Higher Education Commission National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC)

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of National Computing Education Accreditation Council

The 14th Meeting of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 12:00 noon. The venue of the meeting was Mural Hall, HEC Headquarters, H-9, Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Chairman, NCEAC.

The following members of the Council attended the Meeting:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Imdad Ali Ismaili, Pro-VC, University of Sindh, Jamshoro
- 2. Prof. Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar, Principal PUCIT, Lahore
- 3. Prof. Dr. Ayub Alvi, Dean, FAST- NUCES, Islamabad
- 4. Prof. Dr. Shoab Ahmad Khan, HoD-CE, EME College, NUST, Rawalpindi
- 5. Prof. Dr. M. Abid Khan, Professor, Dept. of CS, University of Peshawar
- 6. Mr. Fida Hussain, DG, QAA, HEC, Islamabad
- 7. Mr. Abdul Rehman Buzdar, Secretary, IT Department, Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta
- 8. Dr. Syed Ismail Shah, Representative of Ministry of IT & Telecom, Islamabad
- 9. Mr. Muhammad Aslam Lashari, Representative of Pakistan Computer Bureau, Islamabad
- 10. Mr. Abdul Haleem Asghar, Representative of Ministry of Science and Technology, Islamabad
- 11. Mr. Zahid Nawaz, Representative of Directorate of IT, Peshawar
- 12. Mr. Athar Hussain Baloch, Representative of IT Department, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
- 13. Mr. Umar Mubeen Qurashi, Representative of Punjab IT Board, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore

The following members could not attend the Meeting due to their preoccupation:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Azam Ali Khawaja, MD, QAA, HEC, Islamabad
- 2. Prof. Dr. Zubair Shaikh, Professor, FAST- NUCES, Karachi
- 3. Dr. Muid Mufti, CEO, ID Technologies, Islamabad
- 4. Miss Jehan Ara, President, PASHA, Karachi
- 5. Managing Director, Pakistan Software Export Board
- 6. Representative of IT Board, AJK

Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Chairman NCEAC welcomed and thanked the members for attending the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of NCEAC

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of NCEAC held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 were previously submitted to all members and also furnished for the current Meeting. However, no

comments were received so far. Accordingly, Prof. Dr. Imdad Ali proposed and seconded by Prof. Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar for approval. The same were approved by the Council.

Resolution No. 14.1.02.12 Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of NCEAC stand approved.

Agenda Item No. 2 Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of Accreditation and Standard Committee, National Computing Education Accreditation Council

Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Accreditation and Standards Committee held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 10: 00 am in Mural Hall, HEC, H-9, Islamabad were furnished to all the participants of the meeting. The said Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Annex-A.

Dr. Syed Ismail Shah suggested inclusion of another column in the evaluation sheet indicating criticality of criterion and also mentioning of the total marks obtained by each institution. He further suggested that the sheet should reflect the category assign to an institute by the inspection committee and the changes being made by the ASC in any of the suggested grade.

Dr. Ayub Alvi suggested asking universities to send the lists of students of the programs being accredited by the Council for future use of assigning registration number to these students.

Resolution No 14.2.02.12: Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of Accreditation and Standards Committee stand approved.

Agenda Item No. 3

a. Consideration of recommendations of Accreditation and Standards Committee regarding Accreditation Inspection Report of University of Science & Technology (UST), Bannu

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of UST, Bannu were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.a:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Computer Science) program of UST, Bannu as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as Annex-PU/UST-Bannu/12-1

b. Consideration of recommendations of Accreditation and Standards Committee regarding Accreditation Inspection Report of University of Science & Technology (UST), Bannu

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Software Engineering) program of UST, Bannu were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.b:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Software Engineering) program of UST, Bannu as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as Annex-PU/UST-Bannu/12-2

c. Consideration of recommendations of Accreditation and Standards Committee regarding Accreditation Inspection Report of University of Sargodha, Sargodha

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of University of Sargodha, Sargodha were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.c:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Computer Science) program of University of Sargodha, Sargodha as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as Annex-PU/UOS/12-1

d. Consideration of recommendations of Accreditation and Standards Committee regarding Accreditation Inspection Report of University of Sargodha, Sargodha

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Information Technology) program of University of Sargodha, Sargodha were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.d:

The Council decided to award **Accreditation Category Y** (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Information Technology) program of University of Sargodha, Sargodha as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/UOS/12-2

e. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding COMSATS Institute of IT (CIIT), Lahore Campus

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of COMSATS Institute of IT, Lahore Campus were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.e:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category W (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014) to BS (Computer Science) program of CIIT, Lahore Campus as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/CIIT-Lhr/12

f. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding Bahria University, Karachi Campus

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of Bahira University, Karachi Campus were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.f:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Computer Science) program of Bahira University, Karachi Campus as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/Bahria-Khi/12

g. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding IQRA University, Islamabad Campus

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of IQRA University, Islamabad Campus were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.g:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category X (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, and 2012-2013) to BS (Computer Science) program of IQRA University, Islamabad Campus as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PR/* IQRA-Isld/12

h. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding Bahria University, Islamabad Campus

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of Bahira University, Islamabad Campus were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.h:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category X (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, and 2012-2013) to BS (Computer Science) program of Bahira University, Islamabad Campus as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/Bahria-Isld/12

i. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding Sarhad University of Science & IT, Peshawar

