



M-VARSITIES CONSORTIUM
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Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Groups of M-Varsities Consortium at the University of Malakand

The meeting of the different Working Groups of M-Varsities consortium was held on 16/02/2026 at 11:00am in the University of Malakand. The Vice Chancellor University of Malakand, chaired the meeting. The following participants attended the meeting.

1. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sadiq, Secretary Consortium
2. Prof. Dr. Arab Naz, Director Academic, University of Malakand
3. Dr. Muhammad Usman, Director ORIC, University of Malakand
4. Dr. Zahid Ali, Director QEC, University of Malakand
5. Prof. Dr. Noorul Amin, Advisor Academics, University of Agriculture, Swat
6. Prof. Dr. Yousaf, Saidu Medical College, Swat-KMU
7. Dr Muhammad Arsaht, Director Academic, University of Buner
8. Dr. Asghar Khan, DA, University of Engineering and Applied Sciences Swat
9. Dr. Nizamudin, Director Academic, University of Chitral
10. Dr. Wahid Shah, Director Academic, University of Shangla
11. Dr. Syed Asghar Ali Shah, DA, University of Engineering and Applied Sciences Swat
12. Dr. Imad Ali, Additional Registrar, University of Swat
13. Maqsood Mazhar, Manager ORIC, University of Malakand
14. Dr. Ghau ur Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Swat
15. Asif Saud Han, MRO ORIC, University of Swat
16. Dr. Rahmanullah, ORIC, UVAS, Swat
17. Dr. Faiz ur Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Shangla
18. Dr. Haji Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Shangla
19. Dr. Khurram Shirjeel, Dy. Director ORIC, University of Agriculture Swat
20. Prof. Dr. Farman Ullah, Director QEC, University of Agriculture, Swat
21. Dr. Shafqat Ullah Khan, Director QEC, University of Buner
22. Dr. Ajab Khan, Director QEC, UVAS, Swat
23. Dr. Faisal Ghaffar, Director QEC, UEAS, Swat
24. Dr. Ataar Rahman, Director QEC, University of Shangla
25. Dr. Humera Gabeen, Director QEC, Saidu Medical College, Swat-KMU
26. Dr. Muhammad Tariq University of Swat

The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran and after a brief introductory session the Chair welcomed all participants and appreciated their presence and commitment towards strengthening collaboration among Malakand Division Universities. The importance of coordinated efforts to enhance academic, research, and administrative cooperation was emphasized. During the meeting, the Chair open-heartedly expressed full institutional support for the M-Varsities initiative and emphasized the importance of inter-university collaboration through the sharing of resources. In this regard, the Chair generously offered access to key facilities and infrastructure available at the University of Malakand for the mutual benefit of partner institutions.

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The Chair specifically announced that the following resources would be made available to the M-Varsities:

- Sharing of computer-based academic testing software to facilitate standardized and efficient examination processes.
- Access to smart classrooms to support modern, technology-enabled teaching and learning activities.
- Provision of Learning Management System (LMS) access to enhance digital learning, course management, and academic coordination.
- Availability of laboratory facilities for training and collaborative research purposes.
- Access to the Convocation Hall for organizing academic events, convocations, seminars, workshops, and conferences.
- Use of digital laboratories for academic and training events.
- Access to the University's Incubation Center to support innovation, entrepreneurship, and student-led initiatives. To encourage innovation and strengthen incubation activities, the Chair announced a seed funding support of PKR 100,000 (One Lac Rupees) for incubation-related initiatives under the M-Varsities collaboration framework.

The participants highly appreciated this generous support, recognizing it as a significant step toward strengthening institutional cooperation, promoting innovation, and enhancing academic excellence across partner universities. The participants also proposed to include two working groups (Student Society working group and administrative officer working group).

After that the following working groups that is academic, ORIC and QEC working groups were facilitated for working on the agenda in different committee rooms. They have submitted their recommendations which are;

1. Academic (Working Group)

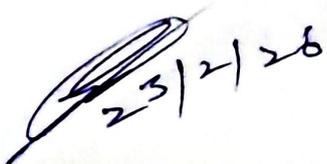
The working group for academics constituted the following committee to discuss and identify areas of mutual interest.

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| 1. Prof. Dr. Arab Naz DDA UOM | (Convener) |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Noorul -Amin | Member |
| 3. Prof. Dr. Yousaf | Member |
| 4. Dr Muhammad Arsahd | Member |
| 5. Dr. Asghar Khan | Member |
| 6. Dr. Nizamudin | Member |
| 7. Dr. Wahid Shah | Member |
| 8. Dr. Syed Asghar Ali Shah | Member |
| 9. Dr. Imad Ali | Member |

The committee, after detailed deliberation, recommended the following areas that is exchange of faculty and students.

1. Exchange program

Students and faculty exchanges shall be made in the following areas (but not limited to).





