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SBBU Quality Enhancement Cell Improves its Category by Two Steps

The Quality Assurance Agency of the Higher Education Commission Islamabad has ranked the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of Shaheed BB University (SBBU) in "X" category with a total score of 71 per cent for the year 2013-14. Category "X" is the second top category in the QEC rating criteria with a score falling in the range between 68%-84%. The HEC's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) assesses the progress of the quality enhancement cells of public and private sector universities through quantitative scorecard system. In a letter to SBBU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr KB Marwat, HEC's Quality Assurance Agency Director General Prof Dr Rafiq Baloch appreciated the performance of the Quality Enhancement Cell of SBBU.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr KB Marwat congratulated the QEC Director Dr Muhammad Kamal and his team, and other faculty members and staff, on achieving the "X" category in HEC QEC rating and said that the achievement will herald improvement and sustainability in the overall quality of education and research at SBBU. During a program held by QEC, the veteran Vice Chancellor declared that "it is appreciable that the performance of the QEC at SBBU is progressing well. It is hoped that it will continue to achieve the objectives of strengthening internal and external quality assurance processes at the university". He also pointed out the importance of the role of every faculty member and staff in making possible such successes at the university.

Prof Dr Khan Bahadar Marwat Earns the Fellowship of Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS) and Secured the Highest Score among the New Fellows

Prof Dr KB Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Shaheed BB University has been recognized by the Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS) for his contribution as a scientist by awarding him the fellowship of the academy. PAS is the supreme scientific body of distinguished scientists in the country. Prof Marwat is among the most prominent scientists of Pakistan, recognized for his original contributions in the field of Botany and Weed Science. He is the Chief Editor of the Pakistan Journal of Weed Science and Subject Editor of Pakistan Journal of Botany. He has won several national and international awards which include Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Presidential Medal for Science & Technology, Best Teacher Award (HEC), Productive Scientist Award (PCST) and recently selected as Member of Executive Committee of National Commission of Science and Technology.



Quality
Assurance



The Board of Governors (BOG) of KIBGE (Karachi University) congratulated the newly elected council of the academy at KIBGE (Karachi University) on Dec 14, 2014. The participants congratulated Prof Marwat for his fellowship of PAS and expressed their best wishes for this life time award. The meeting was attended by Prof Dr Abid Azhar, Dr ZK Shinwari (Secretary General PAS), Dr AQ Khan (Fellow PAS), Prof Dr KB Marwat (Fellow PAS), Sardar Yasin Malik, Prof Dr M. Qaiser (Vice President PAS) and Dr Anwar Nasim (President PAS). Prof Marwat presented the Chitralli cap to Dr AQ Khan in recognition of his services to the nation and prayed for a long, healthy and productive life of the elders of PAS. The management, staff and faculty of the university congratulated the reverend Vice Chancellor for his fellowship. Dr Anwar Nasim has been elected as president, Dr ZA Shinwari as secretary general and Dr M Qaiser as Vice President of the academy for a period of three years.



(L to R): Prof Dr Abid Azhar, Dr ZK Shinwari, Dr AQ Khan Prof Dr KB Marwat, Prof Dr Sardar Yasin Malik, Prof Dr M Qaiser, Dr Anwar Nasim, (on the eve of BOG Meeting at KIBGE (KU).

Editors' Note:

We are pleased to share the new edition of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University newsletter. We are excited to share the news of the rapid progress made by the university and look forward to your valuable feedback in this regard.



HEC Indigenous On-campus Training Workshops at SBBU

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) sponsored two Indigenous On-campus Trainings at SBBU main campus Sheringal. These programs were organized by the directorate of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Shaheed BB University from December 01 to 10 (of five days each), to build the capacities of the administrative staff and management of the university.

Total 70 members of the administrative staff and management of the university were trained out of which 10 were nominated from the affiliated colleges. Each program was consisted of 15 sessions (22.5 hours) of inclusive training sessions in which six modules of very important topics were covered by the resource persons. The main focus of the training included; Good Governance, Quality Assurance, Communication Skills, Administrative Skills and Finance and Audit.



