

**MINUTES
OF
THE 42nd ASRB MEETING**



Meeting conducted in the University Committee Room

On June 02, 2026, (11.00 AM)

SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY

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MINUTES OF THE 42ND MEETING OF ASRB

The 42nd meeting of ASRB was held in the University Committee room on 02.06.2026 at 11.00 am. The following attended the meeting;

1. **Dr. Abdul Khaliq Jan**, Senior Most Teacher /Faculty Member– *Chairperson*
2. **Dr. Badshah Hussain**, Director QEC – *Member/Secretary*
3. **Dr. Allah Ditta**, Associate Professor Environmental Sciences– *Member*
4. **Dr. Muhammad Asif Nawaz**, Associate Professor Biotechnology– *Member*
5. **Dr. Mian Shah Bacha**, Associate Professor English– *Member*
6. **Dr. Irfan Ullah**, Associate Professor Computer Science– *Member*
7. **Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Khan** Assistant Prof Sociology– *Member*
8. **Dr. Haya Hussain**, Lecturer in Pharmacy– *Member*

In addition to the above, the concerned HoDs of the Departments, supervisors, and relevant subject experts were also present.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran by Dr. Irfan Ullah, Associate Professor. Subsequently, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and expressed appreciation for their punctual attendance. The Chairperson then requested the Director QEC/Secretary to present the agenda before the Board.

Thereafter, the agenda was displayed on the screen, and each item was discussed in detail. The following decisions were subsequently made.

1. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ASRBS (the 39th, 40th & 41st) MEETINGS

1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 39th ASRB Meeting

DECISION:

Endorsed

1.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 40th ASRB Meeting

DECISION:

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1.3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 41st ASRB Meeting

The Director QEC informed the House that during the 41st ASRB meeting under agenda item No. 6.2, it was recognized that the functioning of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)

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needs strengthening. To address this, it was decided that the Director QEC should participate in GSC meetings of academic departments, either personally or through a designated nominee.

The QEC representative shall serve as an observer in departmental GSC meetings. If the representative is not the Director, they must hold a PhD qualification. In case the nominee is from the academic faculty, they must belong to the relevant discipline and be actively engaged in research to ensure effective participation.

The primary responsibility of the QEC representative will be to safeguard the University's academic quality and standards in line with HEC guidelines. This measure is expected to reduce the number of observations raised by the ASRB, ease its workload, and improve the overall efficiency and quality of the GSC review process.

This decision was formally notified under Notification No. SBBU/QEC(ASRB)/Ntf/25-398, dated 26.12.2025. However, despite the notification, no department has invited the Director QEC to GSC meetings, except Department of Chemistry.

DECISION:

The Board unanimously reaffirmed its earlier decision regarding the participation of the Director QEC in GSC meetings, either personally or through a nominee. In case of non-invitation, the minutes of the concerned GSC shall not be considered by the ASRB in future. The rest of the minutes were endorsed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 15th GRADUATE STUDY COMMITTEE (GSC) DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The minutes of the 15th meeting of the GSC of the Department of Mathematics, regarding approval of the Research Supervisors and Synopsis of the M.Phil Scholars were placed before the Board as follows;

2.1 Approval of the Research Proposals/Supervisor of the M.Phil Scholar-Ms Shagufta Yasmin

DECISION:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 15th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Mathematics concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Dr. Latif Ahmad** (Assistant Professor in Mathematics), and the research synopsis entitled **"THERMAL AND WAVY FLOW ANALYSIS OF TETRA-HYBRID RADIATIVE**


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NANOFLUID AFFECTED BY DARCY FORCHHEIMER", subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Shorten introduction to make it more concise.
2. Add latest citations to establish the research gap in the existing literature.
3. Revise significance and expected outcomes in narrative form, removing bullet points.
4. Include citations in the methodology section and clearly indicate your contribution.
5. Add references from 2026.
6. Update references (specifically references 1 and 6).
7. Support methodology with updated references.
8. Specify THN fluids used in the study.
9. Mention tetra hybrid nanofluid to clarify similarities with previous work and highlight new contributions.
10. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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 - b. The Monogram should be one inch from all sides
 - c. Paper size should be selected as letter sized with Normal Margins (one inch from all sides),
 - d. Time New Roman Style with 12 fonts size, 1.5 line spacing & justified text (ctrl+J,) in the rest of the synopsis text
 - e. The University name should be in capital letters and bold with 22 fonts and the university address etc should be in capital letters and bold with 16 fonts at the bottom of the title page.

