

ANNUAL REPORT

FACULTY QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

FACULTY: Agriculture

REPORT FOR THE YEAR: 2022

1. Meetings of Faculty Quality Assurance Cells:

Meeting no	Date	No of participants
11	2022.03.09	23
12	2022.06.22	22
13	2022.09.26	16
14	2022.12.14	32

2. Workshops/training programmes conducted by CQA

Date	Topic	Target group	No of participants
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3. Submission of Self Evaluation Reports for external review by QAC

IR/PR	Name of programme/cluster	Date of submission of SER
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4. Site visits for external review

IR/PR	Name of programme/cluster	Dates of site visit
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5. Action plans for implementation of recommendations in external review reports

IR/PR	Name of Faculty/Institute/ Campus/Unit	Year of external review	Date of approval by Council
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6. Documents prepared by FQAC

Name of the document	Date it was approved by the Faculty Board	Date of approval by Senate (if applicable)	Date of approval by Council(if applicable)
Document of the By-Laws, policies, ToRs and other documents related to the Management of BSc Hons (Agriculture) Degree Programme*	2022.06.01	2022.06.23	

Review & Upgrade the Existing Forms of the Faculty**	2022.10.05 2022.08.03 2022.07.06 2022.06.01		
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*The Faculty Board of the Faculty of Agriculture appointed a committee to upgrade and formulate the existing bylaws, policies, ToRs, and other documents related to the management of the degree programme. Hence, the following documents were either upgraded or newly formulated by the faculty. The document has already been approved by Faculty Board and the Senate and Council approvals are pending.

1. By-laws of the Faculty Board
2. By-laws of the Heads of Departments Committee
3. By-laws of the Department Committee/Meeting
4. By-laws for the Academic Development and Planning Committee (ADPC)
5. By-laws for the Curriculum Revision/ Development Committee
6. By-laws of Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (FQAC)
7. ToR for Setter, Moderator, First and Second Examiners
8. ToR for the Board of Examiners for the Undergraduate Programmes
9. ToR for Scrutiny Board of the Undergraduate Programmes
10. ToR for the Grace Chance Committee
11. ToR of the Medical Committee
12. ToR for the Library Committee
13. ToR for the Counselling Programme
14. ToR for the Mentoring Programme
15. ToR for the Batch Mentoring Programme
16. ToR for the Staff-Student Liaison Committee
17. ToR for the Health and Safety Committee
18. ToR for the Timetable Committee
19. By-laws for the Grievance Committee
20. ToR for the Anti-Ragging Committee
21. ToR for the Arts Circle
22. ToR for the Needy Scholarship
23. ToR for the Food Committee
24. ToR for the Annual Research Symposium Committee (ARSC)
25. ToR for the Student Welfare Committee
26. ToR for the Academic Staff Welfare Society (AWFS) Committee
27. ToR for the Non-academic Skills Development Committee (NSDC)
28. ToR for the Quality Management Cells
29. By-laws of the Degree Programme
30. By-laws of Student Assessments and Examinations
31. Student Assessment Policy
32. By-laws of the code of conduct for Students
33. Code of Conduct - Academic Staff
34. Code of Conduct- Non-academic Staff (English version)
35. Code of Conduct- Non-academic Staff (Sinhala translation)
36. By-laws of the Faculty Development Fund
37. By-laws of the Farm Services and Improvement Fund

38. By-laws of Sri Lankan Journal of Agriculture and Ecosystems (SLJAE)
39. Information & Communication Technology Policy
40. By-laws of Staff Performance Appraisal

**The Faculty Board of the Faculty of Agriculture appointed a committee to upgrade and revise the existing forms related to the management of the degree programme. Hence, the following documents were either upgraded or revised by the faculty. The document has already been approved by Faculty Board.

1. Analytical Service Laboratory - Application for Water Analysis
2. Application for Academic Transcript
3. Application for Detailed Results Sheet
4. Application for the Selection of a Majoring Module
5. Application for the Enrollment of Course Units for the Year IV Semester I
6. Application to Add Drop Course Units
7. Final Year Proposal Presentation Evaluation
8. Final Year Research Proposal Evaluation
9. Final Year Presentation Evaluation Sheet
10. Moderator's report
11. Progress Report of Postgraduate Studies of Academics
12. Request for Equipment and Services from Audio Visual Unit (AVU)
13. Request for Equipment, Chemicals and Services from Faculty Units
14. Request for Laboratory Services (External Users)
15. Request for Laboratory Services (Students Staff of Faculty of Agriculture)

7. Any other activities / highlights for the year

(a). Development of course specifications

1. Obtaining Senate approval for the course specification format (Faculty Board Memo No. 221.6.5., 6th July 2022 and Senate memo No. 244.5.1, 5th August 2022)
2. Conducting an awareness session on preparing course specifications with the participation of 26 academic staff members on 2022.10.06

