



**DIRECTORATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES
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**ASRB Minutes FROM PROCEEDINGS OF 1st-2026 MEETING OF ADVANCED
STUDIES AND RESEARCH BOARD HELD ON 13.01.2026**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1st-2026 MEETING OF THE ADVANCED STUDIES AND
RESEARCH BOARD (ASRB), UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, DATED 13.01.2026**

A meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board was held on 13.01.2026 at 09:30 am in the Committee Room No.1, Administration Block, University of Peshawar.

The following attended:

In Chair

Meritorious Prof. Johar Ali

Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar

Members

1. Prof. Dr. Shumaila Rauf

Dean, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences

2. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan

Dean, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences

3. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

4. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

5. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal

Dean, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences

6. Prof. Dr. Shahid Ali

Department of Physics

7. Prof. Dr. Shaida Aaman

Department of Political Science

8. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad

Director ORIC

9. Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman

Secretary

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences, University of Peshawar. After the recitation, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all members of the Board.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for consideration and decision:



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General Item. No. 1

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of ASRB sub-committee, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences, held on 05.12.2025.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences, held on 05.12.2025

General Item. No. 2

Approval of Minutes of ASRB sub-Committee-I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences, held on 08.12.2025.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee-I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences, held on 08.12.2025.

General Item. No. 3

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee-I, Faculty of Social Sciences, held on 18.12.2025

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee-I, Faculty of Social Sciences, held on 18.12.2025.

General Item. No. 4

Approval of Minutes of ASRB sub-Committee-II, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences, held on 19.12.2025.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee-II, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences, held on 19.12.2025.

Research Proposals

Item No. 01

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Aziz Ur Rahman, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24)

عصر حاضر میں مثالی تعلیمی ادارہ تصور "سیرت نبویؐ کی روشنی میں تحقیقی جائزہ"

Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be **resubmitted**. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal,



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the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:

i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB).

The suggested corrections are as follows:

- i. The study's title should be revised for clarity (Both urdu and English), and to better convey the scope and objectives of the research.
- ii. A concise comprehensive summary of the study should be included as part of the proposal.
- iii. For completeness, the proposal should explicitly present the aim of the study.
- iv. The proposal should provide a well-structured tentative timeline within the plan of work to indicate the projected schedule of activities.
- v. It is essential that the proposal be prepared in full compliance with the University of Peshawar's approved Uniform Format for Proposal writing, available on the official website.
- vi. The research questions should be systematically presented immediately following the research objectives to maintain logical coherence.

Item No. 02

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Amroz Begum, PhD Research Scholar,
Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24)**

Research Title:

عصری تعلیم کے حصول میں ضلع کر کی خواتین کو درپیش مسائل کا سیرت کے
تباہ میں تحقیقی جائزہ

(A RESEARCH ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN IN DISTRICT KARAK PURSUING
CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION IN THE LIGHT OF SEERAH)



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Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be **resubmitted**. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal, the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:

i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB). The suggested corrections are as follows:

- i. The overall structure and formatting of the document should be as per University of Peshawar Uniform format for Proposal writing, as available on university website.
- ii. The Introduction and Literature Review should be presented under a single heading.
- iii. Numbering of the section headings should be removed to ensure conformity with the prescribed formatting guidelines.
- iv. Explain the quantitative research design in detail, providing appropriate justification for the selection of the sampling procedure, sample size, and other relevant methodological aspects.
- v. A clear specification of the number of focus group discussions (FGDs) and interviews, together with a comprehensive explanation of the data analysis procedure, should be included in the qualitative analysis section.
- vi. A comprehensive summary of the study should be incorporated in the proposal.
- vii. The plan of work should clearly specify a tentative timeline.
- viii. The aim of the study is missing and should be clearly stated.

Item No. 03

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24).



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معاصر سماجی مسائل کے حل کے لیے نبوی تعلیمات اور اقدامات کا تحقیقی جائزہ

Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be **resubmitted**. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal, the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:

i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB). The suggested corrections are as follows:

- I. The proposal must include a detailed summary that effectively captures the essential components of the study.
- II. The proposal currently lacks a clearly stated aim, which should be explicitly outlined to guide the research objectives.
- III. A clearly articulated tentative timeline should be incorporated into the plan of work to guide the research process.
- IV. The proposal should rigorously follow the University of Peshawar's officially sanctioned Uniform Format for Proposal writing, as specified on the university website.
- V. The section headings may be omitted to align the proposal with the prescribed formatting guidelines.
- VI. The procedure for analysing qualitative data should be incorporated.

