



**MINUTES OF THE 195<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON 02<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2019 AT  
PM&DC OFFICE, ISLAMABAD**

Honorable President PM&DC Prof. Dr. Tariq Iqbal Bhutta, opened the house on 02<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 at PM&DC Secretariat Islamabad for proceedings of the Session.

Following attended the meeting:

1.	Prof. Dr. Tariq Iqbal Bhutta	President
2.	Prof. Dr. Aamer Zaman Khan	Vice President
3.	Prof. Syed Shoaib Hussain Shah	Member
4.	Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza	Member
5.	Prof. Dr. Amer Bilal	Member
6.	Prof. Dr. Khalid Usman	Member
7.	Prof. Dr. Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Prof. Dr. Saeed Sadiq Hamid	Member
9.	Prof, Dr. Sulman Jaffar	Member
10.	Prof. Dr. Muslim Khan	Member
11.	Maj. Gen. Prof. Saleem Ahmed Khan, HI (M)	Member
12.	Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Lehri,	Member
13.	Prof. Dr. Shehla Baqi	Member
14.	Prof. Dr. Kartar Dawani	Member
15.	Prof. Dr. Mirza Khan Tareen	Member
16.	Dr. Sitara Hassan	Acting Registrar

Meeting started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by the Vice President. President PM&DC allowed deliberation on agenda detailed as under:

**ITEM 01: MINUTES OF THE 194<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT PM&DC, HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD:**

The Council perused minutes of 194<sup>th</sup> Session of PM&DC held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at PM&DC Secretariat, Islamabad.



With regards to Item 01, the Council was apprised that WFME letter drafted and is being sent today for an appropriate date of visit.

With regards to Item 02 and Item 03, the Council discussed the advertisement of UHS for central entry test for the Province of Punjab and the strategy for upcoming MD-CAT. The discussion is elaborated in Item no. 04 of the instant meeting minutes.

Discussion was held on Item No.18 and 19 regarding gap of studies. It was discussed that a gap of 5 year is permitted in regulations and hence only 5 years gap should be allowed, the degree should however be completed in 10 years. The Council revisited its earlier decision taken in item No.18 and item No.19 by Council in its 194<sup>th</sup> session held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

In additional agenda item No.2, typo graphical error of meeting date 20<sup>th</sup> April will be rectified.

Discussion was held in respect of the MS/ MD programs. It was pointed out that contents of proposed seminar need to be first identified in advance. Since there are university programs, they can't be shut down but standardization should be done. Issues such as not just the examiner but supervisor should also be external should be considered. It was agreed that M. Phil and MDS may also be added. These are supposed to be research-based programs and not clinical programs.

Clinical training be recognized and be assessed as is done by CPSP. The system currently evolved should be followed. Since all university programs are recognized by HEC, HEC should also be taken on board.

To bring the standards of MD/MS at par with FCPS the entry exam, selection criteria, course and training system should be similar, HEC, universities and PM&DC should sit down together and CPSP may also be invited. MD/ MS should not be excluded however this can be a research degree while a carved out clinical training program needs to be considered. This matter be referred to Medical Education Committee for deliberation, meanwhile a seminar be arranged.

Council formed a broad-based Committee alongwith Medical Education Committee comprised of Prof. Lehri, Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza, Prof. Saeed Sadiq. The committee will work on it and will come up with consensus/certain recommendations. then we seek opinion of Council members and finalize the same then a seminar will be conducted.

Ruling action list/ Policy action lists should be defined in minutes.



ITEM 02: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDING RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (MEDICAL) OF PM&DC HELD ON 01<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT PM&DC, HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD:

The Council perused the minutes of meeting of Standing Recognition Committee (Medical) of PM&DC held on 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2019 at PM&DC, Head Office Islamabad. The Council also considered the letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 received from Prof. Dr. Zafarullah Chaudhry, Chairman, Standing Recognition Committee (SRC) addressed to the President, PM&DC wherein certain observations were put forth the Council for a policy decision with respect to future proceedings of the SRC to avoid unnecessary delay and litigation.

Maj. Gen. Prof. Saleem Ahmed Khan, HI (M) apprised the house of decisions of SRC and explained few of the decisions are required to be considered by the Council for a policy decision. He briefed that some degrees offered by Chinese, Ukraine and USSR state universities are regretted as the status of these degrees in respective countries to be able to work as a consultant and to be able to perform clinical work independently is not clear. Further that the status of Fellowship from Sweden and the qualifications from Saudi Commission for Health Specialties is not clear so as whether these trainings are done against a structured training job or against their service slots and whether their status in Saudi Arabia is of consultant or otherwise.

Some other qualifications of UK like DRCOG in Sexual and Reproductive Health, LRCP, MRCS are not recognized by GMC. Some of the Fellowships of States are issued by societies. Further that one-year diploma from Bangkok should not be recognized by PM&DC.

Prof. Saeed Sadiq suggested that PM&DC should put a list of diplomas and qualifications recognized by PM&DC and the ones that are regretted/not recognized by PM&DC on its official website for public vigilance. The same was seconded by Prof. Umer Farooq who suggested that public be made aware vide a notice proceed for qualifications that are not recognized by the PM&DC. Mr. Ali Raza suggested that list of regrets and recognized qualifications should be put up separately. With regards to litigation, he briefed that the PM&DC is faced with litigation when a qualification is recognized once in respect of a candidate and is de-recognized at a later point in time. Once the PM&DC decides that an institute or a specialty is recognized/registered then it stands recognized for all students and it must be on website. He further apprised that in many cases, courts have granted stay order due to the decision being non-speaking and without recorded reasons of rejection/regret. Detailed reasons to regret must be given so as why a qualification is being regretted. It was pointed out by Dr. Lehri that the



requirements of addition/registration of qualifications are specific and are elaborated on the blue proforma on the basis of which a qualification is accepted or denied and while writing a decision the same reason should be stated clearly.