The opening ceremony of the first workshop was held on December 1, 2014 at the Video Conference Room of the main campus of SBBU where a large number of educationists, dignitaries and media-men were invited. Prof Dr KB Marwat, Vice Chancellor, SBBU was the chief guest of the function. Dr M Kamal Khan, Director QEC and the coordinator of the program briefed the participants on the objectives and contents of program. Dr Marwat highlighted the importance of the training to the audience. All the speakers praised the efforts of Learning Innovation Division, HEC for the promotion of education in this far-flung area of the country. The resource persons included; Prof Dr KB Marwat (VC, SBBU), Prof Dr Farhatullah (Director Advanced Studies, AUP), Dr Muhammad Kamal Khan (Director QEC, SBBU), Prof Dr M Iqbal (Ex- VC, UOM, Malakand), Mr M Idrees (Director Finance, SBBU) and Mr M Sardar (Director Audit, SBBU).

The programs were especially designed to train the administrative staff (management cadre) of the university and affiliated colleges. All HODs and BPS 16 of the university were among the participants at the training programs. They considered the whole program as a very useful effort and termed it as a milestone towards the improvement of the administrative capacity of the university.

The workshop was visualized as an input that would enable the staff to understand the basic principles of the subject modules. The course methodology included lectures, group discussions, analyses of written material, film screening, debates, pair-work and role plays. The resource persons at the workshop were the specialists of their subjects. The course provided an opportunity for them to share

their experience of working as administrators and researchers in the country and abroad. The Vice Chancellor of the university was also among the resource persons who came in to share his learning experiences and to provide feedback and suggestions to participants at the workshop.



Prof Dr KB Marwat, Vice Chancellor (SBBU) attended the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest of the function. Prof Dr Farhatullah, Prof Dr M Iqbal and Prof Badshah Hussain, Registrar (SBBU), among others were also present in the certificate distribution ceremony. Dr Frahat, Dr Iqbal and Dr Marwat awarded certificates to the participants, resource persons and organizers. Dr Marwat commended the efforts of QEC (specifically Mr Sahib Rehman, Deputy Treasurer SBBU and Mr Ibrar Hussain, Deputy Director QEC), for arranging such activities at the university. A large number of mediamen, educationists, tribal elders and staff were also present in the closing ceremony of the event.

The 10th Meeting of the Syndicate of Shaheed BB University Conducted

The 10th Meeting of the Syndicate of SBBU was held on 26th December at the University of Peshawar. Among the external members were Malik Muhammad Ali (MPA), Prof Dr Zahoor Ahmad Swati (VC AUP), Mr Zubair Shah, Mr Attaur Rahman Lodhi, Mr Muhammad Naeem (Nominee-HED) and Mr Anwar Ul Haq (Principal GDC, Dir). Prof Dr KB Marwat, VC SBBU, presented the report of the university to the syndicate. The syndicate discussed the agenda and gave various recommendations and applauded the efforts of SBBU for quality education in the area. They particularly praised the achievements of the Vice Chancellor which included the ranking of SBBU QEC, the establishment of Basic Health Unit, the memberships of Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) and Asia Pacific Quality Network. The esteemed body approved the transport rules, house allotment rules and library rules for the university. The recommendations of the 7th meeting of the selection board were also confirmed in this meeting. Finally, the body framed the Special Endowment Fund Rules for the Female students of Chitral.



The 7th Selection Board of SBBU Held

The 7th selection board meeting SBBU was held on 23rd and 24th December, 2014 at Peshawar. The board recommended various appointments for the administrative as well as teaching positions at the university. In addition to the internal members, the board was comprised of Prof Dr Jehanzeb Khan (VC UOS), Mr Zubair Shah (nominee of the syndicate), Captain (R) Jameel Amjad and Prof Dr Muhammad Qaiser (VC, UOK) as the external members. The selected teaching faculty will join the university in March 2015 after the winter break.



