

Minutes of the Committee for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) Meeting for VTU Online Degree Programmes conducted on 04.11.2024 through blended mode under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vidyashankar S, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi.

**Members Present:**

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| Dr. S. Vidyashankar, Vice Chancellor, VTU, Belagavi   | Chairperson      |
| Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Dean, Faculty of Engineering VTU & Principal, VVCE, Mysuru                                      | Member           |
| Dr. Santosh L Deshpande, Professor, VTU CPGS, Belagavi  | Member           |
| Dr. T.P. Renukamurthy, Regional Director, VTU Regional Office & Professor, Dept. of Management Studies VTU CPGS, Mysuru | Member           |
| Dr. Preeti Patil, Programme Coordinator, Management Programme, VTU CDOE, Mysuru   | Member           |
| Dr. Kumar P K, Programme Coordinator, Computer Applications Programme, VTU CDOE, Mysuru                                 | Member           |
| Dr. H. Rajeshwari Sreenivasa, Dept. of Studies in Management, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore                   | Member           |
| Dr. B.E. Rangaswamy, Registrar, VTU, Belagavi   | Member           |
| Dr. T. N. Sreenivasa, Registrar (Evaluation), VTU, Belagavi   | Member           |
| Dr. P. Sandhya, Director, VTU CDOE, Mysuru  | Member Secretary |

**Members Absent:**

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| Dr. Dinesh Rangappa, Professor, VTU CPGS, Muddenahalli                               | Member |
| Mr. Raunak Singh Ahluwalia, Industry Expert, New Delhi                               | Member |
| Finance Officer, VTU, Belagavi   | Member |
| Dr. Mahesha V, Dept. of Studies in Commerce, Karnataka State Open University, Mysore | Member |

Dr. P. Sandhya, Director, VTU Centre for Online Education and Member Secretary, welcomed the Chairperson and all the members to the CIQA committee meeting.

## **Agenda**

1. Review of Programme Curriculum Equivalence with Conventional (Scheme and Syllabus)
2. Multi-Entry Multi-Exit (ME-ME) Implementation Framework
3. Learners' Mobility from Offline to Online Mode
4. Provision for equivalence of degree acquired through online mode is equivalent to conventional mode
5. Defining Eligibility criteria and provisions for award of prizes, medals, and ranks

Dr. P.Sandhya, Director, VTU Centre for Online Education and Member Secretary, welcomed the Chairperson and all the members to the CIQA committee meeting. The agenda-wise discussion was initiated and after detailed discussion the following resolutions were taken:

### **Agenda 1: Review of Programme Curriculum Equivalence with Conventional (Scheme and Syllabus)**

The Committee reviewed the agenda on curriculum equivalence between the VTU Conventional Programmes and VTU Online Degree Programmes (ODP). The members deliberated in detail on the pros and cons of adopting the scheme and syllabus of VTU Conventional mode for VTU ODP, considering that VTU is conducting Online Programmes under DUAL MODE as per the UGC Regulations for ODL/Online Education, 2020.

During the discussion, the Committee recommended to consider the Board of Studies (BoS) of VTU ODP with the VTU Regular Joint BoS, so as to ensure academic parity, uniformity, and better governance of academic standards across both the modes.

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**Resolution:**

After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended for aligning the scheme and syllabus of VTU Online Degree Programmes of BBA, BCA, MBA and MCA by adopting up to 80% syllabus of conventional mode and to nominate a nominee from VTU CDOE in the BoS of conventional mode for necessary academic approval process.

**Agenda 2: Multi-Entry Multi-Exit (ME-ME) Implementation Framework**

The Committee discussed on the agenda item regarding the implementation framework of Multi-Entry Multi-Exit (ME-ME) in line with the provisions of the UGC Regulations for ODL/Online Learning, 2020 and the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The members discussed in detail the requirements, challenges, and academic implications of adopting ME-ME in the Online Degree Programmes. It was emphasized that the framework should align with the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) guidelines and provide flexibility for learners while maintaining academic quality and equivalence.

**Resolution:**

After detailed discussed, the CIQA recommended for the implementation of the Multi-Entry Multi-Exit (ME-ME) for ODP and further to constitute an Expert Committee to prepare a roadmap and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the implementation of Multi-Entry Multi-Exit (ME-ME) and to submit a resolutions for necessary academic approvals from the Academic Senate (AS) and Executive Council (EC).

### **Agenda 3: Learners' Mobility from Offline to Online Mode**

The CIQA Committee deliberated on the agenda regarding the **implementation framework for Learners' Mobility from Offline to Online Mode** in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations for ODL/Online Learning, 2020 and the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The members discussed in detail the importance of enabling **flexible mobility pathways for learners from VTU conventional to VTU Online mode of study**, ensuring academic equivalence and quality. It was emphasized that a proper framework must be developed for the integration of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) so that learners can seamlessly transfer credits between offline and online modes of VTU programmes.

#### **Resolution:**

After detailed discussion, the CIQA recommended for the implementation of **Learners' Mobility from Offline to Online Mode**. Further, to constitute an Expert Committee to prepare a roadmap and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and to submit the resolutions for necessary academic approvals from the Academic Senate (AS) and Executive Council (EC).

### **Agenda 4: Provision for equivalence of degree acquired through online mode is equivalent to conventional mode**

The Committee deliberated on the agenda item regarding the equivalence of degrees awarded through Online Mode with those awarded through Conventional Mode. The members referred to the provisions of the UGC Regulations for ODL/Online Learning, 2020, which clearly state that degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate levels obtained through Online Mode shall be treated as equivalent to those offered in the Conventional Mode.

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**Resolution:**

After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended to incorporate an explicit provision in the Regulations of VTU Online Degree Programmes (BBA, BCA, MBA, and MCA) stating that the degree acquired through Online Mode shall be equivalent to the degree awarded in Conventional Mode. The same shall be placed before Academic Senate (AS) and Executive Council (EC) for further approval.

**Agenda 5: Provisions for award of degree, prizes, medals, and ranks**

The Committee deliberated on the agenda regarding the provisions for the award of prizes, medals, and ranks for learners of VTU Online Degree Programmes. The members noted that, in line with the UGC Regulations for ODL/Online Learning, 2020, learners of Online Degree Programmes are entitled to be conferred their degrees in the VTU Annual Convocation, similar to students of the conventional mode.

The Committee further emphasized the need to ensure parity and transparency by adopting clear provisions for awarding University ranks in BBA, BCA, MBA, and MCA Online Degree Programmes, along with medals, prizes, and other recognitions.

**Resolution:**

After detailed discussion, the CIQA recommended that the methodology followed in the conventional mode for the award of prizes, medals, and ranks be adopted for VTU Online Degree Programmes as well. The Committee further resolved to submit this recommendation for approval by the Academic Senate (AS) and Executive Council (EC), so that these recognitions may be duly conferred at the successive VTU Annual Convocations along with conventional degree awardees.





The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairperson and members of the CIQA committee by the Member Secretary.

| Memebrs  | Nomination       | Signature |
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