Item No. 04

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Naseem, PhD Research Scholar,
Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24)**

**سیرت طیبہ کی روشنی میں تحفظ ماء کی اہمیت اور حکمت عملی پر
تحقیقی جائزہ**



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Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be **resubmitted**. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal, the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:

i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB). The suggested corrections are as follows:

- I. The proposal should explicitly define the aim of the study, as it is currently absent.
- II. A clear and comprehensive summary outlining the key aspects of the study should be included in the proposal.
- III. The study's aim is not currently specified and should be clearly and explicitly articulated in the proposal.
- IV. The proposal should comprehensively describe the quantitative research design, including well-supported justification for the choice of sampling procedure, sample size, and additional methodological decisions.
- V. The plan of work should include a clearly defined tentative timeline for all research activities.

Item No. 05

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Zubaida, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24)

سیرت النبی ﷺ کے تناظر میں سوشل میڈیا کے مسلمان نوجوانوں پر ذہنی، علمی، دینی اور نفسیاتی اثرات کا تحقیقی جائزہ اور ان کا حل

Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be **resubmitted**. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal, the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:



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i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB). The suggested corrections are as follows:

- I. The Literature Review should be integrated with the Introduction section.
- II. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of focus group discussions (FGDs) and interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- III. A tentative time schedule should be included in the plan of work.
- IV. The proposal should incorporate a clear, coherent, and comprehensive English summary of the study.
- V. The 'Significance of the Study' section should be presented as a separate and distinct section rather than being included within the introduction.
- VI. The aim of the study is currently missing and should be explicitly and clearly stated.
- VII. The quantitative research design should be explained in detail, including a thorough justification for the choice of sampling procedure, determination of sample size, and other relevant methodological considerations.
- VIII. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.

Item No. 06

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Noreen, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Seerat Studies (Session 2023-24)

Research Title: سیرت نبوی کی روشنی میں اقوامِ متحده کا منصوبہ پائیدار ترقی کے ہدفِ صحت کا تحقیقی جائزہ



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(An analytical study in the light of the Seerah of the United Nations 'Sustainable Development Goal relating to health)

Decision: The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be resubmitted. In view of the specialized academic input required to finalize the proposal, the Board referred the matter to a committee comprising:

i. Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen

Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies

ii. Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

iii. Prof. Dr. Shahida Aaman

Chairperson, Department of Political Science

iv. Dr. Muhammad Atif (for statistical expertise)

Department of Statistics

The Committee shall provide academic guidance to the scholar for the incorporation of the required revisions and shall subsequently issue a *Correction Certificate* upon satisfactory compliance with the suggested amendments. The scholar shall then submit the revised proposal, along with the Correction Certificate, to the Office of the Directorate of Advanced Studies (DAS) for consideration in the forthcoming meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB). The suggested corrections are as follows:

- I. The proposal should incorporate a well-structured summary that highlights the scope, objectives, and main findings of the study.
- II. A well-defined statement of the study's aim is missing and must be included to provide clarity and focus.
- III. A tentative schedule outlining the timeline of the study should be clearly presented in the plan of work.
- IV. The proposal must strictly adhere to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format for Proposal writing, as outlined on the university's website.
- V. The sections of the proposal should be formatted according to the University of Peshawar's official proposal style, for example: Summary, Introduction, Significance of the Study, etc.
- VI. An 'Analysis' section should also be added to the outline, clearly explaining how the collected data will be interpreted and presented.

Item No. 07

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Yar Hussain, PhD Research Scholar,
Department of Pashto (Session 2023-24)**



Research Title: ARTISTIC AND THEMATIC ANALYSIS OF KHYBER APRIDI'S POETRY

د خیبر اپریدی د شاعری فنی او فکری جائزه

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and review of the revised/re-submitted research proposal in light of the decision made by the Board in its meeting held on 10.12.2025 **approved** the research title and proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a correction certificate from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Merge the Introduction and Literature Review into a single section.
- ii. The name Khyber Apridi should be written in the summary paragraph instead of Khyber Afridi.

