Minutes of

48th Meeting of the Academic Council

held on 17 & 18 April 2025

Directorate of Academics

Bahria University Islamabad

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

BBS	Bahria Business School	EP	Examination Policy
BH3S	Bahria Humanities and Social Sciences School	FHB	Faculty Handbook
BSEAS	Bahria School of Engineering and Applied Sciences	FYP	Final Year Project
BUAR	Bahria University Academic Rules	ES	Engineering Sciences
BUCAH	Bahria University College of Allied Health Sciences	GEP	Graduate Education Policy
BUCM	Bahria University College of Medicine	HS	Health Sciences
BUCPT	Bahria University College of Physical Therapy	H&SS/ HSS	Humanities & Social Sciences
BUDC	Bahria University Dental College	IATD	Institute of Art and Textile Design
BUHSCI	Bahria University Health Sciences Campus Islamabad	IHO	International Hydrography Organisation
BUHSCK	Bahria University Health Sciences Campus Karachi	IPP	Institute of Professional Psychology
BU-HSHM	Bahria University & Hashoo School of Hospitality Management	IR	International Relations
BUHS-PGI	Bahria University Health Sciences Post Graduate Institute	MS	Management Sciences
BUIC	Bahria University Islamabad Campus	NBEAC	National Business Education Accreditation Council
BUKC	Bahria University Karachi Campus	NCEAC	National Computing Education Accreditation Council
BULC	Bahria University Lahore Campus	NSH	National School of Hydrography
BULS	Bahria University Law School	ODL	Online & Distance Learning Policy
BUMC	Bahria University Medical College	PFM	Permanent Faculty Member
CCH	Course Codes Handbook	PH	Public Health
CE	Computer Engineering	PM&DC	Pakistan Medical & Dental Council
CH	Credit Hour(s)	PN&MC	Pakistan Nursing & Midwifery Council
CS	Computer Sciences	PNNC	Pakistan Navy Nursing College
DA	Director Admissions	PP	Professional Psychology
DAcad	Director Academics	SCM	Supply Chain Management
DLC	Director Lahore Campus	SE	Software Engineering
DM	Director Marketing	SHB	Students Handbook
EDC	Estimated Date of Completion	UEP	Undergraduate Education Policy
ERD	Exams Record Database	UG	Undergraduate
EE	Electrical Engineering	URD	User Requirements Document
E&ES	Earth & Environmental Sciences	VFM	Visiting Faculty Member

Attendance

BUHO

Present

1.	Vice Admiral Asif Khaliq HI(M) (Retd)	Rector	in Chair
2.	Rear Admiral Ahmed Fauzan HI(M) (Retd)	Pro-Rector (RIC)	Member
3.	Rear Admiral Muhammad Arshid Javed SI(M) (Retd)	Pro-Rector (Acad)	Member
4.	Surg Rear Admiral Ijaz Ahmad	Pro-Rector (HS)/ DGMS(N)	Member
5.	Cdre Muhammad Jalaluddin Qureshi SI (M), (Retd)	Registrar	Member
6.	Dr Faisal Bashir	Dean ES/ Principal BSEAS-IC	Member
7.	Dr Muhammad Zahid	Dean BBS-IC	Member
8.	Dr Adam Saud	Dean H&SS/ Principal BH3S-IC	Member
9.	Dr Muhammad Fayyaz	Dean Law/ Principal BULS	Member
10.	Cdre Asim Raza SI(M) (Retd)	DAcad	Member/ Secy
11.	Cdre Zahid Iqbal SI(M) (Retd)	CE	Member
12.	Cdre Shakeel Ahmed khan SI(M), S.Bt	DA	Member
13.	Brig Asif Ali Asif (Retd)	DHS	Member
14.	Dr Umer Hayyat	DPGP	Member
15.	Mr Fazal Wahab	DQA	Member
16.	Dr Raja Mazhar Hameed	DORIC	Member
17.	Dr M. Awais Mehmood	DIO/ DSMP	Member

In Attendance

18.	Ms Sundal Mufti	DSA
19.	Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmed Janjua	DLPDC
20.	Dr Farida Anjum	Director Academics, HEC (on 17 Apr 25)
21.	Capt Khalid Hameed PN (Retd)	Dy Registrar (Acad)
22.	Lt Cdr Nazia Iqbal PN (Retd)	Dy Registrar (R&S)
23.	Ms. Saima Akber	Dy Director (Acad), BUHO

BUIC

24.	**Present**		
25.	Rear Admiral Naeem Sarwar SI(M) (Retd)	DG BUIC	Member
26.	Dr Khalid Mumtaz	Principal BBS-IC	Member
27.	Dr Saima Kalsoom	HOD BSPP	Member
28.	Dr Junaid Imtiaz	HOD (EES), BSEAS-IC	Member
29.	Dr Shehzad Khalid	HOD (CE), H-11	Member
30.	Dr Adeel M. Syed	HOD (SE), H-11	Member
31.	Dr Syed M. Shahid Tirmazi	HOD (IS) BH3S-IC	Member
32.	Dr Irfan Qaisrani	HOD (HSS) BH3S-IC	Member
33.	Dr Farrukh Shahzad	HOD (Med St) BH3S-IC	Member
34.	Dr Shahzia Yusuf	HOD (PP) BSPP (H-11)	Member

In Attendance

35.	Cdre Shoukat Ali (Retd)	DAdmin, BUIC (E-8)
36.	Capt M. Sarfraz Khan PN (Retd)	DAcad, BUIC (E-8)
37.	Cdr M Ajmal Hashmi (Retd)	DD Admission, BUIC (E-8)
38.	Lt Cdr M Yaseen	DD Acad, BUIC (H-11)

BUKC

Present

39. Rear Adm Muhammad Zubair Shafique HI(M) (Retd)	DG BUKC	Member
40. Dr Haroon Rashid Ahmed	Principal BSEAS-KC	Member
41. Dr Liaqat Ali	Principal BBS-KC	Member
42. Dr Mahe Darkhashan	Principal BH3S-KC	Member
43. Dr Asif Inam	Principal (Mar Sc) BSMAS	Member
44. Cdr Syed Amar Jamshed	OI/C NSH	Member
45. Lt Cdr Fatima Sadiq Ali PN	Principal IATD	Member
46. Dr Shaista Iftikhar	HOD (E&ES) BSEAS-KC	Member
47. Dr Muhammed Taha Jilani	HOD (CS) BSEAS-KC	Member
48. Dr Asif Inam	HOD (Mar Sc) BSMAS	Member
49. Dr Saher Afshan	HOD (HSS) BH3S-KC	Member
50. Dr Aurangzeb	HOD (IS) BH3S-KC	Member
51. Dr Hina Shakir	HOD (SE) BSEAS-KC	Member
52. Dr Abdul Attayab	HOD (EE) BSEAS-KC	Member
53. Mr Abdul Ahad Khan (Rep)	HOD (Media Studies)	Member
54. Dr Mubashir Ali Shah	HOD (BS) BBS-KC	Member
55. Dr Mutasim Billah	HOD (MS) BBS-KC	Member
56. Dr Shoaib Mughal	HOD (CE) BSEAS- KC	Member
57. Dr Sahar Afshan	HOD (H&SS) BBS-KC	Member
58. Dr Auranzeb	HOD (Islamic Stu) KC	Member
59. Dr Freha Kanwal	HOD (PP) KC	Member
60. Muhammad Asmat Ullah	HOD BS (SCM) KC	Member

