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SELF – ASSESSMENT REPORTS (SARS)

Self-Assessment of all the academic programs is important for assuring the academic quality of education and it also provides feedback to the department faculty and university administration to prepare the required action plan. The basic purpose of the self-assessment exercise is to maintain and enhance academic standards; i.e., enabling the promotion of students learning, verifying academic programs, ensuring institutional objectives and goals. Relevant documentations/ data of programs were gathered against eight set standards and thirty-one attributes through the Self-Assessment process, reviewed critically, and suggested important remedial action/steps for future improvement of the program. 37 programs offered at CUST including, 20 Post Graduate Programs and 17 Under-Graduate Programs have been already assessed through the self-assessment process suggested by HEC QAA.

Initially, the departments' respective program teams prepared the Self-Assessment Reports which were submitted to QEC. The status of the SARs of the under graduate, graduate and post graduate programs was also shared with the HEC QAA through the YPR 2023 which was sent in August 2023. QEC then processed the assessment process through designated Assessment Teams. Assessment Teams recommended that all the programs meet the HEC requirements and assigned satisfactory status. Based on the AT report recommendations/findings, QEC prepared an Executive summary of each Program and submitted it to the University authority for perusal and approval. After the approval from the competent authority, the same executive summaries were forwarded to the concerned departments upon which the departments updated the Self-Assessment Reports which is also referred to as "Action taken Reports".

Updated Self-Assessment Reports of the programs: BS Accounting and Finance, BS Psychology, MS Electrical Engineering, MS Mechanical Engineering, MS Engineering Management, MS Civil Engineering, MS Biosciences, BS English, MPhil Mathematics, PhD Mathematics, PhD civil Engineering, PhD Mechanical Engineering, PhD Electrical Engineering, PhD Biosciences, BS Biotechnology, BS Biosciences, BS Microbiology, MS Computer Sciences , PhD Computer Sciences in the second cycle were submitted during 2023 with the implementation and incorporation of the corrective actions suggested by the Assessment Teams. QEC reviewed these updated SARs

for compliance. The second cycle of the SAR for the following programs was successfully completed in December 2023 and the loop has been closed.

The details of these SARs have been shared with the HEC QAA as part of the Yearly Progress Report in 2024. There are two programs BS Biochemistry and MS Accounting and Finance which are entering the first cycle and their program teams have prepared the SAR for the first time and submitted to QEC in January, 2024. Assessment Teams have been constituted to review the SAR and the same process will be repeated.