



## **Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting**

**Held on: July 09, 2020, 2:30 pm**

**Location: Meeting Room, GIFT University, Gujranwala**

### List of Participants

Sr No.	Name	Designation	Attendance
1.	Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dar	Chairman, Board of Governors, GIFT University, Gujranwala	✓
2.	Dr. Faheem Ul Islam	Rector, GIFT University, Gujranwala	✓
3.	Dr. Tariq Mehmood Qazi (Nominee of the Secretary Higher Education Department)	Chairman, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Gujranwala	✓
4.	Mr. Sulaiman Ahmad	Director Academics, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad	✓
5.	Dr. Shaukat Ali Brah	Founding Rector, KSBL and Management Consultant	✓
6.	Dr. Shafay Shamail	Associate Professor, Department of Computer Sciences, LUMS	✓
7.	Prof. Dr. Naveed A. Malik	Ex-Rector, Virtual University, Pakistan	✗
8.	Dr. Qaiser Shehryar Durrani	Dean Faculty of Computer Sciences	✓
9.	Dr. Ameer Abdul Basit	Dean, GIFT Business School	✓
10.	Dr. Asir Ajmal	Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences	✓
11.	Dr. Masood Ahmad Akhtar Quraishi	Professor, Department of Business and Commerce	✗
12.	Dr. Fakhar Ul Islam Lodhi	Professor, Department of Computer Sciences	✓
13.	Dr. Ayesha Rafique	Professor, Department of Islamic Studies	✓
14.	Dr. Mustafeez Ahmed Alvi	Professor, Department of Islamic Studies	✓
15.	Dr. Iqbal Gondal	Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences	✓
16.	Dr. Muhammad Yusuf Faruqi	Professor, Department of Islamic Studies	✗
17.	Dr. Altaf H. Khan	Professor, Department of Computer Sciences	✓
18.	Dr. Muhammad Tufail Hashmi	Professor, Department of Islamic Studies	✗
19.	Dr. Ghulam Abbas	Associate Professor, Department of Fine Arts, Design & Architecture	✓
20.	Dr. Muhammad Akram Virk	Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies	✓

<b>Sr No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
21.	Ms. Beenish Saeed	Director Programs, Fine Arts, Design and Architecture	✓
22.	Mr. Nadeem Mustafa	Director QEC	✓
23.	Dr. Hafiz Mahmood Akhtar	HoD, Department of Islamic Studies	✓
24.	Dr. Saqib Goraya	HoD, Department of English	✓
25.	Dr. Qasim Awais	HoD, Department of Electrical Engineering	✓
26.	Dr. Umme-e Laila	HoD, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences	✓
27.	Dr. Muhammad Ziad Nayyar	HoD, Department of Computer Sciences	✓
28.	Dr. Qasim Saleem	HoD, Department of Management Sciences	✓
29.	Mr. Naveed Ahmad Mughal	HoD, Department of Business & Commerce	✓
30.	Mr. Tahir Malik	HoD, Department of Mass Communication & Media Studies	✓
31.	Dr. Muhammad Awais	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Sciences	✓
32.	Mr. Faisal Munir	Assistant Professor, Department of Business & Commerce	✓
33.	Mr. Numan Ihsan	Treasurer	✓
34.	Mr. Hafiz Tariq Aziz	Director IT	✓
35.	Ms. Hajra Imran	Lecturer, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	✓
36.	Mr. Ahmad Mujtaba	Lecturer, Department of English	✓
37.	Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar	Registrar (Secretary)	✓