In Attendance

61. Cdre Rashid Mahmood Sheikh SI(M)	Commandant PNS Bahadur	
62. Cdr Dr. M Mobin Siddiqi	Director BSAAD/ IATD	
63. Cdre Faiq Hussain SI(M)	DAdmin BUKC	
64. Capt Majid Mahmood PN (Retd)	DAcad BUKC	
65. Dr Waqar ud Din	DD ORIC	
66. Engr Erum Shafiq	AD QA	

BUHSC

Present

67. Vice Adm Ather Mukhtar HI(M) (Retd)	DG BUHSC (K)	Member
68. Maj Gen Prof Shehla M. Baqai HI(M) (Retd)	Dean HS/ Principal BUMC	Member
69. Capt Noaman Imam (Retd)	Director Campus BUHSCK	Member
70. Dr Kashif Naqvi	Principal BUDC	Member
71. Dr Nasim Karim	Principal BUHS-PGIK	Member
72. Dr Khalid Aziz	Principal BUCPT	Member
73. Dr Mahreen Lateef	Principal BUCAHS	Member
74. Cdr Rukhsana Yasmeen (PN)	Principal PNNC	Member

In Attendance

75. Dr Khalid Mustafa	Vice Principal BUMC	Member
76. Dr Farzeen Tanvir	Vice Principal (BUDC)	Member
77. Dr Abida Razzaq	Vice Principal PNNC	Member
78. Dr Najam Sahar Ilyas	HOD (GE), BUMC	Member

BULC

Present

79.	Cdre Jawad Ahmed Qureshi SI(M)	Director BULC	Member
80.	Dr Adnan Hushmat (Rep)	HOD (MS)	Member
81.	Dr Khawaja Qasim Maqbool	HOD (CS & IT)	Member
82.	Dr. Khawar Bilal Baig	HOD (PP)	Member

In Attendance

83.	Dr Rabia Abrar	Sr Assistant Professor (MS)
84.	Naureed Nasir	Manager QA

IPP

Present

85.	Dr Zainab Hussain Bhutto	Dean PP/Director IPP	Member
86.	Dr Kiran Bashir Ahmad	Principal IPP	Member

PNSL

Present

87.	Mr Muhammad Asmat Ullah	HOD, PNSL	Member

In Attendance

88.	Cdr Dr Zubair bin Junaid PN	Chief instructor

PRELIMINARIES

Opening Remarks by the Chair

1. The Chair extended a warm welcome to all the members and participants of the BU ACM, and emphasised on the forum's critical role in shaping decisions and setting ambitious goals for the next six months and beyond. He urged everyone to participate in the proceedings with clarity and purpose, remain focused, and ensure the meeting concluded efficiently and on time.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last ACM

2. The Secy apprised that the last/ 47th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 7 October 2024. Draft Minutes of the Meeting were communicated to all Members/ non-member participants on 15 October 2024. Comments thus received were incorporated accordingly, followed by processing (on file) for approval of the Rector. Approved Minutes were disseminated to all concerned on 31 October 2024. He then requested the Chair to confirm the Minutes of 47th ACM as disseminated, which was approved by the Chair.

REVIEW ITEMS

Item 3652: Approval of Case Writing Centers in Bahria Business School Islamabad and Karachi
Responsibility: Dean MS

Action from the Last ACM

3. Funds allocations for RBSC are to be pursued by the CUs from the Treasurer as per standard procedure. Dean MS is to present the progress of each RBSC in terms of the assigned functions in the next ACM.

Progress

4. Funds amounting Rs 4.8 M have been allocated to establish RBSC at BUKC, while the budget requirements for RBSC at BUIC are being processed at the CU level. Further, an agreement for the purchase of Refinitiv/ DataStream for BUKC & BUIC has been signed between the BU and the London Stock Exchange, while PLS-SEM is being processed for BUKC. The purchase of Refinitiv/ DataStream is in process by the Treasurer's office. Dean MS will update the Council of the current status at BUIC and BUKC.

Discussion

5. Dean MS updated that Refinitiv had been purchased for BUIC while for BUKC the procurement is in the final process. In case of Smart PLS, the firm has offered 5 x licenses at the cost of one at discounted rate for academic use. As such, all the three CUs (BUIC, BUKC, BULC) will be able to get the licensed PLS-SEM. The Chair enquired the readiness of BUIC. Dean MS intimated that it was already provided with Refinitiv. Principal BBS-IC conformed the same, intimating that other requirements of RBSC were being resolved – pending a presentation to the new HCU. He further elaborated that space had been allocated for RBSC, the head has been appointed and only a few more requirements including HR are pending approval. One presentation had been given to the HCU, in which some improvements in line with the RBSC setup at BUKC were desired, which are aligned for the required approval. DQA highlighted that functionality of the RBSC at BUIC was mandatory for the forthcoming NBEAC re-accreditation visit. The Chair directed to process the pending approvals the same day and intimate further progress.

6. Accordingly, the additional HR and allocation of space for RBSC at BUIC (E-8) was processed and approved by the HCU for further processing. The Centre is likely to be made functional by end May 2025.

Decision 48(4616)

7. Progress of functionality of RBSC at BUIC (E-8) is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of Decision	Dean MS, Principal BBS-IC	Dean MS

Item 3910: Launch of New Programme *Bachelor of Science in Coastal & Marine Sciences* at the Department of Maritime Sciences, BUKC

Responsibility: Dean ES

Action from the Last ACM

8. The progress of the outcome of the committee report for the feasibility of raising a separate *Faculty of Maritime and Environmental Sciences* is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

9. The committee has prepared the feasibility report for raising a separate *Faculty of Maritime and Environmental Sciences*. Comments from relevant stakeholders were solicited and the findings of the committee were presented to the Rector. However, the same couldn't be concluded due to time constraints. Another session will be held in due course. Dean ES will update the Council of the current status of the committee report.

Discussion

10. The Chair showed concern on non-conclusion of the committee report in earlier timeframe. He desired a presentation of its recommendations within a week to take a suitable decision on the related point.

Decision 48(3910)

11. Dean ES is to present the committee report during the week after the ACM. Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of Decision	Dean ES, Principal BSMAS	Dean ES

Item 4017: Launch of New Programme *Bachelor of Science in Mathematics* at BH3S-KC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action from the Last ACM

12. Concerted efforts are to be made by the CU for desired intake. The programme is to be monitored for 2 more semesters. In case of continued low intake, it may be frozen in Fall 2025 semester. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

13. Despite all efforts, *BS in Mathematics* couldn't even get a single registration in Spring 2025 semester. Based on the continuous low registration, BUHO has approved the freezing of the programme on the recommendations of BUKC.

Discussion

14.   The status of the programme was deliberated and agreed to be dropped; brought afresh in the ACM when the *BS in Mathematics* is intended to be resumed at BUKC as recommended.

