

## **Montfort College**

### **IQAC meeting held on 27-01-2018**

#### **Members present:**

Bro. George Padikara  
Bro. Jacob Ezanikatt  
Dr. S V Suryarekha  
Dr. Tony Sam George  
Dr. Molly Joy  
Ms. Karuna Bhaskar  
Ms. Sangeetha Reddy  
Ms. Sritha Sandon  
Ms. Saritha Matthew  
Dr. Sr. Genevieve

#### **Proceedings**

Bro. George welcomed the members and thanked them for taking the time to attend the meeting. Bro. Jacob led the members in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting and the action taken were read by Dr. Suryarekha. There were no matters arising from the minutes, and the agenda was taken up.

#### **Submission of the AQAR**

Sritha Sandon mentioned that the AQAR for 16-17 was submitted to NAAC on the 17-10-2017 and the acknowledgement was received on 19-10-2017.

#### **International Conference**

Bro. George reminded the members that the college had planned to conduct a conference to mark 20 years of Montfort College and that the plan was to conduct it in 2018 itself and that the dates were being decided by the staff and tentatively October or December would be chosen. Dr. Tony wanted some clarifications as to what the conference hoped to achieve. He mentioned that the college needs to identify whether the aim was to increase visibility of the college, or to create new networks, or whether it was a more academic endeavor that would result in conference proceedings. There was some discussion regarding the same and it was decided that the members would bring up this issue for discussion when the core committee for the conference was formed and met.

#### **Quality of training**

Sritha Sandon mentioned that due to the faculty turn-over, several problems were occurring in supervision and this influences the quality of training. There was some amount of discussion and Dr. Molly mentioned that an FDP could be conducted by a good trainer who could train both new and old staff members in a good model of supervision. Bro. George also agreed that this was a good idea. It was decided that good supervisors like Mr. Cylde Murthy of Singapore or Ms. Sue Santi from UK would be approached and a supervision training would be organized at a convenient time.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle Reaccreditation**

In other matters, members suggested that the college could now look at working towards autonomy since the college has received permanent affiliation to Bangalore university. At this time, Bro. George mentioned that since the college needs to work on and submit the SSR, it may be safest to finish the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of reaccreditation and then work towards autonomy. Dr. Molly felt that with an A, it would be best to apply for autonomy immediately while Dr. Tony suggested that the college could focus on the reaccreditation first. The trifurcation of Bangalore University and its impact on the college was also discussed in terms of accreditation and affiliation. Sritha mentioned that when the internal members of the IQAC met to see what grade the college would receive based on the new SSR, the picture was quite dismal. She said that it looked like the college may not maintain an A grade with this tool. This led to some discussion and suggestions. It was finally decided that college would approach NAAC and explain the incompatibility of the tool for an institution like Montfort College and then would take up the decisions related to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of reaccreditation after this meeting.

### **Other matters:**

In other matters, Sritha Sandon mentioned that the college needs to enhance its visibility especially in the local community and towards this end, it would need to organize community-based programs. She mentioned that students regularly conduct awareness programs for mental health and suicide prevention between September and October each year but whether the members had any other ideas. Dr. Tony suggested the college try to approach the local slums and request students to volunteer there. Dr. Karuna suggested that students could conduct awareness workshops in the nearby schools and corporate sectors. Dr. Molly mentioned that walkathons could also be arranged which may receive media coverage and would improve visibility.

### **Reconstitution of IQAC:**

Dr. Sr. Genevieve requested that she could be excused from being an IQAC member in the future, that she is unable to travel and would continue as a governing council member. In light of this request, there was some discussion and Bro. George requested the other members also to share their feelings about continuing. Based on this discussion, the IQAC members were reconstituted for the academic year 2018-19. It was decided that for the current academic year, till July 2018, the same IQAC members would remain. Some of the suggestions for the new members were Ashwini NV, founder of Mukta and Bro. Matthew Panathanath, former principal, Montfort College. Members also suggested to include a student representative. It was decided that Bro. George and Sritha Sandon would approach different people and then reconstitute the IQAC for Ay 2018-19.

The meeting ended with a note of thanks from Bro. George and the members were invited to tea.

### **Actions to be taken:**

- Core committee to be formed for the international conference
- IQAC to approach NAAC and explain the situation of the new instrument
- International supervision trainers to be approached for a faculty development program

- Community awareness programs like walkathon and awareness workshops to be set into the new academic calendar
- Reconstitution of IQAC members



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