Minutes of the 36th Deans’ Committee Meeting for Enhancement of Quality held on 21st June 2012

The following members were present in the meeting.

1. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Rajput, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences
2. Prof. Dr. Abdullah Dayo, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy
3. Prof. Dr. Noor Afroz Khuwaja, Dean, Faculty of Arts
4. Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad Jamali, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & BA
5. Prof. Dr. Abida Taherani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
6. Prof. Dr. Anwar Khan Pathan, Dean Faculty of Islamic Studies
7. Mr. Jhamat Mal, Dean Faculty of Law
8. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Suleman Shaikh, Advisor, Quality Enhancement Cell

Prof. Dr. Parveen Munshi, Dean Faculty of Education was engaged in other assignments of University.

The meeting was presided by Prof. Dr. M. Tahir Rajput, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.

The meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran.

Fatiha Khuwani was offered on the sad demise of younger sister of Prof. Dr. Parveen Shah, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.

The agenda of the meeting was thoroughly discussed; the members of DCEQ took part in the discussion and provided their valuable feedback on the various items of the agenda.

The members pointed out that before discussing the draft on “Role and Responsibilities of Faculty Members”, it should be floated to get the feedback from the stakeholders.

The members of the committee showed their concern over the attendance policy. They were of the view that regular attendance is necessary to do well in a course and agrees that attendance and course performance are positively correlated. Students who attend regularly are more likely to learn the material of the course, to earn higher grades on examinations, and to be more satisfied with their achievements than those who attend less and achieve less. Under these circumstances, students who do not attend regularly and are likely to earn poor grades or to fail the course are more likely to blame their instructors for their own academic shortcomings and to award them lower evaluations than those students who attend regularly and earn higher grades. All those students getting lower grads and having no aptitude for the subject create problems for the academic and administration and disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the university. So the implementation of attendance policy is detrimental and reflects the quality of education.

The committee has extensively discussed the admission policy. The members observed that the admission process continues throughout the year that reflects unpleasant impression on the society. The members also commented that merely MCQ test does not suffice the admission capability of the students and make him/her eligible for admission. They suggested that along with MCQ test the aptitude test should also be conducted by the particular department in which the candidate is interested to seek the admission. It was emphasized that all the admission should be made purely on merit basis considering the knowledge, ethical values of the candidate as well.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolution No.1: Resolved that the skeleton provided by Advisor, QEC on the “roles and responsibilities of the faculty members” may be bifurcated into academic, research, counseling and community services. The committee members decided to get the feedback from the stakeholders on aforementioned papers and the same be discussed in the next meeting of the DCEQ.
Resolution No.2: It was resolved that the attendance of the students should be maintained strictly and should be made mandatory for the final semester examination.

Resolution No.3: It was resolved that the admission process should be finalized up to the 3rd week of December every year. No more admissions should be provided after the start of the regular semester classes. The Director Admission be requested to revise the admission policy as per recommendations of the DCEQ.

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

The minutes are duly approved by the Honourable Vice Chancellor.

Advisor,
Quality Enhancement Cell