

**1<sup>st</sup> IQAC Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 30 March 2021 at 1600 hrs.**  
**Virtual Meeting through Cisco Webex Platform**

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**Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Abhay Singh, Assistant Professor of Law, GMU & IQAC Coordinator welcomed all the members of the IQAC at the 1<sup>st</sup> IQAC meeting.

Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director- GMU, SMLPA, and SMM & Chairperson of the IQAC welcomed all the members of the IQAC on behalf of GMU.

**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 1**

**Adoption of the Agenda & Verification of quorum.**

**Resolution:**

The IQAC verified the quorum and adopted the agenda.

**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 2**

**Establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**

**Resolution:**

The Members of the IQAC appreciated a step for the establishment of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) by GMU at its inception stage, which is an innovative step for the progress of the University. Mr. Abhay Singh briefed about the membership and gave an introduction of all the members.

**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 3**

**Launch of School of Maritime Management**

**Resolution:**

Dr. Chirag Patel, Assistant Professor of Law, GMU gave details regarding the establishment, function, modalities of the School of Maritime Management. The IQAC took a note and welcomed the launch of School of Maritime Management.



#### **IQAC Agenda Item No.: 4**

##### **Launch of New Programmes: – MBA (Shipping and Logistics)**

##### **Resolution:**

Dr. Chirag Patel shared the details of MBA (Shipping and Logistics), a new programme launched by the GMU, Dr. Patel highlighted the structure and the importance of the programme. The IQAC took a note of the same and wished this programme a great success.

#### **IQAC Agenda Item No.: 5**

##### **Revision in LLM Programme and PG Diploma Programme**

##### **Resolution:**

Mr. Abhay Singh briefed the members about the revision of the course structure for the Academic Year 2020-21. He submitted that based on the suggestions provided by the Stakeholders, the Alumni (GMU) and various Maritime and Trade sector experts, it was felt that there is a need for the revision in the LLM and Diploma Programm(s). For the Maritime Law Specialization, the subjects “Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea” taught in the Academic Year 2019-20 has been replaced by “Shipping Laws and Regulations” which provides a more extensive study on the area and also present an Indian perspective, further “Law of Marine Insurance” and “Law of Shipping Contract” taught separately in academic the year 2019-20 have been clubbed together for the academic year 2020-21 and are being taught as “Law of Shipping Contract and Marine Insurance”. Further, a new subject namely “Maritime Labour Law” is being introduced/offered in the academic year 2020-21. The subject “Law of Marine Environment” taught in the academic year 2019-20 has also been revised in the academic year 2020-21 and is taught as “Law of Marine Environment and IMO Convention, the subject is now addressing in detail the multiple conventions by the IMO on the marine environment, the subject is also providing the application of the International standards to prevent degradation of the marine environment in India.

He further addressed that for the International Trade Law specialization the subject “Law of International Sale of Goods” taught in the academic year 2019-20 which was presenting the study of United Nation Convention on





International Sales of Goods has been replaced with “International Commercial Law” for the year academic year 2020-21. The subject along with the United Nation Convention on International Sales of Goods also covers the INCOTERMS, UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts and law of E-commerce, the subject also addresses the implementations of the mentioned laws in India.

**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 6**

**Establishment of Alumni Association Department**

**Resolution:**

The IQAC was briefed about the establishment of the Alumni Association Department and its functions. It was informed that as it is a baby step, the University will not charge from its alumni for the first year to encourage to be a part of the Alumni Association Department. Once the Alumni Association Department will be fully functional, the University may think of registering the alumni association at a later stage. The IQAC appreciated measures taken by the University.

**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 7**

**Updates on the ERP**

**Resolution:**

The IQAC took note of the procurement of the ERP services from M/s. Global Infoways and appreciated this step, keeping in view of the database, maintenance of records, etc, which may easily get from the ERP and can also generate reports for the NAAC, NIRF ranking participation. Further, the functions and benefits of the said ERP were also narrated to the members.

