

AIOU's Participation in Policy-making at local, regional, national and/or global levels to implement programs and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions

AIOU is part of many forums internationally and nationally and participate in various seminars, conferences and policy dialogues to recommend stakeholders the future policies and programs to end poverty in all its dimensions.

i- AIOU was part of the 'NUTRITION International' forum to devise policy guidelines for maternal, newborn and adolescent health and nutrition in Pakistan.

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ii- NEXT Gen U training for Pakistani Youth to become independent

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AIOU Faculty and Staff input in Policy Dialogues:

1. Meeting of ORIC managers held at Rawalpindi Medical University for community work related to SDGs



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No: DM001/ORIC/RMU/21

Feb 10th, 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held ON 02-02-2021 AT 11:00-1:00 PM

ORIC Director's meeting from 11 renowned universities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad was held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Syndicate Hall, Main Campus Rawalpindi Medical University, under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor, Rawalpindi Medical University Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umar. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. The welcome statement by Dr. Asad Nizami outlined the purpose and highlighted the importance of the meeting. The main objective of the meeting was to learn from ORICs of different universities. Vice-Chancellor Professor Muhammad Umar also elaborated the importance of research, collaborative research collective strategy, and coordination of RMU with other universities. He gave a presentation on the efforts of RMU to improve standards of medical teaching and research. Key points of his presentation were,

1. Infrastructure improvements at Rawalpindi Medical University
2. University faculty development program 360 evaluation.
3. Research Model of RMU.
4. Putting the patient first, program.
5. Community welfare program.

After the VC address, Dr. Arsalan Manzoor Mughal, Manager of Research Operations gave an update on the structure and working of ORIC-RMU.

The meeting was attended by:

1. Professor Dr. Muhammad Umar, VC, Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi.
2. Adeel Ahmed. Assistant Director, Bahria University, Islamabad.
3. Dr. Nabila Zaka, Director ORIC. Health Services Academy, Islamabad.
4. Dr. Syeda Kiran Riaz, Deputy Director, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University
5. Air Cdre (R) Afzaal Ahmed Khan, Director ORIC Air University, Islamabad.
6. Dr. Hazir Ullah, Director ORIC, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.
7. Dr. Ifra Saeed, Associate Professor of Anatomy, Research Associate.
8. Wing Cdr (R) Tariq, Additional Director ORIC, NUTECH, Islamabad.
9. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Director ORIC, International Islamic University, Islamabad.
10. Dr. Asif Javed, Manager Research Operations ORIC, Foundation University, Islamabad.
11. Dr. Hammad Naveed Director ORIC, FJWU, Rawalpindi
12. Abdul Moeed, Additional Director ORIC, Foundation University, Islamabad.
13. Dr. Saima Nasir, Additional Director ORIC, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad.

2. Consultancy Services to HEC to develop concrete and detailed operational plans to assist higher education institutes to mobilize resources from non-governmental sources – Resource Enhancement Framework



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No. No. 10-02/HEC/Coord/2021/292
Monday, the 5th April, 2021

Subject: Resource Enhancement framework for the Public Sector Universities

Dear Sir,

Reduced public funding for higher education sector, and a host of other organization and management factors have led to a severe financial constraints for public sector universities. The crisis has been compounded further by the impacts of devaluation, inflation, legislated salary increases, and the spill over from the Covid-19 pandemic. Several short-term measures have been instituted to tide over immediate difficulties. However, the need for longer-term solutions is now widely acknowledged. The PM had been pleased to direct Chairman HEC to develop a broad resource mobilization strategy for universities. Subsequently, the PM Office asked specifically for a framework to allow universities to undertake commercial activities. In response, HEC undertook an elaborate analytical exercise and consultative process to prepare a roadmap for the development of 'Resource Enhancement Strategy' (RES). Upon finalization, the RES would cover and provide a framework to enable universities to mobilize resources directly through commercial activities (commercialization) and PPP projects, as well as fundraising from alumni, philanthropists, and donors. The three components of the RES are:

- i. **Fundraising:** alumni support, donors, philanthropist, etc.
- ii. **PPP:** Students housing, campus services, students' and faculty housing, etc.
- iii. **Commercialization:** Tech startups, health services, lab services, financial services, consultancies, contracted work, MOOCs, etc.

02. Foregoing in view, and following the Prime Minister directive, the RES is attached herewith at **Annex-1**. We would appreciate your kind support to review the proposed pathway to develop a comprehensive RES and communicate your valuable comments latest by 12th April, 2021. Non-receipt of comments by the prescribed timeline would be interpreted as "the proposed RES is endorsed and supported".

I would be most grateful for your kind consideration and an early response.

Enclosed: As above.


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No. No. 10-02/HEC/Coord/2021/ **326**
Tuesday, the 13th April, 2021

Subject: **Resource Enhancement framework for the Public Sector Universities**

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to this office letter of even number dated 5th April, 2021 on the subject (copy attached).

02. Following the Prime Minister directive, the Resource Enhancement Strategy (RES) was forwarded to your office for review of the proposed pathway to develop a comprehensive RES, and valuable comments thereon latest by April 12, 2021.

03. Foregoing in view, we would appreciate your kind support and request to kindly forward the requisite information at the earliest but not later than April 16, 2021. Non-receipt of comments/response by the extended timeline would be interpreted as "the proposed RES is endorsed and supported".

I would be most grateful for your kind consideration and a timely response.

Enclosed: As above.


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From: **Munazza Ambreen** <munazza.ambreen@aiou.edu.pk>
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AOA

With reference to the subject cited above, I, hereby would like to offer my services.

I am currently working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Secondary Teacher Education at Allama Iqbal Open University. Being a part of 'Teacher Education Department' and having special interest and expertise in the field of 'Educational Assessment'; I hope this working opportunity would be a great option for in- field utilization of my expertise and for expansion of my knowledge and skills.

Attached is my brief C.V;

Hoping to hear from you soon.

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