



Minutes of Meeting
Board of Advanced Studies & Research 2020
March 12, 2020

Venue: Seminar Hall, GIFT University, Gujranwala

A meeting of Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) was held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 in the Seminar Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. Faheem-Ul-Islam, Rector GIFT University, Gujranwala. The meeting was attended by the following members.





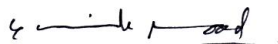
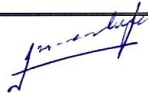
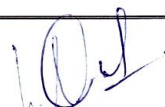


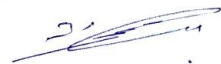
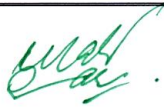


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ATTENDANCE SHEET			
	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Dr. Faheem UI Islam	Rector GIFT University, Gujranwala	
2.	Dr. Mansoor Sarwar	Vice-Chancellor University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore.	
3.	Prof. Dr. Ehsan Malik	Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, University of South Asia, Lahore.	
4.	Prof. Dr. Waseem Anwar	Professor of English Former Dean & Chair, Forman Christian College Lahore.	
5.	Dr. Qaiser Shehryar Durrani	Dean Faculty of Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
6.	Dr. Ameer Abdul Basit	Dean GIFT Business School, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
7.	Dr. Asir Ajmal	Dean Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
8.	Dr. Fakhar ul Islam Lodhi	Professor Faculty of Computer Sciences, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
9.	Dr. Mujahid Mansoori	Professor Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
10.	Dr. Masood Akhter Qureshi	Professor Faculty of Business & Commerce, GIFT University, Gujranwala	

11.	Dr. Mustafeez Ahmad Alvi	Professor Department of Islamic Studies, GIFT University	
12.	Dr. Nawaz Khan	Professor Department of Mass Communication & Media Studies, GIFT University	
13.	Dr. Hafiz Mehmood Akhtar	HoD Department of Islamic Studies, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
14.	Dr. Ziad Nayyer Dar	HoD Department of Computer Sciences GIFT University, Gujranwala	
15.	Dr. Saqib Mehmood	HoD Department of English, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
16.	Dr. Umme Laila	HoD Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
17.	Dr. Qasim Saleem	HoD Department of Management Sciences, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
18.	Mr. Naveed Ahmad Mughal	HoD Department of Business and Commerce, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
19.	Mr. Tahir Malik	HoD Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies, GIFT University, Gujranwala	
20.	Mr. Nadeem Mustafa	Director, QEC GIFT University, Gujranwala	ON BEHALF 
21.	Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar	Registrar GIFT University, Gujranwala	

The proceedings of meeting started with recitation of Holy Quran by Dr. Hafiz Mahmood Akhtar. After the recitation, a fatiha was offer for late Dr. Surriya Shafi Mir. The members pay tribute to Dr. Surriya in respect of her services for promotion of quality education at GIFT University.

The Rector GIFT University, Gujranwala formally welcomed the external experts and pay gratitude to all members for their valued participation. It was apprised that the GIFT University has significantly made progress for its sustainable future which is witnessed by Higher Education Commission (HEC) during the successful visit of Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) and MS/MPhil/ PhD Programs Review on February 03-04, 2020. The Managing Director QAA Division, HEC appreciated the services of GIFT University for imparting quality education in the region.

Thereafter, the Registrar, GIFT University proceeded the agenda with the permission of Chair and invited the members to present their relevant agenda items before the forum.

Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
1.	Approval of the last Minutes of Board of Advanced Studies and Research, 2019	
Presented by	Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar Registrar	
Discussion: The Registrar informed the board that the minutes of last meeting were circulated among all worthy members on March 13, 2019 and their comments were incorporated accordingly.		
Decision: The Board unanimously approved and confirmed the minutes of Board of Advanced Studies and Research, 2019.		
2.	Compliance Report of last minutes of Board of Advanced Studies and Research, 2019	
Presented by	Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar Registrar	
Discussion: It was apprised that the compliance report of minutes will be considered as permanent agenda on the recommendations of HEC IPE Team.		
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the compliance report of Board of Advanced Studies and Research, 2019.		

Department of Computer Sciences		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
3.	Approval of PhD Computer Science	
4.	Approval of the Topics for Theses of MS Computer Science	
Presented by	Prof. Dr. Qaiser Shehyar Durrani Dean, Faculty of Computer Sciences	

<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was explained that the journey of Department of Computer Sciences was started back in 2002 with the undergraduate program which gradually upheld its growth and now offering the graduate level program as well. The motive to launch the PhD Computer Science is to provide an opportunity to the local community and current students of MSCS at GIFT University. It will also an initiative for faculty development and to improve research culture in the region. Moreover, Department have sufficient number of Faculty members as per requirement of HEC to launch the program. The students with research background should be encouraged to enroll in PhD Program. It was commented that in admission eligibility the phrase of minimum guidelines of HEC should be mentioned. 	<p>Dr. Qasier Durrani</p> <p>Dr. Qasier Durrani</p> <p>Dr. Waseem Anwar</p> <p>Dr. Ehsan Malik</p>
<p>Decision: The Board unanimously approved the PhD Computer Science Program and topics for Theses of MS Computer Science of two students.</p>	

