

ANNUAL REPORT
FACULTY QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

FACULTY: Agriculture

REPORT FOR THE YEAR: 2024

1. Meetings of Faculty Quality Assurance Cells

Meeting no	Date	No of participants
21	10/01/2024	14
22	03/04/2024	17
23	26/09/2024	22
24	07/11/2024	14

2. Workshops/training programmes conducted by CQA*

Date	Topic	Target group	No of participants
2024.01.23	Follow-up actions of SER in BSc Hons Agriculture Degree Programme	Academic staff (Activity in charge of programme review action plan)	12
2024.09.26	Gender equity and equality	Academic staff	29

*Programmes were proposed and conducted by FQAC under the guidance of CQA

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
PR	Agriculture	2019	Final Report of the Progress of Action Plan (2020-2023) Proposed in Programme Review Conducted in 2019 has been approved in 236 th Faculty Board held on 14 th February 2024. The same was approved in 42 nd Standing Committee Meeting on Quality Assurance, held on 27 th August 2024. The same will be tabled in 265 th Senate.

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)
TOR for the Curriculum Revision/Development and Implementation Committee	2024.09.04	2024.10.24	
By-laws of the teaching excellence awards - Criteria for award of excellence in teaching	2024.01.03	2024.12.18	

7. Stakeholder feedback collection, peer evaluations and course and teacher evaluations

PEER EVALUATION		
Department	No of peer evaluations conducted	No. of evaluations where the follow-up action was taken by the Department Heads
Animal and Food Sciences	05	05
Plant Sciences	01	01
Agricultural Systems	10	10
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	04	04

COURSE EVALUATION				
Department	Course codes	No. of Students enrolled	No. of responses received*	No of courses where data was evaluated and follow up action taken
Year I Semester I				In progress
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 1101	132	66	
	ES 1102	132	37	
	ES 1103	132	112	
	ES 1104	132	102	
Agriculture Systems	AS 1101	132	32	
	AS 1102	132	28	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 1101	132	108	
Plant Sciences	PS 1101	132	28	
	PS 1102	132	30	
Computer	IT 1101	132	103	
Year I Semester II				
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 1201	128	10	
	ES 1202	128	42	
Agriculture Systems	AS 1201	128	16	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 1201	128	122	
	AF 1202	128	94	
	AF 1203	128	30	
Plant Sciences	PS 1201	128	60	
	PS 1202	128	30	
	PS 1203	128	15	
Computer	IT 1201	128	58	
Year II Semester II				
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 2201	149	20	
Agriculture Systems	AS 2201	149	30	
	AS 2202	149	20	
	AS 2202	149	20	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 2201	149	99	
Plant Sciences	PS 2202	149	42	
Year III Semester II				
Agriculture Systems	AS 3203	22	4	
	AS 3206	09	2	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 3202	16	5	
	AF 3203	16	4	
	AF 3204	16	4	
	AF 3205	16	4	
	AF 3207	16	5	

	AF 3211	20	8	
	AF 3212	20	3	
	AF 3213	20	4	
	AF 3214	20	4	
	AF 3215	20	2	
	AF 3216	20	2	
	AF 3217	20	5	
	AF 3219	20	2	

*The number of responses may increase as students are still in the process of providing their feedback

TEACHER EVALUATION				
Department	Course codes	No. of Students enrolled	No. of responses received*	No of courses where data was evaluated and follow up action taken
Year I Semester I				In progress
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 1101	132	66	
	ES 1102	132	37	
	ES 1103	132	112	
	ES 1104	132	102	
Agriculture Systems	AS 1101	132	32	
	AS 1102	132	28	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 1101	132	108	
Plant Sciences	PS 1101	132	28	
	PS 1102	132	30	
Computer	IT 1101	132	103	
Year I Semester II				
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 1201	128	10	
	ES 1202	128	42	
Agriculture Systems	AS 1201	128	16	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 1201	128	122	
	AF 1202	128	94	
	AF 1203	128	30	
Plant Sciences	PS 1201	128	60	
	PS 1202	128	30	
	PS 1203	128	15	
Computer	IT 1201	128	58	
Year II Semester II				
Agriculture Engineering and Soil Science	ES 2201	149	20	
Agriculture Systems	AS 2201	149	30	
	AS 2202	149	20	
	AS 2202	149	20	

Animal and Food Sciences	AF 2201	149	99	
Plant Sciences	PS 2202	149	42	
Year III Semester II				
Agriculture Systems	AS 3203	22	4	
	AS 3206	09	2	
Animal and Food Sciences	AF 3202	16	5	
	AF 3203	16	4	
	AF 3204	16	4	
	AF 3205	16	4	
	AF 3207	16	5	
	AF 3211	20	8	
	AF 3212	20	3	
	AF 3213	20	4	
	AF 3214	20	4	
	AF 3215	20	2	
	AF 3216	20	2	
	AF 3217	20	5	
	AF 3219	20	2	