It was agreed that if a qualification is not registerable in the country of origin and is without an exit examination, it should not be registered by the PM&DC.

In view of foregoing, the Council the referred the minutes back to the SRC to revisit the decisions in light of justifications/ speaking orders.

The Council agreed that Prof. Dr. Shabir be coopted in the SRC to facilitate the SRC. Further that the SRC shall devise a criteria/ yardstick to accept postgraduate qualification which will then be approved by the Council and in future qualifications will be approved on the basis of that criteria/ yardstick.

**ITEM 03: CONSIDERATION OF POINT HIGHLIGHTED BY HONOURABLE MEMBER PROF. DR. KHALID USMAN REGARDING TEACHING REGULATIONS-2018, PUBLICATIONS REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY OF ASSISTANT PROFESSORS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS AND PROFESSORS AND POINT RAISED BY PROF. DR. KARTAR DAWANI REGARDING FACULTY MIGRATION:**

The Council considered the request received from Vice Chancellor Nishtar Medical University, Multan forwarded vide letter 10598/NMU dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 regarding requirement of number of research publications for selection / promotion against the post of Professor / Associate Professor / Assistant Professor. It was observed that the number of publications requirement and time for implementation of each subject should be same i.e. 31-12-2020 as it is causing confusion for candidates.

The Council observed that it was a typographical mistake and accorded approval to amend the regulations accordingly. It was decided that amendment will be done on column 6 of page 8 of regulations where eligibility criteria for the post of Professor in Clinical Subjects of Medicine, Surgery, Obs. & Gynae, Pediatrics, ENT, Eye is mentioned and following remarks will be added:

“A total of (15) research publication in relevant subject of which Six (6) should be during last three years are required after 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020”

The Council considered the request of Prof. Dr. Kartar Dawani, for review of explanatory note no. 31 of PM&DC Regulations for The Appointment / Promotions of Faculty / Teaching Staff / Examiners / Principals / Deans / Vice Chancellors in Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical & Dental Institutions / Medical Universities of Pakistan 2018,



*"A faculty member can leave an institution in which he is employed to join other institution between 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each academic year. Institutions heads are required to issue necessary N.O.C. to faculty members who want to join another institution other than this period."*

He opined that this restriction defies logic. It was then clarified that this restriction is for private colleges where faculty moves frequently and sometimes during the halfway in an academic year. As per timelines given in regulations, colleges are to be inspected between September to December and therefore movement of the faculty is rightly permitted in this specific period. The Council unanimously agreed that the regulation should not be changed.

**ITEM 04: POINT RAISED BY PROF. DR. SYED SHOAIB HUSSAIN SHAH REGARDING FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL REGARDING NEXT YEAR MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (MDCAT 2019-20) WHILE CONSIDERING LAST YEARS FAILURE:**

The Council discussed the point raised by Prof. Dr. Syed Shoaib Hussain Shah regarding future direction of the Council for next year medical and dental admission test (MDCAT 2019-20) while considering last year's failure.

Prof. Dr. Shoaib Hussain Shah was the admission process undertaken by universities was not completed till the last date and that it stands undecided whether a Central uniform examination country wide will be conducted or otherwise. The Council has to decide whether a uniform central entry test nationwide will be implemented or the same policy of admissions by admitting universities will be adopted. He briefed about challenges faced by students in the process of admissions undertaken by the universities so as eventually the Admission Board had to fill in the remaining vacancies. Further that despite UHS had claimed that there are no vacancies reported, private colleges approached the Admission Board with vacancies in their colleges. With respect to admission process undertaken by NUMS, the admission process was withheld on account of discrepancies found in their merit lists. Further that there was issue of reserved seats. If the same process is being kept on experimenting, the same issues will continue to come to surface. He proposed that soon after the announcement of result of Intermediate/ F.Sc. in July, the Central Test can be conducted in August whereby NTS can be asked to provide logistics and a team of IT experts is willing to facilitate the process. He further queried on the alternate for uniform central examination nationwide if uniform central admission policy can't be conducted what's the alternate.

Prof. Dr. Kartar Dawani concerned that there will be resistance and limitation with regards to management of a country wide examination. In addition to



logistic support, the possibility of paper leak should also be kept in view and the whole country will be at stake if paper is leaked at a single spot.

It was pointed out by Prof. Dr. Shehla Baqi that the Medical Education Committee has supported the idea of nationwide central entry test. Maj. Gen. Saleem Ahmed Khan concerned that a country wide examination will bring immense pressure on PM&DC.

Prof. Dr. Amer Bilal supported the idea stating that the same should be implemented only if PM&DC has the capacity to do so. Prof. Dr. Khalid Usman stated that since there's very little time left and PM&DC may not be able to implement this.

Dr. Muslim stated that countrywide national level examination is going to be a big achievement. Repercussion however are going to be extreme if there occurs an issue.

Prof. Dr. Umer Farooq concerned that even if a uniform central entry test is done by PM&DC whether central admissions are to be done by respective universities of the province or otherwise needs to be considered.

