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14th Meeting of Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Monitoring Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on November 06, 2020

- The 14th meeting of Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Monitoring Committee was held on Friday, November 06, 2020 in Workshop Room, B - Block at 05:00 PM.

- The following were present:

Dr. Amir Qayyum	Convener, Dean QEC
Dr. Muhammad Sagheer	Member, DSA
Dr. Muhammad Tahir	Member, EE Department
Dr. Salman Sagheer Warsi	Member, ME Department
Dr. Shujaa Safdar Gardezi	Member, CE Department
Dr. Dur -e- Shehwar	Member, Math Department
Dr. Abdul Basit Siddiqui	Member, CS Department
Dr. Nadeem Anjum	Member, SE Department
Dr. Arshia Amin Butt	Member, Biosciences Department
Mr. Amir Waqas Azhar	Member, IT
Mr. Alamgir Khan	Member, Library
Mr. Umair Manzoor	Secretary, Assistant Director QEC

- Professor Dr. Amir Qayyum, Dean QEC, chaired the meeting.
- Dr. Mahboob Alam could not attend the meeting due to illness. Dr. Lakhi Muhammad could not attend the meeting due to Ex Pakistan leave.
- The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Dean QEC. He welcomed all the participants of the meeting. Subsequently, the following meeting agenda points were discussed: -

Item # 1 Current Status of On-Campus and Online Classes

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Dean QEC gave an overall briefing to the committee regarding the management of classes being held on-campus and online, before the Midterm examinations. He shared that the undergraduate students of 1st, 7th and 8th semesters attended their classes on-campus from September 15, 2020. Classes for the undergraduate students of 2nd to 6th semester were conducted online.

He added that approximately 30% of the total students' strength was called on-campus, and was managed effectively. All the SOPs notified by the Government of Pakistan and other regulatory authorities were followed in letter and spirit. All the students were given arrival protocol before joining the university. Moreover, all the students submitted an undertaking regarding their good health, and their willingness to join the university. Within the campus, volunteer students and staff was deputed to observe and ensure the implementation of all the SOPs including wearing of masks and social distancing. The committee appreciated the efforts of staff and volunteer students in implementation of SOPs.

He added that a random sampling of more than 300 staff and students was done by the team of National Institute of Health (NIH). No COVID-19 positive case was reported by the team, which speaks for the effective and successful implementation of SOPs by the university administration. He shared that a team from District Health Office (DHO), Islamabad also visited the university and conducted random sampling. The team showed their satisfaction and appreciated the efforts of university administration.

He added that only 4 cases from faculty and 5 cases from students were reported as COVID-19 positive. It was apprised that all such students were compensated. He shared that one section of a class was also shifted to online on report of one positive case of COVID-19.

Item # 2 Reopening of The University

Dean QEC shared that the Academic Council in its 22nd meeting decided that the university will go 100% on-campus after the Midterm Examinations.

However, shared that due to the current prevailing situation after the drastic increase in COVID-19 cases reported country-wide, it was reconsidered to fully re-open the university. A number of educational institutions have been sealed by the government authorities after report of COVID-19 cases. In this regard, university administration took recommendations from all the faculties of university. All the faculties have recommended to keep the status quo situation i.e. only the undergraduate students of 1st, 7th and 8th semesters should be called on-campus for face to face classes. He added that the final decision will be made and announced by the Academic Council in its 23rd meeting, scheduled on Monday, November 09, 2020.

All the VLE members showed their agreement to the suggestion proposed by the faculties for keeping the status quo and not going for 100% reopening of the university.

Item # 3 Reporting by VLE Members

Dean QEC requested all the members to continue reporting their observations to Quality Enhancement Cell, as their input carries importance in successful operation of the system.

All
Committee
Members

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks to all the participants and the chair.

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Umair Manzoor
Assistant Director QEC



Dr. Amir Qayyum
Professor/ Dean QEC