(b). Facilitating quality-enhancing events of the Faculty

1. Awareness session on LMS/VLE at the Faculty - for the academic staff
2. Mindfulness programme - for academic, non-academic members and students
3. Workshop on "crafting research proposals and presentations" - for final year students
4. Workshop on "how to conduct a coherent literature review" - for final year students
5. Awareness session on the Management Information System - for students
6. Session on empowering students for a bright future - for 2019/2020 batch
7. Library awareness session on effective use of library facilities - for the students of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 batches
8. Learning camp - for the students in the 2019/20 batch
9. Awareness session on LMS for the New Entrants in 2020/2021 batch

(c). Commencement of short courses

Following short courses were introduced and conducted in 2022.

1. Short course on Food Processing Technology
2. Short course on Dairy Product Processing
3. Short course on Postharvest Technology of Agricultural Crops
4. Short course on Agripreneurship

Faculty Board and Senate approval was received for the following short courses

1. Short course on Organic Farming
2. Short course on Commercial Nursery Management
3. Short course on Landscaping
4. Short course on Introduction to Python Programming
5. Short course on Introductory LaTeX
6. Short course on Farm to Agrotourism
7. Short course on Agro-enterprise Development

(d). Seeking approval for postgraduate degree programmes

1. PhD in Agriculture Degree programme application (approved in Faculty Board [memo No. 221.5.8], Senate [memo No. 242.5.4], Council [memo No. 263.6.1]) has been submitted to UGC
2. MSc in Agroecology degree programme (approve in Faculty Board [memo No. 219.5.5], Senate [memo No. 243.5.12 & 245.5.4], Council [memo No. 265.6.4] has been submitted to UGC

(e). Development of human and physical infrastructure

1. Developing block 3 at the faculty to a sustainable agro-food production and value-addition model
2. Improved lecture hall facilities with the AHEAD grant
3. Established two virtual learning lecture halls under AHEAD grants

(f) Sending students for industrial placements

1. Sri Lanka Phosphate Ltd., Eppawala
2. Landmark Agro Seeds Pvt Ltd, Dankotuwa
3. Mike Flora, Rambukkana
4. Ellawala Horticulture Pvt. Ltd., Galkiriyagama
5. Orange Field Tea Factory, Gampola
6. Agalawatta Plantations Pvt. Ltd., Nittambuwa
7. Ceylon Foliage Pvt. Ltd., Colombo 05
8. Mc Currie Foods, Nalanda
9. Ceylon Tobacco Company, Badulla
10. Forbes & Walker (Pvt) Ltd., Colombo 02
11. Hayleys Quality Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Borlanda
12. Ornamental Fish Breeding and Training Center, Panagamuwa
13. Sugarcane Research Institute, Udawalawa
14. Reitzel Walker (Pvt) Ltd, Giradurukotte
15. AEN Palm Oil Processing (Pvt.) Ltd., Baduraliya

16. CIC Seed Farm, Hingurakgoda
17. Union Chemists, Colombo 02
18. CIC Seeds (Pvt.) Ltd., Dambulla
19. A Silva & Sons Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Mirigama
20. Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board, Anuradhapura
21. Ceylon Foliage (pvt) Ltd., Colombo 05
22. CIC Agri Business (Pvt) Ltd, Pelwehera
23. CIC Agri Business (Pvt) Ltd, Maho
24. CIC Agri Business (Pvt) Ltd, Kurunegala
25. CIC Agri Business (Pvt) Ltd, Thalawa
26. Department of Animal Production and Health, Anuradhapura
27. District Agriculture Training Centre, Ambepussa
28. Horticulture Crop Research and Development Institute, Gannoruwa
29. Landmark Agro Seeds Pvt Ltd, Dankotuwa
30. Lanka Milk Foods PLC., Ambewela
31. Lanka Phosphate Limited, Eppawala
32. Lanka Sugar Company (pvt) Ltd, Buttala
33. Lower Malwathu oya Multi Sector Development Project, Thanthirimale
34. Municipal Council, Kalmunai
35. National Food Promotion Board, Narahenpita
36. National Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS), Kandy
37. Palmyrah Research Institute, Jaffna
38. People's Bank, Aralaganvila
39. People's Bank, Gampola
40. Provincial Department of Agriculture, Anuradhapura
41. Renuka Agri Foods, Wathupitiwala
42. Rice Research and Development Institute, Bathalagoda
43. Rice Research Station, Labuduwa
44. Rubber Research Institute, Agalawattha
45. School of Agriculture, Anuradhapura
46. Sri Lanka Redcross Society, Kurunegala
47. University College, Anuradhapura
48. Water Supply and Drainage Board, Anuradhapura
49. Lanka Milk Foods (CWE) PLC, Ragama,
50. Pelwatte Dairy Industries Limited, Colombo - 03
51. Veterinary Teaching Farm, Peradeniya
52. Gills Food Products (Pvt) Ltd, Wattala
53. Ceylon Fresh Seafood Private Limited, Ja-Ela
54. NLDB Farm, Nikaweratiya
55. Oya Maduawa NLDB Farm, Anuradhapura
56. Ridiyagama NLDB Farm, Ambalantota
57. Manik Palama NLDB Farm, Nuwara Eliya
58. Cargills Quality Dairies (Pvt) Ltd, Banduragoda
59. Fonterra Brands Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Biyagama
60. Chamanga Farm Private Limited, Saliyapura
61. Cargills Agri Solutions, Wattala.
62. Ministry of Environment, Battaramulla,
63. JK Feedmills (Pvt) Ltd., Kahatagasdigiliya
64. Cargills Quality Food (Pvt) Ltd., Ja-Ela
65. Cargills Agri Foods Kist, Katana