One-Day Workshop on "the Role of QEC and How to Write a Successful SAR"

The Quality Enhancement Cell, SBBU organized a one-day workshop for the Program Team (PT) members and Assessment Team (AT) members of various departments. Deputy Director (QEC) Ibrar Hussain was the resource person who delivered a compressive lecture on the role of QEC and the components of writing a successful self assessment report (SAR). Finally, Self Assessment Report, Rubric Report, Executive Summary and Implementation Plan were also discussed with the participants of the program.

Workshop on 'Outcome Based Education-OBE'

A workshop on 'Outcome Based Education (OBE)' was held at the VCR of SBBU at main campus Sheringal in Dec 2014. Vice Chancellor was the chief guest at the program who, in his inaugural session, pinpointed the importance of good governance and the connection among the vision, mission and PLOs (Program Learning Objectives) to the workshop participants. Dr Muhammad Kamal Khan, Director QEC, highlighted various aspects of the Blooms' Taxonomy and delivered talks on the domains of the framework and discussed PLO, CLOs and SLOs with the participants. Twenty five participants from various departments of the varsity participated in the program. This one day workshop was the part of the annual awareness activities of the QEC on quality education at SBBU.



The Seventh Meeting of Phase-4 QECs Held at HEC

Seventh Meeting of the Phase IV QECs was held on 30-31 of December, 2014 at HEC, Islamabad. This meeting was organized by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). Dr Muhammad Kamal Khan, Director QEC participated in this meeting and presented the annual progress report of the university. DG, QAA, Prof Dr Rafiq Baloch appreciated the progress made by SBBU in a short time span. He particularly praised the efforts of Prof Dr KB Marwat in raising the ranking of SBBU QEC and number of PhD faculty at the university. Dr Kamal invited the Phase 4 QECs to visit SBBU and offered the local hospitality for the next meeting of the phase at SBBU in June 2015. The honorable DG (QAA) accepted the invitation and directed the staff to arrange the next meeting of the phase at SBBU.



HEC Sponsored IOT Workshop Held at University of Malakand

A one-week HEC sponsored training workshop was held at the University of Malakand, Chakdara from 17 to 21 November, 2014. Dr Kamal, Director QEC was the resource person for the module on Communication Skills. The event was designed to enhance the capacities of the administrative and management staff of the university. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Johar Ali awarded certificate of participation to Dr Kamal. Mr Muhammad Qasim (Additional Director QEC) and Mr Ibrahim Jan (Assistant Registrar) also participated in the program. Dr Kamal appreciated the efforts of the Prof Dr Rehmat Ali (Director QEC, UOM) and Dr Jehangir (Deputy Director) for the improvement of quality at UOM.



Online Degree Verification System Adopted

The examination section of SBBU introduced the Online Degree Verification System for the students of the university as per HEC criteria. Now, all the DMCs, transcripts and degrees can be verified online. The URL for the verification is: http://www.sbbu.edu.pk/exams/Online_Verification/. Dr Muhammad Ali (COE) announced the facility and appreciated the contribution of Mr Intikhab Ullah (Deputy Controller-Secrecy) for the purpose.



Cultural Show Arranged at SBBU Wari

In view to motivate the people specially the youth of the area towards education and to bring peace and harmony among them, the Directorate of Students Societies SBBU arranged a cultural show at Wari campus on December 15, 2014. Dr Israr Atal, Mr BZ Danish, Singer Muntazir Khan, Poets Iqbal Rahi and Khalid Khan impressed all the participants by presenting their meaningful poetry and performance on the stage. They highlighted the peculiar values of Pashto culture through their performances. Mr Liaquat Ali welcomed the guests and thanked them for visiting the campus. At the end, Dr Israr, Mr Danish and Mr Liaquat distributed certificates and awards among the participants.