Decision 48(4017)

15.   The point is dropped from the ACM and is to be brought afresh in the ACM when the *BS in Mathematics* is intended to be resumed at BUKC as recommended.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BH3S-KC	DG BUKC

Item 4109: Launch of New Programme *Bachelor of Science in Remote Sensing & GIS* at BSEAS-KC

Responsibility: Dean ES

Action from the Last ACM

16.   More efforts are to be made by the CU for desired intake. The programme is to be monitored for 2 more semesters. In case of continued low intake, it may be frozen in Fall 2025 semester. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

17.   Thirteen students have been enrolled for the degree programme in Spring 2025 semester at BUKC. Due to extensive marketing and scholarships offered, the response of the students was encouraging, and it is expected that the intake would increase further in the coming semesters.

Recommendation

18.   The progress may be monitored for one more semester (Fall 2025) and reviewed in the next ACM.

Discussion

19.   BUKC informed that the 10 scholarships have been offered in to the students in this programme for Spring 2025 semester. DA proposed to offer the scholarships for Fall 2025 as well. However, DQA proposed to collaborate with the related organisations to increase the intake instead of offering frequent scholarships. DG BUKC informed of the related activities in hand, including the recent interaction with SUPARCO. The Chair asked to explore further options for collaboration with the related organisations and update progress in the next ACM.

Decision 48(4109)

20.   Progress on interaction with the organisations related to the programme for incentives to the students is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BSMAS	Dean HS

Item 4314: Launch of New Programme Master of Science in Business Analytics

Responsibility: Dean MS

Action from the Last ACM

21. The progress of the programme is to be reviewed for one more semester (Spring 2025) after which it may be dropped.

Progress

22. A total of 40 students have been enrolled for this programme in Spring 2025.

Discussion

23. Pro Rector (RIC) asked what extraordinary efforts we made to enhance the intake. Dean MS intimated that it was a new launch aligned new technologies, along with updated new courses and updated roadmap. DQA further mentioned that the new programmed targeted the market requirement and hoped to take more intake in the next/ Fall 2025 semester.

24. The Secy proposed to drop the point from the ACM agenda, considering the satisfactory progress, which approved by the Chair.

Decision 48(4314)

25. Point dropped.

Item 4325: Launch Proposal of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences (MS-MLS)* at BUCAHS, BUHSCK

Responsibility: Dean HS

Action from the Last ACM

26. Progress related to the assessment of the held FMs by the RAC and pursuing the NOC for the programme from the HEC is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

27. Concerned FMs were cleared for the subject programme by the Relevance Assessment Committee (RAC) and the NOC for launching the MS in MLS programme was received from the HEC. Thereafter, *MS in MLS* has been launched at BUHSCK with an Intake of 7 students.

Discussion

28. DG BUHSCK informed that 4 x student joined out of 7 in this programme during Spring 2025 semester. The DQA proposed to continue the progress monitoring as NOC from the HEC was delayed and intake was expected to increase in Fall 2025 semester. The Chair conceded the proposal.

Decision 48(4325)

29. Intake for the programme is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BUCAHS	DG BUHSCK

Item 4334: Launch of *MS in Applied Linguistics* at BUKC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action from the Last ACM

30.   Progress of the availability of required FMs is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

31.   A PhD FM has joined the BUKC for subject programme in Fall 2024 semester while the 2nd has joined in Spring 2025 semester. NOC is being pursued from the HEC by the QA Dte.

Discussion

32.   DQA informed that the required faculty had been hired, and the NOC was being pursued from the HEC to launch the programme in Fall 2025 semester. The Chair asked to expedite the efforts.

Decision 48(4334)

33.   NOC for the programme from the HEC is to be pursued to launch the programmes in Fall 2025 semester. Progress is to be reviewed in next ACM as recommend.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BH3S-KC, DQA	DQA

Item 4339: Improvement of Evening Programmes Quality at BULC

Responsibility: DQA

Action from the Last ACM

34.   Improvements in the quality of evening programmes at BULC are to be reviewed in the next ACM. The point may then be dropped.

Progress

35.   Analysis of classrooms and labs for launching new UG programmes and Self Review of PG programmes of BULC were conducted on 9-10 Jan 2025. Corresponding Corrective Action Plan has been implemented by the CU and hiring of PhD FMs is in progress.

Discussion

36.   The point was deliberated in the meeting, wherein DQA informed that during the last audit the CU was found to have created sufficient space to continue its programmes. Dir BULC also explained the detail of classrooms and other facilities expanded to cater the additional requirements. The Secy recommended to drop the point from the ACM review, which was approved by the Chair.

Decision 48(4339)

37.   The point is dropped from further review in the ACM.

Item 4405: Commencement of Weekly Online Classes
Responsibility: DQA

Action from the Last ACM

38.   The following was decided for compliance by all concerned:

   a.   Online classes on 1st Wednesday of each month are to be continued for another 3 months (including December 2024).

   b.   Roadmap for the launch of online programmes is to be presented after 2 months (in November 2024).

   c.   The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

39.   Online classes on 1st Wednesday of the month have been conducted with all required arrangements. Complete progress by the CUs will be presented in the ACM.

40.   Roadmap for the launch of online programmes was presented in an exclusive meeting held in December 2024 which culminated in the promulgation of approved plan and establishment of the ODL Management Office (OMO) at BUHO. Further progress in this domain will be presented as a separate agenda item.

Discussion

41.   The point was deliberated in the meeting, DG BUIC confirmed that monthly online classes are not compromising the quality of education and no complain from the students were received. He suggested to take further feedback from the students on the quality of the education being received through online classes. The Chair opined that prior feedback should have been taken from the CUs on the continuity of the online classes once a month. DQA intimated that such feedback had been taken, and the CUs recommended its continuation as it provided an opportunity to the BU FMs to be well prepared according to the new trends and flexibility for the CUs to continue teaching through online mode when regular classes were disrupted due to any unforeseen situation. The Chair sought the opinion of FMs on the quality of online classes in terms of attendance or constrained vis-à-vis face-to-face session. Dean ES responded by acknowledging the benefit of online classes in terms of preparedness to continue teaching when the regular mode cannot be undertaken at the CU at a certain time. Further, each online class was intimated to the students well in advance and the proceedings recorded followed by uploading on the LMS which could be accessed by the students. This whole process had been learnt by the BU in the last 4-5 years. If online classes were discontinued, it would take further time to re-learn it again whenever resumed. He highlighted the non-availability of software to display the writing on a whiteboard by the teacher on the students' display but emphasised that the impact of any such demerit was diminished due to the periodicity of online classes being once a month.

