Higher Education Commission National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC)

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC)

The 20th Meeting of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was held on Friday, November 28, 2014 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. M. 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, Director, 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. Mr. Rana Muhammad Saood, Analyst, Ministry of IT & Telecom, Islamabad
- 11. Mr. Atthar Hussain Baloach, DD, IT Dept. Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
- 12. Mr. Amir Zafar Chaudhary, Director General, Punjab IT Board, Lahore
- 13. Mr. Zahid Nawaz, Assistant Director, IT, Peshawar, KPK
- 14. Mr. Muhammad Saeed, Director, IT 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. Dr. Raiq Baloach, DG, QAA, HEC
- 3. Representative of Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad

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 19th Meeting of NCEAC

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of NCEAC held on June 05, 2014 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. Mansoor Sarwar seconded for the approval of the Minutes. The same were approved by the Council.

Resolution No. 20.1.11.14: Minutes of the 19th Meeting of NCEAC stand approved.

Agenda Item No. 2Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of
Accreditation and Standard Committee, National Computing
Education Accreditation Council

Recommendations, Minutes and respective Accreditation Assessment Profile (AAP) of the 15th Meeting of the Accreditation and Standards Committee held on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 09:00 am in Mural Hall, HEC, H-9, Islamabad 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 Srawar. 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. 20.2.11.14:

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

S.No	Institution Name	Program	Recommended Category	Batches
1.	Bahria University, Karachi	BS-CS	Y	2010-2014
2.	Beaconhouse Natinal University, Lahore	BS-SE	Y	2010-2014
3.	CIIT, Lahore	BS-CS	W	2010-2014 2011-2015 2012-2016
4.	Forman Christian College, Lahore	BS Computing		Case withdrawn and payment is to be refunded. The institute may re-apply.
5.	Foundation University, Rawalpindi Campus	BC-SE	W	2010-2014 2011-2015 2012-2016
6.	GIKI, Swabi	BS-CS	W	2010-2014 2011-2015 2012-2016
7.	NUML, Islamabad	BS-CS	Y	2010-2014
8.	PUCIT, Lahore	BS-CS	W	2010-2014 2011-2015 2012-2016
9.	PUCIT, Lahore	BS-SE	W	2010-2014 2011-2015

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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. On an inquiring from the members, it was informed that there was no mention of the accreditation category of the University and only accreditation status is given. Members pointed out that batch-wise status of each University should be given on the Website of the Council.

Resolution No. 20.3.11.14:	The following	g recomm	endations	were	made by	the
	members to		1		institutions	for
	accreditation of computing programs:					

- 1. A notice of non-accredited institutions be published to give a cut of date (June 2015) for submission of applications for accreditation of their respective computing programs without mentioning the names of the institutions.
- 2. Affiliated Institutions are required to seek accreditation individually and are not automatically accredited due to accreditation of their parent institutions.

Agenda Item No. 4Action 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. 20.4.11.14: 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 Approved Study Centers of Virtual University:

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

Resolution No. 20.5.11.14.a: It was decided to survey the international trends concerning the respective programs. Prof. Dr. Faisal Ahmad Khan Kakar was requested to do the same and make a presentation in the Special Meeting of ASC to be held in PUICT, Lahore on January 31, 2015.

b. Appeal cases received from the following institutes against the category:

- i. Hamdard University, Karachi
- ii. Beaconhouse National University, Lahore

Resolution No. 20.5.11.14.b: The previous decision of the Council concerning the respective category granted was maintained.

c. Approval of faculty members as program evaluators of NCEAC:

The applications of faculty members were placed before the Council for approval as NCEAC Program Evaluators.

Resolution No. 20.5.11.14.c: It was decided that all the faculty members who attended the 2nd NCEAC Program Evaluators workshop should send their latest CVs to Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Chairman NCEAC for evaluation and approval by the respective committee.

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

It was decided to convene a Special Meeting of ASC to be held in PUCIT, Lahore on January 31, 2015 to finalize the following:

- a. Revision of the entire system of accreditation
- b. Organization of International Conference and Exhibition
- c. Launching of Professional Membership

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