Prof. Dr. Shoaib Shah clarified that all provinces have their own standards of monitoring and their test is not synchronous and the admission process needs to be standardized as the entrance point to medical/dental courses of study. A national merit will be formed which will be given to Colleges. The admissions will be done by the Colleges on the basis of that national merit. He apprised of the proposed timelines with classes to be commenced in January.

Maj. Gen. Saleem Ahmed proposed that in the interim period, all universities be called by the Admission Board and guidelines be given to the universities for this year. If the results of central admissions by the universities are still not satisfactory, the central exam country wide be considered by the Council.

It was agreed that PM&DC a national level examination is the solution to all issues but perhaps the same should be considered for future as at present does not have the capacity to cater for a national level central examination and admissions thereafter and its failure will bring a bad name to the organization. It was resolved that a meeting of Admission Board with VC's be arranged in Ramazan to provide them with definitive timelines for adherence. Keeping in view the shortcomings of previous policy, regulations be amended accordingly.

Prof. Dr. Shoaib Shah recorded his note of dissent to continue with the central admissions by admitting universities and sought to tender his resignation from the Admission Board in view of his dissent. However, the Council did not accede to his offer



to resign and requested him to continue in his position as member of the Admission board.

**ITEM 05: ADMISSION POLICY FOR CENTRAL INDUCTION FOR SESSION 2019-20 AND ONWARDS:**

Draft amendments to MBBS and BDS (Admission, House Job and Internship) regulation 2018 were perused by the Council. Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza briefed the Council in detail of the proposed amendments.

It was agreed that there should be a uniform test formulated under the supervision of Admission Board on a specific day and proposed time lines are to be met all Admitting universities.

It was further agreed that restriction of eligibility criteria on seeking admissions abroad cannot be placed by the Council.

The proposed amendments were reviewed point wise and discussed by the Council at length.

It was decided that the draft be shared with all member for their input within next 72 hours. Accordingly, the draft of proposed amendments was circulated to all members for their views and to be considered at the next Council meeting.

**ITEM 06: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF PM&DC HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY KARACHI:**

The Council considered the minutes of the Medical Education Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Karachi.

Prof. Dr. Saeed Sadiq, Chairman Medical Education Committee briefed the Council on issues discussed in the meeting. He explained that Medical Education Committee tasked to revisit the PM&DC assessment standards related to Curriculum 4,5,6 and 7. Given the fact that these standards were made in light of 2012 criteria, they seem in line with it and therefore the Committee recommended that the aforementioned standards be adopted as such for the time being. However, the committee may revisit the standards later on within a reasonable time frame.

He informed that the proposal of unified medical entrance test was also discussed in the Committee. The table of contents, table of specification and distribution of hours for each discipline has been revisited and the revision of curriculum is being considered.

Discussion was held with regards to distribution of hours for Islamiyat and Pakistan Studies. The Council decided that Medical Education will re-address the hours of Islamiyat and Pak Studies and make/design a contextual syllabus for both subjects



which cater for religion and ethical aspect, until such time hours of both subjects shall remain 25 each.

A typographical error at Sr. 10 in column of hours was pointed out. It was desired that 120 hours be replaced with 150 hours as being a typographical error.

Minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

**ITEM 07: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JOURNALS COMMITTEE OF PM&DC HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT PM&DC HEAD OFFICE, ISLAMABAD:**

The Council considered the minutes of the Journals Committee of PM&DC held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Islamabad.

Minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved. It was suggested that the HEC criteria of journals ranking, being a model, be adopted by the PM&DC. It was decided that a member of HEC should be co-opted in the Committee.

**ITEM 08: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF PM&DC HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019 AT PM&DC, HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD:**

The Council considered and approved the minutes of the meeting of Evaluation Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. Amer Bilal, Chairman, Evaluation Committee informed the Council that the Evaluation Committee met on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 to prepare the Recognition Framework, its decision rules and methodology. He gave an overview of the work done by Evaluation Committee and each standard was discussed at length.

With regards to recognition Standard 3 – Faculty and staff, it was explained that faculty attendance verifiable through biometric attendance has been fixed as 70%.

It was agreed that the curriculum in vogue is not competency based. A good qualified medical graduate is what PM&DC should look at and its focus should be on outcomes.

In Standard 4- Teaching Hospital Requirement, discussion was held on tools identified. It was informed that HMIS has been made mandatory since registers can be falsified and only electronic record keeping can give authentic date. Number of free beds are reduced from 50 to 25 % as being realistic. But the term Free needs to be defined: free accommodation, free consultation and investigations on no profit no loss basis.

It was informed that Legal and infrastructure have been made mandatory. Institutions fulfilling 75 – 90 % for first year will be given one year to improve, however these with (less than) < 75% will NOT be recognized.

---

Minutes of the 195<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council held on 02-05-2019 at Islamabad.

Page 8/22





The Council while discussing the proforma suggested following amendments:

1. Standard O
  - 0.10: The traveling time should be half an hour.
2. Standard 1– Infrastructure
  - 1.14 five multi-disciplinary labs be replaced with minimum 5 multipurpose labs
  - 1.19 The seating capacity of 75% of total student strength in auditorium means total student strength (all five classes 500)
  - 1.28 The College campus should have Skill development labs / multipurpose skill lab for simulators, BLS, ATLS etc.
  - 1.32 Space for girls' hostel should be increased and should be at least 30% of total strength of the girls.
3. Standard 3: Faculty and staff:
  - 3.90 Medicine & Allied minimum one faculty member
  - 3.91 Accident and Emergency minimum one faculty member or one consultant
  - 3.98.6. In Surgical and Allied Specialty Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, be added with Plastic Surgery.