42.   The Chair asked for highlighting further demerits which could be resolved for improved online teaching. Dean MS indicated that online exposure facilitated FMs and students in online interaction as well as learning abroad and supported its continuation. The Chair concluded that the adopted process of online classes once a month was useful and should be continued, which was unanimously supported by the house. The Chair then directed to constitute a committee to identify activities for further improvement of the process. DQA indicated that the HEC UEP 2023 also encouraged the inclusion of online courses in regular programmes, highlighting that online education had high prospects in future learning. He further elaborated that the working in the ODL domain (Open & Distance Learning) under the Dir ODL was enabling the placement of a proper

arrangement for the online classes and that any constraints being faced would be gradually resolved through that process. The Chair reiterated to pursue further improvements in the conduct of online classes once a month through an evaluation by a committee constituted for this purpose, indicating the extent of satisfaction with the available arrangements and suggest improvements that are not cost intensive yet would benefit the prevailing quality and standards. The committee may include the DIT as its member and present its recommendations in 1-2 months. DAcad supported the advice and indicated that the subject agenda item also required to be concluded. He indicated that comprehensive presentations on the conduct of online classes were given by the CUs in the last ACM, supporting the frequency to be kept as once a month and not weekly. He suggested the desired committee to have a rep from each CU to undertake a final survey of the prevailing status in each CU and the improvements required therein. He further proposed to conclude the subject agenda item as per the outcome of the committee's recommendations to the Rector. The Chair consented with the proposed methodology and sought the opinion of the Pro-Rector (RIC) who suggested that a decision on the frequency of online classes (monthly or weekly) should also be linked with the savings incurred in admin domain. The Chair advised to have this aspect also reviewed by the proposed committee. He asked for the presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the said committee in a month's time.

Decision 48(4405)

43.   A committee is to be formed, comprising of the DIT and reps from each CU, to evaluate the quality of teaching through online monthly classes, suggest improvements that are not cost intensive yet would improve the prevailing standard of online teaching, and propose the suitable frequency (monthly or weekly) in terms of the savings in admin expenses vis-à-vis the quality of online teaching and students' satisfaction. The committee is to present its conclusions and recommendations to the Rector one month after its constitution. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Registrar, DIT	Registrar

Item 4407: Launch Proposal for Associate Degree in Business Administration

Responsibility: Dean MS

Action from the Last ACM

44.   The programme is to be monitored for 2 more semesters with extended efforts at BUIC and BULC. In case of continued low intake, it may be frozen in Fall 2025 semester. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

45.   Twelve students were enrolled in Fall 2024 semester and 7 x students in Spring 2025 at BUKC. No students were enrolled at BUIC and BULC.

Discussion

46.   DAcad proposed to freeze the programme at BUIC and BULC while continuing it at BUKC. DQA opined that the AD stream was built within the UG programmes as per the HEC UEP 2023, and that freezing any AD programme was not required. DAcad explained that the launch of each AD programme was being processed as a new launch and accordingly approved by the Academic Council, followed by the admissions cycle commencing with the advertisements for the particular programme(s) and culminating in the admissions test followed by enrolment based on merit lists.

He elaborated that freezing of unsuccessful programmes was a standard practice to avoid the unnecessary admissions cycle in such cases. Dean MS supported the suggestion and intimated that the launch proposal for *AD in BA* was initiated by BULC but has remained unsuccessful. The Chair asked for the reasons of the success of the programme in Karachi and not in Lahore or Islamabad. Dean MS attributed it to the offering of the same programme by some other universities too, whereas in Islamabad and Lahore the offing was still limited.

47. DQA indicated that the AD stream was yet not approved for the BBA programme. Dean ES supported that an exclusive ACM approval was required to offer the AD in any BS programme as per the HEC UEP 2025. The Chair advised to remain focused on the subject recommendation, whether the unsuccessful AD programmes should be frozen at BUIC and BULC or not. DQA proposed to continue such programmes without freezing, which was supported by the Pro-Rector (Acad). The Secy explained that freezing unsuccessful programmes was a standard practice and Associate Degree (AD) programmes were processed as a separate entity similar to the other UG/ PG programmes. However, in case their freezing due to unsuccessful launch was not required, the point may be dropped as no tangible progress could be attained in the subject case. Pro-Rector (RIC) proposed to continue offering the AD programmes to avoid any future market share of potential entrants. DG BUKC also proposed to continue the offering of *AD in BA* programme while dropping the subject item from the ACM agenda. The proposal was conceded by the Chair.

Decision 48(4407)

48. Offering of *AD in Business Administration* programme may be continued at BUIC and BULC, along with BUKC. Point dropped.

Item 4601: Ratification of Launch of *Bachelor of Science in Business and Information Technology* at BULC

Responsibility: Dean MS

Action of the Last ACM

49. Progress of the programme is to be reviewed for 2 more semesters, including Fall 2025.

Progress

50. The programme was successfully launched with 52 x students in the Fall 2024 semester and 20 x students in Spring 2025semester.

Discussion

51. Considering the satisfactory performance, the Secy proposed to drop the item from the ACM agenda which was approved by the Chair.

52. Pro-Rector (RIC) informed of a new concept of launching a hybrid degree of Law, Business & IT – learnt from an U.S. based lawyer in a local conference – to cater the future requirements of digitised domain in the fields of business and law. He suggested the concerned faculties to explore this option further. Dean MS conceded to review this aspect at the faculty level. Dean Law acknowledged that interdisciplinary programmes were being widely recognised. Dean MS indicated the success of an ongoing interdisciplinary programme, *BS in HRM and Organisational Psychology*. DQA highlighted the inclusion of up to 12 x credit hours of interdisciplinary courses in each UG programme, as necessitated by the HEC's Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP) 2023. The Chair directed Dean MS and Dean Law to explore this option further, in consultation with Dean ES for the IT aspect, as a separate action item.

Decision 48(4601)

53.   Dean Law and Dean MS are to jointly explore the option of a hybrid degree in Law, Business and IT – in consultation with Dean ES – and **process it** as per the standard procedure, **as a separate action item**.

54.   The subject item (*Ratification of Launch of Bachelor of Science in Business and Information Technology at BULC*) is dropped from the ACM agenda.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean Law, Dean MS, Dean ES	Dean Law

Item 4607: Launch of New Programme *Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence* at BUIC (H-11)
Responsibility: Dean ES

Action of the Last ACM

55.   The following was decided by the Council:

a.   All new launch proposals are to be timely completed by the sponsoring CUs for timely processing of HEC approvals (for PG programmes) and conduct of the related admissions campaign in sync with the overall timelines for respective semesters.

b.   Clarification from the HEC is to be sought on the need of presenting the RAC report to the ACM or including its assessment approvals in the overall status of related programme proposal.

c.   The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

56.   All CUs have been informed to timely complete the launch proposals for timely processing for the HEC approvals and admissions campaign in sync with the timelines for respective semesters.

57.   Dir Acad HEC has clarified through an email that clause 7.1.2(d) of the GEP 2023 requires approval of the relevant statutory bodies (*The Report shall be effective with the approval of relevant statutory bodies)*, and that only reporting the RAC's decision to the Academic Council would not be enough.

58.   Meanwhile, the programme has been successfully launched at BUIC (H-11) with an intake of 12 x students. The NOC for BULC has been received from the HEC, and the programme is being launched there in the Fall 2025 semester.

Discussion

59.   The Secy proposed to issue the instructions to all the Deans to pursue the approval of RAC Reports in subsequent HERCMs, and that progress for the subject programme launch may be reviewed for BUKC for one more semester (Fall 2025) and for BULC for the first 2 semesters. Dean ES proposed to pursue the RAC Report approval from the respective FBOS. Dean H&SS suggested to pursue the same from the FRC. DQA supported and recommended to keep it within the HERC domain. To allay concerns on perceived processing time for RAC Reports approval, DAcad proposed that urgent decision could be taken on file which may then be ratified in the next HERCM. Pro Rector (RIC) supported the HERC level, highlighting that the RAC decisions were earlier taken by the HEC itself and that keeping them at the Dean level (FNOS/ FRC) would be inappropriate. The Chair conceded the point.

