#### STUDENTS' ENGAGEMENT IN QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Students' Role for Quality Assurance(QA) in Higher Education(HE)

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# **Reasoning & Key Concepts**

### Why do Student Engagement in QA?

- 1. Through QA, students can directly influence the quality of their education.
- 2. Students bring new critical voice & approaches on the table.
- 3. As partners in educational process, students are an essential part of QA domain bringing different perspectives, backgrounds & needs.



# Key Concept 1: Student



"I expect you all to be independent, innovative, critical thinkers who will do exactly as I say!" Passive
Obedient
Respecting teacher: one day as a teacher, one life as a father(一 日为师,终身为父)
...

#### 2. Why we might need what we do not want?



- Seek advantages but avoid disadvantages (趋 利避害)
- That is Why we might need what we do not want ?

#### 3. Not Everything that Counts can be Counted





# **Overview of Student Engagement in QA**

#### Three Types of Students' Engagement

#### Cognitive engagement

Students try to acquire with more information about educational process, additional requirements & take any challenges with great pleasure.



Emotional engagement

Students have their own identity with the process, they have the internal interest towards the work, identity & positive attitude to the activity

#### Behavioral engagement

Students satisfy the institutional behavior norms, participate in the management process, such as evaluators in QA

# Student Engagement on three levels



# **6 Benefits to Student Participation**



### Student Engagement across Europe: 4 Activities

In the regulation of the European universities, the student's role is clearly defined & highlighted in internal & external assessment process.



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### Student Engagement across Europe: Countrywise

fig. 18 Student participation in internal quality assurance

- No participation
- Very little participation
- Some participation but far from being enough
- Participation is high, but still lacking in some places.
- Equal partners



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# **Students' Role for QA in HE**

Students views & responsibility positioning for student engagement: 3 Roles in 10 Countries: 1) Disciple: China, Kazakstan; 2) Customer: US, Australia; 3) Partner: Finland, Sweden ...



FIGURE 13.1 Views of students and positioning of responsibility for student engagement

### 9 Requirements for Candidates for Student Representative in QA (IQAA)

- to be a current senior student of bachelor course, master or doctoral student
- 2. to have experience in representing student issues at the faculty level, university or a country
- 3. to have some experience in the field of QA or active participation in the life of his/her HEI
- 4. to have analytical skills & be able to analyze, organize & synthesize information
- 5. to have good writing skills & be able to write a report; to be able to use computers & information technologies
- 6. to have good communication skills to interact in the course of external visits (review) with other experts & representatives of HEI
- 7. to know the programme, which is to be evaluated;
- 8. to be accountable to the public & university undergoing institutional & prgramme accreditation, & to the agency
- 9. to have a complete understanding of the trends in the development of the educational system: the Bologna Process, the credit system of study, modular education, & others.

# **Expectations of Student as Evaluators**



#### **Measuring Effectiveness of Student Evaluation**





### Students' Analysis Ability: 8 requirements

- 1. the opportunity to meet with the Rector, academic staff, Dean & faculty
- 2. involvement of students in HEI's relevant divisions (curriculum committee, Academic Council)
- 3. students assessment of feedback's timeliness & effectiveness
- 4. teaching & learning methods, & whether identified problems in teaching arc reviewed by appropriate divisions
- 5. students counselling & support (teachers, tutors, financial & social support, learning resources libraries, computers), including their accessibility & relevance
- 6. students' health
- 7. learning environment
- 8. availability of conditions for education, recreation, safety of students in HEI

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# 9 Principles for Effective Student Evaluator



Handbook for Program Evaluators by NAEAC: p.4-6.

## **5 Recommendations** for Student Engagement

- 1. Student engagement is a critical dimension for quality improvement
- 2. Role of student engagement in QA: A Partnership
- 3. Enhance student learning, better understand study meaning
- 4. Empower students for their learning, promote dialogue between institution & students: sense of belongingness
- 5. Institutional QA cannot function properly without honest consideration of student perspectives







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