

Guidelines for State Academic Coordinators

In its 49th meeting of the Council held on 14th March 2017, approved a package of measures for further improving the quality of technical education in the country by incorporating human values in the curriculum. The 3-week mandatory Student Induction Program (SIP) is an initial, but significant step in this direction. This is articulated in the AICTE Model Curriculum.

The UHV-I module of SIP is its core module (there are 7 other modules). To conduct the UHV-I module effectively, well prepared UHV Faculty (Mentors) are required.

The number of UHV Faculty to be prepared is as follows:

1 faculty for every 20 students (actual intake in 1st year) in each department of each college

Minimum requirements:

- Minimum 2 faculty from every discipline/branch
- Minimum 1 faculty for every 3 units in 1st year curriculum

With the above criteria, the number of faculty to be prepared can be calculated by each department, by each college, by each university.

Appropriate faculty who are sincere and interested in human values may be identified and prepared. They will have UHV teaching load in addition to their regular responsibility.

Minimum faculty preparation

- One 3-day FDP-SI (UHV), if required for orientation
- One 7/8-day UHV FDP
- Regular self-study after attending the UHV FDP
- Weekly meeting with other UHV faculty in the college/university/city/state/region

To broadbase the planning and execution, various universities are being approached by AICTE. Some 48 universities and institutions have already responded. Each university has identified a dean, director or senior faculty as their University Coordinator (UC) to plan for meeting the targets in a timely manner for that university.

It is desirable to identify the remaining universities and institutions in each region and get them on board. This includes helping the universities in identifying the university coordinators. Once a university is able to identify their UC, then the UC can do the detailed planning and followup directly with the RC.

Wherever this is not yet been done, planning of FDPs may be done individually by SACs, for the time being. After planning for an FDP, the same is to be reported to the RC well in time for completing the formalities like uploading etc. and for consolidation in the overall plan for the region.

Since most of the SACs are also resource persons and there is a high demand for conducting the UHV workshops, hence it is desirable that they focus on conducting the FDPs mainly.