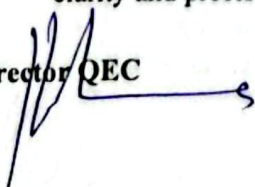
2.2 Approval of the Research Proposals/Supervisor of the M.Phil Scholar-Mr. Imran Muhammad

DECISION:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 15th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Mathematics concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Dr. Latif Ahmad** (Assistant Professor in Mathematics), and the research synopsis entitled "ROTATING MAGNETIZED FLOW OF MICROPOLAR CAREAU FLUID OVER A SLIPPERY DISK WITH VARIABLE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES", subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Revise problem statement to clearly highlight the gap in existing literature, ensuring clarity and precision.

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2. Combine objectives by merging the second and third into one concrete, unified objective.
 3. Elaborate significance and expected outcomes in detail to emphasize contributions.
 4. Revise figure labeling using appropriate scientific symbols in Fig-1.
 5. Add citations to equations taken from literature, ensuring proper attribution.
 6. Update references supporting the methodology with recent and relevant sources.
 7. Improve background on fluids and magnetized fluids to strengthen context and support the problem statement.
 8. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 11th GRADUATE STUDY COMMITTEE (GSC) DEPARTMENT OF BASIC & APPLIED ZOOLOGY**

The minutes of the 11th meeting of GSC of the Department of Basic and Applied Zoology were placed before the ASRB for consideration as follows:

3.1 **Approval of Supervisor and Research Synopsis of the M.Phil Scholar-Mr. Ajmal Khan**

DECISION:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 11th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Basic and Applied Zoology concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Dr. Zia Ur Rahman Khalil** (Lecturer in Zoology), and the research synopsis entitled "*Haemo and Gastrointestinal Parasitic Spill Flow among Synanthropic Wild Birds and Backyard Poultry*", subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Revise research gap by adding citations to the latest relevant publications to firmly establish the work within the body of literature.
2. Add schematic diagram to clearly illustrate and elaborate the methodology.
3. Revise plan of work using a GANTT or PERT chart for structured visualization.


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4. Modify significance of the zoonotic parasite accordingly to align with the study's objectives.
5. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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3.2 Approval of the Supervisor and Research Synopsis of the M.Phil Scholar-Mr. Uzair Ahmad

DECISION:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 11th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Basic and Applied Zoology concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Dr. Asmat Ullah Khan** (Assistant Professor in Zoology), and the research synopsis entitled “*Molecular Detection of Toxoplasma gondii in cats of two Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa*”, subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Revise introduction and problem statement in light of literature published between 2025–2026.
2. Elaborate research gap more clearly to strengthen the rationale.
3. Revise plan of work for improved structure and clarity.
4. Add captions to figures to ensure proper explanation and consistency.
5. Submit revised copy to the Director ASRB for record.
6. Include target districts in parentheses within the title, e.g., “*Molecular Detection of TOXOPLASMA GONDII in cats of the two districts (Buner and Lower Dir) of Malakand Division, Pakistan.*”
7. Update literature with the most recent and relevant sources.
8. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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- c. Paper size should be selected as letter sized with Normal Margins (one inch from all sides),
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3.3 Approval of the Supervisor and Research Synopsis of the M.Phil Scholar-Mr. Naqeeb Ahmad

DECISION:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 11th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Basic and Applied Zoology concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Mr. Muhammad Ayaz** (Lecturer in Zoology), and the research synopsis entitled "**MOLECULAR DETECTION OF *PLASMODIUM* SPECIES, THEIR LINK WITH HEMATOBIOCHEMICAL CHANGES AND RISK FACTORS IN HUMAN PATIENTS OF DISTRICT LOWER DIR KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PAKISTAN**", subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Update statistics in the final paragraphs of the introduction using the latest reports and papers.
2. Support research gap with citations from relevant recent literature (2025–2026).
3. Revise plan of work and include a GANTT or PERT chart for structured visualization.
4. Present methodology in a logically connected manner by removing unnecessary sub-headings and adding a schematic diagram if possible.
5. Correct references by ensuring newly added studies are properly cited and uniformly formatted.
6. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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3.4 Approval of the Supervisor and Research Synopsis of the M.Phil Scholar-Mr. Badshah Hussain