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- i. Courses/labs/Fields offered by the universities
 - ii. Online courses
 - iii. Trainings by the universities
 - iv. Internships, Research Work/Lab/ and other activities
 - v. Language learning skills/courses/diplomas
 - vi. Intra consortium sport competition
2. Joint Degree Programs
- i. Launching of joint virtual degrees/diplomas/certificates
 - ii. Exchange of subject experts for capacity building of teachers/students/staff
 - iii. Research supervision/Co-Supervision (at various levels)
 - iv. Joint diplomas/certificates in various subjects (mutually agreed)
 - v. Joint workshops/seminars/training/conferences, etc
 - vi. Joint research opportunities and projects
3. Credit Transfer Systems
- i. To insure the transfer of credit.
 - ii. Hybrid or smart classroom

Other areas of collaboration

- i. Cultural activities, tours or festivals/exhibitions etc.
- ii. Joint job fair and career counselling activities
- iii. MOUs need to be facilitated on priority basis

The committee further recommended that proper policy/rules may be framed to strengthen the student-faculty exchange as well as credit transfer of students in harmony with the HEC policy. It was agreed by all the members that such meetings shall also be held in other universities as well.

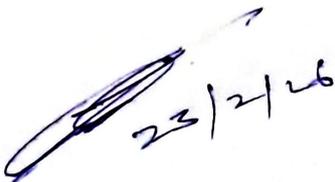
2. Research, Innovation and Commercialization (Working Group)

The working group for ORIC constituted the following committee to discuss and identify areas of mutual interest.

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| 1. Dr. Muhammad Usman, Director ORIC, University of Malakand | (Convener) |
| 2. Maqsood Mazhar, Manager ORIC, University of Malakand | Member |
| 3. Dr. Ghau ur Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Swat | Member |
| 4. Asif Saud Han, MRO ORIC, University of Swat | Member |
| 5. Dr. Rahmanullah, ORIC, UVAS, Swat | Member |
| 6. Dr. Faiz ur Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Shangla | Member |
| 7. Dr. Haji Rahman, Director ORIC, University of Shangla | Member |
| 8. Dr. Khurram Shirjeel, Dy. Director ORIC, University of Agriculture Swat | Member |

The meeting commenced with the permission of the Chair. Dr. Muhammad Usman, Director ORIC, shared the broader objectives of the ORIC Working Group. After detailed deliberations, the following key decisions were made:

1. The members unanimously agreed that Dr. Muhammad Usman, Director ORIC, University of Malakand will serve as the Convener of the ORIC Working Group.
2. Established/registered ORICs will facilitate newly established ORICs in their registration





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- and operational processes.
3. Joint activities will be organized under the umbrella of the consortium, including:
 - i. Workshops
 - ii. Conferences
 - iii. HR development trainings
 - iv. Business idea pitching sessions
 - v. Student competitions
 4. The Honorable Vice Chancellor also joined the meeting and said that the *Educational Conference scheduled on 13-14 May 2026* will be jointly organized under the umbrella of M-Varsities Consortium.
 5. ORICs will collectively engage with government departments (e.g., Wildlife, Fisheries, Forestry, etc.) to facilitate student internships and applied research collaborations. MoUs may be signed for this purpose.
 6. A collective MoU under the consortium will be developed to regulate and streamline collaborative activities carried out through the consortium platform
 7. The Working Group will prepare a joint proposal to HEC for funding support for workshops, conferences, and related activities.
 8. ORICs will jointly visit industries to strengthen industry-academia linkages.

3. Quality Enhancement (Working Group)

The working group for academics nominated the following committee to discuss and identify areas of mutual interest.

1. Prof. Dr. Farman Ullah	University of Agriculture, Swat	Convener
2. Dr. Zahid Ali,	University of Malakand	Member
3. Dr. Shafqat Ullah Khan	University of Buner	Member
4. Dr. Ajab Khan	UVAS, Swat	Member
5. Dr. Faisal Ghaffar	UEAS, Swat	Member
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7. Dr. Humera Gabeen	Saidu Medical College, Swat-KMU	Member
8. Dr. Muhammad Tariq	University of Swat	Mem/Sec

Functions of this working group/TORs

1. Uplifting the quality of academic activities:

The working group proposed the establishment of a Training Cell for Continuous professional development CPD office for improvement of instruction, assessment and learning processes in M-Varsities. It was also suggested to solicit and maintain a complete faculty profile document/directory of all universities faculty members along with their area of expertise and made available online. At the research levels (MS & PhD) programs, the co-supervision agreements will be facilitated by need based matching processes through faculty profiles maintained by M-Varsities QEC office. Mechanisms for Teaching Exchange to be piloted before the student's exchange initiative. As the time unfolds, the Teacher Exchange Program will serve as a stepping stone for implementation of student's exchange programs. Likewise, Library books loan facilities for research scholars will be extended among partner universities in first phase. In second phase, this mechanism may also be extended to undergraduate level programs. List of


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examiners/reviewer/members from M-Varsities shall be shared in order to facilitate the conduct of academic activities.

2. Sharing Experiences & Best Practice:

Training on Yearly progress report YPR components will be organized by leading universities both online and physically or in hybrid mode. Other than this, universities who have prior experience of administrative training shall also share resources in terms of resource persons, facilities and manuals or reading material in best interest of all stakeholders. Sharing of best practices and lessons learnt from participation in league tables will be done through faculty talks, webinars, and conferences. It was also decided to create an active WhatsApp group of QEC professionals of M-Varsities.

3. Unified representation in policy dialogues:

It was unanimously decided that active advocacy for the representation and interests of M-Varsities to be promoted in order to enhance the visibility of M-Varsities. Dedicated staff and set-up for QEC shall be established for smooth execution of required activities as currently QEC are experiencing stakeholder overload and organizational change fatigue.

In the closing session the Chair thanked all the participants for their valuable contributions. The meeting concluded with a commitment to work collaboratively for the successful implementation of M-Varsities initiatives.

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