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PhD Colloquium and Qualifying Paper

Sunday, 1st of April 2016

Mr. Nav Raj Sinkhada, a student of PhD conducted a Delphi process of his thesis entitled “Leadership Styles and Performance of the Cooperatives.”

Sunday, 17th of April 2016

Mr. Dhanapati Subedi, a student of PhD in Leadership Education shared his thesis chapters (IV, V & VI). In the sharing session, professors of KUSOED provided constructive comments and suggestions in order to track him in the right direction.

Wednesday 27th of April 2016

Ms. Lina Gurung, a student of PhD defended her qualifying paper entitled “Women Portrayal and Feminist Movement in Media.”

Anila Jha, a student of PhD defended her qualifying paper entitled “ICT and Capability Enhancement: Perspective of Higher Education.”

Shesha Kanta Pangei, a student of PhD defended his qualifying paper entitled “Online Learning in Nepal: A Cultural Perspectives.”

Participation in a Conference

Wednesday to Saturday 13th to 16th of April 2016

Associate Professor Dr. Laxman Gnawali attended the 50th IATEFL Conference held in Birmingham, England, with pre-conference events. He presented a paper on "When Trainees Looked at the Bigger Picture," highlighting his experience of teacher training in English language teaching in Nepal.

Project Work

Sunday, 17th of April 2016

The final report of the Exam Reform Project commissioned by British Council, Nepal with the

Regarding the third agendum: Examination and result publication, it was discussed how end semester result could be published within 15 days after the exams are over. Dean thanked all faculties for the timely submission of final grades of the Fall semester 2015 and requested all faculties to support the Exam Section to publish result on time in future. Dean particularly instructed the Exam Section to prepare the publication of result within 15 days after exams. An Exam Regulation Committee was formed to suggest measures to address issues of examination as below. The Committee will review the present practices and suggests measures to improve.

Laxman Gnawali	Chair
Suman Acharya	Member
Binod Prasad Pant	Member

It was agreed that once this Committee submits its report by the next week, the concerns on INC and F grades will be addressed.

Concerning the fourth agendum: Internal Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee (IQAAC), the meeting formed the IQAAC as follows:

Prof. Mahesh Nath Parajuli	Chair
Associate Prof. Bal Chandra Luitel	Member
Dr. Tikaram Poudel	Member
Lina Gurung	Member

(student representative)

It was agreed that the Writing Team would share the progress on forthcoming regular KUSOED meeting on 11 April, 2016.

Regarding fifth agendum: Preparation of regular budget for the year 2073/74, it was decided to prepare annual plan and budget for the coming fiscal year with the support of Mr. Biraj Pradhan. Concerning sixth agendum: PhD, M Phil, and Master Students Record it was decided that Dr. Bal Chandra Luitel will develop a prototype (physical file) record of PhD students. He will also support for developing such record for all our PhD students. All concerned Units will then develop record of each student following the prototype developed by Dr. Luitel. Suresh Gautam

support of the Ministry of Education, Nepal, and carried out by NILE, UK and Kathmandu University School of Education has been submitted to the British Council. The project that started in November 2015 and just concluded worked on the development of test items for English language testing for SLC level.

NORHED Quantict Project Activity

Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th of April 2016

KUSOED organized a two- day refresher training program to faculty members in order to refresh them with a purpose of developing their capacities on video editing for effective online teaching. In the program, faculty members updated and developed their advanced skills on video editing using Camtasia Studio 8 and Screencast-o- matic softwares. Mr. Prabat Dhungana, a faculty of the School of Education, led the sessions for two days.

Proposal Defense

Friday, 1st of April 2016

Ms. Renuka Singh, a student of M Phil defended her proposal entitled “Exploring Graduate Women’s Agency: An Auto/ethnographic Inquiry.”

Monday, 4th of April 2016

Mr. Kul Prasad Khanal, a student of M Phil defended his proposal entitled “The Political Economy of Accountability in Community Schools.”

Mr. Rebat Kumar Dhakal, a student of PhD defended his proposal entitled “Inclusive School Governance in Nepal: An Ethnographic Inquiry.”

Ms. Rupa Munakarmi, a student of PhD defended her proposal entitled “Paradoxes of Nepali School Teachers in Practicing Integrity: An Ethnographic Case Study of Public Schools of Nepal.”

