

UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR

Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council **held on February 12, 2014**

Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 12.02.2014 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, Director, Institute of Islamic & Arabic Studies. The Vice-Chancellor welcomed the members for attending the first meeting of the Academic Council in the year 2014. He also advised the Deans to hold frequent meetings of Board of Faculties for updating the courses/syllabi.

Thereafter the regular agenda was taken up for discussion in the following order:

Item No.1 Nominee of the Academic Council on the Board of Governors of National Centre of Excellence in Physical Chemistry

As required under Section-5 (1)(h) of the Act No.IX of the National Centre of Excellence in Physical Chemistry, the Academic Council nominated Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad, Institute of Chemical Sciences, as member on the Board of Governors, National Centre of Excellence in Physical Chemistry, for a period of three years.

Item No.2 Report of the Committee Constituted for Bifurcation of the Institutes

The University of Peshawar through a notification No. 172/A-I/Acad dated 17.08.2009 had notified the re-organization/re-structuring of the following departments for appropriate management, good governance and utilization of human and physical resources of the University.

1. The Department of Seerat Studies, Arabic & Islamiyat were merged together and are called as "Institute of Islamic and Arabic Studies"

2. The Department of Persian and Department of Urdu were merged together and are called as “Institute of Urdu and Persian Language and Literature”
3. The Pashto Academy and Department of Pashto were merged together and were called “Centre of Pashto Language and Literature” but the merger was withdrawn vide notification No. 33/A-I/Academics dated 25.03.2011
4. The Department of Electronics and Physics were merged together and are called as “Institute of Physics and Electronics”
5. The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Gender Studies were merged together and are called as “Institute of Social Development Studies”
6. The Department of Archaeology and Anthropology were merged together and are called as “Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology”

Meanwhile, the Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities had communicated that since the merger of Archaeology and Anthropology could not achieve the desired results but rather adversely affected smooth functioning of both the disciplines. Accordingly, the case was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on 16.08.2013, whereby a committee of the following was constituted to look into the status of other such Institutes and to re-submit the same to the Academic Council.

1. Prof. Dr. Mujib Rahman,
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities
2. Prof. Taj Muharram Khan,
Chairman, Department of History
3. Prof. Dr. Adnan Sarwar Khan,
Chairman, Department of International Relations
4. Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal,
Chairman, Department of Pharmacy
5. Prof. Dr. Fanila Far,
College of Home Economics

A report submitted by the committee was placed before the Academic Council in its meeting held on 12.02.2014, wherein it was recommended to revert to the pre-merger status in the instant case. It further recommended to establish 'Anthropology' as an independent Department. The Academic Council endorsed report of the sub-committee for approval of the Syndicate.

Item No.3 Admission to BS Graduates in LL.B. Part-I

The Academic Council after meticulous discussion acceded to the request of the Principal, Ayub Law College, Haripur, regarding permission for BS Graduates to LL.B. programme and recommended that BS and other professional degree holders shall be granted admission on 2nd priority after those having studied the subject of Law at Bachelor level.

Item No.4 Request for Admission of Students of BA (Hons) and B.Sc Computer Science Programme on Open Merit Basis to Master Degree Programmes at University of Peshawar

The Director Admissions explained the case that in the past, the students of BA (Hons) and B.Sc Computer Science of Shaikh Zayed Islamic Centre were granted admissions in the University teaching departments on the basis of executive orders owing to non-existence of eligibility criteria whereby students got degrees under the same arrangement. In order to validate the same, the Academic Council recommended to grant retrospective approval to the arrangements made for determination of eligibility.

In order to settle the issue of admission of the students of Shaikh Zayed Islamic Centre on more rational grounds in MA (final) Islamiyat, Arabic and Quranic Studies, the Academic Council constituted a Committee of the following:-

1. Dean, Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Studies
2. Director, Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre
3. Director, Institute of Islamic & Arabic Studies
4. Director Admissions
5. Chairman, Department of History

6. Mr. Muhammad Zahir Shah, Lecturer,
Institute of Islamic & Arabic Studies
7. Prof. Dr. Sahib Islam, SZIC
8. Dr. Rashid Ahmad, Assistant Professor, SZIC

Recommendations of the above Committee shall be placed before the Syndicate in its forthcoming meeting.

Item No.5 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Studies, University of Peshawar, held on 18.12.2013

The Academic Council recommended the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Studies held on 18.12.2013 to the Syndicate with instruction to the Director, Institute of Islamic and Arabic Studies to conform course numbering in accordance with notification No. 37/A-II/Academics dated 28.03.2011.

Item No.6 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies for M.Sc (Ultrasound), Ghayur Institute of Medical Sciences, Peshawar Held on 09.01.2014

While discussing the minutes of the Board of Studies, certain members pointed towards some deficiencies with regard to the course contents and hours of study, whereupon, the Academic Council constituted the following Committee to look into the matter and submit its recommendations for placing before the Syndicate in its forthcoming meeting:-

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| 1. | Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal
Chairman, Department of Pharmacy | (Convener) |
| 2. | Prof. Dr. Ghosia Lutfullah
Director, Centre of Biotechnology & Microbiology | (Member) |
| 3. | Prof. Dr. Akram Shah
Department of Zoology | (Member) |
| 4. | Dr. Murad Ali
North-West Hospital Hayatabad, Peshawar | (Member) |
| 5. | Col. (Rtd) Iqbal Shaheen
Director, Ghayur Institute of Medical Sciences | (Member/Secretary) |

Item No.7 Inclusion of the Term MS in M.Phil/Ph.D Regulations 2005

As required under Section-25 (2)(g) of the University of Peshawar Act-2011, the Academic Council after detailed discussion recommended inclusion of the term 'MS' wherever applicable in M.Phil/ Ph.D. Regulations-2005.

Further the Academic Council agreed with the proposal of Director Admissions to include all amendments in M.Phil/Ph.D. Regulations-2005 and shall be placed before the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) in its next meeting for approval and to compile the same in a booklet form.

Supp.Item#1 Cases Pertaining to the Conduct of Examinations

For looking into the cases pertaining to the conduct of examinations and proposing a comprehensive mechanism for the same, the Academic Council constituted a committee of the following to submit its report to the forthcoming meeting of the Syndicate:

1. Prof. Dr. Rashid Khan,
Controller of Examinations,
2. Prof. Dr. Adnan Sarwar Khan,
Chairman, Department of International Relations,
3. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz ur Rehman,
Principal, Khyber Law College
4. Mr. Muhammad Uzair,
Lecturer, Institute of Physics & Electronics,
5. Mr. Gohar Rehman,
Assistant Controller Secrecy

Supp.Item#2 Report of the Committee Constituted to Propose Regulations for Distance Education (2013 & Onwards)

The Academic Council endorsed recommendations of the Committee regarding Regulations for Distance Education (2013 & onwards) and recommended the same to Syndicate for approval as per annexure-B.

As regards format of degree for the Distance Education graduates, the Academic Council recommended to include the words “Student of Distance Education” in the existing degree.

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

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Registrar
Member/Secretary

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Vice-Chancellor
Chairman