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2nd Meeting of the ORIC Steering Committee Minutes of the Meeting held on April 2, 2024

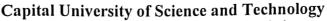
- The 2nd meeting of the ORIC (Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization) Steering Committee was held on April 2, 2024, Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Workshop Room, B-Block, CUST.
- The external members of the committee attended the meeting through a web link.
- Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed, Vice Chancellor CUST and Chairperson of the ORIC Steering Committee, presided over the meeting.
- The following members were present in the meeting:

•	Mr. Farrukh Mehmood Mr. Jafar Safdar Mr. Abdul Qadeer Mr. Mehmood A. Warraich Mr. Raise Naqvi	CEO, 11 Values CEO, AQL Tech. Solutions Director, Berkeley Director, Pre-Cast Products SEO, Electronic Interconnect Engineering (EIE)	Member Member Member Member Member
•	Mr. Bilal Farooq	Founder, Consulting 360	Member
•	Dr. Muzaffar Abbas	Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy	Member
•	Dr. Amir Qayyum	Professor, CS	Member
•	Dr. Majid Ali	Professor, CE	Member
•	Dr. Nadeem Anjum	HOD, SE	Member
•	Dr. Nayyer Masood Dar	Dean, ORIC	Member
•	Mr. Jahanzeb Sarwar Malik	Manager I & C, ORIC	Secretary

- The following attended the meeting by invitation:

 Malik Arshad Mehmood 	Registrar, CUST
 Dr. Arshia Amin Butt 	Assistant Professor, FHLS
 Mr. Haris Bilal Malik 	Deputy Director ORIC
 Mr. Raheel Anjum 	Manager Research, ORIC

- Mr. Tahir Mehmood Chaudry, CEO Falcon Engineering, could not attend the meeting due to some other engagements.
- The meeting started with Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed reciting the verses of the Holy Quran.
- The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the ORIC Steering Committee to its second meeting, he especially thanked external members of the committee who joined the meeting online.





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- Subsequently, the Committee deliberated upon the following agenda items at length and took the following decisions: -

Item #1 Confirmation of the Previous Meeting Minutes

1.1 The minutes of the 1st meeting of the ORIC Steering Committee held on December 26, 2023, were already circulated amongst the members. Since no observation was reported, therefore the minutes of the previous minutes were confirmed.

Item #2 CUST-ORIC Activities Brief

- 2.1 The Dean ORIC, after being invited by the Chair to brief about ORIC activities, thanked the Chairperson and presented the activities, and achievements of ORIC in the months of January and February, 2024. His briefing included the elaboration on the R&D Projects, Research Proposal Submissions, Industrial Liaison and important Meetings and Seminars.
- 2.2 The following was suggested by the committee for the future activities of ORIC:
 - a. It was suggested that all the research proposals submitted to any national or international funding organization, its copy or relevant information should be shared with ORIC. In this regard, Registrar Office will circulate a notification for the information of the faculty members.
 - b. On the aspect of Commercialization, the committee suggested that an IP expert may be contacted to give a brief training to faculty members.
 - c. It was also suggested by the committee that Civil Engineering Department may have a meeting with Mehmood A. Warraich for the construction industry related projects.

The Committee thanked the Dean ORIC and showed satisfaction over the activities performed by team ORIC.

Item #3 Progress of Ongoing Industrial Research Project of Dr. Muzaffar Abbas

3.1 Dr. Muzaffar Abbas presented his ongoing project "Screening of Benzimidazole Derivatives as Potential agents for Diabetic Neuropathy and associated Pathological Mediators" to the house. The presentation was followed by a comprehensive Question/Answer session in which the PI apprised about the project's technical & ethical aspects, practicability, and industrial scale testing/production/application. Furthermore, the PI informed the Committee that the project is 65% complete and is due to be completed by February 2025.

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The Committee appreciated the efforts of Dr. Muzaffar Abbas and his research team/group including a Co-PI and two PhD students.

Item #4 Progress of Ongoing Industrial Research Project of Dr. Arshia Amin

- 4.1 Dr. Arshia Amin presented her ongoing project "Development of Consortium for Enhanced Recovery of Residual Petroleum: Step Towards Sustainable Energy Exploration and Exploitation" to the house. The presentation was followed by a comprehensive Question/Answer session in which the PI apprised about the project's technical aspects, practicability, and industrial scale testing/production/application. Furthermore, the PI informed the Committee that the project is 80% complete and is due to be completed by June 2024.
- 4.2 The Committee appreciated the efforts of Dr. Arshia Amin and her research team/group including a Co-PI, an industrial partner, and two academic partners.
- As suggested by the chairperson in his concluding remarks, the Committee agreed to frequently conduct its meetings in order to ensure better coordination and collaboration among its industrial and academic members.

The meeting was concluded with a note of thanks to the participants.

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Secretary DRIC Steering Committee

Dr. Nayyer Masood Dar Dean ORIC

Endorsed by:

Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed

Vice Chancellor CUST

Chairperson ORIC Steering Committee