The Council after having detailed discussion desired that the Performa be shared with members for their observations to be given within next 72 hours. If no observation is received it stands approved. The new criteria will be tested by pilot study and after feedback of survey team, it will be made available to all stake holders. The stakeholders will be called for a one-day symposium to educate them on the proforma and to provide them a guide book. A month time will be given to all colleges for self-appraisal. Then in the next three months all existing colleges will be inspected on this revised criterion. Initial evaluations are to be taken up on priority since next year admissions are coming up. The courts will be informed that all existing colleges will be assessed on 2019 criteria and if it does not allow, they only the specific colleges as directed by the Honourable Courts can be inspected on existing guidelines. Following timelines were agreed upon:

1. Pilot study will be done of two private and two public colleges of KPK will be next 15 days



2. A Symposium for briefing of private medical / dental colleges will be conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at PM&DC Secretariat, Islamabad. Principals / Deans will be called.
3. One month for self-evaluation be given to colleges.
4. Actual inspections will start after 15<sup>th</sup> June,
5. Completion of inspection of existing colleges by 30<sup>th</sup> August

The colleges having scored 75% shall continue as duly recognized. If marks are less than 75% their admissions shall be stopped and they shall be given time of 8 months to meet the requirements and be re-inspected at that time.

Once the first phase of inspections are completed to meet the new admissions deadline for the 2019-2020 session, the second phase will begin of carrying out Performance Evaluation on the new criteria to enable grading of each college. The inspection will include public and private colleges to enable prospective students to make choices as well as for colleges and universities to seek to improve their quality.

With regards to pilot testing it was informed that Five teams are being constituted. Smart Tablets will be given to inspectors for evaluation to be done online. The Council acknowledged the contribution of all committee members especially Mr. Taimur Shah who was co-opted in the Committee.

**ITEM 09: CONSIDERATION OF QUALIFICATION OF MPH FROM SARHAD UNIVERSITY (PESHAWAR CAMPUS), PESHAWAR.**

The Council was informed that Dr. Mian Muhammad Ashfaq Registration No. 32405-P has applied for registration of additional Postgraduate Qualification MPH-2011 from Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar in the year 2016. The qualification of MPH from Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar through Sarhad University (Peshawar Islamabad Campus) is not added in Third Schedule of PM&DC Ordinance. The qualification was regretted vide letter No. P.F.PGQ.12-F-2016 (32405-P) dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The qualification MPH from Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar through Sarhad University (Islamabad Campus) is recognized and added in Third Schedule of PM&DC.

The Council was informed that all Postgraduate training programs leading towards registerable additional medical / dental qualifications in terms of Section 17 of PM&DC Ordinance 2019 are required to be inspected, recognized and included in the Third Schedule of PM&DC Ordinance 2019 to acquire status of recognized medical / dental qualification which can then be registered by PM&DC.



The cases of MPH from Sarhad University Peshawar Campus were considered by the Standing Recognition Committee in its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and the committee to regret. The Council in its 156<sup>th</sup> session of PM&DC held on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Islamabad approved the minutes of Standing Recognition Committee meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

The order of Islamabad High Court, Islamabad in W.P.No.1393/ 2017 dated 22-01-2019 was perused. The record of precedence quoted in writ petition was verified and the Council was informed that only the doctors who obtained qualification of MPH from Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar, Islamabad Campus have been registered by the PM&DC.

It was decided that clarification will be sought from Sarhad University of Science & Information and Technology, Peshawar regarding both its campuses. Clarification will also be sought from HEC regarding recognition status of Sarhad University of Science & Information and Technology, Peshawar and its affiliated campuses.

**ITEM 10: CONSIDERATION OF QUALIFICATION OF M.PHIL (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) FROM UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB, LAHORE THROUGH SZ FPGMI, LAHORE:**

The Council perused the earlier amnesties given for registration of unrecognized postgraduate additional qualifications. The record showed that 1366 persons had been granted recognition in respect of unregistered postgraduate additional qualifications in the past whereas similarly placed 180 persons were declined the same benefit. This ad hoc grant of recognition in respect of unregistered postgraduate additional qualifications was done under the garb of amnesties unfortunately without any substantial reasons for the same. It was unanimously agreed that on the principle of non-discrimination once certain persons have received a benefit albeit under the creation of an exception then other similarly placed persons cannot be denied the same benefit.

Therefore, it was resolved that all persons who applied in the past for registration of postgraduate additional qualifications and were regretted but where the same postgraduate additional qualification had been recognized pursuant to an amnesty in respect of some other person, those who had been regretted would be treated in the same manner and their request of postgraduate additional qualification shall be duly registered immediately notwithstanding that it is not included in the third schedule. This decision would apply to only those persons who had applied for registration in the past or obtained these qualifications prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. This decision would not operate



prospectively and no further recognition would be granted to any such program unless it was hereafter included in the third schedule.

It was also observed that some of these programs which had been registered by way of amnesties, were later inspected and approved by the Council while many others had not yet been evaluated or recognized for inclusion in the third schedule. It was pointed out that the Council had by way of these ad hoc decisions in the past accorded these amnesties from time to time to cater for registrations of individual doctors with degrees obtained in the field of medicine and dentistry under programs which had not been evaluated at that time, which meant that the Council had in one way recognized those specialties/programs as requiring evaluation.