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of Sarhad University of Science & IT, Peshawar were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.i:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Computer Science) program of Sarhad University of Science & IT, Peshawar as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PR*/Sarhad-Psh/12

j. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding GC University, Faisalabad

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of GC University, Faisalabad were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.j:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category X (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, and 2012-2013) to BS (Computer Science) program of GC University, Faisalabad as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/GCU-Fbd/12-1

k. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding GC University, Faisalabad

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Software Engineering) program of GC University, Faisalabad were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.k:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012) to BS (Software Engineering) program of GC University, Faisalabad as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/GCU-Fbd/12-2

1. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding GC University, Faisalabad

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Information Technology) program of GC University, Faisalabad were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.1:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012) to BS (Information Technology) program of GC University, Faisalabad as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU*/GCU-Fbd/12-3

m. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Computer Science) program of City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.m:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category X (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, and 2012-2013) to BS (Computer Science) program of City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PR*/City-Psh/12-1

n. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Software Engineering) program of City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.n:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Software Engineering) program of City University of Science & Technology, Peshawar as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PR*/City-Psh/12-2

o. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding NUST-SEECS, Islamabad

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Information Technology) program of NUST-SEECS, Islamabad were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.0:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category W (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014) to BS (Information Technology) program of NUST-SEECS, Islamabad as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU/NUST-SEECS-Isld/12*

p. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding Army Public College of Management Sciences (APCOMS), Rawalpindi (An affiliated College of UET, Taxila)

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Software Engineering) program of APCOMS, Rawalpindi were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.p:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category Y (Batch of Academic Year 2011-2012) to BS (Software Engineering) program of APCOMS, Rawalpindi as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as Annex-PU/APCOMS-Rwd/12

q. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding Pakistan Navy Engineering College (PNEC), Karachi (An affiliated College of NUST, Islamabad)

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A & Annex-B) of BS (Management Information Systems) program of PNEC, Karachi were presented and discussed.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.q:

The Council decided to award Accreditation Category W (Batches of Academic Years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014) to BS (Management Information Systems) program of PNEC, Karachi as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith as *Annex-PU/PNEC-Khi/12*

r. Consideration of the Accreditation Assessment Profile for the Recommendation of Accreditation Category/Rating regarding GC University, Lahore

The report of the said inspection has not been received so far from the respective AIC and that's why the case of GCU, Lahore is referred to the next meeting of Accreditation & Standard Committee (ASC). Accordingly, the ASC members requesting the members of AIC for GCU, Lahore to expedite the process.

Resolution No 14.3.02.12.r: Deferred due to unavailability of reports from the AIC.

Agenda Item No. 4 Action Report-Publication of ad regarding Public Alert in national newspapers

The Chairman apprised the members that after every Council Meeting the Secretariat place a parent alert Ad in local and national newspapers. The ads were placed in the News, Jang, and Dawn, and other local newspapers.

Agenda Item No.5 Action Report-Summary of accredited programs and applications Received

Summary of accredited programs and applications Received was presented and discussed. The same is sent herewith for the record and information of the members of the Council.

The Chairman apprised the members that Council's website lists all accredited programs with the categories assign to each Program. It was suggested by few members that instead of listing the categories, the Council should only mention whether the program is being accredited or not or should only mention the years for which the program is being accredited. The rational presented was that all universities should get good students. Arguments were made for and against the suggestion and finally majority of the members decided to keep the category on the website and not to publish it in the newspapers.

Resolution No 14.5.02.12: The Council will publish the category on the website and not to publish in the newspapers.

Agenda Item No.6 Action Report- Seminar by Dr. Mudassar Wyne, Commissioner, ABET, USA

The Chairman apprised the member about the seminar being conducted by Dr. Mudassar Wyne who came in private capacity. The seminar was very useful and many members and evaluators attended the seminar.

Agenda Item No. 7 Action Report-Meeting of Councils

The Chairman apprised the members about the 3rd Meeting of all the 13 Accreditation Councils of Pakistan. The objective was to bring uniformity in the process across different accreditation councils.

Agenda Item No. 8 Consideration of Proposal regarding introduction of Zero/preaccreditation visits-Letters from GIK Institute and CESET

The Chairman apprised that few institutions are asking for zero visits before they start a computing program. Dr. Ayub Alvi opposed the idea and mentioning the flaws in zero visits conducted by PEC and suggested that visits should only be made after a program starts and students are being inducted. Dr. Shoab proposed that a visit should only be made to guide the institution and not to inspect them.

The Chairman requested Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar to look into the matter and work on the details.

Agenda Item No. 9 Consideration of Proposal by Dr. Fakhar Lodhi for Organization and Meeting of all approval Program Evaluation and Estimated Budget Required

The Chairman suggested that one day training should be arranged for the evaluators preferably in summer break in July. The workshop should be for a day or two and the Council should try to get the maximum evaluators in the workshop. Mr. Fida Hussain apprised the Council that HEC is organizing a workshop of QAA UK in April and Council is invited to send its members and evaluators to the workshop.

Agenda Item No. 10 Progress of the Committee on Media Promotion and the Suggestions being made in the regional meetings

The committee members for the tasks still need to work on this item and a report will be presented in next Council meeting.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.