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Subject: Circulation of Approved Minutes – 2nd Meeting of the Board of Research Studies, School of Health Sciences

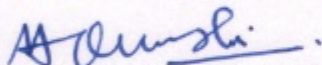
Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the approved minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BoRS) of the School of Health Sciences, held on 27th February 2025 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.


The document is being circulated for your kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Qureshi

 **Assistant Registrar**
(RESEARCH)

No. IUST/DR/25/754

Dated: 17/04/2025

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Minutes of Meeting
27-02-2025

The 2nd Board of Research Studies (BoRS) meeting of the School of Health Sciences was held on 27-02-2025 in the hybrid mode (online/in-person) under the chairmanship of Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor/ Chairman, BoRS. The meeting was attended by following:

1. Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor/Chairman BoRS.
2. Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean Academic Affairs, IUST (Special Invitee).
3. Prof. Sheikh Javid Ahmed, Dean Research, IUST.
4. Prof. Abdul Wahid, Registrar, IUST (Special Invitee)
5. Prof. Mohd Ayub Qadri, Dean, School of Health Sciences.
6. Prof. Bashir Ahmad Ganai, Dean School of Unani Medicine and Ayurvedic Medicine, University of Kashmir (Subject Expert)
7. Dr. Rumaan Bashir, I/C, Controller of Examinations (Special Invitee)
8. Dr. Muzafar Ahmad Macha, Head, Watson-Crick Center for Molecular Medicine, IUST
9. Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator, Centre for AYUSH Science, IUST
10. Dr. Mohmad Aabid Bhat, Coordinator, Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society, IUST
11. Dr. Rais Ahmad Ganai, Asst. Prof., Watson Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine, IUST
12. Ms. Sana Khurshid, Ph.D Scholar, Watson Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine (Scholar representative, School of Health Sciences)

Further, the following subject experts attended the meeting in the online mode.

- 1) Prof. Firdous Ahmad Khanday, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir
- 2) Prof. Shazia Manzoor, Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Kashmir

The meeting was also attended by Assistant Registrar, Research and other staff members of the Office of Dean Research.

At the outset, Dean Research, Prof. Sheikh Javid Ahmed, welcomed the members present in the meeting. He remarked that this is the 2nd BoRS meeting of the School of Health Sciences being coordinated by the Office of the Dean Research after the first BoRS held on 15-06-2023 with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor as Chairman of the Board. He further said that timely conducting of BoRS meetings is essential in ensuring research quality, and improving research ecosystem of the University and office of Dean Research is trying its level best to ensure that the BoRS meetings in every School of the University is held on regular basis.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor/ Chairman, BoRS, in his welcome address highlighted that IUST is taking all possible measures to ensure that its research profile and contribution is recognized at local, national and international level. For this a collective approach is essential to facilitate knowledge creation, foster innovations and entrepreneurship, and prepare our scholars for future careers and challenges, ultimately benefiting society and the University's reputation. There is essential need to identify those research topics which are directly connected to the societal needs and our Ph.D research objectives and outcomes should be converted into startups so as to make our young researchers self-reliant and job providers rather than job seekers. He also stressed that the Departments/Centers should hold the pre-BoRS meetings at the school level in order to examine the agenda items before they are put up for discussions and approvals in the BoRS.

Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting was placed before the Board by the Dean Research for consideration.

Agenda 1(2): Confirmation of Minutes of the 1st Board of Research Studies (BoRS) Meeting of the School of Health Sciences (SoHS) held on 15-06-2023

The 1st BoRS meeting of the School of Health Sciences was held on 15-06-2023 and the minutes of meeting were circulated. Since, no comments were received; the minutes were, therefore, placed before the Board for confirmation and the Board adopted following resolution:

"Resolved that the minutes of the 1st Board of Research Studies of the School of Health Sciences are confirmed."

Agenda 2(2): To consider Action Taken Report (ATR) of the decisions of 1st BoRS meeting of the SoHS held on 15-06-2023

Board expressed satisfaction on the actions taken by the Departments on the decisions of the 1st BoRS of SoHS. However, Board strongly recommends that the Watson-Crick Center for Molecular Medicine should actively try for collaborating with the medical professionals from government, private, industry sectors.

