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MINUTES OF THE INTERNAL MEETING OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE REGARDING MEETING ON 'RESEARCH & PUBLICATION ETHICS (RPE)' HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 10:30 AM SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MEETING HALL.

A meeting on Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) 2-credit course material writing was held on 28th February2025. The agenda for meeting was as follows.

Agenda

- 1. Opening Remarks
- 2. Finalization of the "Research & Publication Ethics (RPE)" 2-Credit Course
- 3. Integration of RPE into Pre-registration Course Work for Ph.D. Students
- 4. Framing of Course Objectives and Modules
- 5. Roles and Responsibilities for Course Material Writing
- 6. Review and Approval Process
- 7. Vote of Thanks

1. Opening Remarks

Dr. Madhukar Shewale welcomed the members and emphasized the significance of promoting awareness about research integrity and publication ethics among Ph.D. students. He underlined the mandatory inclusion of a 2-credit RPE course as part of the Ph.D. pre-registration coursework per UGC norms.

2. Finalization of the "Research & Publication Ethics (RPE)" 2-Credit Course

- The committee suggested the RPE course as a mandatory, 2-credit requirement for all Ph.D. students.
- The course will cover core areas including research misconduct, plagiarism, authorship ethics, citation practices, and publication standards.

3. Integration of RPE into Pre-registration Course Work for Ph.D. Students

- It was resolved that RPE will be officially integrated into the pre-registration coursework for all doctoral programs.
- The implementation will be reflected in the academic structure and regulations of research programs.

4. Framing of Course Objectives and Modules

- The committee decided to adopt the UGC framework for RPE, tailoring it to the ODL (Open and Distance Learning) mode.
- Key components discussed included:
 - o Course learning outcomes
 - o Module-wise breakdown
 - Evaluation pattern and credit structure
 - o Recommended readings and online resources

5. Roles and Responsibilities for Course Material writing

Under the coordination of CIQA, the following members were assigned responsibilities to draft specific course modules:

- Dr. Rajendra Kumbhar
- Dr. Nandkumar Dahibhate
- Dr. Subhash Chavan

- Dr. Datta Kalbande
- Dr. Mohan Kherde
- Dr.Ojaswini Upasani

They will collaboratively ensure that the content adheres to UGC guidelines and is suitable for YCMOU's academic model.

6. Review and Approval Process

- A tentative timeline was set for the submission of draft modules.
- It was agreed that CIQA will organize a review meeting after draft completion.
- The finalized course will then be forwarded to the higher authorities for further process.

7. Vote of Thanks

Dr. Madhukar Shewale extended his gratitude to all members for their active participation and commitment. He assured full support from CIQA in the editing, compilation, and review process of the course content.

The following members were present at the above meeting.

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