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Report of the Annual Planning Workshop-Faculty of Science

held on 29/02/2020 at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI)

As decided at the Quality Assurance (QA) Cell, meeting of the Heads of the Departments and the Faculty Board, Faculty Annual Planning Workshop was held at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute on 29/02/2020 from 8.30 am to 4 pm.

The workshop was attended by 72 members of the faculty. Going by the agenda of the workshop following members delivered presentations:

- Dean/ Science
- Heads of the Departments of Chemistry, Mathematics, Nuclear Science, Physics, Plant Sciences, Statistics and Zoology and Environment Sciences
- Director / Undergraduate Studies
- Director / Postgraduate studies
- DR/ Science
- SAB/Science
- Chairperson /QA Cell
- Co-Director – CGU

Based on the presentations delivered and the discussions took place following were identified by the faculty as deficiencies of the faculty and possible solutions for which the faculty will be working on:

Deficiencies

Academic	Administrative	Infrastructure	Possible solutions	Remarks
<p>academic cadre to be recruited to match with the future planned academic programmes (Honours / External programmes)</p> <p>Increased research time spent per member (almost doubling by 2024) as per the university strategic plan item 2.1</p>	<p>Extreme delay in cadre recruitment (between advertizing and actual hiring)</p> <p>Proper mechanism to dispose obsolete chemicals</p> <p>Delays in procurement activities</p>	<p>No space available to locate Pharmacy Laboratory</p> <p>Not enough research infrastructure to facilitate cutting-edge research</p>	<p>Possible space from a proposed new building to the faculty</p> <p>Re- evaluate the total time spent on research and how the time allocation can be done to leave more time to do research per person.</p> <p>Improve research infrastructure by establishing well-equipped research center(s)</p> <p>In collaboration with the rest of the university administration seek the possibility to expedite</p>	<p>It was suggested/recommended to organize a thorough faculty planning workshop to discuss/plan teaching innovation (incorporating socioemotional skills etc), research (world-class research) and outreach. First, Departments can be given time to work on their plans for about 3-4 months and then a faculty planning workshop(s) to determine the faculty plan and align all of the plans with the plans of the university/country.</p>

			procurement activities by establishing a reliable online procuring system (with necessary checks, balances in congruence with the auditing and other government guidelines/regulations/directives/circulars)	
Faculty wide curriculum review in every 05 years	Staff Development: Academic / Non Academic	Strengthen Research Facilities	Work on acquiring more research funds (from UGC and/or any other sources) as a faculty (in addition to individual grants which are already done) to have a well-equipped research center at the Faculty	
Completion of M.Sc. Programmes within five years		Department of Statistics space issue	Proposed DST building	
Re-activate dormant M.Sc./ PG Diploma programmes	Low funds allocation to the faculty in comparison to other science faculties		The faculty must identify the advanced equipment for research to be purchased, prioritize them and get a sufficient increase in funding, at least to add one item per year.	
Registered number of students per year vs. Number of degree completed students: drop outs / students who could not complete	Faculty procurement plan to be aligned with the Strategic Plan Central monitoring system for AHEAD activities			
Some courses with high number of A grades and failure grades			Class average and attendance records must be analyzed before a decision is taken on this.	

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