Decision:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the 11th Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Basic and Applied Zoology concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Dr. Asmat Ullah Khan** (Assistant Professor in Zoology), and the research synopsis entitled **“MORPHOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF TICKS FROM THE AGROR AGAMA (*Laudakia agrorensis*) IN UPPER DIR”**, subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Revise plan of work to clearly reflect the proposed research activities.
2. Add schematic diagram to elaborate the methodology in a visual and accessible way.
3. Refine first objective by clarifying its research outcomes and significance, making it more appealing and impactful for the body of knowledge.
4. Discuss significance and expected research outcomes of all proposed objectives to highlight contributions.
5. Elaborate use of GPS and other software applied in the study, adding footnotes (URLs) for ease of access.
6. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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4. APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR AND RESEARCH SYNOPSIS OF THE M.Phil SCHOLAR IN ENGLISH-Mr. IJAZ UL HAQ

Decision:

The House endorsed the recommendations of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of English concerning the proposed Research Supervisor, **Mr. Anayat Ullah** (Lecturer in English), and the research synopsis entitled **“*Social Factors and Language Shift:*”**


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A Case Study of Kohistani Language in Upper Dir, KP, Pakistan", subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Condense proposal to no more than 10 pages, covering a brief introduction (background, literature, problem statement), aims and objectives, plan of work, methodology, and references. Keep detailed variations for the thesis write-up.
2. Revise plan of work by removing text and month-wise distribution, retaining only the diagram.
3. Select methodology as either qualitative or quantitative, instead of a mixed-method approach.
4. Revise conceptual model to ensure clarity and logical flow.
5. Review title for accuracy and alignment with study objectives.
6. Update references to replace outdated sources with recent literature.
7. Design questionnaire with proper structure and validity.
8. Evaluation by QEC: Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Khan and Dr. Badshah Hussain (Director QEC) shall evaluate the final draft of synopsis before submission.
9. Combine objectives by merging the first and second into one unified objective.
10. Add references wherever missing to strengthen academic rigor.
11. Adopt qualitative approach for the research design.
12. Use qualitative design consistently throughout the study.
13. Include interviews as a data collection tool, with thematic analysis as the method of data analysis.
14. Apply purposive sampling to ensure relevance and focus in participant selection.
15. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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5. APPROVAL FOR SEMESTER EXTENSION OF THE M.PHIL/PH.D SCHOLARS

The semester extensions of the following M.Phil/Ph.D scholars, as recommended by the Graduate Studies Committees (GSCs) of their respective departments, were placed before the ASRB for approval.

5.1 Confirmation of Extension Cases Granted by the Vice Chancellor in anticipation of the 42nd ASRB meeting,

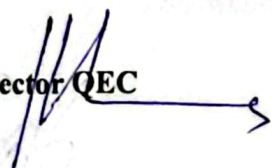
The Vice Chancellor approved extensions for the following scholars to enable them to continue or submit their theses, as applicable, for the periods specified against each case.

S#	Scholar Name	Deptt	Session	Normal date	Extension Granted	
					From	To
01	Asif Jamil	Botany	2021-23	26.06.2025	26.06.2025	23.09.2025
02	Sajjad Hussain	Env. Sci	2022-24	20.06.2024	15.12.2025	15.06.2026
03	Muhammad Nazir	Do	2021-23	10.06.2023	31.12.2024	10.06.2026
04	Ejaz Ur Rahman	Forestry	2022-24	June 2024	Dec 2025	18.05.2026
05	Fazal Imdad	Comp. Sci	13.06.2022	12.06.2024	Sep 2025	June 2026
06	Wazir Zada	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
07	Younas Shah	Do	Do	Do	June 2024	June 2026
08	Mr. Saeed Ullah	Pharmacy	2022-24	12.06.2024	13.06.2025	13.6.2026
09	Mr. Ijaz Ul Haq	English	2022-24	16.06.2024	16.06.2024	23.06.2026
Ph.D Scholars Department of Pharmacy						
10	Anwar ul Haq	Pharmacy	09.12.2021	08.12.2023	16.06.2026	16.12.2026
11	Babar Ayub	Do	09.12.2021	08.12.2023	16.06.2026	16.12.2026
12	Kifayat Ullah	Do	13.06.2022	12.06.2024	16.06.2026	16.12.2026
13	Mr. Himayat Khan	Do	Do	Do	16.06.2026	16.12.2026