It was therefore, resolved that all these programs representing postgraduate additional qualifications which had not yet been evaluated where degrees awarded by these programs were registered pursuant to earlier amnesties shall be referred to the Standing Recognition Committee (SRC) of PMDC to scrutinize and evaluate for purposes of inclusion in the third schedule on a priority basis.

It was further resolved that all those programs which were recognized and included in the third schedule would be properly and suitably displayed on the PM&DC website so that all persons can be aware at all times as to which programs are recognized and which are not, prior to seeking admission to these programs.

**ITEM 11: INCLUSION OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS GRANTED BY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS PAKISTAN KARACHI IN THIRD SCHEDULE OF PM&DC.**

The Council considered the request received from Lieutenant Colonel for Surgeon General / DGMS (IS) Asim Iftikhar, General Head Quarters Medical Directorate, Rawalpindi and Dr. Sarfraz Ahmed, Dean, Children Hospital / the Institute of Child Health, Faisalabad for inclusion of postgraduate programs in Third Schedule of PM&DC under Section 17 of PM&DC Ordinance 2019 granted by College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan Karachi.

It was discussed and agreed that the College is recognized as such in the Ordinance, 2019 and the Judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan vide Civil Petitions No.999 and 1608 of 2017 and Civil Misc. applications No. 2377 of 2017 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan VS Federation of Pakistan and Dr. Lubna Riaz Dar Vs Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, Islamabad has made it abundantly clear that the programs recognized by the College are to be recognized by the PM&DC. PM&DC is not required to put each and every specialty of the CPSP in the third schedule. The College is recognized as such under Section 17 of PM&DC Ordinance 1962 and any



institute seeking recognition would apply to the College in the light of the Ordinance/ Law and Supreme Court order. The applicant institutes therefore be informed to approach CPSP accordingly.

**ITEM 12: SUPERVISOR OF PHD SCHOLAR BY FACULTY HAVING FCPS.**

The Council considered the letter received from Mr. Hakim Ali Talpur, Deputy Director (Quality Assurance) HEC, Islamabad wherein FCPS has been declared equivalent to M.Phil/ MS degree and not PhD degree.

The Council deliberated that a doctoral scholar can only be supervised by a faculty member having PhD degree and faculty member having other professional qualifications such as FCPS cannot supervise the doctoral scholar. Ph.D. being entirely a research-based degree cannot be supervised by someone not having a Ph.D. and as per PM&DC guidelines too, a Ph.D. can only be supervised by Ph.D. It was resolved that dialogues will be carried out with HEC. FCPS is not equivalent to Ph.D. but is not at least equivalent to M.Phil. PhD shall be supervised by PhD faculty in same / relevant field. It has been observed that PhD in Biochemistry is supervisor for PhD in Medicine shall not be allowed.

Minutes of the Meeting of the HEC and PM&DC committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at Islamabad were also perused and it was decided that a committee be constituted for dialogues with the HEC regarding equivalence of FCPS to M-Phil program. Following Committee was constituted for the dialogues:

- i. Prof. Dr. Aamer Zaman, Vice President PM&DC
- ii. Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmed Lehri, Member PM&DC
- iii. Prof. Dr. Saeed Sadiq, Member PM&DC
- iv. Prof. Dr. Khalid Usman, Member PM&DC
- v. Prof. Dr. Nadeem Samad, Member PM&DC
- vi. Prof. Dr. Umer Farooq, Member PM&DC
- vii. Prof. Dr. Kartar Dawani, Member PM&DC

**ITEM 13: LIMITATION TO PRACTICE:**

The Council was informed that complaints are being received where MBBS/BDS holders are carrying specialized procedures without having expertise in relevant field resulting in complications and thereafter demise of patients. The Disciplinary Committee deemed it necessary to place the matter before the Council for consideration with regards to limitation to practice and privileges that the practitioners are entitled of.



The Council perused template of license being issued to practitioners viz - a -viz Section 29 of PM&DC Ordinance 2019.

Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza pointed out that the Law is appropriately clear and a practitioner is authorized to practice basic medicine, Surgery, Obst. & Gynae, Ophthalmology and Otorhinolaryngology and will be considered only a specialist of the level mentioned and in the field of which any additional postgraduate qualification is registered herein.

Keeping in view the Law it was decided that the PM&DC will issue a public advisory for awareness of public and patients and for doctors as well to ensure that the scope of licensing is clear to all and to prohibit doctors from performing procedures that they are not authorized to.

**ITEM 14: PROTOCOLS FOR CREDENTIALS OF PRACTITIONERS ON PRESCRIPTION PAPER:**

The Council was informed that the Disciplinary Committee in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at CPSP Regional Office, Lahore referred the matter regarding protocol for credentials of medical/ dental practitioners on prescription papers to Council for deliberation.

The Council was informed that doctors write on prescription paper credentials which they are not authorized to use e.g. Fellowship/ Trainings that are not recognized by the Council and the misrepresentation of their credentials on prescriptions and visiting cards, advertisements and prescription papers, in addition to their qualifications are misleading for public/ patients.

It was agreed that the distinction between qualifications and certifications should be made clear to the public/patients. It was resolved that keeping in view Section 29 (1) of PM&DC Ordinance 2019, in the larger interest of the public/ patients, a public notice will be issued for all doctors to put down qualifications with their names that are recognized by the Council. However, if a practitioner is desirous of mentioning additional certifications this must be put under a separate distinct heading of certifications as these are not qualifications or specialties and it should not mislead patients.