Prime Minister's National Youth Laptop Scheme at SBBU

A total of 52 laptops have been distributed among the students of MS and PhD at SBBU under the Prime Minister's National Youth Laptop Scheme for the FY 2013-14. Total 468 applications were sent to HEC as per defined criteria out of which 52 students were selected as the 1st phase of the program. The distribution ceremony was held at the committee room of SBBU Sheringal. Mr Badshah Hussain, registrar SBBU was the chief guest of the event. He, along with Dr M Ali and Mr Shah Bacha (HOD, English) distributed the laptops among the students. The selection for the 2nd phase of the scheme (for BS and masters students) is in progress.



QEC Acquires the Memberships of IQA

The SBBU QEC recently acquired the membership of the Association of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Islamic World. In a letter to Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr KB Marwat, dated Oct 28, 2014, Dr Tariq Al-Sindi (Executive Secretary, IQA) confirmed the status of SBBU. Dr Marwat hoped that the linkage would create more effective opportunities for the varsity to work with the top universities of the Islamic world at the platform of IQA.



Full Membership to the Himalayan Universities Consortium

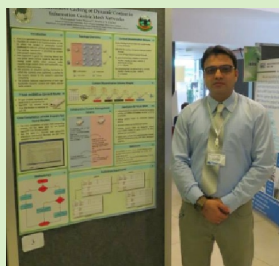
SBBU recently succeeded in achieving the status of full member of the Himalayan Universities Consortium, International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). On December 24, 2014, Dr David Molden (DG, ICIMOD) confirmed through a letter to Prof Dr KB Marwat the status of the full membership of SBBU. The Vice Chancellor termed this membership as an opportunity of great importance for SBBU to collaborate with more than 30 universities of eight countries. Dr Marwat was also invited by the consortium to the AGM last year.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



Dr Abdul Khaliq Jan, HOD (Chemistry), successfully defended his PhD thesis at the University of Karachi. His topic was "Biological Activities and Isolation of Natural Compounds for Galium Tricornutum". It is hoped that his work will contribute in finding the natural and indigenous sources for novel drugs for challenging diseases as he has already got published his articles in international research journals in this area. The VC, the Registrar, Dr Ali, Dr Kamal and others congratulated him for his brilliant achievement.

Mr Muhammad Naveed Khan, Lecturer in Chemistry, SBBU presented his poster at the conference on chemistry titled CHEMICAL TRENDS 2014 as held at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore on Oct 18, 2014. His topic for presentation was "Preparation of Permanent, Non-leaching Anti-Bacterial Coating on Glass Surfaces". He received certificate from Dr Irshad Hussain Chairman, Department of Chemistry, LUMS for his presentation.



SBBU PhD scholar at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Muhammad Faran Majeed won first prize at AIT Career Fair. A total of 13 researchers from AIT presented their research including science and engineering research projects during the event. Mr Faran presented his research on "Collaborative Caching of Dynamic Content in Information Centric Mesh Networks". He declared his success as the result of the prayers of his parents, colleagues and teachers. In a special call made to Mr Faran, Mr Badshah Hussain (Registrar) and Dr Kamal (Director QEC) congratulated him and conveyed their best wishes for the future endeavors of the scholar.

Dr Farman Participates in CAS-TWAS CEWE Training at Beijing China

Dr Farman Ali Khan (Assistant Professor of Chemistry) participated in the two months training program in ecotoxicology, offered by CAS-TWAS Centre of Excellence for Water and Environment (CAS-TWAS CEWE) at Research Centre of Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China. The program consisted of lectures, technical tours, workshops, intern ship and other related events. During his stay, he joined Prof Dr Zhimin Qiang research group towards a joined collaborative program, focused on the Ultra Violet degradation of micro pollutants using UV-C actinometry and UPLC measurements.



Dr Saira Nayab (Assistant Professor) and M Naveed Khan (Lecturer) from the department of Chemistry presented their research work on poster at 25th National and 13th International Chemistry Conference 2014 at the Institute of Chemistry, University of the Punjab, Lahore in October 2014.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr Anwar Zada has been appointed by the hon'able Vice Chancellor as Deputy Registrar (Academics). He has served the university in the capacity of Assistant Registrar (Academics), university PRO and holds an LLB degree also.