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held on Thursday, July 09, 2020, at 2:30 pm in the meeting room via Zoom under the chairmanship of Dr. Faheem-Ul-Islam (Rector GIFT University, Gujranwala). The meeting began with recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Hafiz Mahmood Akhtar. The Rector welcomed all distinguished experts particularly Dr. Tariq Mehmood Qazi, Chairman BISE, Gujranwala, and Mr. Sulaiman Ahmad, Director Academics HEC. The Rector informed the council that the GIFT University has successfully launched its online classes and perhaps among few universities in Pakistan where the satisfaction of the students is tremendous. The University faced various challenges during this transition but with the vibrant leadership of Chairman BoG, Deans, and HoDs, the university has achieved this milestone. Thereafter, he invited the Registrar to proceed with the agenda items. After due deliberations and discussions, the following decisions were made by the forum:

<b>Agenda No. 01</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> Academic Council held on April 04, 2019</b>	
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar</b> Registrar	
<b>Discussion:</b> The Registrar informed the forum that the minutes were circulated among all worthy members on May 04, 2019, and no observations were made by any of member.		
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved and confirmed the minutes of 17 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting, held on April 04, 2019.		
<b>Agenda No. 02</b>	<b>Compliance Report of the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting 2019</b>	<b>Recommendations/Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar</b> Registrar	
The Registrar briefed the agenda wise compliance report of the minutes of 17 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting to the council.		Dr. Shaukat Brah
It was commented in regard of agenda item No. 12 that University should revise some components of its Vision and Mission which are not measurable. Thereafter, the departments may develop its vision and mission accordingly.		
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the compliance report of the minutes of 17 <sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting 2019.		
<b>Agenda No. 03</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Advanced Studies and Research held on March 12, 2020</b>	
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar</b> Registrar	
<b>Discussion:</b> The Registrar explained that the BASR was held on March 12, 2020 in which thesis topics of MPhil programs were discussed and approved. The minutes were circulated to all worthy members of BASR on April 04, 2020 and no such observation was received by any member.		
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved minutes of 14 <sup>th</sup> Board of Advanced Studies and Research held on March 12, 2020.		

Agenda No. 04	Approval for the Minutes of BOF Computer Sciences	Recommendations/ Comments
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Muhammad Ziad Nayer</b> HoD, Department of Computer Sciences	
<p><i>4a. Revision of BS Data Science Curriculum</i></p> <p><i>4b. Approval of Ph.D. Computer Science</i></p> <p><i>4c. Revision of BS Mathematics Curriculum</i></p> <p><i>4d. MS Thesis Process</i></p> <p><i>4e. Approval of Vision and Mission of the Department of Computer Sciences</i></p>		
<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>It was informed that University has revised the curriculum of BS Data Sciences in its meeting of the Board of Faculty held on December 18, 2020. However, the University received the new guidelines of the curriculum of BS Data Science on June 15, 2020 from NCRC and NCEAC. It was further informed that the initiative to launch Ph.D Computer Sciences is to accommodate the need of the local community and current students of MSCS at GIFT University. It will also promote the research culture in the region. Moreover, the Department meet all requirements of HEC to apply for NOC from HEC.</p> <p>It was commented that University should adopt the new curriculum of BS Data Science received by the NCEAC.</p> <p>It was commented that in the program structure of Ph.D. Computer Science the following recommendations may be considered while submission the case to HEC for NOC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What will be the time period for the qualifying exam?</li> <li>b. When will the time of the proposal defense start?</li> <li>c. The number of publications may be reduced as it is difficult to publish in HEC recognized journals. There might be a combination of one paper publication and one conference paper.</li> <li>d. What is the minimum No. of credit hours required to meet the residency requirement?</li> </ol> <p>It was commented that University has adopted HEC guidelines while preparing the curriculum of a Ph.D. Computer Sciences.</p> <p>It was clarified that HEC required only one paper publication for the award of a Ph.D. degree. It was further commented that the time period of comprehensive exam should be mentioned in the program structure. Moreover, the admission criteria may be relaxed as HEC has no compulsion that 2<sup>nd</sup> division holder (or equivalent) cannot be admitted in the PhD program.</p>		<p>Dr. Ziad Nayer</p> <p>Dr. Faheem-Ul-Islam</p> <p>Dr. Shafay Shamail</p> <p>Dr. Qaiser Durrani</p> <p>Mr. Sulaiman Ahmed</p>
<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Board of Faculty of Computer Sciences held on December 18, 2020 with all mentioned agenda items except the Vision and Mission of the Department which was deferred. The council also approved the Ph.D. Computer Science as recommended by the BoF and BASR with the above mentioned suggestions.</p>		