**ITEM 15: ICA NO. 257283/2018 TITLED DR. SAAD RASHID ETC V/S PM&DC ETC. IN LAHORE HIGH COURT LAHORE HIGH COURT:**

The Council considered the matter of representation of Dr. Saad Rashid etc. v/s PM&DC etc. on the direction of Court order dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Petitioners were given detailed personal hearing. 5 students appeared before the Council. Their plea was that as 2013 regulations SAT-II examination was allowed in lieu of entry test for



Pakistani nationals having studied in Pakistan from a foreign education system. The students expecting to appear in SAT-II examination continued their studies with the foreign education system. They were aggrieved that they were not given any relaxation or no prior information of amendment in regulations. They claimed that they had gotten admission in A-levels and continued their A level study though 2016 rules were challenged and they were allowed SAT-II. In 2018 dual nationals were allowed SAT-II. They asked to be given benefit of SAT-II which admittedly is for foreign students.

It was clarified that rules / law / regulations enforced could not be retrospectively implemented unless a right existed and admission in a medical/ dental College was sought. It was discussed and agreed that SAT -II being a foreign entrance exam can only be allowed to foreigners/ students who studied abroad seeking thereafter, admission in Pakistani medical/ dental colleges.

The Council observed that these students are not foreign students. These students challenged the regulations without entering the process of central admission. There was no bar on these students to appear in the central entry test, which they elected not to as a matter of choice, and hence they are not being discriminated upon as the central entry test is made from common syllabi of both education systems. Further that this condition was enforced in 2016 regulations and the 2018 regulations upheld the same meaning thereby that the students had plenty of time to follow and adhere to the requirements of the regulator. It was noted that these students were seeking a special benefit which was only available to a specific category of students (foreign educated) and could not be extended to them as the same would not only be in violation of the existing regulations but would be further discriminatory to the thousands of students who exercised the choice of taking the central induction test.

In view of foregoing the request of petitioners was declined and they were advised to appear in the central entry test as being admittedly Pakistani students.

**ITEM 16: REQUEST OF STUDENTS OF JINNAH SINDH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, KARACHI REGARDING CHANGE TO SEMESTER 5- AND 6-YEAR BACK STUDENTS AND PERMISSION FOR RE- TAKE OF BI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION:**

The Council was informed that students from various colleges had filed petition before the Honorable Sindh High Court, Karachi against Jinnah Sindh Medical University, against the denial of the university to allow them to sit in exams. The honorable Sindh High Court at Karachi resolved by its judgment dated 23-04-2019 in CP No. D-6967/ 2017, D-7534/2017, D-79/2018, D-563/2018 and D-1595/ 2018 dated 23-04-2019. The matter was considered by the Council in its 183<sup>rd</sup> session held on



25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 whereby it was decided *that existing regulations prescribe the annual system and the Admission Regulations, 2018 earlier finalized by the Council, wherein annual examination system is prescribed, have been endorsed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. After detailed discussion it was decided that all medical colleges shall have to follow PM&DC criteria with regards to annual examination irrespective of their method of teaching.*"

It was observed that the Council never allowed semester system and the court had dismissed the writ petition. Students aggrieved of the decisions appeared before the Council. They explained that each Semester consisted of modules and having being failed in a single module they were shifted a year back.

Considering that the PM&DC had never allowed semester system but keeping in view that students precious years were wasted by the University the Council allowed these students to take another attempt. However, if they fail, they will continue in the same detained class. Only upon passing they will proceed to the next class. The students will be allowed an extra attempt only on submission of an undertaking that they will not seek any extra attempt if they fail to qualify in this one time exception. The University will manage for special examination for these students on an immediate basis and inform the Council upon its conclusion of the results and compliance with the Council's decision.

**ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION FOR REFUND OF OVER CHARGED ANNUAL FEES FROM THE DIFFERENT MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGES:**

The Council was informed that in view of the applications being received and general queries from public the matter regarding clarification of annual tuition fee being charged by medical/dental colleges under the newly introduced MBBS and BDS (Admission, House Job and Internship) regulations, 2018 is being submitted to Council. There are more than 150 complaints with regards to fee, a few of them reported with evidence.

Discussion was held on whether the tuition fee i. e Rs. 950,000/- is applicable only on students who have yet to seek admission in MBBS/BDS in new Session 2018-19 or for all students currently enrolled for MBBS /BDS studies. The Council perused its earlier decision where it was ascertained that Rs. 950,000 as tuition fee has been enforced vide MBBS and BDS (Admission, House Job and Internship) Regulations, 2018 on endorsement by the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 17 September, 2018 is applicable subsequent to the decision of Supreme Court of Pakistan for the session 2018-19 and on all classes but not to be charge half way in an academic session.





The Council was informed that in compliance of above a public notice to all colleges was sent vide office letter No.29-Notification/Council-18/315207, dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 and it was clarified that any fee charged from students over and above the prescribed fee under any head i.e. taxes, university affiliation fee, academic/administrative fee or as the case may be shall construe to be an illegal act and shall be liable to proceedings against the college under the relevant provision of law.

Vice President informed the Council that FMH College of Medicine & Dentistry, Lahore sought difference of fee as the tuition fee charged by the college was Rs.700,000 and revised fee by PM&DC is 950,000/= and the students were asked to submit the difference of fee.

