

**Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board, University of Malakand**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board was held on **September 02, 2015** at 10:00 A.M. in the Committee Room. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Dr. Johar Ali	Vice-Chancellor	(Chairperson)
2. Prof. Dr. Rahmat Ali	Dean, Faculty of Sciences	Member
3. Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad	Chairman, Department of Chemistry	Member
4. Prof. Dr. Mir Azam Khan	Dean, Faculty of Biological Sciences	Member
5. Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad	Chairman, Department of Physics	Member
6. Dr. Manzoor Ahmad	Associate Professor, Chemistry	Member
7. Dr. Atta Ur Rahman	Associate Professor, Islamic Studies	Member
8. Dr. Muhammad Shoaib	Assistant Professor, Pharmacy	Member
9. Mr. Nisar Ahmad	Professor/Principal, GPGC Timergara	Member
10. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad	Associate Professor/Principal GDC Agra MKD	Member
11. Dr. Tariq Anwar	Assistant Professor, GDC Thana MKD	Member
12. Dr. Syed M. Jamal	Registrar	(Secretary)

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

**ITEM – 01 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. MUHAMMAD SALAM PH.D SCHOLAR (COMPUTER SCIENCE), DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board approved the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes- corrections in referencing style; names of the journals must be abbreviated; and literature must be updated. The scholar must submit a certificate to the effect that corrections have been incorporated duly endorsed by Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Assistant Professor (Pharmacy) along with corrected copy to the office of DDA for information/record only.

**ITEM – 02 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. NASIR RASHID, PH.D SCHOLAR (COMPUTER SCIENCE), DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board approved the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes- corrections in referencing style; names of the journals must be abbreviated; and literature must be updated. The scholar must submit a certificate to the effect that corrections have been incorporated duly endorsed by Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Assistant Professor (Pharmacy) along with corrected copy to the office of DDA for information/record only.

**ITEM NO 3 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. NAEEM ULLAH, MS SCHOLAR (COMPUTER SCIENCE), DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board approved the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes- corrections in referencing style; names of the journals must be abbreviated; and

literature must be updated. The scholar must submit a certificate to the effect that corrections have been incorporated duly endorsed by Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Assistant Professor (Pharmacy) along with corrected copy to the office of DDA for information/record only.

**ITEM NO 04 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. HAZRAT UMAR, MS SCHOLAR (COMPUTER SCIENCE), DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board approved course work of the scholar. The concerned department was directed to issue transcript in the standardized format. The Board also approved the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes- corrections in referencing style; names of the journals must be abbreviated; and literature must be updated. The scholar must submit a certificate to the effect that corrections have been incorporated duly endorsed by Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Assistant Professor (Pharmacy) along with corrected copy to the office of DDA for information/record only.

**ITEM NO 05 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. INAM UR RAHMAN, MS SCHOLAR (COMPUTER SCIENCE), DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board approved course work of the scholar. The concerned department was directed to submit course completion in the standardized format. The Board also approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes e.g. update literature; bring uniformity in references; standardizing 'aims and objectives' heading according to the university format; abbreviate the names of the journals etc. Further, the Board revised the research topic as "THE EFFECT OF MULTI-MODAL AND SEMANTIC AIDS ON TASK PERFORMANCE AND LEARNING IN VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS". The scholar shall submit a corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by Dr. Manzoor Ahmad, Associate Professor (Chemistry) to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 06 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK OF M.PHIL/PH.D SCHOLARS, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

The Board approved the course work of Mr. Niaz Wali (M.Phil), Mr. Rashid Ahmad (M.Phil) and Ms. Seema Begum (Ph.D, 2010).

**ITEM NO 07 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. MIAN GUL SAYED, PHD SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

The Board approved the revised topic as: SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND BIOASSAY OF NOVEL PORPHYRIN DERIVATIVES. The Board also approved research synopsis with minor changes in the plan of work and updating of the reference/literature cited. The scholar shall submit corrected copy of the synopsis to the office of DDA along with a certificate to the effect duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 08 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MS. JALWA NAEEM, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The Board approved the course work of the scholar. The Board also approved research synopsis with minor changes in citations and referencing. A corrected copy of the synopsis along with a certificate duly endorsed by the research supervisor shall be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 09 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. IFTIKHAR AHMAD, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The Board approved the course work of the scholar. The Board also approved the research synopsis with minor changes: abbreviate the names of journals; rephrase of aims and objectives as highlighted by members of the Board; uniformity in citations and references and thorough proof reading of the text. A corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Mir Azam Khan shall be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 10 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MS. NAILA, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The Board approved the course work of the scholar. The Board also approved research synopsis with minor changes e.g. clarification of the word 'hospitalized' in the text and its differentiation from 'under treatment' respondents; updating the references. A corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Rahmat Ali shall be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 11 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. ASAF KHAN, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The Board approved the course work of the scholar. The Board also approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes in referencing style. A corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Rahmat Ali shall be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 12 APPROVAL OF COURSE WORK, RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. HAYDAR ALI BACHA, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

