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Sub: - Guidelines for Project I-ESKIMO (IMU-Enhancing Students' Knowledge about IMO) – reg.

1. IMU in association with IMEI and DMET-MERI Alumni has been conducting Mock IMO Session competition for students of IMU and its Affiliated Institutions on an annual basis. This exercise aims to enhance the knowledge of IMO functioning and the skills of students in understanding issues related to the shipping sector. It also strengthens the ability to read, research, comprehend and improve written and verbal communication.
2. The last three rounds of the Mock Session have helped students go beyond theoretical knowledge of the IMO Conventions. The response from the students, Faculty and Industry has been encouraging. Besides improved understanding of the University's students, the event has drawn attention of reputed stakeholders such as Lloyd's Register & Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA). It needs to be mentioned that the Indian marine fraternity including the DG Shipping has been very supportive.
3. Considering the success of the format and the support gained thus far, the Competent Authority of IMU has approved to implement the project I-ESKIMO which is proposed to not only concretize the idea but also expand the scope of the benefits. The details are as given below:

A. Format of the IMO Mock Competition

Campus teams are formed and Guides are allocated to help prepare the talking points and the presentations. The faculty act as Campus Coordinators and facilitate conduct of the preliminary rounds. Subsequent to selection of papers/presentations, a final round is held wherein many of the leading stakeholders participate. The winners are awarded prizes.

B. Project - I-ESKIMO

Under the project, a Mock Competition will be formulated with an organizational structure and with definite goals and feedback loops, thereby enhancing the potential for experiential learning. The members of IMO Shadow Committee (DGS, IMU, etc.) will also be linked up with the competition elements. This will give scope for expanding the discussions and derive a sense of seriousness.

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C. Objectives - I-ESKIMO project

1. To conduct forums similar to the sittings of IMO, with students as the participants representing member States, etc.;
2. To disseminate information ensuing from the sittings of IMO; conduct quizzes, essay competitions, etc., to enforce the effectiveness of knowledge dissemination;
3. To organize forums wherein administration, industry experts, IMU faculty, etc., to discuss the issues of importance (Indian and global perspectives) and disseminate amongst students (wherever possible students may be invited to these forums);
4. To generate monographs and similar content in collaboration with think-tanks such as Centre for Policy for Research in Maritime Studies (C-PRiMeS), etc. and share with CTR Section;
5. To facilitate the visit to IMO for the winners of competitions, representatives, etc.;

D. Structure of project I-ESKIMO

Composition	Steering Committee	Working Committee
Chairman	Vice Chancellor, IMU	Campus Director nominated by VC, IMU (nomination valid for 2 years, this will be on rotation basis)
IMU Members	Pro-Vice Chancellor, Campus Directors	HoDs of all Schools of IMU
External Members	To be nominated by VC, IMU Proposed: DGS; President, IMEI; Master, CMMI; Shipping companies (2 max.);	To be nominated by VC, IMU Proposed: IMEI (2 max); CMMI (2 max); alumni DMECA (2 max); industry personnel (2 max.); other interested Alumni Associations (2 max/each);

E. General Terms of Reference of the I-ESKIMO project

1. The steering committee shall guide the works committee for execution of various activities;
2. Depending on the involvement of the stakeholders, the Working Committee may be expanded; the composition and the size will be at the discretion of the Vice Chancellor, IMU;
3. The working committee shall plan the events for the year and form the teams for various activities; campuses will provide the student lists;
4. Judges, Guides, mentors may be sourced out from professional bodies, industry practitioners, academicians, etc.;
5. The forums to be regionally expanded to all parts of the globe (Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe, America etc.);
6. In general, the topics for the 'Mock Competition' will be aligned with the current topics of discussion at IMO (MEPC and HTW, in particular);
7. The working committee and the Campuses working in tandem should keep up communication with the Indian delegates (nominated for IMO such as DGS Surveyors, industry personnel etc.);

8. Campuses can drive the formation of the teams, scheduling of meetings (both steering committee, working committee, etc.);
 9. All Indian MTIs may be brought under the I-ESKIMO project;
 10. All IAMU member countries may be approached for participating in the competition and other activities;
 11. As an apex reward the winners (possibly the faculty, Guides who have guided them also) may be accommodated for the real working sessions of IMO; A background note and a request may be forwarded at the earliest;
 12. Sponsorship may be solicited from member States, institutions and classification societies, etc; by fostering this model, there could be a perennial value addition to the young students on the functioning of IMO which could translate into able leadership and decision making;
 13. **CTR Section** shall coordinate with the nominated Campuses for processing approvals for various decisions.
- F. These guidelines shall come into effect from the issue of this order.



Pro Vice Chancellor

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