Decision 48(4607)

60. RAC Reports are to be presented in the HERCM for approval of respective recommendations. In urgent cases, the approvals are to be pursued through file, followed by ratification in the next HERCM. Meanwhile, for the subject agenda item, the progress of the programme launch is to be reviewed for BUKC for one more semester (Fall 2025) and for BULC for the first 2 semesters (including Spring 2026 semester).

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Approval of RAC Report in HERCM	All Deans	DORIC/ Secy HERC
Progress review of programme launch	Principal BSEAS (H-11), DBULC	Dean ES

Item 4608: Launch of New Programme *Bachelor of Studies in English* at BULC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

61. The programme is to be monitored for 2 more semesters (Fall 2025 inclusive) with more concerted efforts at BULC. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

62. Plans have been made to host an Open House in June 2025, inviting prospective students and their families to engage with our faculty, explore our facilities, and discover the programme's unique strengths. BULC's dedicated team is embarking on a series of college visits, fostering connections with educators and students to promote the BU programme's value proposition and build strategic partnerships.

63. BULC is also developing a series of concise, informative webinars, showcasing the programme's academic excellence, research opportunities, and career prospects; thereby providing prospective students with a comprehensive understanding of BU offerings. It is planning to hire a dedicated resource for *BS in English* as PFM. Moreover, linguists experts are posting the BU point of view on social media to increase the programme reach.

64. These concerted efforts demonstrate BULC's commitment to boost the *BS in English* programme's visibility, appeal, and academic excellence till Fall 2025. However, as colleges have also started this programme, BU is likely to encounter difficulties in cracking numbers.

Discussion

65. The Secy proposed to monitor the progress in pursuance of the successful launch of the subject programme for one more semester. The Chair sought the opinion of DQA who acknowledged the efforts put in by BULC in the face of the stiff competition from other institutions in Lahore and supported to give another semester to the CU for the successful launch. The Chair approved the recommendation as proposed by the Secy.

Decision 48(4608)

66. Progress of the successful launch of *BS in English* at BULC is to be reviewed for one more semester, i.e. Fall 2025. Outcome is to be discussed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dir BULC	Dean H&SS

Item 4609: Launch of New Programme *PhD in Islamic Studies* at BH3S-IC and BH3S-KC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

67.   The programme progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM, after which the item may be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

68.   The program was successfully launched in Fall 2024 semester. Only 4 x candidates from BUKC and 2 x from BUIC have been admitted to the programme.

Discussion

69.   The Secy proposed to review the progress in the next ACM after which it may be dropped from the ACM. The Chair conceded the proposal.

Decision 48(4609)

70.   The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM, after which it may be dropped from the agenda.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principals BH3S-IC & BH3S-KC	Dean H&SS

Item 4610: Launch of New Programme *Master of Studies in Linguistics (English)* at BH3S-IC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

71.   The programme progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM, after which the item may be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

72.   The program was successfully launched in with 13 x students in Fall 2024 semester, and 14 x students registered in Spring 2025 semester.

Discussion

73.   Considering the satisfactory progress, the Secy proposed to drop the point from the ACM, which was conceded by the Chair.

Decision 48(4610)

74.   Point dropped.

Item 4611: Launch of Independent Programme B*achelor of Science in International Relations* at BH3S-IC

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

75.   The programme progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM, after which the item may be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

76.   The programme was successfully launched with 74 x students registered in Fall 2024 semester and 57 x students in Spring 2025 semester.

Discussion

77.   Considering the satisfactory progress, the Secy proposed to drop the point from the ACM, which was conceded by the Chair**.**

Decision 48(4611)

78.   Point dropped.

Item 4612: *Launch of Independent Programme Bachelor of Science in Development Studies* at BH3S-IC
Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

79.   The programme progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM, after which the item may be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

80.   Twenty-one students were registered in Spring 2025 semester.

Discussion

81.   Considering the satisfactory progress, the Secy proposed to drop the point from the ACM, which was conceded by the Chair**.**

Decision 48(4612)

82.   Point dropped.

Item 4614: Approval of Degree Programmes at IATD/ BSAAD, Karachi
Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

83.   Academic Details of the launch proposal for *BS in Visual Communication Design* (VCD) are approved by the Council as given at **Appendage 47(4614)** for pursuing the required faculty at IATD. The Institute is to process the complete launch proposal including the Financial Details as per standard format given in BU Academic Rules, with revised roadmap comprising 144 x CH or less in compliance of the HEC UEP 2023, through DBOS of BH3S-KC and FBOS-H&SS. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

84.   Updated roadmap as per the HEC UGE Policy 2023 has been finalised by FBOS-HSS along with the launch proposal including the financial details. However, as intimated by the IATD, the proposal to start BU accredited degree programme is under review at NHQ and the IATD directed to explore alternate avenues for the utilisation of its infrastructure, keeping in view the prime aim of welfare of naval wards, in alignment with market needs and job opportunities. Accordingly, fresh feasibility study report has been forwarded by IATD to NHQ and a decision on the same will be shared with BUKC/ Dean H&SS upon receipt.

Discussion

85.   Dir IATD updated on the awaited outcome of the review of the IATD role w.r.t the launch of degree programme. The Chair advised to review the progress in the next ACM.

Decision 48(4614)

86.   Progress of the launch of degree programme by the IATD is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dir/ Principal IATD	Dean H&SS

Item 4616: Approval of the Psychological Services Centre Policy
Responsibility: Dean PP

Action of the Last ACM

87.   The following was approved by the Academic Council:

   a. Adoption of the *BU Policy for Psychological Services Centres* as given at **Appendage 47(4616)** by all the BU CUs from Fall 2024 semester onwards through Registrar Notification.

   b. Amendment in BU Statutes 2022 Annex A for inclusion of the approved Policy in the *List of BU Statutory Documents*.

   c. Removal of Chapter 11 (*Psychological Services*) in BU HR Policy Manual 2023.

   d. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

88.   BU Policy for Psychological Services Centre has been promulgated vide Registrar Notification in December 2024. For related amendment in BU Statutes 2022, the agenda item is to be included in the next ECM/ BOGM by the Dean PP for approval/ ratification.

Recommendation

89.   Progress may be reviewed in the next ACM.

Discussion

90.   The Secy proposed to review the progress of the approval/ ratification of inclusion of the approved Policy in the *List of BU Statutory Documents* in BU Statutes 2022 by the EC/ BOG, which was consented by the Chair.

Decision 48(4616)

91.   Progress is to be reviewed for the approval/ ratification of inclusion of the approved Policy in the *List of BU Statutory Documents* in BU Statutes 2022 by the EC/ BOG.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of Decision	Dean PP, Registrar	Dean PP

Item 4617: Launch Proposal for *Master of Science in Clinical Psychology* at BSPP (H-11)

Responsibility: Dean PP

Action of the Last ACM

92.   Timely procurement of **Not Held** tests is to be ensured by the CU. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

93.   The following 10 psychological scales has been purchased by the Campus:
   a. Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)
   b. House Tree Person (HTP)
   c. Back Inventories
   d. Thematic Apperception Test (TAT)
   e. Children Apperception Test (CAT)
   f. CONNERS
   g. Rotter Incomplete Sentence Blank (RISB)
   h. CARS (Children's Autism Rating Scale)
   i. Rorschach Ink Blot Test
   j. Bender Gestalt (BG)

Discussion

94.   Dean PP confirmed that all deficiencies related to the required test kits had been fulfilled and that the point may be dropped from further review.

