



DIRECTORATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

ASRB Minutes FROM PROCEEDINGS OF 8th -2026 MEETING OF ADVANCED
STUDIES AND RESEARCH BOARD HELD ON 23.06.2026

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 8th 2026 MEETING OF THE ADVANCED STUDIES AND
RESEARCH BOARD (ASRB), UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, DATED 23.06.2026**

A meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board was held on 23.06.2026 at 09:30 am in the Committee Room No.1, Administration Block, University of Peshawar.

The following attended:

In Chair

Meritorious Prof. Dr. Johar Ali
Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar

Members

1. *Prof. Dr. Shumaila Rauf*
Dean, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences
2. *Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam*
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
3. *Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal*
Dean, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences
4. *Prof. Dr. Anoosh Khan*
Department of English & Applied Linguistics
5. *Prof. Dr. Shahida Aman*
Department of Political Science
6. *Dr. Sanaullah*
Institute of Zoological Sciences
7. *Dr. Sajjad Ahmad*
Director ORIC
8. *Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman*
Director Advanced Studies

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam, Dean, Faculty of Social 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:

General Item. No. 1

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences held on 11.06.2026.

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 11.06.2026.



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General Item. No. 2

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee II, Faculty of Social Sciences held on 04.06.2026.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee II, Faculty of Social Sciences held on 04.06.2026.

General Item. No. 3

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences held on 23.01.2026.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences held on 23.01.2026.

General Item. No. 4

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences held on 03.03.2026.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences held on 03.03.2026.

General Item. No. 5

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee-I, Faculty of Social Sciences held on 15.06.2026.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee-I, Faculty of Social Sciences held on 15.06.2026.

General Item. No. 6

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee II, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences held on 16.06.2026.

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 16.06.2026.



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General Item. No. 7

Approval of Research Topics of the Following M.Phil. Scholars of the National Centre of Excellence (NCE) in Physical Chemistry (Session 2023–2024), ASRB Sub-Committee–I, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, in its Meeting Held on 19.05.2026:

1. **Ms. Mahnoor Ali**, M.Phil. Research Scholar — Serial No. 25
2. **Mr. Abdur Rahman**, M.Phil. Research Scholar — Serial No. 29

During its 7th meeting held on 03.06.2026, the ASRB considered the cases of the two scholars and decided to refer the matter to a committee comprising the following members:

- i Dean, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences
- ii Prof. Dr. Qamruz zaman, Director Advanced Studies
- iii Secretary, Sub-Committee I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences

The Committee was directed to convene a meeting with the supervisors of the aforementioned scholars to discuss the issues pertaining to their research proposals and to examine the matter in detail. The Committee was further tasked with submitting its report, together with its recommendations, to the ASRB for further consideration.

In response to the ASRB minutes, a meeting of the Committee was held on 11.06.2026. During the meeting, the supervisors were directed to submit affidavits through the proper channel in respect of the following scholars for further processing of their cases and consideration of their corrected/ revised research titles by the ASRB, as directed in Para 4 of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11.06.2026, reproduced below:

4. "The Supervisors (Dr. Rizwan Ullah and Dr. Salma Gul) of both the scholars shall submit an affidavit that the cases of both the scholars were processed without approval of the title due to misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the minutes/recommendations of the ASRB SC-1 meeting held on 12-01-2026 approved by the ASRB. The Supervisors may also mention in the affidavit that the revised/corrected titles submitted to the meeting of the ASRB SC-1 held on 19-5-2026 may be approved in r/o of both the scholars respectively by the ASRB in its coming meeting as under".

S#	Name of Scholar	Corrected/Revised titles for Approval (as submitted to the ASRB SC-1 meeting held on 19-5-2026)
1.	Ms. Mahnoor Ali	SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPOSITES OF POLYANILINE WITH CADMIUM DOPED BISMUTH OXIDE FOR ENERGY STORAGE APPLICATION



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2.	Mr. Abdur Rahman	UTILIZATION OF EXPIRED ESCITALOPRAM DRUG AS A CORROSION INHIBITOR FOR STAINLESS STEEL AND CARBON STEEL
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In response of the decision of the committee, both the supervisors sent an affidavit.

Decision: The ASRB considered the report and recommendations of the Committee constituted in its 7th meeting held on 03.06.2026. The Board noted that, in compliance with the directions of the Committee, the supervisors of both scholars, namely Dr. Rizwan Ullah and Dr. Salma Gul, had submitted the requisite affidavits acknowledging that the cases were processed without prior approval of the research titles due to a misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the recommendations/minutes of the ASRB Sub-Committee-I meeting held on 12.01.2026.

