# Higher Education Commission National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC)

#### Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC)

The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was held on Thursday, December 26, 2013 at 11:00 am. 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. Syed Mansoor Sarwar, Principal PUCIT, Lahore
- 2. Prof. Dr. Dr. Muhammad Ali Maud, Chairman CS & E Department, UET, Lahore
- 3. Prof. Dr. M. Abid Khan, Dept. of CS, University of Peshawar
- 4. Prof. Dr. S. M. Aqil Burney, College of CS & IS, IoBM Karachi
- 5. Prof. Dr. Faisal Ahmad Khan Kakar, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, BUITEMS, Quetta
- 6. Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali Shahid, HoD CS Dept, Fast NUCES, Islamabad
- 7. Dr. Farhana Jabeen, Asst. Prof. CIIT Islamabad
- 8. Dr. Zartash Afzal Uzmi, Confiz Solution, Lahore
- 9. Dr. Zia ud Din, Senior Staff Engineer, MS Streaming Networks, Islamabad
- 10. Dr. Rafiq Baloch, DG, QAA, HEC
- 11. Mr. Masroor Ahmad Qureshi, Joint Technological Advisor, Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad
- 12. Mr. Rana Muhammad Saood, Analyst, Ministry of IT & Telecom, Islamabad
- 13. Syed Nadeem Jafri, Section Officer General, IT Dept. Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
- 14. Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad, DD, Information Technology Dept. Govt. of Balochistan, Quetta
- 15. Mr. Syed Ali Abbas Hasni, Director, PSEB, Islamabad
- 16. Mr. Aslam Lashari, Director General, PCB, Islamabad
- 17. Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Director General, IT Board, AJK

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

- 1. Miss Jehan Ara, President, PASHA, Karachi
- 2. Mr. Amir Zafar Chaudhary, Director General, Punjab IT Board, Lahore
- 3. Mr. Abdul Basit, Assistant Director, IT, Peshawar, KPK

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 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCEAC

Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCEAC held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 were previously submitted to all members and also furnished for the current Meeting. However, no comments were received so far. Dr. Aqil Burney proposed and Dr. Muhammad Abid Khan seconded for the approval of the Minutes. The same were approved by the Council.

**Resolution No. 18.1.12.13:** Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NCEAC stand approved.

# Agenda Item No. 2 Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Accreditation and Standard Committee, National Computing Education Accreditation Council

Recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Accreditation and Standards Committee held on Thursday, December, 2013 at 09:00 am in Mural Hall, HEC, H-9, Islamabad and respective **Accreditation Assessment Profile (AAP)** were furnished to all the participants of the meeting. The said proceedings and details of category awarded to each program were presented by Dr. Mansoor Sarwar. The Minutes and Summary of Accreditation Assessment Profile of the meeting were approved by the Council. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith as Annex-A. The following decisions were made.

The recommendations of Accreditation and Standard Committee regarding Accreditation Assessment Profile (Annex-A) of computing programs of the following institutions were presented and discussed.

#### **Resolution No. 18.2.12.13:**

The Council decided to award **Accreditation Categories** to the following institutions as per the respective Accreditation Profile enclosed herewith:

| S.No | Institution Name                                                       | Program | Recommended<br>Category | Batches                |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.   | Bahria University, Karachi                                             | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 2.   | City University, Peshawar                                              | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 3.   | City University, Peshawar                                              | BS-SE   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 4.   | Comsats, Attock                                                        | BS-CS   | X                       | 2009-2013<br>2010-2014 |
| 5.   | Comsats, Islamabad                                                     | BS-CS   | *                       |                        |
| 6.   | Fast NU, Lahore                                                        | BS-CS   | X                       | 2009-2013<br>2010-2014 |
| 7.   | Institute of Business & Management,<br>Karachi                         | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 8.   | Jinnah University for Women,<br>Karachi                                | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 9.   | Khan Institute of Computer Science and Information Technology, Kahuta  | BS-IT   | **                      |                        |
| 10.  | Mohammad Ali Jinnah University,<br>Islamabad                           | BS-CS   | X                       | 2009-2013<br>2010-2014 |
| 11.  | PAF-Karachi Institute of Economics & Technology, Karachi               | BS-CS   | X                       | 2009-2013<br>2010-2014 |
| 12.  | Preston University, Islamabad                                          | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 13.  | Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science & Technology, Karachi | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 14.  | University of Balochistan                                              | BS-CS   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 15.  | University of Balochistan                                              | BS-IT   | Y                       | 2009-2013              |
| 16.  | University of AJ&K, Muzaffarabad                                       | BS-CS   | X                       | 2009-2013              |

|     |                                      |       |   | 2010-2014 |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-------|---|-----------|
| 17. | University of AJ&K, Muzaffarabad     | BS-SE | v | 2009-2013 |
|     |                                      |       | Λ | 2010-2014 |
| 18. | University of Central Punjab, Lahore | BS-CS | Y | 2009-2013 |
| 19. | Usman Institute, Karachi             | BS-CS | Y | 2009-2013 |

- \*: The previous category is continued. New category will be determined by ASC through circulation after the report has been received by the AIC.
- \*\*: It is recommended by the Council that since the program offered by Khan Institute of Computer Science and IT Kahuta satisfies the accreditation requirements as reported by the Visitation Team in its visit to Khan Institute on 1st November 2013, it is permitted to continue with its undergraduate program in BS-IT in affiliation with UET, Taxila. It is further recommended to UET Taxila that the batch admitted in 2012 by Khan Institute and subsequent batches may be permitted formal admission by the affiliating institution that is UET Taxila. The final accreditation visit would be held in 2015 or 2016 when the 2012 batch reaches its final year.

