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21st ORIC Research Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on June 22, 2023

- The 21st ORIC Research Committee meeting was held on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM in Conference Room, F-Block, CUST.
- Director ORIC, Dr. M. Kamran Naqi Khan presided the meeting.
- The following members were present in the meeting:
 - Dr. Imtiaz A. Taj Professor, EE
 - Dr. Majid Ali Professor, CE
 - Dr. Abdul Rehman Kashif Associate Professor, Math.
 - Dr. Mahboob Alam Associate Professor, Pharmacy
 - Dr. Nadeem Anjum Associate Professor, SE
 - Dr. Waqas Akbar Associate Professor, ME
 - Dr. Arshia Amin Butt Assistant Professor, BI
 - Dr. Mudassir Ali Assistant Professor, MS
 - Mr. Jahanzeb Malik Manager, ORIC
- The meeting progressed as per agenda item listed below: -

Item #1

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Action By

- 1.1 Director ORIC, Dr. M. Kamran Naqi Khan welcomed all the members of ORIC Research Committee to its 21st meeting. He acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Aamer Iqbal Bhatti for his outstanding contribution towards advancement of ORIC. He also appreciated the contribution of faculty members in proceeding research at CUST.

Item #2

Confirmation of Previous (20th) Meeting Minutes

- 2.1 It was informed to the committee that minutes of the 20th ORIC committee were circulated amongst the members on 19-12-2022. While reviewing the minutes, it was discussed that to reinforce the actions on agenda items 1 and 2 as follows:

- i. All the active researchers should be registered on HEC Academic – Industry – Government linkages RFI portal to become part of expert list.

- ii. ORIC will provide all assistance and services to enhance social visibility of CUST research activities at HEC RFI portal in a meaning and purposeful way to

Manager, ORIC



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seek attention of industry, academia and government.

- iii. For agenda point 2, Dr. Nadeem Anjum apprised the committee for the requisite action in light of the 41st Executive Committee meeting. In this regard, it was resolved that a meeting of ORIC will be held with HoD SE on June 23, 2023 to finalize the process and to initiate the actions in light of the EC guidelines on agenda # 7 CUST Incubation Center. Director ORIC / HoD SE
 - iv. Dr. Imtiaz Taj suggested that Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) meeting minutes should also be placed as a part of agenda of this forum from each faculty to monitor and evaluate the actions taken in order to strengthen industry – academia linkages. Director ORIC
 - v. It was also resolved that ORIC will plan to develop and update industry list to explore opportunities for seeking final year projects for the session Fall 2024 onwards. Director ORIC
- 2.2 The committee confirmed the minutes of 20th ORIC committee meeting held on 06-12-2022.

Item #3 CUST-ORIC Policy and HEC ORIC Policy

- 3.1 The chair apprised the ORIC committee members that the purpose of this agenda was to:
- i. Each member of ORIC committee will communicate the CUST ORIC policy and HEC ORIC Policy to their respective faculty members / department. ORIC Research Committee
 - ii. It was also resolved and suggested by the Chair that the respective faculty/department should take necessary guidelines from CUST ORIC policy and HEC ORIC Policy while preparing their research plan and suggest necessary incentives keeping in view the merit of the case target/achievements. ORIC Research Committee
 - iii. Regarding HEC funded projects, it was suggested by the Chair that concerned PI should communicate to HEC with respect to cost escalation of the project due to delay in releasing the funds. Moreover, he should also seek necessary guidelines from HEC to avoid any future inconvenience meeting the project competition. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Taj
 - iv. It was also discussed that progress reports of funded projects may be apprised in time so that ORIC is well sensitized accordingly.



Item #4 **Strategic Plan for ORIC Targets and Actions to meet KPIs from each Faculty**

- 4.1 After a thorough discussion, it was desired that HEC ORIC Policy should be observed with greater sense of commitment and responsiveness so that it could meet the values and expectations of all key stake holders.
- 4.2 The Chair briefed that ORIC Strategic Plan which is an instrumental that derives the domains of research of the university in meaningful and purpose-oriented way. Moreover, attention of the committee members was invited on HEC ORIC KPIs which are important targets on the basis of which ORIC performance and progress are measured and is accordingly ranked.
- 4.3 Taking the lead from the above, the members discussed in this backdrop that how the targeted goals of their respective department for year 2023-2024 will be achieved and aligned with the ORIC KPIs.
- 4.4 The committee decided that ORIC Strategic Plan KPIs will be incorporated in the CUST Strategic Plan by the Dean of each Faculty.
- 4.5 With respect to conduct training/workshops and consultancy services it has been resolved that the proposals from the respective faculty may be processed after the approval from Dean.

Director ORIC

Item #5 **Capacity Building**

- 5.1 After a detailed discussion on Patent Filing, it was suggested that ORIC will arrange a workshop on Patent Filing and Intellectual Property Rights in Summer 2023 for all faculty members under Faculty Development Plan.

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



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