Mr. Sanjay Hamal, a student of PhD defended his proposal entitled “An Anthropological Study of the Flow and Usages of Funds in Public Schools.”

Sunday, 10th of April 2016

Ms. Punya Shori Suwal defended her proposal entitled “Nurse-Patient Communication: An Ethnographic Study.”

Thursday, 19th of April 2016

will share the record (electronic file) of M. Phil and PhD students being developed with Unit Coordinators who will then develop the record (electronic) of all students in their respective units. Concerning seventh agendum: NORHED Project, Associate Professor Dr. Luitel and Ramesh Neupane shared on the progress of NORHED activities, particularly on signing MOU with the proposed ODL Center in Butawal (Kanti HS School). Mr. Biraj Pradhan pointed out on the need for getting approval from the NORHED for transferring the programs and the budget from previous year to this year (2016). On this, Associate Dean Dr. Luitel informed that this was discussed and agreed by the NORHED QUANTICT Project Leader Prof Lekh Nath Sharm, Tribhuvan University. Dr. Luitel also informed that approval from NORHED of the programs and budget (that includes the transferred programs and budget from the previous years) indicate NORHED’s approval for such transfer.

Monday, 11th of April 2016

A meeting of KUSOED’s faculty members and staff was held to share and discuss on four agenda: B Ed in Chinese Language Teaching (CLT), Brochure Publication, KUSOED’s Annual Budget and Internal Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee (IQAAC) In the first agendum, Dean informed the faculties about the progress in B Ed in CLT. He informed that the process of appointing two Chinese language teachers is going on. He also requested faculties to see the possibility of organizing programs that could be of interest to the School as well as to the Confucius Center. Regarding the second agendum, Mandira Dhungana shared that publishing the brochure for Master level program is in process. Concerning the third agendum Biraj Pradhan shared that the regular budget preparation process for the coming fiscal year 2073/74 for the School is going on. Regarding the fourth agendum, Dr. Tikaram Poudel, Chair of Writing Team updated on the progress on the accreditation progress. He informed the faculties about the visit of Sagar Mani Neupane from the UGC to KUSOED on Sunday 10 April 2016 to discuss on matters related to QAA. Following his advice, the Internal Quality Assurance and Accreditation Committee (IQAAC) is reorganized as following:

Prof. Mahesh Nath Parajuli	Chair
Prof. Mana Prasad Wagley	Member
Associate Prof. Bal Chandra Luitel	Member
Associate Prof. Laxman Gnawali	Member
Asst Prof Tikaram Poudel	Member
Biraj Pradhan (Manager, Finance & Admin)	Member

Ms. Dil Kumar Thakuri, a student of M Phil defended her proposal entitled “Perception and Practices of Flexible Learning in Nepal: A Narrative Inquiry of Practitioners of Higher Education.”

Publication / Award

The PhD thesis of Dr. Prakash C Bhattarai, Assistant Professor, Kathmandu University School of Education titled “Ethical Leadership in Nepali Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools: A Convergent Mixed Methods Study” has been chosen by the editorial team of Journal of Educational Administration, as a Highly Commended Award winner of the 2015 Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards in the Education and Leadership Strategy category. A worldwide competition was held among doctoral research scholars and Dr. Bhattarai was selected for the award. The award was announced on April 13 in London. Dr. Bhattarai was also awarded Paul Begley Award 2015 by University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA)’s Consortium for the Study of Leadership and Ethics (CSLEE) in the last October in Penn State College, Pennsylvania, USA in a global competition of PhD dissertations.

Seminar/ Workshop and symposium

27th of April 2016

KUSOED organized a four-day training program on ‘Intensive Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology’. More than 30 PhD scholars of KUSOED participated in the program. The program was led by Adjunct Prof. Jari Metsamuuronen from Finland.

Academic and Administrative Meeting

Monday 4th of April 2016

A meeting of KUSOED’s faculty members and staff was held to discuss various agenda of the School. In the meeting, Prof. Dr. Mahesh Nath Parajuli, Dean welcomed Biraj Pradhan, Manager (Finance) who has been transferred from Kathmandu University Central Office, Dhulikhel to Hattiban complex to facilitate financial and accounting management to School of Education and School of Arts. After welcoming him, the meeting discussed the first agendum: Reaching to

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Member

This IQAA Committee will function as the policy level body regarding QAA process and hence will provide the policy direction to the whole process. The IQAAC will also look after aspects like quality control, academic audit, and any other aspects regarding the whole process. With this reorganization of IQAAC, the Review Committee (formed on 14 March 2016) is dissolved. Likewise, the Writing Team formed on 14 March, 2016 is renamed as Self-Assessment Team (SAT). The Team will have the responsibility of Report writing, self-assessment, gap Analysis, and feedback.

