Minutes of the 34th DCEQ held on 17th May 2012

The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Rajput, Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences
2. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Dayo, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy
3. Prof. Dr. Parveen Munshi, Dean, Faculty of Education
4. Prof. Dr. Noor Afroz Khuwaja, Dean, Faculty of Arts
5. Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad Jamali, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & BA
6. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Suleman Shaikh, Advisor, Quality Enhancement Cell

Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Bhutto, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Studies, and Prof. Dr. Abida Tahirani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, were pre-occupied with some University Assignments; therefore, they did not attend the meeting.

The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran.

Prof. Muhammad Tahir Rajput in his introductory remarks said that the Quality Enhancement Cell is actively working since last 7 years in the university and the Advisor, QEC has introduced all the relevant parameters for achievement of institution-wide quality culture.

The Advisor, QEC has given presentation on the ranking of universities and Self Assessment Reports of the various Institutes/ Departments / Centers. He informed the house that the university of Sindh stands at 8th position among the largest public sector universities of Pakistan. He suggested that we should improve our research and teaching so that the ranking of the university be enhanced.

The Advisor, QEC in his presentation, informed the house that 44 Institutes / Departments / Centers have provided the SARs. The purpose of this report is to provide succinct but comprehensive statement of the department activities and an analysis of its procedures and process. It helps the department to identify and analyze its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and constraints (threats) and allows it to suggest appropriate remedies where necessary. Some of the data for the Self Assessment Report is collected via questionnaires completed by students, staff, graduates, employees and other users of the departments.

The Assessment Team Members comprising of three members viz. Dean (as Chairperson), two senior professors and Advisor, QEC, duly approved by the worthy Vice Chancellor before visiting the department have carefully gone through the Self Assessment Report of the 15 Institutes/ Departments/ Centers. The visit of the AT Members was arranged by the Advisor, QEC to verify the details presented in the SAR. The AT Team Members after visiting the departments prepared the report and presented the main findings in the form of “Assessment Results and Implementation Plan Summary”. The contents of the report presented by the AT Members were discussed with the Chairperson of the Institutes/ Departments/ Centers.

The observations of the AT Members revealed that Institutes/ Departments/ Centers visited have inadequate resources, facilities and equipments some of the Institutes/ Departments/ Centers have poor infrastructure.

In the light of the briefing of Advisor, QEC the Committee resolved that:
01- The Institutes/ Departments/ Centers should rephrase their mission statements and affix it on the prominent places in the Institutes/ Departments/ Centers

02- To improve the quality of education it was recommended that in the first phase the following Institutes/ Departments/ Centers should be given propriety by providing the sufficient funds for the year 2011-12 for purchase of instruments, computers, chemicals, glass wares, books, journals renovating of building etc:

01- Dr. M.A Kazi Institute of Chemistry
02- Institute of Plant Sciences
03- Institute of English Language & Literature
04- Institute of Commerce
05- Department of International Relations
06- Institute of Biochemistry
07- Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering
08- Department of Mass Communication
09- Department of Social Work
10- Department of Physiology
11- Department of Statistics
12- Center for Pure and Applied Geology
13- Center for Environmental Sciences
14- Department of Microbiology
15- Department of Fresh Water Biology & Fisheries

03- The Committee resolved that all the faculty members should strictly follow the quality parameters and maintain the Course Files for each Semester. The maintenance of Course Files will be verified by the Committee constituted by the Deans of respective faculties.

04- The Committee resolved that the Admission Policy for enrollment in various programs be revisited for improvement of admission process.

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

Advisor,
Quality Enhancement Cell