Item No. 08

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Ayaz Ullah, PhD Research Scholar, Pashto Academy (Session 2020-21)

Research Title: پښتو ادب کېښې د سائنس فکشن د عناصرو خېړنې

RESEARCHING THE ELEMENTS OF SCIENCE FICTION IN PASHTO LITERARY WORK

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The heading 'Abstract' should be replaced with 'Summary'.
- ii. Use the subsection title 'Significance of the Study' instead of 'Significance of the Title'.
- iii. Merge the Introduction and Literature Review into a single section.
- iv. Use 'Aim and Objectives' instead of 'Aims and Objectives'.

Item No. 09

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Sohaib Jan, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Urdu (Session 2023-24)

Research Title: رحمن عباس کے ناولوں میں اساطیری عناصر تحقیقی و تنقیدی مطالعہ



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Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. The table of contents should not be included in the proposal.
- ii. Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall purpose and direction of the research.
- iii. Research Methodology should be revised, wherever needed, for clarity and accuracy.

Item No. 10

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Hasnain Iftikhar, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Statistics (Session Fall 2024)

Research Title: A KERNEL REGRESSION-BASED DECOMPOSITION FRAMEWORK WITH APPLICATIONS TO DIVERSE AND HIGHLY VOLATILE TIME SERIES

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. A precise specification of the study type should be provided to enhance methodological transparency and coherence.
- ii. Instead of writing 'For instance [15] introduced a hybrid forecasting system,' it is recommended to write 'For instance, Iftikhar et al. introduced a hybrid forecasting system'.
- iii. Reference [16] should be cited at the end of the sentence.
- iv. The sentence referring to references [17] and [18] should be revised to enhance readability and academic style.
- v. For proper formatting, all equations should be aligned to the center.
- vi. Provide a clear specification of the proposed study type to enhance the clarity and focus of the methodology.
- vii. The name of the software should be incorporated into the proposal.

Item No. 11

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Farhat Naz, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Chemical Sciences (Session 2020-21)



Research Title: ANALYSIS OF ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR
TRANSITIONING OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN INTO FORMAL SCHOOLS:
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN BALOCHISTAN

The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. Use a uniform reference format; for example, write citations as [17–18] instead of [17][18] or [17,18].
- ii. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii. All sections of the document must be organized in accordance with the University of Peshawar Uniform Proposal format to ensure standardization and compliance.
- iv. Ethical clearance should be sought from the Ethical Review Board (ERB) of the University of Peshawar, rather than from the Ethical Committee of ICS.
- v. The formula for sample size should be written using the equation editor.
- vi. Provide a clear specification of the proposed study type to enhance the clarity and focus of the methodology.
- vii. The sentence 'A random sample collection will be used for data collection' should be explained and justified in detail.
- viii. Small 'n' should be used for denoting the sample size.

Item No. 12

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Fakhri Alam, PhD Research Scholar, NCE in Geology (Session 2022-23)

Research Title: DESIGN OF MULTI-FOLDED WINGS IN CHAOTIC SYSTEMS AND ITS
APPLICATIONS IN MINI ROBOTS UNDER COMPLEX ENVIRONMENTS

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. Provide a clear specification of the proposed study type to enhance the clarity and focus of the methodology.



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- ii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iv. It is essential that the proposal be prepared in full compliance with the University of Peshawar's approved Uniform Format for Proposal writing, available on the official website.
- v. A detailed procedure for data analysis should be included.

Item No. 13

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Rukhsar, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Psychology (Session 2023-24)

Research Title: DYSMENORRHEA & PRESENTEEISM: INVESTIGATING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL, MEDICAL AND WORK-RELATED FACTORS AND EVALUATING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR PERIOD RELATED CHALLENGES

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. Dr. Faroq Shah (Department of Statistics) will assist the scholar in improving the research methodology to meet academic standards and address the research objectives effectively. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor and Dr. Farooq Shah, Department of Statistics within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The layout, sequencing of sections, and formatting of the proposal should conform to the prescribed University of Peshawar Proposal guidelines.
- ii. The aim of the study is missing and should be clearly stated.
- iii. The methodology section should be thoroughly revised to clearly outline the research design, data collection methods and sampling procedures.
- iv. Also add 'Analysis' section to outline as how the collected data will be interpreted and presented.
- v. Ensure that all in-text citations correspond accurately to entries in the reference list.
- vi. Each reference in the list should have a corresponding in-text citation to ensure accuracy and relevance.