Mr Sajjad Ali has been appointed by the hon'able Vice Chancellor as Deputy Registrar (Establishment). He joined SBBU in February 2011 and served as Assistant Registrar and PS to Vice Chancellor. He holds an MS in Biotechnology from NARC, Islamabad.



Dr Noor Rehman has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry. He has completed his PhD from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil and MS from Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad.

NEWS IN PICTURES



MNA Sahibzada Tariqullah, MPA Malik Bahram Khan opening Campus coordinator Liaquat Ali and others were also present



MNA Sahibzada Tariqullah, MPA Malik Bahram Khan, Deputy Registrar Liaquat Ali and others at the prize distribution ceremony of Inter-departmental games at SBBU Wari



Distinguished Poet Dr Israr Atal with Prof BZ Danish at Cultural Show Arranged by SBBU Wari



PAS delegates (L to R): Prof Dr Rasul Jan, Prof Dr M. Qaiser, Prof Dr Shinwari, Prof Dr Nasim, and Prof Dr Marwat



Annual Dinner at the Department of Chemistry, SBBU on December 3, 2014



Board of Studies (BOS) Conducted by the Department of Animal Sciences

The first BOS meeting of the Department of Animal Sciences, SBBU was held on 9th January, 2015 at the University of Agriculture Peshawar. The meeting was chaired by the HOD Dr Muhammad Inam. Other members of the BOS were Prof Dr Sarzamin Khan, Dr Syed Muhammad Suhail, Dr Asad Sultan, Dr Nazir Ahmad Khan (from UAP), Dr Ziaur Rehman, Dr Kamran

Khan and Dr Ziaul Islam (from SBBU). The BOS discussed, modified and approved items of the agenda for M Phil program in Poultry Science and Livestock Management including syllabus, eligibility criteria and credit hours for certain courses. The members agreed and assured cooperation and support in their field of expertise in future in the best interest of the Department of Animal Sciences SBBU.



First Research student of Zoology, Mr Inayat-ul-Islam (BS) with his supervisor, Prof Dr Farzana Perveen and examiner, Prof Dr Hamid Afridi

Prof Dr KB Marwat Selected as the Member of the PM's ECNCST

Prof Dr KB Marwat (VC SBBU) has been selected as the member of the Prime Minister's Executive Committee of the National Commission for Science and Technology (ECNCST). This selection is one of the high recognitions at national level for the contribution made by the veteran scientist. The management, faculty and staff extended their felicitations to the honorable Vice Chancellor for the achievement.

PAS Delegates on Visit to KP

Distinguished delegates from Pakistan Academy of Sciences (PAS), Prof Dr Anwar Nasim (Chairman PAS), Prof Dr ZA Shinwari (Secretary General PAS) and Prof Dr M. Qaiser (VC Karachi University and Vice President PAS) visited the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) chapter of PAS. They congratulated the newly elected Fellows of PAS from KP, Prof Dr Khan Bahadar Marwat (VC SBBU) and Prof Dr Rasul Jan (VC UOP) and discussed the strengthening of the KP chapter of PAS.



Condolence Reference Held for the Victims of APS Peshawar Carnage

A condolence reference at SBBU was held for the victims of deadliest terrorist attack on Army Public School (APS) Peshawar. During the 10th syndicate meeting of the university, the participants offered Fateha for the departed souls. Speaking at the occasion, Prof Dr Marwat, Prof Dr Swati and Malik Muhammad Ali (MPA) among others strongly condemned the brutal and cowardly act of killing innocent students. They extended their deepest sympathies to parents and families of the victims of the carnage. The reference was attended by all the participants of the meeting and staff of the university.



TENURE EXTENDED

The Syndicate in its 10th meeting held on December 26, 2014 recommended the services of Mr Badshah Hussain as registrar for another term of three years. The Vice Chancellor, Directors, HODs, faculty members and staff congratulated him for his selection and conveyed their best wishes for his more active contribution in the next term for three years.



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