

# **UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council** **held on May 05, 2016**

Meeting of the Academic Council was held on May 5, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Conference Hall of Sir Sahibzada Abdul Qayyum Khan Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology which was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor. List of participants is attached as per Annexure-A.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Prof. Dr. Miraj ul Islam Zia, Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies whereafter the Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members of the Academic Council. As regards delay in meetings of the Board of Studies and Board of Faculties, the Chair urged the Deans and Heads of the Departments to regularly hold the respective meetings for updating the courses/syllabi as per Academic Calendar of the University so that in future meetings of the Academic Council could be held in time.

Thereafter, the regular agenda items were taken up for discussion in the following order:

**Item No.1**     **ALLOCATION OF SEATS FOR THE MALDIVIAN STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SECTOR UNIVERSITIES**

The Academic Council recommended to allocate one seat in all departments of the University for the Maldivian students at discounted rates from the Academic Session 2016-17.

**Item No. 2**     **ALLOCATION OF SEATS FOR STUDENTS OF KOHISTAN IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**

The Academic Council did not approve the allocation of seats for the students of Kohistan. The Council, however, recommended to allow 50% tuition fee concession to the students of Kohistan who are admitted on merit in any discipline from the Academic Session 2016-17.

**Item No. 3 RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE EMPLOYEES OF KHYBER COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.**

The Academic Council, while going through requests of sister institutions for reservations of seats, constituted the following committee to look into the system of reservation of seats for sister universities in University of Peshawar and Vice Versa:

1. Prof. Dr. Adnan Sarwar Khan           Convener  
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
2. Prof. Dr. Hizbullah Khan  
Director Admissions
3. Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali  
Institute of Education and Research
4. Prof. Dr. Shazia Baber  
Principal, Jinnah College for Women
5. Dr. Jamil Ahmad Chitrali  
Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies

The Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Syndicate.

**Item No. 4 RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE EMPLOYEES OF PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES (PCSIR) PESHAWAR.**

As per item No.3

**Item No. 5 RESERVATION OF 05 SEATS FOR BOARDS OTHER THAN PESHAWAR FOR ADMISSION TO FIRST YEAR CLASS AT JINNAH COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**

The Academic Council did not agree to the reservation of seats for the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education other than Peshawar for admission to first year at Jinnah College for Women, University of Peshawar.

**Item No.6 NOMINEE OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL ON THE AFFILIATION COMMITTEE**

As required under Section 10 (1) (ii) of the First Statutes of the University of Peshawar, the Academic Council nominated Prof. Dr. Minhaj-ul- Hassan, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities as nominee of the Academic Council on the Affiliation Committee for a period of two years.

**Item No.7 ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT THE WORKPLACE**

As required under Section 11 of the Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act 2010, the Academic Council recommended to adopt the Code of conduct for Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace as per Annexure B.

**Item No.8 SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS**

The Academic Council while discussing the special package for physically handicapped students notified by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Higher Education Department vide No.SO(UE-1)HE/4-15/2014/4068-87 dated December 30, 2014, constituted the following Committee to look into the feasibility of Paras (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) of the package and submit consolidated report to the Syndicate for consideration:

1. Director Admissions Convener
2. Director  
Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Management
3. Director  
Planning & Development
4. Director Works
5. Principal, College of Home Economics

The Academic Council further recommended to confirm the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor on Para (ii) of the special package regarding waiving off all intuitional charges including tuition fee, hostel fee and utility bills.

**Item No.9 APPEARING IN VIVA-VOCE EXAMINATION**

The Academic Council constituted the following Inquiry Committee to probe the case of Mr. Maywand Khan, MSc student of the Department of Environmental Sciences and submit its report to the Syndicate:

1. The Dean Convener  
Faculty of Arts and Humanities
2. The Dean  
Faculty of Numerical and Physical Sciences
3. The Director  
Centralized Resource Laboratory
4. The Controller of Examinations
5. The Chairperson  
Department of Environmental Sciences

**Item No.10 AFFILIATION CRITERIA/GUIDELINES FOR UNIVERSITIES/ INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

The Academic Council recommended to adopt the Higher Education Commission Affiliation Criteria/Guidelines for Universities/Institutions of Higher Education in public and private sector as Annexure C.