Item No. 14

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Tooba Aslam, PhD Research Scholar, Department of International Relations (Session 2020-21)

Research Title: MARITIME DIMENSION OF INDIA PAKISTAN RIVALRY: LINKING KASHMIR CONFLICT TO INDIAN OCEAN POWER DYNAMICS



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Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. The Table of Contents should be removed from the proposal to ensure compliance with the prescribed format.
- ii. Some references cited in the text are not included in the reference list and should be added to ensure consistency and completeness.
- iii. The proposal should strictly conform to the University of Peshawar Uniform format for Proposal writing, as available on university website.
- iv. The section headings may be omitted to ensure the proposal strictly conforms to the prescribed formatting guidelines and maintains that uniformity with the approved Proposal structure.
- v. The interview sample size of 20–30 participants should be clearly stated and appropriately justified in accordance with the research objectives and methodological requirements.
- vi. The plan of work should be incorporated into the document.
- vii. The section on proposed chapterization should be removed to ensure conformity with the prescribed proposal format.
- viii. The majority of the references listed are not cited in the text and should be either appropriately incorporated into the discussion or removed to ensure relevance and consistency.

Item No. 15

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Jehangir Alam PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science (Session 2021-22)

Research Title: RATIONAL CHOICE AND ELECTORAL DECISION MAKING: AN ANALYSIS OF VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN CHITRAL, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. Dr. Muhammad Farooq (Department of Statistics) will assist the scholar in improving the research methodology to meet academic standards and address the research objectives effectively. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor and Dr. Muhammad Farooq (Department of Statistics) within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:



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- i. For clarity and precision, the heading 'Research Aim and Objectives' should be revised as 'Aim and Objectives'.
- ii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iii. Research Methodology should be revised, wherever needed, for clarity and accuracy.
- iv. The statistical analysis procedures must be explained in detail to ensure clarity on data handling and interpretation.
- v. The proposal requires revision to fully align its structure and formatting with the Uniform Format of Proposal issued by the University of Peshawar.
- vi. Use the standard in-text citation style consistently throughout the document.
- vii. The reference list contains five duplicated entries, one version of each should be removed.
- viii. Each reference in the list should have a corresponding in-text citation to ensure accuracy and relevance.

Item No. 16

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Marina Mahsud, PhD Research Scholar,
Department of Political Science (Session 2021-22)**

**Research Title: INVESTIGATING POST-MERGER GOVERNANCE REFORMS IN
NORTH AND SOUTH WAZIRISTAN**

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. Points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- ii. Detailed information regarding the in-depth interviews should be provided, such as the number of interviews conducted.
- iii. Provide detailed information regarding the number of FGDs, including the total number, participant characteristics, and other relevant details.
- iv. Ensure that all in-text citations correspond accurately to entries in the reference list.
- v. A thorough cross-check of all references is recommended to maintain scholarly rigor and prevent omission errors.

Item No. 17

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Shukrullah, PhD Research Scholar,
Department of Political Science (Session 2021-22)**



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Research Title: SKILLED EXODUS AND STATE RESPONSES: BRAIN DRAIN FROM AFGHANISTAN (2014–2021) AND POLICY OPTIONS FOR MITIGATION

Decision: The case was deferred due to the absence of the scholar.

Item No.18

Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Rizwana Bakhtiar, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Economics (Session 2022-23)

Research Title: IMPACT OF FINANCIAL INCLUSION ON INCOME INEQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: MEDIATING ROLE OF INSTITUTIONS IN ASIAN ECONOMIES

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follow:

- i. The study should include a clearly articulated aim to guide the research objectives and methodology.
- ii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iii. The Methodology section should be concise and focused, retaining only necessary details for clarity and reproducibility.
- iv. Numbering of section headings should be removed throughout the document.
- v. Missing references should be located, verified, and included to maintain academic integrity.

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(Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman)
Director/Secretary, Advanced Studies

Confirmed & Approved by:

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(Meritorious Prof. Dr. Johar Ali)
Vice-Chancellor
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