The Council decided that colleges be informed that any fee charged in excess of prescribed by PM&DC should be refunded/ returned to the students, otherwise stern action will be taken by the PM&DC. Further that if the fee is not returned, money will be deducted from the bank guarantees submitted by the Colleges.

The Council further directed that a public notice be issued for students/ public to report excessive fee and that their names will be kept confidential, given with the e-mail address for complaints. A public notice should be also issued that all Colleges are informed to return the fee to the students obtained in excess. If extra fee charged from the students are not returned PM&DC shall stop the colleges future admissions and impose fine upon the violating college.

**Any other Item:**

**ITEM. 01      MINUTES OF NEB MEETING:**

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of NEB Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 at Islamabad. Maj. Gen. Saleem Ahmed Khan HI(M), Chairman NEB Committee sought advice of Council on some cases.

**Case-1**

Mr. Muhammad Raqeeb/ latif passed F.Sc. pre-engineering and got admission in M.D. abroad (china). However later on he passed the examination of subject of Biology from foreign country. Now he has applied for eligibility certificate to sit in NEB examination.

The Council after detailed discussion decided that permission may be granted to the applicant to sit in NEB examination, if the university from where he passed his MD/MBBS is enlisted in the WHO World directory.



### Case-2

Two students got admission abroad in BDS program on the basis of matriculation and applied to PM&DC for eligibility certificate to sit in NEB examination.

It was discussed and agreed that criteria for admission in MBBS in Pakistan cannot be imposed on foreign country institutions. Foreign institutions have their own criteria of admissions. Students having passed from foreign system of examination are assessed of their knowledge and skills by an examination in Pakistan. If the entry requirements of foreign education system are met by the applicants and they have been issued degrees then these students are to be assessed in light of Section 15 of PM&DC Ordinance 2019.

The Council after detailed discussion decided that permission may be granted to these applicants to sit in NEB examination, if the university from where they passed their MD/MBBS is enlisted in the WHO World directory.

### Case-3

The Council was informed of letter received from Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan seeking clarification of students from Pakistan seeking admission in their colleges with less than 60% marks in F.Sc and without NOC from PM&DC. The Council considered the decision of Lahore High Court, Lahore dated 19-7-2018 in WP...1775/2017...titled ...Muhammad Junaid Alam Vs FoP etc. and along with the honorable Supreme Court Order in CA No.3 & 4 of 2017 which also came under the discussion. The Council decided that keeping in view the aforementioned order where the regulations have been struck down by the Court, Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan be informed accordingly. It was also noted that based on earlier discussion it was clear that the Council could not in effect impose restrictions or conditions upon foreign colleges in terms of admitting Pakistani students and those students had to be admitted to the foreign universities as per the admission criteria applicable at such universities under their own regulations.

#### ITEM 02: Examination System of DUHS:

Prof. Dr. Amer Bilal informed that an email was received from Dr. Burki regarding semester system at Dow University of Health Science (DUHS) stating that the DUHS was earlier practicing semester system and the PM&DC changed the examination system to annual system without any notice. The students of final year who were to undertake semester system examination and were just few months near to their

Minutes of the 195<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council held on 02-05-2019 at Islamabad.



graduation were being forced to go through the revised system. It was decided that those students studying in final year shall continue with the existing semester system and accordingly DUHS will be informed and DUHS must immediately ensure the remaining years be converted back to annual programs.

**ITEM 03: File theft by Dr. Lashari:**

It was decided that an FIR be registered against doctor who has stolen the file of his fake additional qualification registration and authorization of FIR be sought from President. The Admin Officer will register the FIR against doctor immediately. Furthermore, the license of Dr. Lashari be suspended pending a Show Cause to be issued to him and a hearing held by the Disciplinary Committee to consider a permanent penalty.

**ITEM 04: Advertisement by the UHS:**

The Council was informed regarding advertisement published in Newspaper by UHS regarding Admission of 2019-2020. It was decided that UHS be informed that the revised policy is being issued by PM&DC and therefore UHS, Lahore should withdraw the advertisement until such time the revised policy from the PM&DC is received to all admitting universities and the Admitting Universities are duly notified pursuant to the Regulations which requires annual notification.

**ITEM 05: Adjustment of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students of Hashmat Medical College:**

Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza informed that an appeal has been received from students of 1<sup>st</sup> year of Hashmat Medical College, Gujrat which was closed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. These students studied there 3-4 months. Order of Supreme Court was perused. The Council was apprised of its previous decision. The students of 1<sup>st</sup> year of defunct College requested adjustment as the former batches were adjusted on the orders of the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in CA 766 of 2018 vide order dated 26-4-2018

The Council was informed that the first-year students had approached Islamabad High Court and subsequently to PM&DC and their request was declined by PM&DC. It was pointed out that as per law, adjustment of these students was to be undertaken by the Council, but the same was not done in view of the interpretation of the Order of Supreme Court that Hashmat College would reimburse their fee. However, in all fairness and justice these students should have been adjusted in other colleges at par with their other colleagues as there was no guarantee that their fee would be reimbursed



and secondly they had obtained admissions through the recognized process of admissions by PM&DC at that time.

