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Higher Education Commission
National Computing Education Accreditation Council
(NCEAC)

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of
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The 21st Meeting of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 11:30 am. The venue of the meeting was LI Hall, HEC Headquarters, H-8, 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. S. M. Aqil Burney, College of CS & IS, IoBM Karachi
4. Prof. Dr. Faisal Ahmad Khan Kakar, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, BUITEMS, Quetta
5. Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali Shahid, Director, FAST- NUCES, Islamabad
6. Dr. Farhana Jabeen, Asst. Prof. CIIT Islamabad
7. Mr. Rana Muhammad Saood, Analyst, Ministry of IT & Telecom, Islamabad
8. Mr. Kamran Latif, Senior System Analyst, National Institute of Electronics, Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad
9. Mr. Zahoor-ul-Haq, Senior Research Officer, National Institute of Electronics, Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad
10. Ms. Sadia Qureshi, Principal Research Officer, National Institute of Electronics, Ministry of Science & Technology, Islamabad
11. Mr. Aftab Alam, DD, Ministry of IT, Govt. of Sindh, Karachi
12. Mr. Rizwan Rashid, Director General, Punjab IT Board, Lahore
13. Mr. Zahid Nawaz, Project Manager, Directorate of IT, Peshawar, KPK
14. Mr. Aslam Lashari, Director General, PCB, Islamabad
15. Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Director General, IT Board, AJK
16. Mr. Asim Shehryar Hassan, MD, PSEB, Islamabad

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. Prof. Dr. M. Abid Khan, Dept. of CS, University of Peshawar
4. Dr. Zartash Afzal Uzmi, Confiz Solution, Lahore
5. Dr. Zia ud Din, Senior Staff Engineer, MS Streaming Networks, Islamabad
6. Mr. Arsalan Basheer, Director IT Dept. Govt. of Balochistan, Quetta

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 20th Meeting of   NCEAC

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of NCEAC held on November 28, 2014 were previously submitted to all members and also furnished for the current Meeting. However, no comments were received so far. Dr. Mansoor Sarwar proposed and Dr. Aqil Burney seconded for the approval of the Minutes. The same were approved by the Council.

Resolution No. 21.04.15.1:   Minutes of the 20th Meeting of NCEAC stand approved.

Agenda Item No. 2   Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Accreditation and Standard Committee, National Computing Education Accreditation Council

Recommendations, Minutes and respective **Accreditation Assessment Profile (AAP)** of the 16th Meeting of the Accreditation and Standards Committee held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 09:00 am in LI Hall, HEC, H-8, 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 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. 21.04.15.2:   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	Intake Batch/ Batches Accredited
1.	Army Public College of Management Sciences (APCOMS), Rawalpindi	**BS-SE**	Y	2011
2.	Comsats Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad	**BS-Bioinformatics**	X	2011 & 2012
3.	Forman Christian College, Lahore	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012
4.	Imperial College, Lahore	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012
5.	International Islamic University, Islamabad	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012
6.	International Islamic University, Islamabad	**BS-SE**	X	2011 & 2012
7.	Mirpur University, AJ&K	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012

8.	Mirpur University, AJ&K	**BS-IT**	X	2011 & 2012
9.	Rachna College of Engineering and Technology, Gujranwala	**BS-CS**	Y	2011
10.	SZABIST, Karachi	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012
11.	University of Central Punjab, Lahore	**BS-CS**	Y	2011
12.	University of Science & Technology, Bannu	**BS-CS**	X	2011 & 2012
13.	University of Swat, Swat	**BS-CS**	Y	2011
14.	Usman Institute of Technology, Karachi	**BS-CS**	Y	2011

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.

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. 21.04.15.4: 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/Issues for approval:**

   a. Issue regarding Dual Degree Program offered by CIIT Lahore:

   The Chairman apprised the members that NCEAC received an email from CIIT   Lahore students regarding the issue of dual degree program offered in CIIT   Lahore.

Resolution No. 21.04.15.5a: It was decided unanimously that this issue is not within the purview of the NCEAC.

   b. Accreditation of Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering (BE-SE) program:

The Chairman apprised the members that NCEAC has received an email from Military College of Signals, Islamabad regarding the issue of accreditation of Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering.

Resolution No. 21.04.15.5b: The accreditation of computing program with nomenclature of Bachelor of Engineering for undergraduate degrees is not within the purview of the NCEAC.

c. **Appeal cases received from the following institutes against the category:**

i.   Bahria University, Karachi
ii. The University of Lahore, Lahore

Resolution No. 21.04.15.5c: The previous decision of the Council concerning the respective category granted was maintained.

d. **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. 21.04.15.5d: The following committee is constituted to evaluate and approve all the applications received for the appointment of PE (to be ratified by the Council in its next meeting):

- Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar   President
- Dr. M. A. Maud   Member
- Dr. Zartash Afzal Uzmi   Member
- Dr. Haroon A. Babri   Member

Agenda Item No. 6: Any new matter with permission of the Chair

The following matters were placed before the Council by the Chairman, NCEAC.

a. **Hiring of Part-Time Secretary for NCEAC**

Various members of the Council have been performing the function of Secretary on an honorary basis as per the SoP of the Council. However, it seems that Part-Time Secretary maybe hired due to the expanding operations of the Council and demand for legal documentation and corresponding.

Resolution No. 21.04.15.6a: The Council approved hiring of the Part-Time Secretary and constituted the following Committee for hiring and fixing the terms and conditions of his/her contract:

- Dr. Aftab Ahmad   President

- Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar   Member
- Dr. Arshad Ali Shaid   Member

However, the same will be referred to the Competent Authority of HEC for principle approval prior to the hiring process.

b. Recommendations on Curriculum of CS, SE and IT for BS/MS by HEC

The Chairman reported to the Council that Curriculum Wing of HEC has released the subject report to all institutions. However, it was practiced previously that a joint final meeting was organized under the responsibility of the Council.

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