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7th ORIC Research Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March, 2019

The 7th ORIC Research Committee meeting was held on Thursday March 14, 2019 in the Workshop Room, B-Block at 2:00 PM.

Prof. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti, Dean Research & Innovation, chaired the meeting.

The following members attended the meeting.

Dr. Majid Ali	Associate Professor (CE Dept)	Member
Dr. Sahar Fazal	Associate Professor (BI Dept)	Member
Dr. Abdul Rehman Khsif	Associate Professor (Math Dept)	Member
Dr. Khawar Naveed	Assistant Professor (ME Dept)	Member
Dr. Muhammad Azhar	Associate Professor (CS Dept)	Member
Dr. Muzaffar Asad	Assistant Professor (MS Dept)	Member
Dr. Mahboob Alam	Assistant Professor (Pharmacy Dept)	Member

Dr. Umer Amir Khan was engaged in departmental activities. Dr Muhammad Mahabat Khan took part in the meeting as an observer.

Dean Research and Innovation, Prof. Dr. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti welcomed the committee members and presented them "Annual Research Book 2017", the first formal publication of ORIC. Subsequently, the meeting progressed as per agenda items listed below.

Item 01 Confirmation of Previous Minutes of Meeting Action By

- 1.1 It was notified that no observations were received on the decisions taken in the 6th ORIC Research Committee meeting held on October 18, 2018. Therefore, the minutes of meeting were confirmed.

Item 02 FYPs Of Faculty of Engineering

- 2.1 The Final Year Projects of Faculty of Engineering were briefly discussed. Dean Research & Innovation asked Dr. Muzaffar Asad to identify the specific business case projects that have particular commercialization aptitude and marketing potential. Dr. Muzaffar Asad

Item 03 ORIC Activities Calendar Spring 2019

- 3.1 Dean Research & Innovation briefed the Committee members about the proposed list of activities for Spring 2019 Semester. Dr. Azhar /
Dr. Majid

- 3.2 Dean Research & Innovation updated the committee members about the opening ceremony of Incubation lab which is planned to be held by the end of April this year. He added that there should be an incubation centre in every department. Dr Muhammad Azhar presented the recent progress report and significance of proposed Incubation Centre with regard to the possibility of free lancing and prolific work.
- 3.3 BIM Centre of Excellence is a joint venture by ORIC Office and Department of Civil Engineering, CUST. Dr Majid Ali briefed the members about the implication of BIM Centre where diverse professional level trainings and certifications are being arranged for students and industry professionals. The respected members agreed upon that professional experts within the university faculty should be encouraged and entertained. In this regard policy would be conferred with the concerned authorities.
- 3.4 Dr Mahboob Alam and Dr Muzaffer Asad presented the idea that university research work especially PhD posters, Research Papers and Thesis needs to be publicized on Official University website in separate section. The members also agreed upon the financial encouragement in terms of travel grants to the students & faculty who intend to present their research work in some conference, seminar etc. This would lead towards exposure and joint betterment of faculty, students and University in the long run.
- 3.5 Dr Mahboob Alam proposed that we should pay emphasis on ordinary level MOUs and agreements. He said that nothing exceptional is needed in signing MOUs with nearby Universities and institutes in terms of lab facilities usage, joint Research work, credit hours transfer etc. Dean Research & Innovation assured that if any one from the Research Committee members can play his role in doing any such agreement, ORIC office would fully support him.

Item 04 Departmental Outreach Committees

- 4.1 Dean Research & Innovation apprised the members about the constitution of first Industrial Outreach Committee of Civil Engineering Department in response to Industrial Liaisons Meeting held on Feb 21, 2019. He underlined the significance of such type of committees for each department and requested the members to play their productive role.

Item 05 Annual Research book

- 5.1 Annual Research Book 2017 was delivered to each board member. Dean Research & Innovation informed the members that book is being distributed to all the offices & faculty members of university and would also be shared on mailboxes. The respective members recommended that the Research book should be available on the University website. Research Committee / ORIC
- 5.2 Dean ORIC further added that the subsequent volume of the book is being worked on and would be finalized soon. It was agreed upon by all the board members that a specific ceremony should be arranged for launch of next version. Dean ORIC asked the members to submit recommendations about Annual Research book 2018.

Item 06 FYPs Funding & Associated Criteria

- 6.1 Dean Research & Innovation briefed the Committee Members that ORIC Office intends to financially sponsor selected Final Year Projects. A total of six projects would be funded encompassing 30,000 PKR each. In this regard formal invitations comprising application form and flyer are sent to all the respected Deans and HoDs. He further informed the members about particular criteria standardized by ORIC. Application forms are available in ORIC Office and are also shared online. After a systematic assessment particular projects meeting the standard criteria would be shortlisted for the funding. ORIC

Being no further item for discussion the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks the chair and participants.

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