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## **13<sup>th</sup> ORIC Research Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on October 06, 2020**

- The 13<sup>th</sup> ORIC Research Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, the 06<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 03.30 pm in Conference Room, F-Block.
- Prof. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti, Dean Research & Innovation, presided the meeting.
- The following were present in the meeting:
  - Dr. Sahar Fazal HoD BS
  - Dr. Majid Ali Professor CE
  - Dr. Abdul Rehman Kashif Associate Prof. Math
  - Dr. Umer Amir Khan Assistant Prof. EE
  - Dr. Khawar Naveed Assistant Prof. ME
  - Dr. Mahboob Alam Assistant Prof. Pharm
- Dr. Nadeem Anjum and Dr. Samiya Safdar took part in the meeting as the respective participants nominated by CS and MS Departments respectively.
- Dean Research and Innovation, Prof. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti welcomed the committee members. Subsequently, the meeting progressed as per agenda items listed below: -

#### **Item #1 Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **Action By**

- 1.1 It was informed that no observation on the decisions taken in the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ORIC Research Committee circulated amongst the members of the Research Committee on March 13, 2020 was received. Therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Item #2 ORIC Activities Calendar Fall-2020**

- 2.1 Dean Research & Innovation presented the ORIC Activities Calendar Fall-2020 before Research Committee members. He apprised the members about the events and tasks intended by ORIC and projected list of workshops, seminars, meetings and similar activities to be held in the succeeding semester. He updated the members about the research proposals and CUST Annual Report 2019-20 to be worked on in present semester. He also underlined the planned timeline for ORIC Newsletter and

- 2.2 Dean Research & Innovation also updated the members about the FYPs Funding Competition which is planned to be held in November 2020 after a contended response in recent semesters. Prof. Majid Ali suggested to organize regular workshops on Endnote like Latex which is an industry standard software tool for publishing and managing bibliographies, citations and references, which Dean Research & Innovation graciously accepted. ORIC

**Item #3      ORIC Startups Tech Flickers and Flex Tracker**

- 3.1 Dean Research & Innovation updated the members about the inauguration of first ever incubation company of CUST entitled “Tech Flickers”. Tech Flickers is a SECP registered Startup incubated by two of the much endowed Computer Science graduates, Mr. Arslan Akram and Mr. Shoaib Ali. The company provides services in different areas of software development. and upholds the highest standards for project planning and execution, and is dedicated to delivering the perfect services for business needs on-time and on-budget. At present, Tech Flickers is successfully pursuing various projects in accordance with customer requirements. Dean Research & Innovation directed Assistant Director ORIC to arrange a brief presentation of Tech Flickers by their founding members in next meeting. ORIC
- 3.2 The Commercialization aspects of Flex Tracker were deliberated in brief. Flex Tracker is an application developed by CUST students and faculty that can be employed by various companies/organizations to track their vehicles or goods with the features of dynamic stop and route configurations, comparison of followed route by driver against actual defined route, live vehicles location on map, and over speeding notification. The recent progress report of ORIC about their collaboration with CS and MS departments in this regard was also discussed.

**Item #4      Research Proposals Status**

- 4.1 Dean Research & Innovation updated the members about the current status of research proposals. He presented the list of proposals which have been submitted in various funding agencies like LCF, NRPU, PSF, Ignite and P&D Board Punjab. He also shared the details of recently approved proposals by HEC under National Research Program for Universities (NRPU) and greeted the members.
- 4.2 Dean Research & Innovation also shared the details of a proposal approved by CUST Head office regarding Optimization and Establishment of In-Vitro Cultures of Potato, Banana and Ornamental Plants for Commercialization in

Collaboration with Department of Biosciences. The proposal's idea was conceived in one of the brainstorming session held with BS department in previous semester. He also requested members to motivate their respective departments for proposal write-up. He further assured that ORIC would fully endorse the departments in proposals writeup and related procedures

**Item #5      Faculty Research Report Spring-2020**

- 5.1 Faculty Research Report Spring-2020 was conversed in detail. ORIC  
Dr. Majid Ali pointed out that some of the publications of CE department were missing in the report. Dean Research & Innovation explained that the report contains data till 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of BASR held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020. He also directed Assistant Director ORIC to scrutinize publications data from Research Committee members, whenever updation is done. Dr. Majid Ali and Dr. Sahar Fazal suggested to add the Non-Impact Factor Journal Publications in Research Report because they are also done out of devoted efforts of faculty members.

- 5.2 Dr. Majid Ali asked about the modified policy of HEC ORIC  
regarding journal category of research paper for PhD requirement. Dean Research & Innovation responded that to be on a safer side, PhD scholars should publish their paper in HEC W Category recognized journals. He also directed Assistant Director ORIC to share the relevant updated university policy/status with Research Committee members.

Dr. Mehboob Alam questioned about the CUST faculty promotion criteria with regard to newly developed HEC HJRS system. Dean Research & Innovation responded that HEC HJRS System is functional and University will verify the faculty publications based upon this system for their faculty promotion.

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

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