## Agenda Item No. 3 Action Report-Publication of ad regarding Public Alert in national newspapers

The Chairman apprised the members that as per policy of the Council, an ad entitled Parents Alert is being published in national newspapers. Accordingly, the same was published in Dawn (Combine), Jang, Balochistan Times, Aaj Peshawar and Ibrat Hyderabad. It was suggested by Dr. Faisal Khan that if possible, the ad may also be published in the following newspaper:

#### 1. Daily Mashriq, Quetta

It has also been decided that in Parents Alert, Institutions will mentioned in alphabetical order and it may also be mentioned in the ad that the following are the new category awarded institutions and the complete list may be downloaded from the Council website.

### Agenda Item No. 4 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.

**Resolution No. 18.4.12.13:** The information presented in the agenda was noted with satisfaction. The success of the Council is being appreciated.

**Agenda Item No. 5:** Consideration of the following proposals for approval:

a. Accreditation of Computing Programs offered in Virtual Campuses in Comsats, AIOU and Virtual University.

The Chairman apprised the members that the AIOU, Comsats and Virtual University have requested for the accreditation of their Bachelor programs run in the Approved Study Centers (ASCs).

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.a:** 

It was decided to refer this matter to committee as it required consideration of various new factors.

### b. Proposed list of faculty members for approval as Program Evaluators of NCEAC.

Few names were placed before the Council for ratification.

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.b:** The following were approved as Program Evaluators for NCEAC:

| No | Name                        | Qualification | Employment            |
|----|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | Dr. S. M. Aqil Burney       | PhD           | IoBM, Karachi         |
| 2  | Dr. Farhana Jabeen          | PhD           | CIIT, Islamabad       |
| 3  | Dr. Tehseen Ahmad Jilani    | PhD           | University of Karachi |
| 4  | Dr. Muhammad Sadiq Ali Khan | PhD           | University of Karachi |
| 5  | Dr. Faisal Ahmad Khan       | PhD           | BUITEMS, Quetta       |
| 6  | Dr. Adeel Anjum             | PhD           | Foundation University |
| 7  | Dr. Amna Asif               | PhD           | Foundation University |
| 8  | Dr. Aftab Ahmad Sheikh      | PhD           | BUITEMS, Quetta       |
| 9  | Dr. Sarah S. Khan           | PhD           | NUST, Islamabad       |
| 10 | Dr. Rafia Mumtaz            | PhD           | NUST, Islamabad       |
| 11 | Dr. Abdul Samad             | PhD           | BUITEMS, Quetta       |

c. KICSIT request for the issuance of NOC for Spring Admissions.

Issue has been discussed in Agenda Item No. 2.

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.c:** Do

Decision of the Council has been written in agenda item no.

#### d. Accreditation of Pre-mature Computing Programs.

The Chairman apprised the members that the few institutions apply for accreditation of their premature computing programs.

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.d:** 

It has been decided that Council will not accredit computing programs before 6 semesters.

## e. Organization of Regional Meetings of Deans/HoDs of public and private sector institutions offering computing programs by HEC

The Chairman apprised the members that there is a need of regional meetings Deans/HoDs of public and private sector institutions offering computing programs by HEC

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.e:** 

It has been decided that there should be more regional meetings and Dr. Rafiq Balooch DG (QAA) HEC will be requested to facilitate in this matter.

#### f. University of Lahore request for the issuance of NOC for new Admissions.

The Chairman apprised the members that University of Lahore requested the NOC for the admissions of newly launched BS-SE program from January 2013.

**Resolution No. 18.5.12.13.f**:

It has been decided that Council may issue the NOC to University of Lahore for the admissions of newly launched BS-SE program

**Agenda Item No. 6:** Approval of the recommendations of the special meeting of Members & Program Evaluators concerning future plan of NCEAC.

#### a. Refinement of Process

The Council approved the recommendations of the refinement process mentioned in the agenda.

#### **b.** Registration Process

Chairman NCEAC apprised the members that a committee headed by Dr. Ayub Alvi Director Fast-NU is working to develop a registration system.

#### c. Conference / Workshop

A committee will be formed for Conference/Workshops headed by Dr. Jamil Ahmad Vice Chancellor Abasyn University, and the committee members will be chooses by Dr. Jamil Ahmad.

#### d. NCEAC Curricula Committee - 2013

Council was told that the Curricula committee is working on revision of the curricula.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7:** Any new matter with permission of the Chair

Chairman welcomed the new members of the Council and thanked the outgoing members and will try to keep them engaged in the affairs of the Council

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