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PROGRAMME EVALUATION				
Study Programme	Batch	No. of forms sent	No of responses received	Follow up action taken
BSc Hons in Agriculture	2017/2018	130	67	Discussed in 24 th FQAC meeting and will be taken the actions accordingly

EMPLOYER FEEDBACK				
Name of the company	Number of RUSL Students employed	Affiliations of our students	Response regarding our student	Any recommendations given to upgrade the programme

*if there are any other collected feedbacks please tabulate them accordingly.

STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY ON SERVICES AND FACILITIES			
Batch	No. of Students enrolled	No. of responses received	Follow up action taken
2018/2019	145	121	Issues were reviewed during the FQAC meeting, and the relevant authorities were informed to take appropriate actions.
2019/2020	123	92	
2020/2021	153	133	
2021/2022	141	141	

GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY			
Batch	No. of Students enrolled	No. of responses received	Follow up action taken
2013/2014 batch - after 3 years of graduation	83	71	Issues were reviewed during the FQAC meeting, and the relevant authorities were informed to take appropriate actions.
2014/2015 batch - after 1 year of graduation	132	99	
2014/2015 batch - after 3 years of graduation	132	99	

8. Any other activities / highlights for the year

(a). Faculty awards

1. Dean's list and Faculty awardees – The list of students recognized by the respective evaluation committee was approved at the 241st Faculty Board held on 6th November 2024
2. Award of excellence in research, scholarly and creative works – List of awardees recognized by the respective evaluation committee was approved at the 241st Faculty Board held on 6th November 2024

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

1. Workshop on “Digital tools for teaching” under the Erasmus+ CCWater Project on 04th April 2024, for academic staff members of the Faculty of Agriculture.
2. Workshop on “Literature Searching for Research” for 4200 (2018/2019) batch students on 17th July 2024
3. Workshop on “Reference Management using Mendeley” for 4200 (2018/2019) batch students on 13th September 2024
4. Workshop on “How to prepare a winning 3MT presentation?” for 4200 (2018/2019) batch students on 16th October 2024
5. Workshop on “Parametric Data Analysis for Undergraduates” for 4200 (2018/2019) batch students on 18th October 2024.
6. Workshop on “Abstract Writing” for 4200 (2018/2019) batch students on 24th October 2024

(c). Commencement of short courses

Faculty Board and Senate approval was received for the following short course in year 2024.

1. Short course on Ornamental Fish Culture

(d). Postgraduate programmes

1. PhD in Agriculture Degree programme (approved in Faculty Board [memo No. 221.5.8], Senate [memo No. 242.5.4], Council [memo No. 263.6.1]) and Approved by UGC on 7th March 2024.
2. Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development (approved in Faculty Board [memo No. 199.05.03], Senate [memo no. 235.05.09], Council [memo No. 261.04.09]) and submitted for the UGC approval.

(e). Strengthening international collaboration

1. MoUs are currently being processed

- MoU between Ege University, and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.
- MoU between Vladimir University, Russia and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- MoU between Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University, and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.
- MoU between Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba (RUDN), Russia and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Cooperation agreement between the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (Republic of Poland) and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

2. Visits by foreign scholars

- Prof. Bijesh Maharjan, an esteemed expert in Soil and Water Sciences from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, visited Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka to initiate collaborative efforts between the two institutions on 24th July 2024.
- NMV University Vice Chancellor Dr. K.R. Sundaravaradarajan and students studying Agricultural Economics and Extension at the Institute of Agriculture Research & Technology (IART) at NMV University visited the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 29th of August 2024.
- Prof. Nadav from the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, Japan visited the Faculty of Agriculture and conducted a guest lecture on 25th September 2024.
- Dr. Mohammad Fuad Fauzul Mu'tamar, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Trunojoyo Madura, Indonesia and Dr. Dwi Ratna Hidayati, Senior Lecturer of the Agribusiness Department, University of Trunojoyo Madura, Indonesia visited the Faculty of Agriculture on 5th November 2024 to initiate research collaboration between two institutions.

3. Visit by academic staff members of Faculty of Agriculture

- Dr. A.M.K.R. Bandara - The visit is to participate in an official mobility programme under the Erasmus+ Global Week, themed "Mobility Innovation" from 20th to 24th May 2024. This program is organized by Polytechnic University of Coimbra, Portugal together with its

International Relations team in Portugal. This will be an initiative for the research, development and education collaboration between Polytechnic University of Coimbra and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL).