Monday, 18th of April 2016

The regular meeting of KUSOED’s faculty members and staff was held to share and discuss on five agenda: Budget Finalization, PhD Fellowship Call, Self Learning Materials (SLM) Development, QAA and Revised M. Phil Course. In the first agendum, Mr. Biraj Pradhan informed that the regular budget of the School will be prepared by Thursday 21 April, 2016. Regarding the second agendum, Dean informed about one full-time PhD fellowship announced by the School starting from May 2016, under an agreement with the Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCCR) signed on 14th April 2016. The fellowship, which is funded by the Research Council of Norway’s NORGLOBAL program to the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) is provided under the project “Gender Equality, Peace and Security in Nepal and Myanmar” and, in Nepal, implemented by the Nepal Centre for Contemporary Research (NCCR).

Concerning the third agendum, Ramesh Neupane informed that: SLM of 3 Subjects (Theory and practice (in review), Introduction to Gobble Change (Mr. Parbat Dhungana), Sociology of SD (Suresh Gautam) in MSD, all subjects in ELT (one has already been reviewed), two subjects from Mathematics Education and all subjects from Master in Educational Leadership and Management have been completed. After the completion of first semester SLM development, SLM development of second semester will be started. Challenges related to implementation of NORHED activities were discussed. Concerns were particularly pointed out in running fully online master programs, communicating with students and motivating them towards their

prospective master students. After discussing the agenda it was agreed to update the brochure of Master Degree Programs. For this process, it was decided to email a formal letter to all District Education Offices, Regional Educational Directorates, and to other relevant organizations requesting them to inform the prospective students about the Master programs in KUSOED. The second agenda of the meeting was EMIS progress and web page design. An EMIS Team has been working to update the existing EMIS in the KUSOED. Dr. Prakash C. Bhattarai, Chair of EMIS Committee informed that a volunteer Susan Maharjan, an M Phil student at KUSOED, is working to update the EMIS system. He requested for support from all faculties in identifying the basic content and format of the EMIS. It was agreed that a meeting would be organized on 7th April 2016 to discuss the format of the EMIS. Dr. Bhattarai also shared that a process for selecting a consulting team for updating the website of the School has been going on. The need for automating all the activities of the School was also discussed.

study, providing an effective service delivery to them, etc. It was agreed that further dialogues are necessary to resolve these concerns. Regarding the fourth agenda, Dr. Tikaram Poudel, Chair of Self Assessment Team, updated the progress in accreditation process. It was suggested to coordinate to the Central Office Kathmandu University for developing letter of intent after getting the record of finance and physical infrastructure. In the final agenda it was decided to discuss among the faculties about revised course of M. Phil then it will be discussed in the subject committees.

Monday, 25th of April 2016

A regular meeting of KUSOED faculty members and staff was held to share and discuss various agenda. Regarding, staff positions in the School/Hattiban, Dean briefed about the understanding made with senior management in Dhulikhel on the need for advertising for staff positions in the School. Dean also informed the possibilities of having three staff positions for taking care of the Hattiban Complex and providing service to two schools - School of Education and School of Arts. Concerning, budget for 2073/74, Dean informed that the School's budget for the fiscal year 73/74 is going to be finalized. He also informed that as an effort to increase the income source of the School, emphasis has been given to conduct different training programs in the coming year. It is envisaged that training activity of worth NRS 1,500,000 (NRS one million and five hundred thousand) needs to be conducted in the coming year. Hence, Dean requested all faculties, particularly the senior faculties and Program Coordinators, to make this happen and achieve the target. Regarding, program implementation plan for 2073/74, Dean requested all Program Coordinators to prepare Program Implementation Plan (PIP) for their respective units. According to him, preparing PIP at the unit level is important to have a clear plan on which activities are to be carried out when, by whom and how. Biraj Pradhan added on the need for linking budget with the key program indicators.