<b>Agenda No. 05</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOF Electrical Engineering</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Qasim Awais</b> HoD, Department of Electrical Engineering	
5a. <i>Revision of current BS (EE) Program and its Study Plan</i>		
5b. <i>Outcome-Based Education (OBE)</i>		
<b>Discussion:</b> It was informed that the study plan of BSc. Electrical Engineering was revised in the light of the HEC curriculum, 2017. The course title and contents of three courses were revised in accordance with the HEC curriculum. It was further explained that the Department of Electrical Engineering has adopted the Outcome Based Education as per the guidelines of the Pakistan Engineering Council. The Department made certain corrections in PLO and PEO and CQI as recommended by the external experts of the Board of Faculty.  It was commented that the number of credit hours should not exceed 18 credit hours in a semester.  It was clarified that the Department is offering 18 or fewer credit hours except in the 4 <sup>th</sup> semester in which 19 credit hours are offered which will be adjusted as guided by Director Academics, HEC.		Dr. Qasim Awais   Mr. Sulaiman Ahmed  Dr. Qasim Awais
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the Board of Faculty of Electrical of Engineering held on January 18, 2020 with all mentioned agenda items.		
<b>Agenda No. 06</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOF Fine Arts, Design and Architecture</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Ms. Beenish Saeed</b> Director Programs, Fine Arts, Design and Architecture	
6a. <i>i. Restructuring of the roadmap of B- Des Textile &amp; Fashion Design.</i> <i>ii. Revision of the course outline of B-Des Graphic Design.</i>		
6b. <i>Approval of Vision and Mission of the Department of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture</i>		
It was explained that the roadmap of B-Des Textile & Fashion Design and B-Des Graphic Design was revised to develop the industry-driven courses. The curriculum is designed to focus the consumer behavior.  It was commented that the curriculum of B-Des Textile & Fashion Design and Graphic Design should be in line with the core area, competency and philosophy of the Department which is Textile and Fashion Design. Therefore, changes in the courses/curriculum should be discussed separately after the meeting of Academic Council to define the road map.  It was commented that B-Des Graphic Design is a pure need of the software industry and it is based on aesthetic elements.		Ms. Beenish Saeed   Dr. Faheem-UI-Islam  Dr. Fakhar-UI-Islam
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the minutes of Board of Fine Arts, Design and Architecture held on January 06, 2020 except the Vision and Mission of the department which was deferred by the Council.		

<b>Agenda No. 07</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOF Business and Commerce</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Naveed Ahmad Mughal</b> Head of Department of Business and Commerce	
<i>7a. Revision and approval of Associate Degree in Accounting &amp; Finance roadmap</i>		
<b>Discussion:</b> It was informed that the curriculum of Associate Degree in Accounting & Finance was revised in accordance with HEC guidelines for the Associate Degree program. The curriculum is specially developed to ensure the marketability and professional requirement of the industry. The courses are embedded in model layout as defined in HEC guidelines for an Associate Degree.		Mr. Naveed Ahmad
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the Minutes of Board of Faculty of Business and Commerce with mentioned agenda item.		
<b>Agenda No. 08</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOF Management Sciences</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Qasim Saleem</b> Head of Department of Management Sciences	
<i>8a. Approval of changes in the MBA Program and its Roadmap</i>		
<i>8b. Approval of changes in MBA Executive Program and its Roadmap</i>		
<b>Discussion:</b>  It was commented that the admission eligibility criteria and the roadmap of MBA executive were revised in compliance of HEC guidelines for business education roadmap vide Letter No. 9-48/(Business)/Acad(Curri)/HEC/2018/2634 dated March 28, 2019.  It was commented that admission criteria of 2.00 CGPA for MBA is low and university may equivalent the percentage marks in accordance with HEC conversion criteria of annual system.  It was clarified that 2.00 CGPA is the minimum eligibility for the admission application based on HEC guidelines however, a candidate has to pass the admission test and admission will be granted on academics and test performance.  It was suggested that University may write 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division instead of 45% marks in eligibility criteria for every program where it is required.  It was commented that to compare CGPA of one university with another will quite tough.		Dr. Qasim Saleem  Dr. Shaukat Brah  Dr. Qasim Saleem  Mr. Suliaman Ahmed  Dr. Fakhar-UI-Islam
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the Minutes of Board of Faculty of Management Sciences held on February 27, 2020 with all mentioned agenda items.		

