

ACTION REPORT OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUDIT OF DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT FOR THE PERIOD 2016-2021.

As per the Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) Report of Department of Economics for the period 2016-2021 submitted by the External Expert on 29-11-2021, the Department Council discussed the following suggestions given by the Expert in detail.

Suggestions for Improvement:

1. More optional subjects to be offered in the area of Development.
2. More attention to be paid to increase the demand ratio of the Programmes offered.
3. Upgrading the Syllabus and Curriculum by considering local demand and needs.
4. More attention is needed in the publication of Examination results.
5. Steps to be taken to fill the vacant faculty position, especially Professor and Associate Professor posts.
6. Teachers are to be encouraged to participate in conferences and conduct programs/ seminars/ Workshops with the support from the University.
7. More attention to be paid to recognitions received by faculty from notable institutions.
8. More attention to be paid on solid waste management, Environmental Issues and Agricultural Pricing in Research Area.
9. Good numbers of books are available in the Library to promote research.
10. More attention is to be taken to publish research works in UGC- Care Journals.
11. More attention to be paid on Consultancy.
12. More Projects to be encouraged.
13. External Funds for research to be encouraged.
14. Sufficient staff strength to be ensured including library staff.
15. Creating more infrastructural facilities like opening of library for long hours from 6.00 a.m to 11.p.m and library with computer, internet facility and printer facilities for all students and research scholars.
16. Scientific feedback method is to be formulated and adopted.
17. Provision of Seed Money for newly appointed faculty members to do research project.
18. Encouraging students to travel to Universities and Institutions for consulting economists and for public matters.
19. Encourage participation in Seminars and Conferences, Department/ Business, Industrial Collaborations and adoption of rural villages are to be initiated and carried out systematically and scientifically.

Action Taken:

1. Considering the suggestions received from the external expert for AAA, the Department Council resolved to upgrade the syllabus and curriculum and to offer more elective courses on the theme, "Development".
2. The Department Council resolved to reduce the number of days between the last date examination and announcement of results.
3. The process of appointment of Professor and Associate Professors in the Department of Economics is already been started at the University.
4. The Department Council resolved to encourage the teachers to participate in more conferences and conduct programs/ seminars/ Workshops with the support from the University.
5. The Council resolved to pay more attention on solid waste management, Environmental Issues and Agricultural Pricing in Research Area.
6. The Department Council resolved to purchase more books for the Library to promote research.
7. The Council resolved to take more attention to publish articles in reputed journals, especially UGC- Care listed Journals.
8. The Department Council resolved to pay more attention to Consultancy.
9. The Council resolved to encourage faculty members to undertake more research projects.
10. The Department Council resolved to explore the possibilities of undertaking research with external funds.
11. The Department Council resolved to explore the possibilities of opening of library for long hours and availing library with computer, internet facility and printer facilities for all students and research scholars in consultation with University.
12. Digital and scientific feedback method has already been implemented for the teaching Departments by the University.
13. Seed Money for Minor Research Project has already been awarded to newly appoint three faculty members.
14. The Department Council resolved to encourage students to travel to Universities and Institutions, irrespective of the geographical distance, for consulting economists and for public matters.
15. The Council also resolved to carry out Department/ Business, Industrial Collaborations and explore the possibility of adoption of rural villages systematically and scientifically.



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