66. Capital Maharaja Group (A. F. Jones) Exporters Ceylon (Pvt) Ltd., Colombo 02
67. Joint Agri Products Ceylon pvt ltd, Gampaha
68. Pasanka (Pvt) Ltd., Beliatta
69. Ceylon Cold Storage PLC. (Elephant House), Kaduwela
70. Agri Business Unit, Cargills Foods Company (Pvt) Ltd., Wattala
71. Ceycert (Pvt) Ltd., Nugegoda
72. Sampath Bank, Colombo 02
73. Navic Mills (Pvt) Ltd., Pallama
74. Food research unit, Department of Agriculture, Gannoruwa
75. Ceylon Fresh Seafood (Pvt) Ltd., Ja Ela
76. Wanasinghe Holdings Pvt Ltd., Yakwila.
77. Sriposha Lanka Foods (Pvt) Ltd., Kundasale
78. Nestle Lanka PLC, Makadura
79. Farms' Pride (Pvt) Ltd, Gampola
80. Fonterra Brands Lanka (Pvt Ltd)., Biyagama
81. Ruhunu Foods (Pvt) Ltd., Pallekele
82. Kelani Valley Canneries Limited, Hanwella
83. People's Bank, Katubedda
84. People's Bank, Anuradhapura
85. Aitken Spence Divitura plantation, Galle
86. MAS Fabric park (Pvt) Ltd., Thulhiriya
87. Brandix Lingerie Wathupitiwala, Wathupitiwala
88. Ethical Teas (Pvt) Lt., Gampola
89. Small Organic Farmers Association, Matale
90. Mahawali Authority, Colombo
91. Janathakshan.Gte. Ltd., Anuradhapura
92. Wichy Plantation Company (Pvt) Ltd., Rambawewa
93. CEYCERT (Pvt) Ltd., Nugegoda
94. Buddy's Lanka Holding (Pvt) Ltd., Gampaha
95. Ceylbee International (Pvt) Ltd., Gampaha
96. Seehela Nature Farm, Naula
97. ABC Trade & Investments (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo
98. Climate Change Secretariat., Battaramulla
99. Anu Agri and Bio-tech, Mirigama
100. Control Union Sri Lanka, Colombo

(g). Strengthening international collaboration

1. International Agricultural Undergraduates in the 21st Century – experience sharing session was conducted with foreign students from Australia, Japan, and Canada and students from the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL in parallel to the annual research symposium
2. Awareness session for the undergraduate students and young academic staff members about overseas postgraduate opportunities
3. MoUs under discussion with Ege university and Vladmir University, Russia

(h) Signing MoUs with industry partners

1. Polychemex (Pvt) Ltd
2. Hexter (Pvt) Ltd

3. Jiffy Products SL Pvt. Ltd.
4. Kurunegala Plantations Ltd (KPL)
5. Marga Institute
6. Wanasinghe Holdings (Pvt) Ltd.
7. People's Bank
8. Lakme Exports (Pvt) Ltd
9. Ulankumla Dairies (Pvt) Ltd
10. Athreya Ashram Ayurvedic Hotel and Spa
11. Healthy Foods Exports
12. Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research & Training Institute (HARTI)

(i) New innovations

1. Design of fodder chopper for compost production
2. Design of Rice Husk Biochar (RHB) applicator
3. Design, and fabrication of fertilizer applicator for coconut cultivation
4. Design, and fabrication of picker for clove and nutmeg harvesting

(j) Details of grants received

Fostering sustainable University-industry Techno-entrepreneurial Collaborations and innovations in Asian Universities (FOUNTAIN)

Coordinator - University of Ruhuna – Dept. of Agric. Engineering

RUSL - Prof. M.H.J.P. Gunarathna, Dr. Chinthaka Karaliyadda

Total grant – 799976 EUR (For RUSL – 51873 EUR)