The Board approved the course work of the scholar. The Board also approved research topic and research synopsis of the scholar with minor changes in referencing style and updating of

the literature reviewed. A corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Rahmat Ali shall be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 13 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. MUHAMMAD IMRAN, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

The Board approved research synopsis and the revised research topic replacing 'reactions' with 'molecules' and 'c-c' with 'carbon-carbon'.

**ITEM NO 14 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. JAVED HUSSAIN, PHD SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

The Board approved the revised research topic of the scholar replacing 'adolescent' with 'adolescents'. The Board also approved the research synopsis with minor changes. The scholar was asked to update list of citations and references according to APA format. Further, the synopsis must be presented in the approved format available on the university website. A corrected copy along with a certificate duly endorsed by the research supervisor must be submitted to the office of DDA for record/reference only.

**ITEM NO 15 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. IRFAN ULLAH, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

As per practice, the case could not be considered in the absence of the research supervisor. However, the scholar was allowed to appear before the Board and to present his case only. It was decided that the scholar shall resubmit his case once his supervisor rejoins after Hajj leave.

**ITEM NO 16 APPROVAL OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. WALI ULLAH, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

As per practice, the case could not be considered in the absence of the research supervisor. However, the scholar was allowed to appear before the Board and to present his case only. It was decided that the scholar shall resubmit his case once his supervisor rejoins after Hajj leave.

**ITEM NO 17 SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS PURSUING M.S/M.PHIL WITH THESIS BY SUPERVISORS HAVING M.S/M.PHIL WITHOUT THESIS AND LIMIT FOR SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

The Board decided that research supervision shall be allowed only in case a research supervisor has a Ph.D degree.

The Board further recommended to comply with the revised policy of the HEC on the above subject circulated vide letter no. DD-QA/HEC/NQAC/2015/125 dated February 27, 2015 and

to amend section 8 (i & ii) of the relevant bye-laws. Further, it was recommended that the same may be placed before the relevant bodies for consideration.

**ITEM NO 18 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR THE PROVISION OF GAT-SUBJECT IN SOCIOLOGY**

After threadbare discussion, the Board allowed the scholar the requested extension on the ground that he had already been admitted in the department along with GAT subject result but later on the concerned department had found that the result related to social sciences but was not specific to sociology. The department had therefore put the case for guidance to the ASRB as the scholar had been pursuing course work. In its decision, the ASRB had decided to give the scholar a chance to clear GAT Subject in the relevant field.

**ITEM NO 19 RESULT DECLARATION OF MR. SHER ALI KHAN, PH.D SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

After considering the details of the case, the Board decided to recommend ex-post-facto approval of the conditional admission (subject to provision of M.Phil degree) of the scholar in the department of Chemistry.

**ITEM NO 20 RESUBMISSION OF RESEARCH TOPIC AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF MR. MUHAMMAD ASGHAR KHAN, M.PHIL SCHOLAR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

Although the research supervisor of the scholar was on leave but the case was considered on the ground that the decision of the ASRB was not properly reflected in the minutes. It was noted that earlier the Board had approved the case with minor changes with a certificate to the effect duly endorsed by Prof. Dr. Johar Ali. But the decision had been recorded that asked the scholar to resubmit his case. The Board observed that the scholar has made necessary changes and that Prof. Dr. Johar Ali has been properly consulted. It was therefore decided to approve the research topic and research synopsis of the scholar.

**General Decisions:**

The Board decided to hold regular meetings to expedite pending cases in the best interest of the scholars and research activities at the university. The office of DDA was directed to make necessary arrangements for facilitating the meetings.

The Board observed deficiencies in format/style of the synopsis submitted to it for consideration. It was decided that all research scholars must follow the standard guidelines as available on the university website.

The GSC must also ensure its implementation. It was also decided to make sure that the constitution of the GSC is in accordance with the relevant provisions in the university rules and regulations.

The Board decided to form a committee to draft its recommendations over the nomenclature of M.S and M.Phil. It shall also look into the status of the said programs being offered at various teaching departments of the university. The committee shall consist of the following:

<b>Prof. Dr. Rashid Ahmad</b>	<b>Convener</b>
Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad	Member
Mr. Muhammad Shahid Controller of Exams	Member
Dr. Muhammad Shoaib	Member
Incharge, Software Engineering	Member
Incharge, CS & IT	Member/Secretary

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