DEPARTMENT/CENTRE WISE AGENDA

1. Watson-Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine (WCCMM)

Agenda 3(2): To consider and approve the synopses of the Scholars:

The synopses of the following four scholars as recommended by the DRC were placed before the Board for consideration:

S.No	Name of Scholar/Registration No. & Date	Name of Supervisor	Title of Synopsis	SRAC
01	Insha Jan IUST0123016789 01-08-2023	Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie	Implications of Wnt/ β -Catenin Signaling in Drug Resistance and Progression of Prostate Cancer	Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie Dr. Muzafar A. Macha Dr. Rais A. Ganai
02	Asma Jan IUST0123017729 09-10-2023	Dr. Muzafar Ahmad Macha	Development and Characterization of Novel in Vitro Models for Gastrointestinal Tract Cancers from Kashmiri Patients	Dr. Muzafar Ahmad Macha Dr. Rais A. Ganai Dr. Arsheed A. Ganai
03	Zainab Iqra IUST0123017742 10-10-2023	Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie	To Study the Novel Role of the Cullin-3 SPOP E3 Ligase in Prostate Tumorigenesis	Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie Dr. Muzafar A. Macha Dr. Rais A. Ganai
04	Sumeira Shafi IUST0123017807 01-11-2023	Dr. Rais Ahmad Ganai	Investigating the Roles of DNA Polymerase epsilon in Activating the DNA Replication Checkpoint	Dr. Rais A. Ganai Dr. Muzafar A. Macha Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolution.

“The synopses of the above mentioned four scholars are approved with the changes/modifications as indicated below against each scholar. Further, the Supervisors shall submit a certificate to the effect that all the facilities are available at IUST.”

S.No.	Name of Scholar/ Registration No./ Registration Date	Approved Title	BoRS Recommendations/ Approved Title
01	Insha Jan IUST0123016789 01-08-2023	Implications of Wnt/ β - Catenin Signaling in Drug Resistance and Progression of Prostate Cancer	Modify the objective 1 st of the synopsis
02	Asma Jan IUST0123017729 09-10-2023	Development and Characterization of Novel in Vitro Models for Gastrointestinal Tract Cancers from Kashmiri Patients	Focus of research should be on esophageal and gastric only
03	Zainab Iqra IUST0123017742 10-10-2023	Cullin-3 SPOP E3 Ligase in Prostate Cancer: Molecular Mechanisms and Tumorigenic Potential	Research objective 2 nd and 3 rd of the synopsis need to be reframed
04	Sumeira Shafi IUST0123017807 01-11-2023	Role of DNA Polymerase epsilon in Activating the DNA Replication Checkpoint	References in the synopsis need to be mentioned as per standard format

Agenda 4(2): To consider extension by a period of one year in respect of one scholar and Name Correction:

The DRC in its meeting held on 19-12-2024 has recommended that extension by a period of one-year w.e.f. the due date for submission of Ph.D thesis in respect of below mentioned scholar of the Watson Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine and correction in her name.

The Board has considered the recommendations of the DRC and adopted the following resolution:

“The Board has approved on year extension in the registration of Ph.D program and name corrections in respect of below mentioned scholar.”

Name of the Scholar/ Registration No.	Name of the Supervisor	Date of Registration	Earlier validity of registration	Extended validity of Ph.D registration
Sana Khurshid IUST0120014326	Dr. Muzafar Ahmad Macha	18-05-2021	17-05-2025	01 Year (18-05-2025 to 17-05-2026)

Agenda 5(2): To consider and approve the revised coursework syllabi for the Ph.D Programme

The Departmental Research Committee of Watson-Crick Centre for Molecular Medicine (WCCMM) in its meeting held on 22-07-2024 has recommended that the revised syllabi of following courses be placed before the BORS for approval:

- I. Research Methodology, Bioinformatics and Biostatistics (WC-RMBB801)
- II. Molecular Biology and Disease Models (WC-MBDM802)
- III. Microbiology and Immunology (WC-MI803)
- IV. Comprehensive (WC-C804)
- V. Journal Club (WC-JC805)

The Board has gone through the recommendations of the DRC and adopted the following resolution:

"The syllabi of the concerned courses were not approved by the Board. The Board highlighted that the syllabi should be as per the standard format with proper details of L-T-P and Marks distribution. Further, the DRC should change the nomenclature of the courses, Comprehensive (WC-C804) and Journal Club (WC-JC805). The board also remarked that the evaluation criteria should also be mentioned in these two courses. In the nomenclature of courses the word Paper I, II, III, IV should be replaced by Course. Further, the syllabi should first be put before the Board of Studies (BoS) of the WCCMM."

2. Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society (MCSS)**Agenda 6(2): Ratification of approval of Dr. Mohmad Aabid Bhat, Assistant Professor as Ph.D Supervisor**

Dr. Mohmad Aabid Bhat, Assistant Professor Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society was approved as the Ph.D Supervisor by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and subsequently an order was issued in his favour by the office of Dean Research vide O.O No. 48 (Res) of 2024, dated 09-09-2024.

