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10th Meeting

of the ORIC Steering Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on January 14, 2025

- The 10th meeting of the ORIC Steering Committee was held in hybrid mode on Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at 11:00 am in the Workshop Room, B-Block, CUST.

- Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed, Chairperson of the ORIC Steering Committee and Vice Chancellor CUST, presided over the meeting.

- The following members were present in the meeting:

• Dr. Nayyer Masood	Dean, ORIC	Member
• Dr. Muzaffar Abbas	Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy	Member
• Dr. Majid Ali	HOD, CE	Member
• Dr. Nadeem Anjum	HOD, SE	Member
• Dr. Amir Qayyum	Professor, CS	Member
• Mr. Abdul Qadeer	Director, Berkeley	Member
• Mr. Farrukh Mehmood	CEO, 11 Values	Member
• Mr. Raise Naqvi	SEO, Electronic Interconnect Engineering (EIE)	Member
• Mr. Haris Bilal Malik	Deputy Director, ORIC	Secretary

- The following could not attend the meeting due to other prior commitments:

• Dr. M. Ahsan	Assistant Professor, FMSS	Member
• Mr. Jafar Safdar	CEO, Aql Tech. Solutions	Member
• Mr. Mahmood A. Warraich	Director, Pre-Cast Products	Member
• Mr. Tahir Mahmood Ch.	CEO, Falcon Engineering	Member
• Mr. Bilal Farooq	Founder, Consulting 360	Member

- The following attended the meeting by invitation:

• Dr. Sohail Ahmed Jan	Associate Professor, BI&BS
• Mr. Arshad Malik	Registrar CUST
• Mr. Muhammad Umair	Assistant Manager Research, ORIC
• Ms. Aasia	Assistant Manager I & C, ORIC

- The chairperson welcomed all the members of the ORIC Steering Committee to its 10th meeting. Furthermore, the chairperson admired the valuable suggestions of industrial partners given in the previous meeting and apprised the Committee of the efforts being made accordingly.

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



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Item #1 Confirmation of the Previous Meeting Minutes

- 1.1 It was informed that no other observation on the decisions taken in 9th meeting of the ORIC- Steering Committee held on November 8th, 2024, already circulated amongst the members of the Committee was received. Therefore, the ORIC-Steering Committee confirmed the minutes of its 8th meeting.

Item # 2 Final Year Projects of Civil Engineering (CE) Department with an IP Perspective

- 2.1 The chairperson requested Dr. Majid Ali, HOD of CE Department, to present his Department FYPs before the house.
- 2.2 Dr. Majid thanked the chair and deliberated upon the following:
 - Prominent research ideas and projects being explored by the Department
 - Engagement with industry through allocation of industrial supervisory to the FYPs
 - CE methodology of allocating FYPs
 - List of enrolled FYPs with an IP perspective
- 2.3 Dr. Majid presentation was followed a healthy Q&A session in which the nature of industry advisory, reproducibility of research products of CE and establishment of model house was discussed. Subsequently, the Committee commended the efforts of CE Department.

Item # 3 Research Groups of the Faculty of Pharmacy (FoP)

- 3.1 The chairperson, after a brief introduction of the Faculty of Pharmacy (FoP), requested Dr. Muzaffar Abbas, Dean of CE FoP, to present the FoP Research Groups before the house.
- 3.2 Dr. Muzaffar Abbas thanked the chairperson and presented 4 Research Groups from FoP with their research areas, R&D projects and signed MOUs with the industry. Furthermore, the Dean FoP informed the house that establishment of a Bio-Equivalence Center at FoP is also in its planning phase.
- 3.3 The presentation was followed by a Q&A session exploring the drug formulation & synthesis of drugs in Pakistan and drug development steps & cycles.
- 3.4 The Chairperson asked the Dean FoP to discuss the drug development cycle and Pakistani developed drugs as a case study, in the next meeting of the Committee.



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Item # 4 ORIC Activities Brief (October 16 – November 30, 2024)

4.1 The Dean ORIC started his briefing about ORIC Activities from the efforts made in the Industrial Outreach and Linkages domain including the following:

- **University Industrial Outreach Committee (UIOC):** The Dean ORIC informed the committee about the UIOC visits with their purpose & outcomes. Furthermore, the Dean ORIC also informed the Committee of the trainings and workshops arranged by ORIC thanks to the links developed through UIOC.
- **CUST FYP Funding Program – COHORT 4:** The Committee was apprised that 6 FYPs have been shortlisted for funding under CUST FYP Funding Program – COHORT 4. The shortlisted FYPs were presented before the Committee with a mention of the concerned students, faculty members and departments. The Dean ORIC further informed the committee that selected FYPs will also be considered for marketing through FMSS student FYPs.

4.2 Taking benefit of the presence of two supervisors of FYPs, Dr. Amir Qayyum and Dr. Sohail Ahmed Jan, the Dean ORIC requested the supervisors to elaborate on their shortlisted FYPs.

4.3 Dr. Amir Qayyum and Dr. Sohail Ahmed Jan explained the research idea of their shortlisted FYPs before the Committee. Their deliberation was followed by a Q/A session exploring the technical and practical aspects of the projects.

Respecting time constraints, the meeting was concluded with a word of thanks to the participants.

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