Decision 48(4617)

95.   Point dropped.

Item 4618: Launch Proposal for *Master of Philosophy in Professional Psychology* at BSPP (E-8)

Responsibility: Dean PP

Action of the Last ACM

96.   The following was decided by the Council:
   a. Deviation from the course outline of *Measurement and Assessment* (PPY 703) is to be resolved by the CU for the teaching of MBTI test or its suitable replacement with necessary updating at DBOS/ FBOS level.
   b. Timely procurement of **Not Held** tests is to be ensured by the CU.
   c. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

97.   MMPI-II was erroneously mentioned as the test being taught in MPhil in PP (Organizational Group). As verified at the CU level, the test MBTI is being taught in the course Measurement and Assessment (PPY-703) as per the approved roadmap. This course was offered for the first time at BSPP in the Fall 2024 semester, for MPhil students of the Organizational group. While the contents of the test were adequately covered through books and online resources, its demonstration and application (administration & interpretation) were taught through online resources under the supervision of the course instructor. Moreover, a faculty (POP, Dr. Ayesha Kashif) is a licensed person from the US to administer and develop profile while using MBTI, who will arrange a workshop to train the students and faculty at BSPP in Spring 2025 semester.

98.   Meanwhile, the required test (MBTI) has been added in the testing resource (Psychology Lab) in soft and hard copy.

Discussion

99.   Dean PP confirmed that all deficiencies related to the required test kits had been fulfilled and that the point may be dropped from further review.

Decision 48(4618)

100.   Point dropped.

Item 4622: Teaching and Supervision of MPhil Students by Non-PhD Regular Faculty Members

Responsibility: Dean HS

Action of the Last ACM

101.   The hiring process of required FMs is to be expedited. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

102.   The engagement of non-PhD FM for teaching and supervision in MPhil programmes until the appointment of the required PhD FM has been approved by the Academic Council. Subsequent to that, 1 x PhD FM (Histopathology) has been appointed in the concerned Dept, while head hunting for 3 x PhD FMs is in progress.

Discussion

103.   The Secy proposed to review the progress in the next ACM, which was conceded by the Chair.

Decision 48(4622)

104.   Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BUHS-PGI, DHR	DHS

Item 4627: Approval of Courses at Bahria University & Hashoo School of Hospitality Management (BU- HSHM)

Responsibility: DLPDC

Action of the Last ACM

105.   The launch proposal for *AD in Tourism & Hospitality Management* at BU-HSHM is to be processed by the Faculty of MS in compliance of the HEC requirements and as per the standard format given in BUAR. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

106.   The proposal for *BS in Tourism & Hospitality Management* is being presented as a separate agenda item by Dean MS.

Discussion

107.   The Secy proposed to drop this point from the ACM agenda as a separate item was being presented for the launch of a degree programme at BU-HSHM. The Chaor consented the proposal.

Decision 48(4627)

108.   Point dropped.

Item 4632: Approval of BU Academic Rules 2024
Responsibility: DAcad

Action of the Last ACM

109.   BU Academic Rules 2024 are recommended by the Academic Council for approval by the EC as presented, with major changes as mentioned in **Appendage 47(4632)**. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

110.   Amended BU Academic Rules 2016 have been approved in the 21st ECM as BU Academic Rules 2024 and promulgated vide BUHO letter BU-HO/Reg/2024/L/1042 dated 22 Nov 24. The soft copy is uploaded on OAS while the hard copy is to be printed and circulated to all the CUs and BUHO Dtes.

Discussion

111.   DAcad proposed that hard copies of BU Academic Rules 2024 may be printed as per the standard circulation list comprising key appointments in all the CUs and BUHO Dtes, after which the point may then be dropped from the ACM agenda. The Chair consented the proposal.

Decision 48(4632)

112.   Hard copies of BU Academic Rules 2024 are to be printed as per the standard circulation list comprising key appointments in all the CUs and BUHO Dtes, after which the point would be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DAcad, Registrar	DAcad

Item 4701: Revision of BEE Programmes Curriculum
Responsibility: Dean ES

Action of the Last ACM

113.   The revised roadmaps of BEE programmes aligned with the PEC curriculum are ratified by the Academic Council as given at **Appendage 4701-B**, for adoption from the intake of Fall 2023 semester. CU prospectus, BU website and ERD are to be updated accordingly. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

114.   Revised BEE programmes curricula are being followed by the concerned Dept. ERD and CCHB have been updated accordingly. Revised roadmaps have been updated on BU website and in BU Prospectus.

Decision 48(4701)

115.   Point dropped.

Item 4702: Curriculum Revision of PG Programmes of Engineering Sciences

Responsibility: Dean ES

Action of the Last ACM

116.   The revised roadmaps of the faculty of ES PG programmes aligned with the updated PEC curriculum were ratified by the Academic Council as given at **Appendage 4702** for implementation from Fall 2024 semester. CU prospectus, BU website and ERD are to be updated accordingly. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

117.   Revised ES PG programmes curricula are being followed by the concerned Dept. ERD and CCHB have been updated accordingly. Revised roadmaps have been updated on BU website and in BU Prospectus.

Decision 48(4702)

118.   Point dropped.

Item 4704: Review of Admission Policy for Lateral Entry of *AD (CS)* Graduates into UG Computing Programmes

Responsibility: Dean ES

Action of the Last ACM

119.   The proposed admission policy for the lateral entry of *AD (CS)* graduates into UG Computing programmes is approved by the Academic Council for adoption from the Spring 2025 semester, with a minimum CGPA 2.5 in *AD (CS)* and admission test (separately designed) for lateral entry into the UG Computing programmes in all the Campuses for BU and non-BU *AD (CS)* graduates. After qualifying the admission criteria and the entry test, admission will be given to the candidates subject to the availability of seats in the 5th semester on a merit basis. After admission, individual cases should be evaluated for transfer of credits as per the existing policy of BU. BU prospectus and website are to be amended accordingly. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

120.   Approved admission policy for lateral entry of *AD in Computer Science* graduates into UG Computing programmes has been incorporated in BU Prospectus and being followed accordingly.

Discussion

121.   Dean ES indicated that admissions into the *BS in Computer Science* programme from the *AD (CS)* cadre would be held for the first time. As already approved, each CU will intimate the no. of seats available in the respective *BS in CS* programme for offering to the *AD in CS* graduates. He then presented the following options for the Entry Test criteria for said candidates:

    a. **CBT Option-1**

        i.   Maths – 45%

       ii.   English – 30%

      iii.   Analytical – 15%

      iv.   Physics – 10%

b. **CBT Option-2**

    i. Maths – 30%

    ii. English – 30%

    iii. Computing – 30%

    iv. Analytical – 10%

c. **Final Merit Criteria.** 50% AD marks + 50% BU CBT marks

122.   While Dean ES recommended Option-1, the DQA recommended Option-2 based on completed 4 x semesters into the *Computer Science* domain as part of already qualified *AD* curriculum. He further highlighted that the test formulated for 12-years education (HSSC/ equivalent qualified) could not be adopted for the candidates with 14-years education (AD graduates). Option-2 was also supported by the Pro-Rector (RIC) and DAcad. After further discussion, Option-2 was approved by the Chair along with the proposed Final Merit Criteria for adoption from Fall 2025 semester.