Agenda No. 09	Approval for the Minutes of BOF English (October 05, 2019)	Recommendations/ Comments																						
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Saqib Mahmood</b> HoD, Department of English																							
<p><b>BS English:</b></p> <p>9a. <i>Approval of Revised Scheme of Studies from Fall 2019</i></p> <p>9b. <i>Merger of Courses from Spring 2018:</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Old:</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>New:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(i) <i>Study Skills-I</i></td> <td><i>Study Skills</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(ii) <i>Study Skills-II</i></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>9c. <i>Approval of Elective Course in lieu of Research Project from Fall 2016</i></p> <p><b>Ph.D. English:</b></p> <p>9d. <i>Introduction of Researched Assignments/Portfolios in Ph.D. English Courses in lieu of Mid and Final Term Examinations</i></p> <p>9e. <i>Approval of Comprehensive Examination Procedures</i></p> <p>9f. <i>Revision of Titles - Elective Courses for Ph.D. English</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">(i) <i>Critical Discourse Analysis</i></td> <td style="width: 50%;">(i) <i>Discourse Analysis</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(ii) <i>Materials Evaluation and Development for ELTL</i></td> <td>(ii) <i>Materials Evaluation and Development for Language</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(iii) <i>English for Specific Purposes</i></td> <td>(iii) <i>Teaching English for Specific Purposes</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(iv) <i>English for Academic Purposes</i></td> <td>(iv) <i>Teaching English for Academic Purposes</i></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>MPhil Applied Linguistics:</b></p> <p>9g. <i>Revision of Titles - Elective Courses for MPhil Applied Linguistics</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Old Titles</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>New Titles</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(i) <i>Critical Discourse Analysis</i></td> <td>(i) <i>Discourse Analysis</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(ii) <i>English for Specific Purposes</i></td> <td>(ii) <i>Teaching English for Specific Purposes</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(iii) <i>English for Academic Purposes</i></td> <td>(iii) <i>Teaching English for Academic Purposes</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>9h. <i>Approval of MPhil English Degree Completion with Course Work from Fall 2016</i></p>		<b>Old:</b>	<b>New:</b>	(i) <i>Study Skills-I</i>	<i>Study Skills</i>	(ii) <i>Study Skills-II</i>		(i) <i>Critical Discourse Analysis</i>	(i) <i>Discourse Analysis</i>	(ii) <i>Materials Evaluation and Development for ELTL</i>	(ii) <i>Materials Evaluation and Development for Language</i>	(iii) <i>English for Specific Purposes</i>	(iii) <i>Teaching English for Specific Purposes</i>	(iv) <i>English for Academic Purposes</i>	(iv) <i>Teaching English for Academic Purposes</i>	<b>Old Titles</b>	<b>New Titles</b>	(i) <i>Critical Discourse Analysis</i>	(i) <i>Discourse Analysis</i>	(ii) <i>English for Specific Purposes</i>	(ii) <i>Teaching English for Specific Purposes</i>	(iii) <i>English for Academic Purposes</i>	(iii) <i>Teaching English for Academic Purposes</i>	
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<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>It was informed that the scheme of studies of BS English was revised in accordance with the HEC curriculum. The department has revised the researched Assignments/Portfolio in Ph.D. English Courses in lieu of Mid and Final Term Examinations. The comprehensive examination will have 5 questions covering each course. Paper will be of 100 marks and the time duration will be 3 hours. Passing marks will be 70. Students failing in attaining 70 marks will be given another chance as per HEC policy. It was further informed that the titles of electives courses of MPhil Applied Linguistics and Ph.D. were also revised as mentioned in the agenda.</p>		Dr. Saqib Mehmood																						