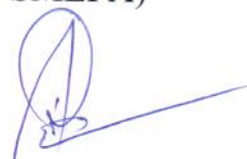
**IQAC Agenda Item No.: 8**

**Establishment of Centre of Excellence**

**Resolution:**

The IQAC was briefed about the Centre of Excellence established by the GMU and under School of Maritime Law, Policy and Administration- GMU. The Centre(s) plan of action was highlighted to the IQAC members which were also appraised by the IQAC members. The name(s) of the Centers are mentioned below for the records purposes.

- 1) Centre for Maritime Labor Law (established by SMLPA)
- 2) Centre for Maritime Dispute Resolution (established by SMLPA)



- 3) Centre for Maritime Environmental Law (established by SMLPA)
- 4) Centre for Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration (established by GMU)
- 5) Center of Executive Education (established by GMU)

It was emphasized to strengthen the Centers established, not only with the plan of action but it should be with research-oriented aspect and for a fruitful result. A detailed chart of activities for each centre may be prepared, and outcome may be reviewed from time to time, the evaluated outcome may help to decide the further plan of action.

### **IQAC Agenda Item No.: 9**

#### **MoU signed by GMU**

#### **Resolution:**

The IQAC very well appreciated the step of signing MoUs with the reputed organizations, it discussed the broader aspects of the objectives of all the three MoUs signed by the GMU with the reputed organization(s), i.e.

1. National Maritime Foundation
2. Copenhagen Business School Executive, (CBS Executive, Denmark)
3. Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port, and Transport Economics (Erasmus UPT)

### **IQAC Agenda Item No.: 10**

#### **Students Satisfaction Survey**

#### **Resolution:**

Mr. Abhay Singh informed the members about the Students Satisfaction Survey and the suggestion made by the Students. It was also informed that the good suggestions are also taken into consideration and the University is in process of implementing some of them for the betterment of the students and University at large.

### **IQAC Agenda Item No.: 11**

#### **IQAC Meeting Calendar**

#### **Resolution:**

The IQAC took a note of the IQAC Meeting Calendar and welcomed a step for making the calendar for the conduction of the regular IQAC meetings.



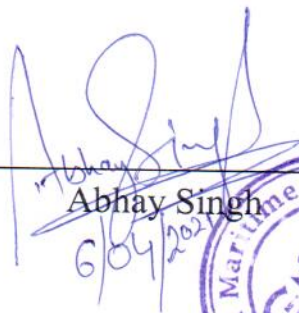


In context to the above agendas, Prof. J. R. Sharma suggested few suggestion(s), which are as follows:

- Best practices followed by the Global Universities should be identified and the University may follow the same or can create its own best practices.
- To prepare target orientated calendar of various activities /events/workshops, seminars, based on NAAC Matrices and NIRF Parameters.
- Maritime Management's vision and mission should be prepared and should be uploaded on the University website. The vision should be very clear in terms of the objectives. As the Maritime Management is a new concept and vital in the recent days, to gear up and to benefit the society from its outcome, this vision and mission would be very helpful.
- Research Consultancy Policy should be drafted and formulated in the practice.
- Research should be given special attention. The Faculty members must be encouraged for research in their respective fields with concrete outcomes.
- The University should enter into MOUs with National Institution and must attract research projects of significance and in association with a National Institute of repute shall establish a consultancy or mediation service at the university.
- Special Internship programmes should be organized for the faculty member so that they can gain the much needed practical knowledge.
- Since the Centre of excellence has been established in the university, in additions to the organizing of conferences, publishing of Books and Journals by the Centre, every member of the Centre shall come out with at least one research paper.
- Academic satisfaction should be collected after every 6 months from all the stakeholders. In addition to this an exit feedback shall also be collected from the passing out students after the end of their final examination and final submission of their dissertation so that a true feedback regarding their satisfaction could be presented.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson of the IQAC.

Signature of IQAC Coordinator:

  
Abhay Singh  
6/04/2021  