123.   DA sought clarity on the intake target for these admissions, and was informed that the target would be as per the no. of seats available in each CU. He further sought clarity on the policy for issuing the merit list with BS candidates or separately, allocation of quota seats, and merit-based scholarships for such admissions. The Chair advised to get these queries resolved separately.

124.   Pro-Rector (Acad) further highlighted that timely availability of the questions for the exclusive CBT (as per Option-2) should also be ensured by the concerned faculty/ department, which was concurred by the Chair.

Decision 48(4704)

125.   The following criteria is approved by the Academic Council for admissions of AD-qualified candidates in the BS programme from Fall 2025 semester onward, as per the no. of seats available in each CU:

a. **CBT Composition**

    i. Maths – 30%

    ii. English – 30%

    iii. Computing – 30%

    iv. Analytical – 10%

b. **Final Merit Criteria.** 50% AD marks + 50% BU CBT marks

126.   Dean ES is to resolve the queries of the Admissions Dte related to the subject admissions, while ensuring the timely availability of questions for the exclusive/ subject-based CBTs on regular basis. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4706: Approval of Revised BSN Roadmap for Implementation from Spring 2025

Responsibility: Dean HS

Action of the Last ACM

127.   The revised roadmap of BSN is approved by the Academic Council as placed at **Appendage 4706** with course codes mentioned for all the courses and inclusion of the course *Pakistan Studies*, for adoption from the Spring 2025 semester intake. BU prospectus, website, CMS and ERD are to be updated accordingly. Progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

128.   Revised roadmap for BSN has been updated on BU CMS and website and incorporated in BU prospectus, as placed at **Appendage 4706**. ERD and CCHB have also been updated accordingly.

Decision 48(4706)

129.   Point dropped.

Item 4707: Approval of 2 New Elective Courses in *PhD in Health Sciences* Programme

Responsibility: Dean HS

Action of the Last ACM

130.   Two new elective courses presented by BUHSCK are approved by the Academic Council for inclusion in the list of Electives for *PhD in Health Sciences* programme at given **Appendage 4707**. BU prospectus, website, CMS and ERD are to be updated accordingly. The point may then be dropped from the ACM.

Progress

131.   Revised roadmap has been updated on BU website and incorporated in BU Prospectus. ERD and CCHB have been updated accordingly.

Decision 47(4707)

132.   Point dropped.

Item 4711: Amendments in BU Affiliation Policy 2024

Responsibility: CE

Action of the Last ACM

133.   Amendments in *BU Affiliation Policy* as presented by the CE are approved by the Academic Council as given at **Appendage 4711** for incorporation through Registrar office (Regulations Cell). The item is then dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

134.   The required amendments in BU Affiliation Policy 2024 have been issued through Registrar Notification No. 03/ 2025.

Decision 48(4711)

135.   Point dropped.

Item 4712: Amendments in BU HR Policy Manual due to Revised CLR Policy for PFMs

Responsibility: HR

Action of the Last ACM

136.   Amendments in BU HR Policy Manual 2023 are approved by the Academic Council as placed at **Appendage 4712** for incorporation through the Registrar's office (Regulations Cell). The point is then dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

137.   The required amendments in BU HR Policy Manual 2023 have been issued through Registrar Notification No. 20/ 2025.

Decision 48(4712)

138.   Point dropped.

Item 4713: Amendments in BU Statutes Service Structure

Responsibility: DHR

Action of the Last ACM

139.   The following was decided:

   a. Amendment in BU Statutes 2022 clause 8.3.6 for increased initial appointment period of retired Naval personnel from one year to two years, already approved by the Chairman BOG, is recommended by the Academic Council for approval by the Executive Committee followed by ratification by the BOG.

   b. Amendment in BU Statutes pertaining to the revision of fuel authorisation is to be processed separately by the HR Directorate.

140.   The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

141.   Amendment in BU Statutes 2022 for increased initial appointment period of retired Naval personnel from 1 to 2 years has been promulgated through Reg Notification 18/2025. Amendment in BU Statutes pertaining to the revision of fuel authorisation is being processed separately by the HR Dte.

Decision 48(4713)

142.   Point dropped.

Item 4714: Amendments in BU Statutes due to Re-organization of BBS-IC

Responsibility: Principal BBS-IC

Action of the Last ACM

143.   Revised organogram of BBS-IC as placed at **Appendage 4714-A** is ratified by the Academic Council for amendment in BU Statutes 2022 Annex E, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. However, the duties of HODs and Programme Managers as proposed in **Appendage 4714-B** are to be processed separately for approval by BUHO. The progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Progress

144.   Agenda item is yet to be included in the ECM/ BOGM by the BUIC for approval/ ratification.

Discussion

145.   Dean MS proposed to review the duties/ responsibilities of HODs and Programme Managers approved earlier to avoid duplications being experienced in practice. The Chair consented to comply the same on pririty.

Decision 48(4714)

146.   Duties/ responsibilities of HODs and Programme Managers approved earlier are to be reviewed by Dean MS to avoid duplications and process the fresh approval through respective CU. Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, Principal BBS-IC	Dean MS

Item 4715: Amendments in BU Statutes 2022 due to Review of Students' Advisory and Counselling Infrastructure

Responsibility: DAcad

Action of the Last ACM

147.   Amendment in BU Statutes 2022 clause 7.5 and addition of clause 7.6 as mentioned in **Appendage 4715** is recommended by the Academic Council for approval by the EC followed by ratification by the BOG. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

148.   Amendment has been approved in the 52nd BOGM held on 12 Nov 24 and subsequently promulgated through Registrar Notification 09/2025.

Decision 48(4715)

149.   Point dropped.

Item 4719: Standardizing Teaching Activities Policy for BU Officers

Responsibility: DIO

Action of the Last ACM

150.   The proposed Policy to standardise teaching activities by BUOs is to be reviewed as per the observations raised during the ACM and processed through a separate/ exclusive session for re-consideration by the Academic Council. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

151.   A follow-up meeting with the Rector was held after the last ACM by the DIO and DHR. It was discussed that instead of a separate policy, the ACM requirement shall be catered in the existing policies of BU. The case file with proposed revisions in existing policies to cater for important aspects of teaching policy for BUOs is currently under deliberation with the HR Dte.

Decision 48(4719)

152.   As the process has been completed and suitable decision taken on case file (*proposed revisions in existing policies to cater for important aspects of teaching policy for BUOs*), the point is dropped.

