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11th Meeting

of the ORIC Steering Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on March 18, 2025

- The 11th meeting of the ORIC Steering Committee was held in hybrid mode on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 11:00 am in the Workshop Room, B-Block, CUST.
- Dr. Nayyer Masood, Dean ORIC, presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairperson of the ORIC Steering Committee.
- 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. M. Ahsan	Assistant Professor, FMSS	Member
• Mr. Tahir Mahmood Ch.	CEO, Falcon Engineering	Member
• Mr. Abdul Qadeer	Director, Berkeley	Member
• Mr. Farrukh Mehmood	CEO, 11 Values	Member
• Mr. Rase Naqvi	SEO, Electronic Interconnect Engineering (EIE)	Member
• Mr. Bilal Farooq	Founder, Consulting 360	Member
- The following could not attend the meeting due to other prior commitments:

• Dr. Amir Qayyum	Professor, CS	Member
• Dr. Sohail Ahmed Jan	Associate Professor, BI&BS	Member
• Mr. Jafar Safdar	CEO, Aql Tech. Solutions	Member
• Mr. Mahmood A. Warraich	Director, Pre-Cast Products	Member
• Mr. Haris Bilal Malik	Deputy Director, ORIC	Secretary
- The following attended the meeting by invitation:

• Mr. Muhammad Umair	Assistant Manager Research, ORIC
• Ms. Aasia	Assistant Manager I & C, ORIC
- The Dean ORIC welcomed all the members of the ORIC Steering Committee to its 11th meeting.
- 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 10th meeting of the ORIC- Steering Committee held on January 14th, 2025, already circulated amongst the members of the Committee was received. Therefore, the ORIC-Steering Committee confirmed the minutes of its 10th meeting.

Item # 2 Research Groups of Civil Engineering (CE) Department

- 2.1 The Dean ORIC requested Dr. Majid Ali, HOD of CE Department, to present his Department Research Groups before the house.
- 2.2 Dr. Majid thanked Dean ORIC and deliberated upon the Research Groups of the CE Department with a mention of the involved faculty members, research interests, and research outcomes. Dr. Majid's presentation was followed a healthy Q&A session. Subsequently, the Committee commended the efforts of CE Department.

Item # 3 ORIC Activities Brief (October 16 – December 31, 2024)

- 3.1 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.
 - **Trainings Attended & Arranged:** Dean ORIC informed the Committee of the trainings and workshops arranged by ORIC.
 - **CUST FYP Funding Program – COHORT 4:** The Committee was apprised that 6 shortlisted FYPs have been allocated a working space in the CUST Incubation Center and each group has been given a funding of 50,000 (PKR) to help them modify their projects as per market needs.
 - **NIC Hatchery Program for CIC:** The Dean ORIC discussed that CUST is considering NIC' Hatchery Program for CUST students to motivate and help them towards establishing their own startups. The Dean ORIC asked the opinions of the members of the Committee on the Hatchery Program.
 - **IP Filing:** The Dean ORIC informed the Committee that IP filing is in the major focus of the ORIC Team and two IPs have been filed already. He also mentioned that multiple IP filings are in progress.
 - **Other ORIC Activities and Achievements:** The Dean ORIC deliberated upon the other activities and achievements like Call for Proposals (CFPs), Proposal submission & Approvals from IGNITE,



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consideration of Dr. Furqan for 11th Tameer Award, and preparation of CUST Annual Report.

- 3.2 Mr. Tahir Mehmood, while talking about the NIC Hatchery Program, emphasized that an external curriculum is not much needed and an alternative better approach maybe adopted which included remapping of the University Strategies and availability of the consultancy and capacity building opportunities for the Faculty and Students, particularly on topics related to startups and entrepreneurship. He strongly recommended to the introduce a course of entrepreneurship in the CUST academic curriculum.
- 3.3 Mr. Abdul Qadeer, while talking about the NIC Hatchery Program, suggested that the NIC proposal must include a clearly defined outline, time duration of one session, number of students to be involved in one session, and fee structure. He emphasized that the resource persons of the program should be from the industrial sector and at least two sessions should be conducted every month.
- 3.4 Mr. Farrukh Mehmood, while talking about the NIC Hatchery Program, reiterated that the program should have a duration of at least two years starting from the 5th semester. Furthermore, he said that the workshops should cover the practical aspects thoroughly. It should be more likely a guidance on which action has to be taken.
- 3.5 Mr. Tahir Mehmood, taking on trainings attended by ORIC, emphasized that whenever an ORIC Team member attends a training/workshop, he/she should prepare a written report on the training and conduct a short session for faculty and students to share the acquired knowledge.
- 3.6 The Dean ORIC thanked the members for their valuable suggestions and committed to consider them in future proceedings.

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

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