

## **Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board, University of Malakand**

The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board was held on **October 02, 2014** at 10.00 A.M. in the Committee Room. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. Johar Ali	Vice-Chancellor	(In the chair)
2. Prof. Dr. Mir Azam Khan	Dean, Faculty of Biological Sciences	
3. Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad	Chairman, Department of Chemistry	
4. Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad	Chairman, Department of Physics	
5. Dr. Gul Zaman	Associate Professor, Mathematics	
6. Dr. Muhammad Nisar	Assistant Professor, Botany	
7. Dr. Muhammad Waris	Assistant Professor, GCMS Thana	
8. Prof. Raza Shah	Principal, GDC Gul Abad, Dir Lower	
9. Dr. Lutf Ur Rahman	Assistant Professor, GPGC, Timergara	
10. Sher Bahadur	Registrar	(Secretary)

The meeting started with recitation of verses from the Holy Qura'n. All the members were warmly welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor. The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

### **Item-1 Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Abdul Wahid Khan, PhD Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to remove abbreviation from the title, reconsider rationale of the study, objectives and Plan of work under the guidance of research supervisor. He was further directed to submit a copy of the improved synopsis along with a certificate to the effect from Dr. Gul Zaman to the office of DDA for reference / record.

### **Item-2 Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhammad Ilyas, PhD Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to remove abbreviation from the title, to reconsider Plan of work and clearly state the research gap in the light of the observations of the Board. He was further directed to work on references in the light of the approved format. A copy of the improved synopsis along with a certificate to the effect from Dr. Gul Zaman must be submitted to the office of DDA for reference / record.

### **Item-3 Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Dawar Khan , M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

Research topic and research synopsis were deferred due to non-availability of the research supervisor. The Board made it clear that its earlier decision of not considering any case in the absence of the scholar / supervisor shall be upheld.

### **Item-4 Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhib Ullah , M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to remove abbreviation from the title, to remove first line from the *Objectives*; to present the research questions in paragraph; format references according to the approved format and remove grammatical mistakes from the text. A copy of the improved

synopsis along with a certificate to the effect from Dr. Gul Zaman must be submitted to the office of DDA for reference / record.

**Item-5**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Ms. Sadia, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with the instruction to remove abbreviation from the title.

**Item-6**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhammad Raees, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

Research topic and research synopsis were deferred due to non-availability of the research supervisor.

**Item-7**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Azeem, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor change of removing abbreviation from the title and correcting the references as per the approved format.

**Item-8**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Sikandar, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Computer Science & IT**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to remove abbreviation from the title. A copy of the improved synopsis along with a certificate to the effect from Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad must be submitted to the office of DDA for reference / record.

**Item-9**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Javed Hussain, PhD Scholar, Department of Sociology**

The Board discussed the request filed by Dr. Muhammad Saeed, the concerned research supervisor on leave (August 20, 2014 to August 31, 2016) to consider the cases of his students in his absence. After threadbare discussion, it was decided that the scholars shall be assigned research supervisors in the light of the request and asked the concerned department to submit the case for consideration/approval of the Competent Authority in the light of the observations of the Board. It was also recommended that Dr. Muhammad Saeed shall work as co-supervisor of the Ph.D scholars. Further, the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar were deferred on the ground that he shall resubmit his synopsis with the consent of his research supervisor as shall be approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Item-10**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Sheraz Ali, PhD Scholar, Department of Sociology**

The Board discussed the request filed by Dr. Muhammad Saeed the concerned research supervisor on leave (August 20, 2014 to August 31, 2016) to consider the cases of his students in his absence. After threadbare discussion, it was decided that the scholars shall be assigned research supervisors in the light of the request and asked the concerned department to submit the case for consideration/approval of the Competent Authority in the light of the observations of the Board. It was also recommended that Dr. Muhammad Saeed shall work as co-supervisor of the Ph.D scholars. Further, the research topic and research synopsis of the

scholar were deferred on the ground that he shall resubmit his synopsis with the consent of his research supervisor as shall be approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

Furthermore, the Board observed that the scholar had produced GAT-Subject test in the field of Economics that was not relevant to Sociology. It was decided that the scholar must produce GAT-Subject (Sociology) in the next two chances by the relevant testing agency. In case of failure, the concerned department was directed to bring the case into the notice of the authorities.

**Item-11**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Nasar Khan, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Sociology**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to reformat references and remove *District Dir Lower* from the research topic.

**Item-12**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Irfan Ullah, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Sociology**

The Board discussed the request filed by the concerned research supervisor on leave (August 20, 2014 to August 31, 2016) to consider the cases of his students in his absence. After threadbare discussion, it was decided that the scholars shall be assigned research supervisors in the light of the request and asked the concerned department to submit the case for consideration/approval of the Competent Authority in the light of the observations of the Board. Further, the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar were deferred on the ground that he shall resubmit his synopsis with the consent of his research supervisor as shall be approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Item-13**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Imran Ullah, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Sociology**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. He was directed to remove *and well-being* from the research topic.