DECISION OF THE ASRB

The ASRB endorsed the anticipatory approval granted by the Vice Chancellor in all the aforementioned cases, except that of Mr. Muhammad Nazir (M.Phil scholar in Environmental

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Science, at S.No. 3). His four-year period concludes on 10.06.2025, while he seeks an extension until 10.06.2026. A committee comprising the following members shall review his case under the applicable rules and deliver its decision within 10 working days. The committee's report/decision will be shared with the ASRB both through the group and in the ensuing meeting for confirmation and endorsement.

1. Dr. Irfan Ullah, Associate Professor (Convenor)
2. Dr. Allah Ditta, Associate Professor/HoD Concerned (Member)
3. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Khan, Assistant Professor (Member)
4. Dr. Haya Hussain, lecturer (Member)
5. Director ASRB (Member/Secretary)

5.2 Other Extension Cases for Approval by the ASRB

After review, the ASRB approved extensions in the following cases for the periods specified, enabling the scholars to complete their research work.

S#	Scholar Name	Session	Normal Date of Completion	Extension Required (From-To)
5.2.1.1	Shagufta Yasmin	2024-2026	15.06.2026	08.07. 2026-15.12.2026
5.2.1.2	Imran Muhammad	2023-2025	15.06.2025	15.06.2025-15.12.2026
5.2.1.3	Muhammad Yousaf	Do	Do	Do
5.2.1.4	Salim Ullah	Do	Do	Do

It was further emphasized that in cases where scholars face time-bar issues or financial burdens due to an additional semester arising from the non-availability of extensions or delayed ASRB meetings, the House unanimously authorized the Director ASRB to grant anticipatory approval for extensions. This measure ensures that scholars' time is not lost and the progress of their theses is not interrupted. Such approvals shall be presented at the subsequent ASRB meeting for formal ratification. However, no extension may be granted by the Director ASRB that falls outside the scope of the rules.


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5. SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

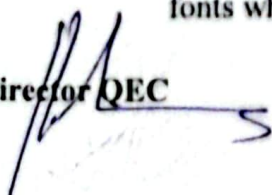
5.1 Approval of the Revised Research Synopsis of the Ph.D Scholar, Department of Chemistry-Mr. Gul Mali Khan

Decision:

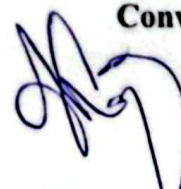
The House endorsed the recommendations of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) of the Department of Chemistry regarding the revised research synopsis of Mr. Gul Mali Khan, Ph.D Scholar Department of Chemistry under the supervision of Dr. Noor Rahman (Associate Professor of Chemistry), entitled *"Preparation of hydroxyethyl cellulose/starch bio composites using surface modification protocols for food packaging applications"*, subject to the following minor revisions:

1. Revise introduction by removing sub-headings and presenting the content in a logically connected manner that leads to the research gap and problem statement.
2. Provide problem statement highlighting gaps in the literature, supported with recent citations (current reliance on references 17–19 is outdated).
3. Add citations to relevant paragraphs on page 5.
4. Add citations to Fig 1 and 2
5. Revise objectives: Objectives 5 and 6 represent study outcomes and should be moved to the significance section, with detailed elaboration.
6. Update plan of work using a GANTT or PERT chart.
7. Add methodology citations referencing existing methods used by the scholar.
8. Include statistical analysis specifying the tests to be applied to the data.
9. Insert research gap immediately after the introduction section.
10. Add references to strengthen the methodology section.
11. Detail methodology separately for each objective, explicitly including chemicals/materials, calculations, and procedures.
12. Revise title by adding "s" to "Biocomposite."
13. Correction certificate must be endorsed by the Director ASRB.
14. **The following University format must be ensured in the revised synopsis:**
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