

Salesian College Sonada
Seven Point Criteria-wise Meeting
IQAC, NAAC (17-18 September 2018)

A two day meeting, 17 & 18 September 2018, was held in the A.V. Hall (301), Salesian College Sonada, in order to discuss the current status of the NAAC work. The meeting began at 3.15 pm with a short address of Terence Mukhia, the IQAC secretary, during which he welcomed all and stated the agenda of the meeting as the following: (a) detailed reports from seven point criteria teams, (b) questions & clarifications, (c) AQAR (2017-18), and (d) future plan. He highlighted the paradigm shift in NAAC related methodology and the need of team work where all the faculty, full-time or part-time, administrative as well as supportive staff needed to come together for the achievement of quality and excellence in the field of higher education. Then the team leaders were requested to go ahead with their presentations.

The team leaders of criteria one, four, five and six presented the detailed reports respectively. After the report of each group a short round of questions and clarifications was held.

The over-all impression was that the groups had almost completed their work. However, there were some areas still to be taken care of in all the four groups.

The first day of meeting ended at 4.45 pm followed by tea.

The second day of meeting resumed at 3.20 pm in the A.V. Hall (301). The meeting began with a short prayer by Fr. Pritam Barla, the Campus Minister of SCS. Dr. Terence Mukhia, IQAC secretary, welcomed the faculty. He requested the leaders of Criteria two, three and seven to present their reports. Each report presentation was followed by questions and clarifications. The second group could not present their reports in detail since the leader was missing. One of the members gave a briefing. However, the next two groups presented their reports in detail. The general impression was that the groups were struggling to collect supporting documents of data validation.

Dr. Terence Mukhia, the IQAC Secretary, communicated an important message from the Principal that the submission of AQAR (2017-2018) was a must for further online procedure. The team leaders were requested to mobilise the groups in this regard. He also brought to the notice of the members the current status of online procedure that had begun on 8th September. He informed that Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) had been submitted and the response was awaited. A message had been received stating that a mail for confirmation would be sent. It is still being awaited.

As for the future plan, the Secretary confided that the plan was to complete the NAAC procedure within a month. The aim was to acquire at least CGPA 3.51 so that the move towards the status of College with Excellence (CE) would be feasible. He requested the team members to forward the documents to Mr. Subhajit Ghosh, Siliguri Campus who would be responsible for sifting the documents for uploading. The members were requested to keep the files as well as the data and reports of the current years intact and in safe custody so that the NAAC work would be easy for the next cycle. A legally binding issue was highlighted by the secretary. If a faculty, especially a team leader or secretary, decided to leave the college he/she needed to hand over all the NAAC and Department related files and reports in possession, in order to get No Objection Certificate (NOC) which would be a pre-requisite for the acceptance of resignation and final discharge, failing which the issue could lead to legal complications. He requested the member to be responsible and careful with the documents.

The secretary also declared that it was the last group meeting as per the plan. Thereafter, only the meetings with individual group would be entertained if required. The IQAC secretary thanked the faculty for their hard work and sacrifice. Hoping of co-operation and collaboration in all future endeavours for the achievement of quality and excellence, he requested Fr. Pritam to give the concluding remarks.

Rev. Fr. Pritam congratulated the faculty for their assiduous efforts put in for NAAC works. He highlighted the importance of team work and collaboration if we wanted to achieve quality and excellence. After some encouraging words he declared the meeting closed.

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm.

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