**Decision:**

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of BOF English held on October 05, 2019 with all mentioned agenda items.

<b>Agenda No. 9A</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOF English (February 27, 2020)</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Saqib Mehmood</b> HoD, Department of English	
<p><b>Ph.D. English:</b>            9A.a. <i>As advised by the HEC's Program Review Team, the number of core courses may be decreased, and subject-specific courses may be increased in the Ph.D. course work. The revised Scheme of Studies will consist of 1 core and 5 elective courses.</i></p> <p>9A.b. <i>The following changes are suggested in existing courses with retrospective effect from Fall 2019:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Research Methodology I and Research Methodology II will be merged into one course, i.e. Research Methodology.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Writing for Research and Publications and Advanced Academic Writing will be offered as elective courses.</i></p> <p>9A.c. <i>Addition of New Elective Courses in Ph.D. English:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Comparative Literature</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Shakespeare Studies</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Modern Fiction</i></p> <p>(iv) <i>Modern Drama</i></p> <p>(v) <i>Modern Poetry</i></p> <p>(vi) <i>South Asian Literature</i></p> <p><b>MPhil Applied Linguistics:</b>            9A.d. <i>Addition of New Elective Course in MPhil Applied Linguistics:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Second Language Acquisition</i></p> <p><b>MPhil English:</b>            9. A.e. <i>As advised by the HEC's Program Review Team, the number of core courses will be decreased from 4 to 2 with retrospective effect from Fall 2019.</i></p> <p>9A.f. <i>Addition of New Elective Courses in MPhil English:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Comparative Literature</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Renaissance Literature</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Modern Fiction</i></p>		
<p><b>Discussion:</b>            It was informed that in compliance with guidelines of HEC Program Review Team, the scheme of studies of Ph.D. English was revised. The courses of research methodology were merged into a single course and Writing for Research and Publications and Advanced Academic Writing will be offered as an elective courses.</p> <p>It was commented the degree of PhD and MPhil English should be awarded with the specialization of Linguistics or Literature.</p>		<p>Dr. Saqib Mehmood</p> <p>Mr. Suliaman Ahmed</p>

It was clarified that University is already offering separate MPhil program in two streams i.e. Linguistics and Literature. Moreover, Ph.D. coursework is also being offered separately in said streams.		Dr. Saqib Mehmood
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the Minutes of BOF English February 27, 2020 with all mentioned agenda items.		
<b>Agenda No. 10</b>	<b>Approval for the Minutes of BOS Humanities and Social Sciences</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Dr. Ume Laila</b> HoD, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	
<p><i>10.a. Revision of Road Map of BS Home Economics (Food &amp; Nutrition) as per HEC Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>10.b. Revision of Road Map of BS Home Economics (Interior Design) as per HEC Guidelines</i></p> <p><i>10.c. Approval of Evaluation Criteria for Final Year Project of Interior Design</i></p> <p><i>10.d. Revision of Credit Hours of Fundamentals of Interior Design (HHD-207)</i></p> <p><i>10. e. Approval of Scheme of Studies for the following M.Phil. Programs</i></p> <p><i>(i) M.Phil. Psychology</i></p> <p><i>(ii) MS Clinical Psychology</i></p> <p><i>(iii) M.Phil. Political Science</i></p> <p><i>(iv) M.Phil. Education</i></p> <p><i>10.f. Revision of Admission Criteria for Advanced Diploma in Clinical Psychology.</i></p> <p><i>10.g. Suggestions for Social Science Offering: Following electives were shortlisted for offering in Social Sciences</i></p> <p><i>1. Being Present</i></p> <p><i>2. Raising Consciousness</i></p> <p><i>3. Being Intentional about Our Impact on Others</i></p> <p><i>4. Positivity</i></p> <p><i>5. Success and Happiness</i></p> <p><i>6. Being Aware of our Internal Processes</i></p> <p><i>10.h. Approval of Vision &amp; Mission of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences</i></p>		
<b>Discussion:</b> It was explained to the forum that the curriculum of BS Home Economics (Food & Nutrition) and Interior Design was revised in accordance with HEC guidelines. The contents of advanced courses were revised considering the market required values. It was further explained that the initiative to launch new MPhil programs was taken in response to the overwhelming demand/request from undergraduate programs to fulfill the communal needs of the region. The MPhil programs will be launched after formal NOC from HEC.		Dr. Ume Laila