Department of Business and Commerce		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
5.	Approval of the Topics for Theses of MPhil Economics	
Presented by	Mr. Naveed Ahmed Mughal HoD, Department of Business and Commerce	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was commented that scope of the research may be defined in the topic of Shibra Mahnoor. It was recommended that change in topic at any stage of research should be avoided. It was suggested that any change in topic may be encouraged before the meeting of BASR. It was praised that the topics of the research are diversified. 	<p>Dr. Ziad Nayyer</p> <p>Dr. Waseem Anwar</p> <p>Dr. Mujahid Mansoori</p> <p>Dr. Ehsan Malik</p>	
<p>Decision: The Board unanimously approved the topics of four students for Theses of MPhil Economics.</p>		
Department of Management Sciences		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
6.	Approval of the Roadmap of MBA	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Graduates Non-Business Graduates 	

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7.	Approval of the Roadmap of MBA Executive	
8.	Approval of the Topics for Theses of MPhil Management Sciences	
Presented by	Dr. Qasim Saleem HoD, Department of Management Sciences	
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was informed that as per guidelines of NCRC and in compliance of HEC Letter No. 9-48(Business)/Acad/(Curr)/HEC/2018/2634 dated March 28, 2019 the roadmaps and admission eligibility of MBA Executive and MBA with Business and Non-Business background was redesigned. Considering the industrial region the Operations & Supply Chain Management is added as a core course in revised roadmap. • It was further apprised that admission criteria for MBA Programs has been revised from 2.5 to 2.00 CGPA or minimum 45% marks (for Annual System) • It was advised that a clarification may be asked from HEC about equivalence of MBA 1.5 Year. • It was suggested that the title of Corporate/Industrial Project in MBA roadmap may be replaced with general title i.e. Project. • It was commented that that innovation in the programs may be enhanced by offering varied elective courses. • It was suggested that research topic should not be started with interrogative phrase. The topic of Zahid Ahmed (181610040) may be rephrase. • It was informed that the “Humorous Climate” is an emerging term for researchers. • It was commended that students of MPhil Management Sciences are selecting the research topics in emerging areas. 		<p>Dr. Qasim Saleem</p> <p>Mr. Naveed Mughal</p> <p>Dr. Waseem Anwar</p> <p>Dr. Ehsan Malik</p> <p>Dr. Mujahid Mansoori</p> <p>Dr. Ehsan Malik</p> <p>Dr. Ameer Abdul Basit</p> <p>Dr. Waseem Anwar</p>
<p>Decision:</p> <p>The Board unanimously approved the following roadmaps and topics for Theses of MPhil Management Sciences of eight students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MBA (Business Graduates) 2. MBA (Non-Business Graduates) 3. MBA Executive 		

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
9.	Approval of MS/MPhil Programs and its Scheme of Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Clinical Psychology • MPhil Psychology • MPhil Political Science • MPhil Education 	
Presented by	Dr. Ume-Laila HoD, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was informed that the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences was established in 2017 and in a short span of time the Department has successfully enrolled an appropriate number of students. • It was clarified that MS Clinical Psychology is a training based program while MPhil Psychology is a research based degree. • It was commented that scheme of studies of MPhil Education needs improvement. The number of elective courses may be added as per current practice. • It was informed that department should have sufficient resources and expertise to start MPhil/MS programs. • It was informed that all MPhil/ MS programs can only be started after getting NOC from HEC which is issued after meeting the minimum requirement defined by HEC. 		Dr. Ume-Laila Dr. Asir Ajmal Dr. Qasier Durrani Dr. Waseem Anwar Dr. Qasier Durrani Mr. Waseem Ullah Dar
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the following MS/MPhil Programs and its scheme of studies. It was recommended that the programs may be launched after acquiring NOC from HEC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS Clinical Psychology 2. MPhil Psychology 3. MPhil Political Science 4. MPhil Education 		
Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
10.	Approval of MPhil Mass Communication & Media Studies	
Presented by	Mr. Tahir Malik HoD, Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies	
Discussion: It was informed that the Department of Mass Communication and Media studies is offering BS and MA programs very efficaciously. The primary rational to start the MPhil program is current need of the region. Moreover, the department hired the services of renowned PhD faculty to launch this degree.		Mr. Tahir Malik

