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### 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

#### of the ORIC Steering Committee

#### **Minutes of the Meeting held on October 1, 2024**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ORIC Steering Committee was held in hybrid mode on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 11:00 am in the Workshop Room, B-Block, CUST.
- The external members of the committee attended the meeting through a video link.
- Dr. Nayyer Masood, Dean ORIC, presided over the meeting in the absence of Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed, Chairperson of the 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	Professor, CE	Member
• Dr. Nadeem Anjum	HOD, SE	Member
• Dr. Ahsan M. Ahmed	Assistant Professor, MS	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
• Mr. Haris Bilal Malik	Deputy Director, ORIC	Secretary

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

• Dr. Amir Qayyum	Professor, CS	Member
• Mr. Jafar Safdar	CEO, Aql Tech. Solutions	Member
• Mr. Tahir Mahmood Ch.	CEO, Falcon Engineering	Member
• Mr. Mahmood A. Warraich	Director, Pre-Cast Products	Member

- The following attended the meeting by invitation:

• Ms. Aasia	Assistant Manager I & C, ORIC
• Mr. Muhammad Umair	Assistant Manager Research, ORIC

- The Dean ORIC welcomed all the members of the ORIC Steering Committee to its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 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 It was informed that no observation on the decision taken in 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ORIC- Steering Committee held on June 28, 2024, already circulated amongst the members of the Committee was received. Therefore, the ORIC-Steering Committee confirmed the minutes of its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 1.2 Dean ORIC elaborated on the status of decisions made in the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee.

**Item # 2 ORIC Activities Brief (July-August 2024)**

- 2.1 The Dean ORIC started his briefing about ORIC Activities of July & August 2024, from the annual submission of ORIC self-assessment scorecard to the Higher Education Commission (HEC). He apprised the committee that ORIC scored 51 out of 100 for the year 2023-2024 as per self-assessment, and final score will be given by HEC after their evaluation. He identified the strengths and grey areas as per the following sections of the ORIC self-assessment scorecard:
  - **Human Resource (HR):** The Dean ORIC informed the committee that ORIC has shown very good progress in the HR section, and expected to score 10/10 in HR.
  - **Research Excellence (RE):** The Dean ORIC highlighted that fewer proposal submissions to the funding organization and lack in the industrial linkages has limited the ORIC numbers in the RE section to 24.5/45.
  - **Innovation & Commercialization (I&C):** The Dean ORIC apprised the committee that in the I&C section, the ORIC is lacking majorly in patent filing & agreements of collaborations. The committee was informed that ORIC score in this section is 6/30.
  - **Sustainability & Capacity Building:** The Dean ORIC elaborated that ORIC has better numbers in the Sustainability & Capacity Building securing 10/15 as per self-assessment. Furthermore, the committee was informed how ORIC is making efforts to excel in this section, i.e., by the commercialization of lab facilities like Universal Testing Machine (UTM), and Genetic Consultancy & Thalassemia Testing.
- 2.2 Having being informed of the ORIC annual performance categorized by the self-assessment scorecard numbers, the committee members were invited for their comments & suggestions.
- 2.3 The members of the committee highlighted the following aspects:



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- Mr. Abdul Qadeer Appreciated the efforts of the Team ORIC and emphasized on the need of extra efforts for industrial linkages.
- Dr. Majid Ali suggested that (i) associating industry advisors with all research projects, (ii) taking FYPs on a standard proposal format, (iii) considering the departmental MOUs signed with the industry and (iv) training the faculty members on Intellectual Property (IP) and Commercialization, may lead the University to a better performance in the concerned ORIC domains.
- Mr. Farrukh Mahmood suggested that course exemptions may be given to the faculty members to promote IP & its Commercialization.
- Dr. Muzaffar Abbas committed to interlink the Faculty of Pharmacy with ORIC through consultancies given to the industries and commercialization of the research products & equipment.

2.4 The Dean ORIC Apprised the committee about the ORIC Faculty Development Program (FDP), a two-day training on “Fundraising Management and Resource Mobilization”. The committee was informed that the resource person for the training was Mr. Tahir Mehmood, a member of the ORIC Steering Committee. Furthermore, The Dean ORIC summarized the findings of the FDP as a need to orient the efforts towards;

- University should focus 5 major areas; Admissions; ORIC; Internship; Placement; Alumni.
- Student’s grooming from first semester; LinkedIn; early internships
- Each department has IAB; (we already have)
- Involvement of Chamber of Commerce and Industry can help
- Faculty should provide consultancy services
- Projects should be focused on CSR

2.5 The Committee was informed about the other regular activities of the ORIC including Meetings, Seminars, Visits, MOUs, Circulated calls for proposals, CUST Testing Policy draft approval, MCP-AITech Internships, and CUST FYP Funding Program – COHORT 3.

### **Item # 3 General Discussion**

3.1 The Dean ORIC apprised the committee of the currently ongoing ORIC activities, and plans & aspirations. Furthermore, he invited the Committee members for their suggestions and comments.



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- 3.2 Mr. Farrukh Mahmood emphasized that funding opportunities maybe focused on in future and ORIC maybe linked with potential funding organization through agreements.
- 3.3 Mr. Abdul Qadeer advised the ORIC Team to keep a follow up of all the activities and try covering the grey areas.
- 3.4 Mr. Bilal Farooq offered his consultancy services regarding Business Studies.
- 3.5 Dean ORIC thanked the members for their suggestions and requested Mr. Bilal Farooq for his help for the CUST FYP Funding Program. Mr. Bilal Farooq agreed at arrange sessions for the said program.

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

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