

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA: EXTRACTS FROM NAAC EXIT REPORT. JANUARY 17, 2015)

Overall Analysis

Institutional Strengths : Qualified and competent faculty.; A good demand for almost all courses. ; Centre for International Academics attracts foreign students.; A strong supportbase for promoting cultural and sports activities.; International Centre for Kerala Studies is vibrant ; Good Infrastructure

Institutional Weaknesses : A large number of guest/contract teaching and nonteaching staff.; Many departments without professors and a couple of departments with a single faculty.; Coordination between University and their outstation Centres is weak.; Lack of University Industry interaction.; Lack of formal mentoring and counselling systems.; University does not have adequate clarity with regard to Choice-Based Credit System.

Institutional Opportunities : Scope for promotion of value-based education. ;Transparency and performance enhancement through ERP.; Incentivizing achievers for better productivity ; Scope for producing outstanding sportspersons.; Scope for mobilization of funds.

Institutional Challenges : Filling up vacant posts and addressing the issue of large number of guest/contract faculty.; Raising adequate funds through consultancy and MoUs ; Tapping into the resources of well-placed alumni.; Streamlining the fairly large number of Centres ; Exploring the possibility of becoming a University with Potential for Excellence.; Attracting faculty at the national level.

Recommendations for Quality Enhancement of the Institution

Take steps to fill up the vacancies

Establish central instrumentation facilities with state-of-the-art technology

EGovernance could be further strengthened and moved towards paperless administration.

Timely declaration of results and strict adherence to academic calendar

Go in for a better placement mechanism

Core faculty to enhance to teaching-learning resources in outstation centres

Make the campus differently-abled friendly

Strengthen mentoring and counselling systems.

Go in for more MoUs at national and international levels.

Design courses with strong industrial linkages for providing employment opportunities to students.

Strengthen research culture in University departments and especially in the affiliated colleges.

Encourage teachers to go for PDF and undertake sponsored research projects.

Encourage teachers to innovate and apply for patents

Introduce more inter- and multi – disciplinary courses

Activate and energize Alumni Association

Institutionalize grievance redressal and feedback mechanism

Arrange for more lectures by eminent academicians drawn from all over the country.