**Decision:**

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of BOS Humanities and Social Sciences except the vision and mission which was deferred. The council also approved the following MS/MPhil programs.

- (i) M.Phil. Psychology
- (ii) MS Clinical Psychology
- (iii) M.Phil. Political Science
- (iv) M.Phil. Education

Agenda No. 11	Approval for the Minutes of BOS Mass Communication and Media Studies	Recommendations/ Comments
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Tahir Malik</b> HoD, Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies	
<p><i>11.a. Approval of new Under Graduate Programs offering from Fall-2020</i>  <i>4-years BS Film, Drama and Television Production</i>  <i>4-years BS Digital Marketing &amp; Media Production</i>  <i>2-years Associate Degree in Mass Communication &amp; Media Studies</i></p> <p><i>11.b. Approval of new Post-Graduate Program offering from Fall-2020</i>  <i>2-years Master of Philosophy Mass Communication &amp; Media Studies</i>  <i>(Research Track &amp; Professional Track)</i></p> <p><i>11. c. Approval of revision of all Programs Road-maps</i></p> <p><i>11.d. Addition of Core Course in Programs of Mass Communication from Fall-2020. ( Entrepreneurship)</i></p> <p><i>11.e. Approval of Vision &amp; Mission of Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies</i></p>		
<p><b>Discussion:</b>            It was informed that GIFT University was the first one that introduces Mass Communication in the region. The Department took initiative to launch the new degree programs as social media is dominating mass communication. The curriculum of new degree programs are designed under the guidelines of HEC and to generate the self-employed from digital media, mass media and production.</p> <p>It was recommended that the term “Media Sciences” may be considered in the future instead of media studies.</p> <p>It was clarified on the query of Dr. Hafiz Mehmood Akhtar that there is no difference between MS and MPhil except nomenclature. The MPhil degree can be awarded by coursework or thesis and similarly MS degree can be awarded by coursework or thesis. Moreover, a student can take admission in PhD by MS/MPhil (with or without thesis) as HEC has no such restriction but the Universities have made their own criteria. However, the title of MPhil is more likely acceptable in Pakistan.</p>		<p>Mr. Tahir Malik</p> <p>Mr. Suliaman Ahmed</p> <p>Mr. Suliaman Ahmed</p>
<p><b>Decision:</b>            The Council unanimously approved the minutes of BOS Mass Communication and Media Studies held on December 20, 2019 except the vision and mission which was deferred. The council also approved the following programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Associate Degree in Mass Communication &amp; Media Studies</li> <li>ii. BS (Hons) Film, Drama and Television Production</li> <li>iii. BS (Hons) Digital Marketing &amp; Media Production</li> <li>iv. Master of Philosophy in Mass Communication &amp; Media Studies</li> </ul>		

