

## **Project Group on Student Participation in Quality Assurance**

### **[PG-13] – The First Annual Report**

The project on Student Participation in Quality Assurance aims at fulfilling the following key objectives

- To collect, analyse and disseminate theory, good practices and experiences of student participation in quality assurance in Asia Pacific Region.
- To promote exchange of good practices in student participation in quality assurance between different countries

The project has completed one year with a lot of activities undertaken jointly by the NAAC and APQN.

#### **Activities in first year**

1. A survey was conducted involving APQN member agencies about the status of a) Student Participation in QAAS and b) Student Participation in Internal Quality Assurance in HEIs of their respective countries.
2. A similar survey was conducted in accredited HEIs across India. Meetings were held with students in different parts of the country.

It is proposed to continue and supplement the survey by adopting different methods.

3. Based on these surveys a brief report on “Mapping student Participation in India and APQN” was presented in Bangalore Conference on Student Participation in Quality Enhancement.

4. Major activity under the auspices of this Project was International conference on Student Participation in Quality Enhancement held at Bangalore, India on 16th – 17th September 2006 with support of Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN). The conference was attended by delegates from about 10 countries and received overwhelming response from more than 150 participants from India.

5. The NAAC has been taking up various activities to promote student participation besides APQN supported initiatives. It celebrated last year as “NAAC 2006 Year of Student Participation in Quality Assurance

6 A book on Best Practices in “Student feedback and Participation” edited by Dr J Patil is being published by the NAAC.

7 A joint project proposal by APQN and NAAC has been submitted to SII, Netherlands based on the work done by SPQA project group.

**Future activities**

In addition to continuation of above said steps the proposed activities for the next year include- Focus group discussions with student bodies and HEIs; Workshops and small group meetings; A post conference publication on Student Participation in Quality Enhancement and A dedicated website for promoting SPQA.

Since PGL Dr J Patil will be visiting Australia under the Endeavor India Executive Award of Govt of Australia, this opportunity will be used to take further the work of project relating to Pacific region with help of Dr Stella of AUQA.

The group met during AGM and Conference at Kuala Lumpur to discuss the progress and chalk out further strategies in second year of the Project.

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