review, a team of UGC appointed reviewers (panel) consisting of Professor Prasad Sethunga (University of Peradeniya), Professor S. Aarasaretnam (Eastern university of Sri Lanka) and Dr. T. Mathiventhan (Eastern university of Sri Lanka) visited the University of Jaffna on November 9, 2022. The reviewers met the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, Professor S. Srisatkunarahah, in the first meeting in the Boardroom of the University. As one of the most senior academic staff of the faculty, the Vice Chancellor made insightful in-depth explanations and comments on the faculty and the university. The Registrar Mr. V. Kandeepan, the Dean/Faculty of Science Professor P. Ravirajan, Bursar Mr. K. Sureshkumar, Director/CQA Professor (Mrs.) M. Senthilnathanan, Heads of Departments and academic staff of the faculty attended this session. The Dean/FoS made a comprehensive presentation on self-evaluation report for BSc degree programme. This was preceded by screening a video documentary of the FoS (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpAx6EZqo7g&t=11s>). Later the panel members had a discussion with academic staff.



After that, the reviewers visited the department and observed teaching and learning process, and the facilities and had a conversation with students. After the lunch-break, they had an extensive discussion with Directors of University level centers such as CQA, SDC, UBL, CGU, CGEE, SMP-MIS unit and PEU. Coordinator from DELT and Proctor/UoJ, the Librarian, Head/Computer Unit and and University Medical Officer, University Health Centre were also participated in the discussion. After this the panel members had a discussion with the temporary academic staff, academic support staff and non-academic staff of the FoSc. They then conducted lengthy discussions with employers, alumni, and representative of students' societies.



In the final de-briefing and wrap-up session, the reviewers discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the department in detail with the Dean/Science, Director/CQA, Coordinator/IQAC, HoDs and all other staff of the Faculty.

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