Mr Ali Raza apprised the house that the admissions across Pakistan have been closed on 31 March 2019 however, institutions are still reporting vacant seats if these petitioners are adjusted on the vacant seats it will readdress the grievances of the petitioners without violating PM&DC regulations

Keeping in view the law, it was decided that these students be adjusted against seats vacant in the colleges of Punjab. The students shall however pay their fee/ dues of first year as and when sought by the adjusting institution and they can receive from Hashmat Medical College refunds of their fee in compliance of court orders as and when the same is enforced. The colleges with vacant seats will be given a choice to admit these students otherwise their seats shall remain vacant because the admission process is closed.

**ITEM 06: Public Notice**

Mr. Muhammad Ali Raza informed that a W/P No 296-A/2019 titled Dr. Sajjad Ahmed Vs FoP versus PM&DC was filed before Peshawar High Court Peshawar, The council was informed that an advertisement was published in the newspaper by PM&DC on 28.12.2014 wherein, some of the training institutes mentioned in the notice were shown as recognized by PM&DC but as per record few of them were not recognized and not included in the third schedule. No corrigendum in this regard for clarity of students intending to seek admissions in the courses were issued. As per the file of public notice the draft of the public notice was approved by the then Acting Registrar.

This writ was filed in Peshawar High Court Peshawar against refusal to register a postgraduate qualification that was enlisted in the public notice. Doctor claims registration in light of public notice. The public notice was wrongly issued and no corrigendum till to date was issued for its correction

It was decided that court be apprised that advertisement was incorrect, PM&DC is investigating the matter and responsibility shall be fixed so as whether the mistake was inadvertent or with mollified intention. A corrigendum will also be issued for rectification of the same.



**ITEM 07: Announcement of Seats Increase:**

The Council considered the announcement of Chief Minister Punjab regarding allocation of 100 seats in Punjab while on a visit to D. G. Khan Medical College. It was resolved that the admitting university will be informed that PM&DC clarifies that no additional seats have been allowed by the PM&DC. The Supreme Court in its judgment in 2001, ordered that CM, Governor or PM have no allotted Quota. Thus, no one can allow such admissions.

**ITEM 08: Registration of Students of Dow Dental College:**

The point was raised by Prof. Dr. Kartar Dawani. He informed that students have now graduated from Dow Dental College. He sought clarification so as whether these students will be retrospectively registered after recognition of college since their registration fee has been duly accepted by the PM&DC.

It was discussed that a college which was not recognized by Ministry of NHR&C have admitted students prior to recognition in violation of law. Now that the students have passed its not binding on PM&DC to register them. However, if the court decides they are to be inspected on 2012 criteria and the students be registered, matter shall be taken up accordingly. Mr. Ali Raza explained that students' interest is to be considered. All existing colleges are to be inspected on 2019 criteria. PM&DC needs to ensure that all colleges fulfill this criterion. The Court has however directed to inspect the College the same was discussed by Council in its 194<sup>th</sup> Session held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

The Court in C.P.No.507 / 2019 titled Dow University of Health Sciences etc VS. FoP vide its order dated 7-3-2019 has directed that college shall apply to PM&DC for inspection within three months from the date hereof and the said inspection shall be conducted in accordance with law in due consideration of the submissions of the petitioner. The admitting university is directed to send the list of merits for admission in the petitioner college. In the case petitioner fails to complying with prescribed requirements to be evaluated by PM&DC the college shall be responsible to refund the entire fees of all students and the PM&DC may have recourse in terms of section 23 of the Ordinance 2019 for the purpose of protecting the rights of the existing students. The petitioner shall also submit an affidavit to the Registrar PM&DC in which they will undertake that in case they fail to fulfill the requirements and meet the threshold of PM&DC rules regulations and the law they will return the entire fee to the students.



Prof. Dr. Tariq Bhutta showed reservation over the acceptance of fee by the PM&DC and stated that the registration fee of students should have been returned at the time it was deposited.

The President PM&DC directed that nearly 100 dentist who had completed their house jobs and the ones who have graduated and intends to start their house job should be registered by PM&DC without any delay since they were not at fault. The inspection shall be carried out as per direction of Evaluation Committee.

**ITEM 09: Status of Pending Provisional Registrations:**

The Council inquired about the status of registration cases pending upto now and showed concern over pendency of cases. The Council directed that all pending cases should be disposed within 14 days. Staff from other sections should be deputed in Registration to complete the work. The staff will also sit late to complete task.

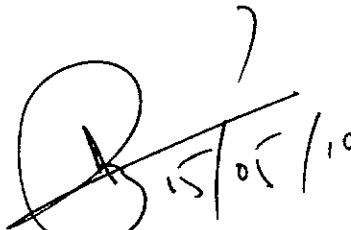
**ITEM 10: NOC FOR MIGRATION IN RESPECT OF MR. NOOR ULLAH KAKAR:**

Prof. Dr. Shabir A. Lehri highlighted that the case of Mr. Noor Ullah Kakar S/o Zain Ullah Kakar student of Avicenna Medical College, Lahore may be considered by the Council regarding migration from Avicenna Medical College, Lahore to Islamabad Medical & Dental College, Islamabad. He has applied to PM&DC for migration. It was decided to issue NOC for migration in respect of applicant as he was not at fault. The Avicenna Medical College, Lahore has admitted the extra student in place of Mr. Noor Ullah Kakar. The matter of imposition of penalty on Avicenna Medical College for violation of PM&DC regulations will be considered separately.

Meeting came to an end with a vote thanks to the Chair.

**Announcement:**

- Next meeting of the Council will be on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

  
Dr. Sitara Hassan  
Acting Registrar