<b>Agenda No. 12</b>	<b>In compliance of the Letter No.S.O(SI)HED-1-11/2020, University will offer a subject of ethics to non-Muslim students i.e. "Introduction to Ethics" under the umbrella of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar</b> Registrar	
<b>Discussion:</b> It was commented that in compliance with the Letter No.S.O(SI)HED-1-11/2020, the university intends to offer "Introduction to Ethics" to non-Muslim in lieu of Islamic Studies under the umbrella of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.  It was commented that a course of Business Ethics is already being taught but this course of Introduction to Ethics will be different, the course outline may be reviewed with the inclusion of aspects of comparative religion.  It was commented that this course is the replacement of Islamic studies, not of professional ethics.		Waseem Ullah Dar  Dr. Ameer Abdul Basti  Dr. Fakhar-Ul-Islam
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the offering of "Introduction to Ethics" to non-Muslim students in lieu of Islamic Studies.		
<b>Agenda No. 13</b>	<b>Approval of Curriculum Template for the Programs of GIFT University, Gujranwala.</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Agenda Presented by</b>	<b>Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar</b> Registrar	
<b>Discussion:</b> It was explained that University has designed a uniform template of the curriculum as advised in the last meeting. The template includes the following components. a. Program Description b. Objectives c. Career Prospectus d. Admissions and Eligibility Criteria e. University Core f. University Distribution a. Major Cores b. Major Electives c. Free Electives  It was commented that as per HEC guidelines and global norms, the curriculum should have a combination of general education, University core, Discipline core, Major core, and Major electives. The idea is to adopt maximum electives to enhance the knowledge of all areas other than a degree program.		Waseem Ullah Dar          Dr. Shaukat Brah
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the curriculum template for the programs of GIFT University, Gujranwala. However, the range of courses/credit hours should be mentioned in the template.		
<b>Agenda No. 14</b>	<b>Approval of Nominations for Board of Faculties</b>	<b>Recommendations/ Comments</b>
<b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the nominations for the Board of Faculties according to section 19, 2, (d), and all other enabling provisions made in GIFT University Charter 2004.		

Agenda No. 15	Approval of Research Assessment and Promotion Committee	Recommendations/ Comments
Agenda Presented by	Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar Registrar	
<p><b>Discussion:</b> It was informed that under Section 4(f) of GIFT University, Gujranwala Act, 2004 Research Assessment and Promotion Committee shall be constituted to mainly evaluate and monitor the synopsis/research proposals of each student and conduct of quality research at MPhil/MS and Ph.D.</p> <p>It was commented that based on the practice in the universities, a committee should be constituted which will oversight the quality standards of research at graduate and postgraduate level. This committee will not supersede the functions of the Board of Faculty and the BASR.</p> <p>It was suggested that the name of the committee should be reviewed as the word promotion is generally link with faculty research.</p> <p>It was commented that there is a University Research Committee (URC) which is already working. Can we make Research Assessment and Promotion Committee as a sub-committee of URC?</p> <p>It was clarified that the University Research Committee is dealing with the affairs of Faculty Research rewards and incentives. However, this committee will oversight the research of the students at MPhil and PhD level. Therefore, there should not be a separate committee to address this matter.</p> <p>It was explained on the query of Dr. Durrani that ToRs of the committee were mentioned in the working paper.</p> <p>It was commented that the constitution of such a committee will definitely raise the level of the university and research work of the students.</p>		<p>Waseem Ullah Dar</p> <p>Dr. Faheem Ul Islam</p> <p>Dr. Shaukat Brah Dr. Shamail Shafay</p> <p>Dr. Ameer Abdul Basit</p> <p>Dr. Faheem Ul Islam</p> <p>Waseem Ullah Dar</p> <p>Dr. Ayesha Rafique</p>
<p><b>Decision:</b> The Council unanimously approved the constitution of the committee and renamed as “Graduate Research Assessment Committee.”</p>		

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Chairman BoG and the Rector. The rector pays gratitude to all the participants and appreciate the worthy suggestions of the participants for the improvement of the academic matters of the university.

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