**Item No.11 CHANGE OF NOMENCLATURE FROM BACHELOR OF PARAMEDICAL SCIENCES TO BACHELOR STUDIES**

The Academic Council did not agree to the proposal for change of nomenclature from Bachelor of Paramedical Sciences to Bachelor Studies (BS).

**Item No.12 POLICY FOR TWO DEGREES AWARDED IN SAME YEAR OR SESSION CLASH WITH SAME OR DIFFERENT MODE**

The Academic Council did not agree with the Higher Education Commission policy for two degrees awarded in the same year or session clash with same or different mode.

**Item No.13 PERMISSION FOR APPEARING IN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AT BA/ B.SC. LEVEL**

The Academic Council asked the Heads of the Departments of Political Science and History to devise a mechanism in consultation with the Controller of Examinations to resolve the issue/ problem faced by the students of BS History and Political Science once and for all.

**Item No.14 PERMISSION FOR APPEARING IN THE EXAMINATION FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> OR 3<sup>rd</sup> TIME FOR THE CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES OF UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR.**

The Academic Council recommended that the University of Peshawar employees and their children, appearing for examinations in annual/ semester system for second or subsequent times [failure/ repeat cases] should not be exempted from the examination fee and should be charged at par with other students.

**Item No.15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EQUIVALENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 09.07. 2015.**

The Academic Council while going through the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee made the following decisions:

- a. Approved Item No. 1 provided that no seat will be reserved in B.Ed programme;
- b. Approved Items No. 2, 4 and 6; and
- c. Endorsed items No.3 and 5 of the minutes of the Equivalence Committee and allowed the conversion of Semester's Grade Point Average into Term System Marks for the issuance of uniform transcript. However, the Academic Council directed that all affiliated colleges be informed not to enroll students from Term to Semester System and vice versa.

**Item No.16 REMISSION OF EXAMINATION FEE IN FAVOUR OF THE PRISONERS LANGUISHING IN THE PRISONS OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA**

The Academic Council recommended to consider the request of the Inspector General Prisons, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to waive off examination fee in favour of prisoners languishing in the prisons of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provided they otherwise fulfill the eligibility criteria.

The Academic Council, in order to reform prisoners through education, proposed to establish a distance learning institute in Central Jail, Peshawar so that prisoners could be provided education at their door-step.

**Item No.17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, HELD ON 18.02.2016**

The Academic Council thoroughly discussed the minutes of the Board of Faculty of Social Sciences and made the following recommendations:

**Item No. A: Institute of Education and Research**

The Academic Council recommended Item A of the minutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences subject to correction/changes proposed by Prof. Dr. Taj Moharram Khan provided that B.Ed one year programme is allowed by the Higher Education Commission. The Academic Council while discussing sub-Item No. 6 of Item A, constituted the following committee to look into the same and submit its report to the Syndicate:

1. The Dean, Convener  
Faculty of Social Sciences
2. The Director,  
Institute of Education and Research
3. The Director Admission
4. The Controller of examinations

**Item No. B: Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies**

The Academic Council while discussing Item No. B of the minutes of the Board of Faculty of Social Sciences recommended to declare Master of Science Degree holder with Diploma in Peace and Conflict Studies eligible for MS in Peace and Conflict Studies.

**Item No. C: Law College**

The Academic Council recommended to allow initiation of 5 year LLB program from the Session 2016-17 subject to the condition that the Course Contents and its serialization be reviewed by the Board of Studies of the Law College in consultation with Prof. Dr. Taj Moharram Khan for placement before the Syndicate.

**Item No. D: Department of Regional Studies**

The Academic Council deferred the proposal of conversion from semester to annual system.