It was suggested the relevant field may be mentioned in the admission eligibility of the program along with minimum guidelines of HEC.		Dr. Fakhr-UI Islam
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the program of MPhil Mass Communication & Media Studies.		
Department of English		
Agenda No.	Agenda Description	Recommendations/ Comments
11.	Addition of New Elective Courses in PhD English: i. Comparative Literature ii. Shakespeare Studies iii. Modern Fiction iv. Modern Drama v. Modern Poetry vi. South Asian Literature	
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the addition of above mentioned elective courses for PhD English.		
12.	Addition of New Elective Course in MPhil Applied Linguistics i. Second Language Acquisition	
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the addition of above mentioned elective course for MPhil Applied Linguistics.		
13.	Addition of New Elective Courses in MPhil English i. Comparative Literature ii. Renaissance Literature	
Decision: The Board approved the addition of above mentioned elective courses for MPhil English.		
14.	Revision of Titles for Elective Courses of PhD English Old Titles i. Critical Discourse Analysis ii. Materials Evaluation and Development for ELTL iii. English for Specific Purposes iv. English for Academic Purposes New Titles i. Discourse Analysis ii. Materials Evaluation and Development for Language Teaching iii. Teaching English for Specific Purposes iv. Teaching English for Academic Purposes	
Decision: The Board approved the revision of titles above mentioned elective courses of PhD English.		
15.	Revision of Titles for Elective Courses of MPhil Applied Linguistics Old Titles i. Critical Discourse Analysis ii. English for Specific Purposes iii. English for Academic Purposes	

	New Titles i. Discourse Analysis ii. Teaching English for Specific Purposes iii. Teaching English for Academic Purposes	
Decision: The Board approved the revision of titles for above mentioned elective courses of MPhil Applied Linguistics.		
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16.	Revision of Courses for PhD English	
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was informed that as per recommendations of HEC Program Review committee the courses of Research Methodology-I and Research Methodology-II will be treated as single course named as Research Methodology. It was commented that conference culture may be promoted for PhD English and course of Research Methodology will be considered as core course. It was advised that the word <i>Advanced</i> may be used for making a difference between Graduate and Post-Graduate course. 		Dr. Saqib Mehmood Dr. Waseem Anwar Dr. Faheem-Ul-Islam
Decision: The Board approved that core course of Research Methodology and following elective courses for PhD English. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Writing for Research and Publications Advanced Academic Writing 		
17.	Revision of Courses for MPhil English	
Decision: The Board unanimously approved that the number of core courses will be decreased from 4 to 2 with retrospective effect from Fall 2019 as per recommendations of BoF English. The following core and elective Courses are recommended for MPhil English. <p>Core Courses Literary Theory Research Methodology</p> <p>Elective Courses Introduction to Linguistics Writing for Research Publications</p>		
18.	Approval of MPhil English Research Topics for Session Fall-2018	
Discussion: It was commented that in the topic of Sidra Maqbool (181420009) the name of writer Shahnaz Bashir may be changed.		Dr. Waseem Anwar
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the MPhil English topics for Fall-2018 session.		

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19.	Researched Assignments/Portfolios in PhD English Courses in lieu of Mid and Final Term Examinations	
Discussion: It was informed that Department of English is working on publishing the research journal		Dr. Saqib Mahmood
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the recommendations of Board of Faculty English on the above mentioned agenda.		
20.	Approval of Comprehensive Examination Procedures	
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the following Comprehensive Examination Procedures for PhD. English as per recommendations of BOF English. The Comprehensive Examination will comprise of five questions covering each course. Paper will be of 100 marks and the time duration will be 3 hours. The passing marks will be 70 and student failing in attaining 70 marks will be given another chance as per HEC policy.		
21.	Approval of MPhil English Research Topics for Session Spring-2018	
Discussion: It was advised that the Head of Department will ensure the quality of research. However, the presented topics was interesting.		Dr. Waseem Anwar
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the MPhil English topics for the session Spring-2018.		
General Agenda		
22.	Approval of List of Supervisor for Supervision of Theses	
Decision: The Board approved the list of supervisors in the respective Faculty/Department		
23.	Approval of List of External Examiner Panel for Evaluation of Theses of MS/MPhil and PhD Programs	
Decision: The Board unanimously approved the list of external examiners for evaluation of theses of MS/MPhil and PhD Programs.		
24.	Approval of PhD Academic Regulations, Admission, Registration and Examination	
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested that the duration of summer session may be reviewed in the document. 		Dr. Fakhr-UI-Islam

- It was advised that all departments will make an internal mechanism for proposal evaluation thereafter the topics may be sent directly to BASR, if appropriate.

Dr. Faheem-Ul-Islam

Decision:

The Board unanimously approved the PhD Academic Regulations, Admission, Registration and Examination.

The meeting ended with note of thanks by Dr. Faheem ul Islam, Rector, GIFT University. He venerated the valuable suggestions of all members of the BASR.

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