



**Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on
July 07, 2022 at the Main Campus, Karachi**

The 42nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of Iqra University was held on July 07, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the EDC Tower. The following members attended the meeting:

- 1) Ms. Erum Asad
- 2) Mr. Sardar M. Yasin Malik
- 3) Prof. Dr. A. Q. Mughal
- 4) Mr. Muhammad Idrees
- 5) Mr. Hunaid H. Lakhani
- 6) Prof. Dr. Wasim Qazi
- 7) Mr. Ovais Ibrahim
- 8) Mr. Ali Mohammad G. Shaikh

Leave of absence was granted to the following members:

- 1) Justice Irfan Saadat Khan
- 2) Dr. Tariq Rafi
- 3) Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran.

The Chancellor Ms. Erum Asad extended a warm welcome to the Board members and expressed her gratitude for their presence despite their busy schedules. She also requested the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Wasim Qazi to take up the agenda items.

The Vice Chancellor then took up the agenda items. The summary of the proceedings of the meeting is as under: -

Agenda Item No. 1- Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG)

The draft Minutes of the 41st meeting of the Board of Governors were circulated with a request to the honorable Board members to suggest change(s), if any, so that the same can be incorporated in the final draft of the Minutes which will be submitted in the next meeting of the BOG for approval.

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the BOG as presented under Agenda Item No. 1 after the consensus that no changes were required in the draft of the previous Meeting minutes.

Agenda Item No. 2- Inclusion of Iqra University in QS World Subject Rankings

The Vice Chancellor announced that the university has been included in the QS World Subject Rankings for the first time. He further elaborated that QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022 is an independent comparative analysis of the performance of 15,200 university programs across 51 academic disciplines, offered at 88 locations across the world.

Furthermore, the Vice Chancellor informed the Board members that Iqra University is the only private-sector university in the province of Sindh to be ranked in the QS Subject Rankings 2022. It has superseded the majority of leading public sector universities from Pakistan to be included in the QS rankings. The university has also outperformed several reputed foreign universities from Japan, the United States, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates in the QS Subject Rankings 2022.

He informed that IU has obtained one of the highest scores on the research-related QS criteria by scoring 77.1 points in Citations per Paper and 71.2 points in H-Index QS criteria, superseding LUMS, IBA and other prominent business schools in the country.

The Board members congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty, and staff for this significant achievement, which underscores the university's commitment to academic excellence and research innovation. The Board also discussed ways to leverage this achievement to enhance the university's global reputation and attract high-quality students and faculty.

Agenda Item No. 3- Approval of the Recommendations of the Academic Council

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board about the recommendations made by the Academic Council in its meeting held on March 05, 2022, and May 23, 2022, which are hereby presented for approval.

The Board, after due deliberation, approved the recommendations of the Academic Council.

Agenda Item No. 4- Approval of the Recommendations of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research of the University

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board members that Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) convened meetings on March 5, 2022 and May 23, 2022. He presented the various recommendations of BASR for the Board's review and approval.

The Board members after discussion approved the recommendations of the BASR.

Agenda Item No. 5- Institutional Membership with Advance HE, UK

The Vice Chancellor requested Dr. Fariha Hayat Salman, Director CTELI, to present the details of Institutional Membership with Advance HE, UK. She informed the Board that Iqra University is the first private sector university exclusively located in Pakistan to enter institutional membership with Advance HE, UK. This partnership will enable Iqra University to enhance the

professional capacity of its multidisciplinary, Ph.D. faculty through the UK Fellowships as benchmarked by the world-recognized UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF).

She further informed that the Advance HE is a globally recognized organization that offers systemic mechanisms to improve the Higher Education experience through accreditation and professional recognition of Higher Education programs and instructional practices. Such mechanisms include the Fellowships that are benchmarked against the UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF). The Advance HE holds the UKPSF as the only framework in the world dedicated to supporting the development of teaching faculty in higher education.

She stated that this membership is in accordance with the Continuing Professional Development Policy, which encourages and supports faculty to actively pursue their professional and career development as it contributes to faculty job satisfaction, workplace productivity, and recognition, resulting in an optimal student learning experience.

The Board commended CTELI's efforts in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 6- Progress Review Report of Research Performance of Iqra University in 2021-22

The Vice Chancellor presented a report on the research performance of the university for the year 2021-22. The report highlighted the significant achievements made by the university in various research areas, including the publication of over 400 research papers in international journals of repute with more than 6000 citations during the year.

The Board members praised the university's dedication to promoting research and innovation, which has resulted in fruitful collaborations with academic institutions and industry partners. The Board members also remarked on the university's success in obtaining external funding for research and development projects, which will contribute to the university's growth and progress in the coming years.

The Board members emphasized the need to continue promoting and supporting research excellence by providing resources and opportunities for faculty and students to engage in cutting-edge research projects. The Board members also recognized the importance of fostering a culture of research and innovation that will enhance the university's reputation as a leading research institution.

In light of the Vice Chancellor's report on the university's research performance for the year 2021-22, the Board members expressed their gratitude towards the faculty and researchers for their hard work and dedication in achieving these outstanding results.

Agenda Item No. 7- Iqra University Convocation

The Vice Chancellor informed the Board members regarding the provisions of holding of the university convocation and proposed that it should be scheduled yearly next year i.e., January 2023.

After the discussion the Board decided to hold the convocation on the date to be provided by the Governor of Sindh, which shall be informed to the Board members in advance so that they can mark their scheduled accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 8- Progress Report on Establishment of Bahria Town Campus

The Vice Chancellor updated the Board members on the progress of the Bahria Town campus, stating that the infrastructure and facilities have been established and necessary staff and faculty members have been appointed. He further informed the Board that the university had applied for NOC from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan and a visit was conducted by the HEC in June 2022. The HEC team was highly impressed by the state-of-the-art campus, and the university is expecting the NOC to be issued by the end of August 2022.

The Board members expressed their appreciation for the Vice Chancellor's and his team's hard work and dedication in ensuring the establishment of the new campus. They also expressed their excitement about the new campus and wished the Vice Chancellor and his team success.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Sports Achievements for the year 2021-22

The Vice Chancellor presented an extensive report to the Board members on the remarkable achievements of the university in sports during the academic year 2021-22. The report illustrated the university's excellent performance in a range of sports tournaments, including those held at inter-university, national and international levels. The report further highlighted that the university secured an impressive total of 129 medals, with 58% of them won by girls and 42% by boys.

The Board members expressed their admiration for the university's unwavering commitment to promoting sports and physical fitness, which has led to remarkable success in various sports events. They also acknowledged the university's impressive record in securing medals and trophies in numerous competitions, which has played a vital role in the growth and progress of the university in the field of sports.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair.



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