**Item-14**      **Approval of Course Work of M.Phil Scholars in the Department of Mathematics**

The Board approved the course work of Mr. Nisar Ullah and Mr. Mazhar Ali, M.Phil scholars (2012).

**Item-15**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Mazhar Ali, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Mathematics**

Research topic and research synopsis were deferred due to non-availability of the research supervisor.

**Item-16**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Nisar Ullah, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Mathematics**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes. The scholar was asked to submit a copy of the synopsis along with corrections certificate from Dr. Gul Zaman to the office of DDA for record / reference.

**Item-17**      **Entry Test for M.Phil / Ph.D**

The Board thoroughly examined the minutes of the committee constituted by the ASRB for drafting policy in the light of the decision of Lahore High Court concerning NTS. It was decided to recommend the minutes of the meeting of the committee along with draft amendments in the relevant Bye-Laws for consideration / approval of approving bodies.

**Item-18**                    **Draft Final Transcript of M.Phil/Ph.D Program**

The Board examined the transcript placed before it along with submissions from Chairman, Department of Biotechnology. After detailed discussion, it was decided that a committee will work on the proposed draft and will present its recommendations to the ASRB in its next meeting. The committee will consist of the following:

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| 1. Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad | <b>Convener</b>  |
| 2. Dr. Gul Zaman            | <b>Member</b>    |
| 3. Dr. S. M. Jamal          | <b>Secretary</b> |

The Board also appreciated the efforts of the Chairman, Department of Biotechnology and hoped that he will continue to work for improvement in the academic services of the university.

**Item-19**                    **Result Declaration of Mr. Nasrullah Khan, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Biotechnology**

After threadbare discussion, it was held that since the transfer and appointment of supervisor / co-supervisor etc had already been approved by the ASRB earlier, the Board condoned the error regarding the GAT-Subject test (NTS) announced by the university with no fault on the part of the scholar. The Board declared the courses studied by him relevant and said that his result should be notified.

**Item-20**                    **Appeal for reconsideration of the decision of the ASRB taken in its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held on June 17, 2014**

The Board considered the appeal of the scholar .After threadbare discussion, it was decided that the DDA shall draft recommendations regarding conversion cases in accordance with the respective Bye-Laws governing the admission cases for perusal of the Vice-Chancellor.

**Item-21**                    **Approval of Conversion of M.Phil leading to Ph.D studies into Ph.D of Mr. Muhammad Irshad, Department of Botany**

The Board approved conversion of M.Phil leading to Ph.D into Ph.D in respect of Mr. Muhammad Irshad.

**Item-22**                    **Approval of Conversion of M.Phil leading to PhD studies into PhD of the scholars, Department of Pharmacy**

The Board approved conversion of M.Phil leading to Ph.D into Ph.D in respect of Mr. Muhammad Saeed Jan and Muhammad Asghar Khan.

**Item-23**                    **Approval of Conversion of M.Phil leading to PhD studies into PhD of Mr. Muhammad Sohail Abbas, Department of Chemistry**

The Board approved conversion of M.Phil leading to Ph.D into Ph.D in respect of Mr. Muhammad Sohail Abbas.

**Item-24**      **Extension in deadline for M.Phil to PhD Conversion of Mr. Aziz ur Rahman (M.Phil scholar)**

The Board found the scope of the request similar in nature to the appeal submitted to the Board placed on Item-20. It was therefore decided that any decision regarding the appeal would apply to this case also.

**Item-25**      **Approval of Research topic and research synopsis of Mr. Hazir Muhammad, M.Phil scholar, department of Biotechnology**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes in the *Plan of Work*. The scholar was asked to submit a copy of the synopsis along with corrections certificate from Prof. Dr. Mir Azam Khan to the office of DDA for record / reference.

**Item-26**      **Approval of Research topic and research synopsis of Ms. Nadia Farooqi, M.Phil scholar, department of Biotechnology**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes in the *Plan of Work* and formatting of references. The scholar was asked to submit a copy of the synopsis along with corrections certificate from Prof. Dr. Mir Azam Khan to the office of DDA for record / reference.

**Item-27**      **Approval of Course Work of Ph.D scholars, Department of Physics**

The Board approved course of the following Ph.D scholars (2012):

1. Amin Khan
2. Banaras Khan
3. Hafiz Abdul Ali Khan
4. Iftikhar Ahmad
5. Sajid Khan
6. Mian Syed Abdul Jabbar
7. Muhammad Javed
8. Muhammad Bilal

**Item-28**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Physics**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar.

**Item-29**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Hazrat Ali, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Physics**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar.

**Item-30**      **Approval of Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Muhammad Bilal, Phd Scholar, Department of Physics**

The Board approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar.

**Item-31**      **Approval of Course Work, Research Topic and Research Synopsis of Mr. Abdur Rahman, M.Phil Scholar, Department of Chemistry**

The Board approved the course work, research topic and research synopsis of the scholar.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. The Board decided to uphold its earlier decision of not considering research synopsis in the absence of scholar / supervisor. It was reiterated that all research scholars and supervisors must ensure their presence at the time of presenting research synopsis to the Board.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks from and to the chair.