**Item No.18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, HELD ON 09.02.2016**

The Academic Council thoroughly discussed the minutes of the Board of Faculty of Management of Information Sciences and made the following recommendations:

**Item No.1: Revision of existing courses & proposed for adding new courses for College of Home Economics**

The Academic Council recommended Item No.1.

**Item No. 2: Upgradation of College Of Home Economics Status To Institute**

The Academic Council did not recommend Item No.2.

**Item No. 3: Revision of Courses for MBA 3.5 years**

The Academic Council recommended Item No. 3 of the minutes subject to the condition that the same be placed before the following committee for refining the course numbering:

1. Prof. Dr. Taj Moharram Khan  
Department of Political Science
2. The Director  
Institute of Management Studies



**Suppl. Item No.2      PHASING OUT OF ONE YEAR B.ED PROGRAM BY 2016**

The Academic Council recommended to phase out B.Ed. one year degree programme from the session 2016-17, however, keeping in view the observations of the Director, Institute of Education & Research, a Committee of the following was constituted to negotiate the issue with the Higher Education Commission, Islamabad and submit its report to the Syndicate:

1. The Director, IER
2. Director Admission
3. Controller of Examinations
4. The Director, Institute of Peace and Conflicts Studies

**Suppl. Item No.3      MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FACULTY OF LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, HELD ON 17.03.2016**

The Academic Council thoroughly discussed the minutes of the Board of Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences and made the following recommendations:

1.      **Department of Environmental Sciences**  
The Academic Council recommended Item No. 1.
2.      **Department of Geography**  
The Academic Council recommended Item No.2.
3.      **Department of Urban and Regional Planning**

The Academic Council recommended Item No. 3 of the minutes except sub-item No. 7 subject to the following conditions:

- a. The word “misreported” from Sub-Item No. 5 is deleted; and
  - b. Items like Sub-Item No. 7 should not be brought to the Academic Council in future.
4.      **Department of Urban & Regional Planning**  
The Academic Council recommended Item No.4.

**5. Centre of Biotechnology and Microbiology**

The Academic Council recommended Item No. 5 subject to correction made by Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Khan.

**6. NCE in Geology**

The Academic Council recommended Item No. 6.

**7. Case of upgradation of the Department of Pharmacy to the Faculty of Pharmacy**

The Academic Council did not recommend Item No.7.

**Addl. Item No.1 TWO PRINCIPALS (PREFERABLY ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE OF AFFILIATED COLLEGES TO BE NOMINATED BY THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL)**

As required under Section 22 (1) (h) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities Act 2012, the Academic Council nominated Principals of the Army College of Education, Peshawar and Brains Postgraduate College as nominees of the Academic Council on the Syndicate.

**Addl. Item No.2 UNIVERSITY SEMESTER COMMITTEE**

The Academic Council directed the sub-committee of the University Semester Committee constituted vide Notification No.249/Acad-II, dated: 13.12.2015 to expedite the process and submit its report within one month.

**Addl. Item No.2 UNIFORM FEE STRUCTURE**

The Academic Council constituted the following Committee to review the existing fee structure and propose Regulations for demand and receipt of fee by the University. The report of the Committee will be placed before the Syndicate for consideration:

1. Prof. Dr. Minhaj ul Hassan  
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities Convener
2. Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal  
Department of Pharmacy
3. Prof. Dr. Zalakat Khan  
Department of Economics

4. Prof. Dr. Hizbullah Khan  
Director Admissions
5. Mr. Syed Hamid Ali Shah,  
Principal, Quaid e Azam College of Commerce
6. Dr. Yorid Ahsan Zia  
Quaid e Azam College of Commerce

At the end, the Vice Chancellor urged the Deans of Faculties to arrange for issuance of Journals of the respective faculties on priority with the aim to upgrade the same to the best category.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Vice-Chancellor  
Chairman

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Registrar  
Member/Secretary