After discussion, the Board confirmed the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor and adopted the following resolution:

"The action taken by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to approve Dr. Mohmad Aabid Bhat, Assistant Professor, Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society, as Ph.D Supervisor in the Center is ratified."

Agenda 7(2): To consider and approve the coursework syllabi for PhD programme in MCSS

The Board of Studies (BoS) of Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society in its meeting held on 12-09-2024 has recommended and approved below mentioned coursework syllabi for the PhD program in MCSS:

- I. Research Methodology (MCSS-RM-01)
- II. Term Paper/Minor Research Project (MCSS-SRP-01)
- III. Recent advancements (Subject Specific) (MCSS-RA-01)
- IV. Research and Publication Ethics (MCSS-RPE-01)

After detailed discussion, the Board has considered the recommendations of the BoS and DRC and adopted the following resolution:

"The course work syllabi of the above mentioned courses is approved. However, in respect of Research Methodology (MCSS-RM-01), syllabus should align with the syllabi of Research Methodology prescribed at the School level."

Note: During the discussions, the placement of Mantaqi Center for Science and Society (MCSS) in the School of Health Science (SoHS) was also deliberated. It was felt that the scope of shifting the MCSS from SoHS to some other school like School of Humanities & Social Sciences needs to be explored. A proposal in this regard shall be moved through the office of the Dean Academic Affairs.

3. Centre for AYUSH Science

Agenda 8(2): To consider and approve the introduction of PhD Program in the Centre for AYUSH Science from the academic session 2025-26.

The DRC in its meeting held on 23-07-2024 has recommended the launch of Ph.D Program in the Centre for AYUSH Science from the academic session 2025-26.

After detailed discussion, the Board has considered the recommendations of the DRC and adopted the following resolution:

"Launch of Ph.D Program in the Center for AYUSH Science is approved, initially with two vacancies"

Agenda 9(2): Eligibility for admission to PhD Program in the AYUSH Science (Moalijat)

The DRC in its meeting held on 23-07-2024 has recommended that the eligibility for Ph.D in Moalijat shall be a postgraduate degree in Moalijat (M.D. Moalijat) and for Ilmul Advia shall be a M.D. in Ilmul Advia.

After detailed discussion, the Board has considered the recommendations of the DRC and adopted the following resolution:

"The eligibility for Ph.D program in the Center for AYUSH Science shall be Postgraduate Degree in Moalijat (M.D. Moalijat) and for Ilmul Advia shall be a M.D. in Ilmul Advia."

Agenda 10(2): To consider and approve the coursework syllabi for PhD programme in AYUSH Science

The DRC in its meeting held on 23-07-2024 has recommended below mentioned coursework syllabus for the PhD program in AYUSH Science:

- I. Research Methodology (PCARM)
- II. Ilmul Advia (PCALA)
- III. Moalijat (PCAM)

After detailed discussion, the Board adopted the following resolution:

"The syllabi of the concerned courses were not approved by the Board. The Board highlighted that the syllabi should be re-looked at and re-drafted as per the standard format with proper details of L-T-P and marks distribution."

Agenda 11(2): To consider and approve Supervisor and Co-Supervisors in the AYUSH Centre

The DRC in its meeting held on 23-07-2024 has recommended that Supervisors and Co-Supervisors as per the IUST Ph.D ordinance (revised-2023)/Research Policy with Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganai as Supervisor and Dr. Arshid Iqbal Wani, Medical Officer, J&K AYUSH Pulwama and Dr. Farooq Naqshbandi, Medical Superintendentt, Government Unani Hospital Shelteng. The DRC remommeded that AYUSH Science would take only 04 Scholars.

After detailed discussion, the Board has considered the recommendations of the DRC and adopted the following resolution:

"Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganai, Ramanujan Fellow, WCCMM/Coordinator, AYUSH Science has been approved as the Ph.D Supervisor with shcolar intake of 01 as supernumerary quota. Further, Dr. Arshid Iqbal Wani, Medical Officer, J&K AYUSH Pulwama and Dr. Farooq Naqshbandi, Medical Superintendentt, Government Unani Hospital Shelteng are approved as Co-Supervisors in the Center for AYUSH Science."

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VICE CHANCELLOR

No. IUST/DR/2ndBORS-SoHS/25/754

Dated: 17-04-2025

***** End of Minutes of 2nd BoRS Meeting of SoHS*******Distribution:**Subject Experts:

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- Prof. Firdous Ahmad Khanday, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir
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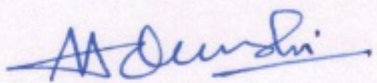

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