(K) Stakeholder activities

1. Agro entrepreneurial experience sharing forum 2022 - an interactive session with successful farmers and undergraduates of the faculty
2. Virtual career fair 2022 - career fair with 160 candidates and 11 companies namely JB Brothers, Brandix Apparel Ltd, Accessagro Co. Ltd, Chilaw Plantation Limited, PGP Glass Ceylon PLC, CIC Holdings PLC, Browns Agriculture- Brown & Company PLC, Silvermill Group of Companies (Pvt) Ltd, Ansell Lanka Pvt Ltd, Galoya Plantation Pvt Ltd, Nuatureb Exports International
3. Plant disease clinic - awareness Sessions for the farming community
4. Farmer training programme on rearing village chicken in a semi-intensive system for meat purpose (NRC 20-079) - for poultry farmers and people who are willing to engage in the poultry sector
5. Awareness programme on commercializable TMR briquettes (DOR 39) - for farmers involved in the dairy business

(L) Establishing Quality Management Cells (QMC) of the Faculty

QMCs were established at the faculty to provide a common platform for both students and staff in all categories to participate actively in the process of quality enhancement of the study programmes at the faculty

8. Suggestions for further improvement

- i. Conduct quality-related workshops/training through the CQA

9. Annexe complete list of names of members of Faculty Quality Assurance Cell

S/N	Name	Position
01	Dr. G.V.T.V. Weerasooriya	Dean/Faculty of Agriculture
02	Prof. (Mrs.) W.A.D. Nayananjalie	Coordinator/FQAC
03	Dr. (Mrs.) N.W.I.A. Jayawardane	Head/Dept. of Animal & Food Sci.
04	Prof. N.S. Abeysingha	Head/Dept. of Agri. Eng. & Soil Sci.
05	Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena	Head/Dept. of Plant Sciences
06	Dr. A.M.K.R. Bandara	Head/Dept. of Agri. Systems
07	Snr. Prof. (Ms.) P.A. Weerasinghe	Rep./ Dept. of Plant Sciences
08	Mrs. C.A.K. Dissanayake	Rep./Dept. of Animal & Food Sci.
09	Asso. Prof. (Mrs.) D.M.S.H. Dissanayaka	Rep./Dept. of Agr. Eng. & Soil Sci.
10	Mr. S.P. Dissanayake	Rep./ Dept. of Agri. Systems
11	Mrs. W.P.T. Dilrukshi	Senior Assistant Librarian
12	Mr. A.A.M. Nizam	Lecturer/DELT
13	Mrs. E.D.T. Somaratne	Instructor/Computer Unit
14	Prof. M.G.T.S Amarasekara	Senior Student Counsellor
15	Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta	Coordinator/Curriculum Revision
16	Mrs. K. Nathiparan	Assistant Registrar (Member & the Secretary)
17	Mr. B.W.N.J. Samaraweera	Farm Manager
18	Mr. M.K.R.K. Samarasena	Technical Officer
19	Ms. I.G.T.S. Ilukgoda*	Management Assistant
20	Mr. K.V.C.T.K. Fernando	Lab Attendant
21	Mr. R.A.N.R. Jayawardana (AG/2018/041)	Student Union
22	Mr. R.A.D.V.M. Ranasinghe (AG/2019/103)	
23	Ms. H.M.N.B. Subasinghe (AG/2018/115)	Batch Representative (2017/2018)
24	Mr. A.T.G.D.N. Wickramasinghe (AG/2018/134)	
25	Mr. W.P.B.S. Bandara (AG/2019/159)	Batch Representative (2018/2019)
26	Ms. H.L.A.C. Liyanage (AG/2019/171)	
27	Mr. H.K.G.B.S. Dhanudaya (AG/2020/019)	Batch Representative (2019/2020)
28	Ms. M.P.S.N. Samarasinghe (AG/2020/093)	
29	Mr. R.M.S.M.B. Randeniya (AG/2021/080)	Batch Representative (2020/2021)
30	Ms. L.H.G.M. Karunarathna (AG/2021/050)	
	On Invitation	
31	Prof. M.H.J.P. Gunarathna	QMC for programme management
32	Prof. M.G.T.S. Amarasekera	QMC for Human & Physical Resources
33	Dr. (Mrs.) D.W.M.M.M. Kumari	QMC for Programme Design & Development
34	Dr. D.M.S. Duminda	QMC for Course / Module Design and Development
35	Prof. (Ms.) S.C. Somasiri	QMC for Teaching & Learning
36	Ms. A.J. Fernando	QMC for Learning, Environment, Student Support, and Progression

37	Dr. (Mrs.) K.K.P. Perera	QMC for Student Assessment and Awards
38	Dr. (Mrs.) R.H.G.R. Wathsala	QMC for Innovative & Healthy Practices

*Subjected to Faculty board approval.