- Dr. R.H.G.R. Wathsala - She attended in person to the 2024 "Belt and Road" International Training Workshop on Mariculture Technologies in China from 22nd October to 05th November 2024. The objective of this program is to provide participants with hands-on experience in mariculture technologies as well as current information on improvements in the aquaculture sector for improving the sector in their countries.

(f). Signing MoUs with industry partners

1. Janathakshan Gke. Ltd.
2. Agromet Consortium (Pvt.) Ltd.
3. Polytechnic University of Coimbra, Portugal

(g). 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. Progress review meetings were conducted with QMC chairs every other month. The meeting dates were as follows.

1. 7th March 2024
2. 14th May 2024
3. 8th August 2024
4. 29th November 2024

(h). Outreach activities

1. “Krushi Dekma”, Farmer Day 2024

“Krushi Dekma”, Farmer Day 2024 was a remarkable event dedicated to the objective of expanding and disseminating agricultural knowledge among farmers, undergraduates, and public community organized by the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka which was held on 3rd of April 2024.

9. Suggestions for further improvement

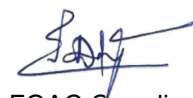
10. Annex complete list of names of members of Faculty Quality Assurance Cell

	Name	Position
01	Prof. G.V.T.V. Weerasooriya	Dean/Faculty of Agriculture
02	Prof. W.A.D. Nayananjalie	Coordinator/FQAC
03	Prof. N.S. Abeysingha/Dr. P.D.	Head/Dept. of Agri. Eng. & Soil Sci.

	Kahandage*	
04	Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena/Dr. Dr. L.K.W. Wijayaratne*	Head/Dept. of Plant Sciences
05	Prof. S.C. Somasisri	Head/Dept. of Animal & Food Sci.
06	Dr. S.M.C.B. Karalliyadda	Head/Dept. of Agri. Systems
07	Snr. Prof. P.A. Weerasinghe/Dr. D.M. Dissanayake*	Rep./ Dept. of Plant Sciences
08	Mrs. C.A.K. Dissanayake	Rep./Dept. of Animal & Food Sci.
09	Mrs. J.P.H.U. Jayaneththi/ Mr. E.J. Kosgollegedara*	Rep./Dept. of Agr. Eng. & Soil Sci.
10	Mr. N.M.K.C. Premarathne	Rep./ Dept. of Agri. Systems
11	Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta	Coordinator/Curriculum Revision/Development and Implementation Committee
12	Prof. M.G.T.S Amarasekara	Senior Student Counsellor
13	Mrs. W.P.T. Dilrukshi	Senior Assistant Librarian
14	Mr. A.A.M. Nizam	Lecturer/DELT
15	Mrs. E.D.T. Somaratne	Instructor/Computer Unit
16	Mrs. T. Luxshana	Assistant Registrar (Member & the Secretary)
17	Mr. M. Sapumanage	Asst. 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.D.P. Kumara (AG/2020/056)	Student Union
22	Mr. A.S.P. Perera (AG/2020/147)	
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)	
31	Mr. M.M.S.N.V. Werake (AG/2022/076)	Batch Representative (2021/2022)
32	Mr. W.M.R.P. Wickramasinghe (AG/2022/150)	
	On invitation – QMC Chair	
33	Prof. M.H.J.P. Gunarathna	QMC for programme management
34	Prof. M.G.T.S. Amarasekara	QMC for Human & Physical Resources
35	Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta	QMC for Programme Design & Development
36	Dr. D.M.S. Duminda	QMC for Course / Module Design and Development
37	Prof. (Ms.) S.C. Somasiri	QMC for Teaching & Learning
38	Ms. A.J. Fernando	QMC for Learning, Environment, Student Support, and Progression
39	Mrs. T.D.C. Priyadarshani	QMC for Student Assessment and Awards
40	Dr. (Mrs.) R.H.G.R. Wathsala	QMC for Innovative & Healthy Practices
	On invitation – Batch mentors	
41	Dr. G.D.A. Nalaka	Batch mentor – 2017/2018 batch
42	Mr. W.V.V.R. Weerasinghe/Dr. D.M.S. Duminda*	Batch mentor – 2018/2019 batch
43	Dr. (Mrs.) R.H.G.R. Wathsala	Batch mentor – 2019/2020 batch
44	Dr. P.D. Kahandage	Batch mentor – 2020/2021 batch
45	Mr. E.J. Kosgollegedara	Batch mentor – 2021/2022 batch

*Tenure change/leave



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