After examining the affidavits and the corrected/revised research titles submitted through proper channel, the ASRB was satisfied that the matter had been appropriately clarified. Consequently, the Board approved the following revised research titles in respect of the scholars:

1. **Ms. Mahnoor Ali** — *Synthesis and Characterization of Composites of Polyaniline with Cadmium Doped Bismuth Oxide for Energy Storage Application.*
2. **Mr. Abdur Rahman** — *Utilization of Expired Escitalopram Drug as a Corrosion Inhibitor for Stainless Steel and Carbon Steel.*

The cases were accordingly approved and disposed of.

Research Proposals

Item No. 01

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (Session 2022-23)

Research Title: US-INDIA STRATEGIC BALANCE AND REGIONAL PEACE POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA WITH ITS IMPLICATIONS ON PAKISTAN (2016-2025)

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. All in-text citations should correspond precisely to the references listed.
- ii. The aim of the study should be explicitly stated.
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.



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- iv. The methodology section should be thoroughly revised to clearly describe the research design, including the number of interviews, data collection methods, and sampling procedures.
- v. The plan of work should be presented more clearly, with sufficient detail regarding the sequence of activities, timelines, and implementation procedures.
- vi. The chapterization section should be removed from the proposal, as it is not part of the University of Peshawar proposal format.

Item No. 02

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Noor Ahmad Sahar, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science (Session 2020-2021).

Research Title: DEMOCRATIC STATE BUILDING PROCESS IN AFGHANISTAN (2001- 2021)

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. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- ii. The aim of the study should be incorporated clearly in the proposal to define the overall purpose and direction of the research.
- iii. Full stops at the end of each objective should be removed to maintain consistency in formatting and presentation.
- iv. Majority of the references listed are not cited in the text and should either be appropriately incorporated into the discussion or removed to ensure relevance and consistency.
- v. A proper justification for the sample size in the qualitative research should be provided.
- vi. 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.
- vii. The plan of work should be incorporated into the Proposal.
- viii. The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.

Item No. 03

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Hazrat Bilal, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Management Studies (Session 2018-19)

Research Title: POLITICAL RISK AND FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT: A FOCUS ON MSCI FRONTIER MARKET

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved the** research proposal



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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 title should be revised to remove all abbreviations and use the complete terminology instead.
- ii. All in-text citations should correspond precisely to the references listed.
- iii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- iv. The aim of the study should be explicitly stated.
- v. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- vi. The proposal should rigorously comply with the University of Peshawar's Uniform Format for Research Proposals, as provided on the university website. All sections, headings, and formatting requirements should be aligned with the prescribed guidelines.
- iv. The proposal should include a justification for considering data spanning the period from 2002 to 2024, explaining the significance and relevance of this timeframe to the study objectives.
- vii. The variables included in the model on page 9 should be clearly explained and justified.
- viii. A detailed description of the analytical methods and procedures to be used for addressing each research objective should be provided.

Item No. 04

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Aurangzeb Khan, PhD Research Scholar, Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Management University of Peshawar (Session 2022-23)

Research Title: ASSESSING THE FLOOD SUSCEPTIBILITY OF PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURES IN THE FLOODPLAIN OF INDUS RIVER AT TEHSIL PAROA, DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN

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 study's aim should be included in the proposal to clarify its overall purpose and direction.
- ii. Objectives should be started from the bullets
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iv. The study design should be incorporated into the methodology section.
- v. Some references appearing in the reference list are absent from the in-text citations and must be incorporated accurately.



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- vi. Several sources cited within the text are absent from the reference list and should be duly added.
- vii. A tentative schedule outlining the timeline of the study should be clearly presented in the plan of work.
- ix. The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.

Item No. 05

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Saba Saeed, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Statistics (Session 2021-2022)

Research Title: VARIANCE ESTIMATION UNDER CONVENTIONAL AND ADAPTIVE CLUSTER SAMPLING USING AUXILIARY INFORMATION

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 proposal should rigorously follow the University of Peshawar's Uniform Format of Proposal, provided on the university website.
- ii. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- iii. The heading 'Background' should be replaced with 'Introduction.'
- iv. The Introduction and Literature Review should be presented under a single heading.
- v. The Aim and Objectives section should be presented following the Introduction section.
- vi. Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall
- vii. All references included in the reference list must be cited within the text. For example, Reference No. 37 appears in the reference list but is not cited in the proposal.

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(Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman)

Director/Secretary, Advanced Studies & Research Board

Confirmed & Approved by:

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