Item 4720: Ratification of 1% Additional Quota for Balochistan at BU CUs
Responsibility: DA

Action of the Last ACM

153.   One percent (1%) additional quota approved for the BU students with domicile of Balochistan, approved on a case file, is ratified by the Academic Council through amendment in clause 2.21 of BU Admissions Policy. The point is then to be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

154.   The said quota has been incorporated in BU Admission Policy.

Decision 48(4720)

155.   Point dropped.

Item 4721: Approval for Conduct of *MS in Media Studies* Classes on Weekends
Responsibility: DQA

Action of the Last ACM

156.   Shifting of classes of any Evening programme to Weekend schedule or vice versa is approved by the Academic Council subject to administrative suitability of the concerned CU, applicability of the new schedule to the whole class and explicit approval in this regard by the respective HCU. All such changes are to be intimated to the CE and DQA. The item is then dropped from the ACM agenda.

Progress

157.   MS and PhD classes for the Media Studies Dept will be continued in the evenings. Weekend classes can be conducted when required through due process.

Decision 48(4721)

158.   Point dropped.

Item 4722: Amendments in MBA Thesis Rules
Responsibility: Dean MS

Action of the Last ACM

159.   Proposed amendments in BU MBA Thesis/ Project Rules 2016 are recommended by the Academic Council for approval by the Executive Committee as revised MBA Thesis/ Project Rules 2024, with the addition of rules pertaining to splitting of Thesis related courses approved in the last ACM and replacement of remuneration amounts with 'as per approved rate', for adoption from Fall 2024 semester. The updated version is to be promulgated through the Registrar office

and placed on BU website after approval by the Executive Committee. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

160. Addition of rules pertaining to splitting Thesis related courses has been incorporated in the proposal, with remuneration amounts as per the amended PGP Rules. The updated proposed amendments have been processed through a case file for approval and promulgation. The proposal will be taken up for approval in the next ECM.

Decision 48(4722)

161. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, Registrar	Dean MS

Item 4723: Amendment of Academic Roadmaps of BBA and AD(BA) Programmes for Inclusion of *Pakistan Studies* Course

Responsibility: Dean MS

Action of the Last ACM

162. Approval is accorded by the Academic Council to amend the roadmaps of BBA and AD(BA) programmes by replacing the course *Pakistan and Geo-politics Studies* (HSS-403) with *Pakistan Studies* (PK 101) from Fall 2023 semester. BU prospectus, website and ERD may be updated accordingly. As a separate activity, all UG programmes are to be reviewed for compliance of the HEC instructions vide its letter at **Appendage 4723** for inclusion of *Pakistan Studies* and *Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan* courses in the academic roadmaps. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

163. Related amendments in CMS have been adopted for BBA and AD(BA) programmes from Fall 2023 intake. The courses *Pakistan Studies* and *Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan* will be presented for approval in the ACM.

164. Both courses have also been incorporated into the Faculty of H&SS UG roadmaps and recommended by the respective FBOS. These will be presented for approval in the ACM.

165. BU Law School has reviewed its LLB programme roadmap to include *Pakistan Studies* and *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* as compulsory courses. The course *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 102) with 3 credit hours is being offered in the 1st semester. LLB roadmap also includes other courses, such as the *Legal System of Pakistan* (LLB 124), *Constitutional Law of Pakistan* (LLB 316), and *Constitutional Development in Pakistan* (LLB 417). BULS contemplates that the above stated 3 x courses offer more than enough to be considered for the *Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan*.

Decision 48(4723)

166. Dean Law is to resolve the inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* in the LLB roadmap – through Registrar/ DQA – within 4 weeks after the ACM to incorporate related compliance for the Fall 2025 semester. The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean Law, Registrar, DQA	Dean Law

Item 4724: Launch of New Programme MS (Supply Chain Management) at PNSL

Responsibility: Dean MS

Action of the Last ACM

167.   The academic details of the launch proposal of *MS in Supply Chain Management* programme at PNSL are approved by the Academic Council subject to the NOC from the HEC. The complete launch proposal including the Financial Details is to be processed on the case file for scrutiny by the QA and Exams Dtes. The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

168.   Course outlines have been developed. After the completion of the required 2 x PhD qualified FMs, the case will be processed for acquiring an NOC from HEC. Currently, 1 x PhD qualified FM is still deficient in submitting a case for NOC approval to HEC.

Decision 48(4724)

169.   The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	PNSL, DQA	Dean MS

Item 4726: Amendment in BUAR to Allow Conduct of *Ethics* Course for Non-Muslims Regardless of Class Size

Responsibility: Dean H&SS

Action of the Last ACM

170.   BU Academic Rules are reviewed to allow the conduct of *Ethics* course for non-Muslim students at any CU during any semester/ Summer session, regardless of the class size, through following additions in clause 3.24.1 (highlighted in yellow) in the 2024 version to be approved by the Executive Committee:

3.24.1 The class size/ strength for UG & PG is as under:

a. Undergraduates – 20 to 50 students

b. Postgraduate – 10 to 35 students

c. PhD – as per availability of supervisory slots

d. The class size/ strength mentioned above is not applicable to elective courses defined in the road maps of respective programmes, or to the compulsory course Ethics to be taken as an alternative to the course Islamic Studies by non-Muslim students.

e. Any shortfall to the above-stated shall be referred to the Rector, with full justification, for approval. There shall be no additional fee for any shortfall; the practice is to be followed unless approved otherwise.

171.   The progress will be reviewed in the next ACM.

Progress

172.   The agenda item is being included in the next ECM for approval of subject amendment.

Decision 48(4726)

173.   The progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DAcad, Registrar	DAcad

Item 4727: Fixing of Duration of BUHO Director Duties by FMs

Responsibility: HR

Action of the Last ACM

174. HR Dte is to undertake a necessary review of the policy/ rules related to the duration of BUHO Director duties by the FMs as a separate activity, while not being ACM action items.

Progress

175. Policy/ rules related to FMs on admin duty as BUHO Director have been issued by the HR Dte in Feb 25.

Decision 48(4727)

176. Point dropped.

NEW ITEMS

Item 4801: Inclusion of the Course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* in UG Degree Programmes

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

177. As per the HEC directive issued in September 2024, all HEIs are required to include the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (2 x CH) in their UG degree programmes. FBOS-ES has accordingly recommended the changes in the roadmaps of the following UG degree programmes of the Faculty of ES for the inclusion of the said course as per the course outline mentioned in **Appendage 4801**:

  a. Bachelor of Electrical Engineering
  b. Bachelor of Software Engineering
  c. Bachelor of Computer Engineering
  d. BS in Computer Science
  e. BS in Information Technology
  f. BS in Artificial Intelligence
  g. BS in Robotics and Intelligent System
  h. BS in Earth & Environmental Sciences

Discussion

178. Dean ES presented the updated roadmaps with inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan*. Discussion was also held on the inclusion of the courses *Understanding Holy Quran-I & II* but agreed that the HEC would be approached for further clarity on these courses.

Decision 4801

179. Inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) in the UG programmes of the Faculty of ES along with the course *Pakistan Studies* is approved by the Council

as per the HEC directive for adoption of the revised roadmaps and related course contents from the Fall 2025 semester, as given in **Appendage 4801**. BU prospectus, roadmap on BU website and Course Codes Handbook are to be updated accordingly.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4802: Benchmarking of UG Degree Programmes Curricula of Faculty of ES with Top International Universities

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

180.   The Faculty of ES has carried out the benchmarking of roadmaps and course contents of the UG programmes being offered with top international universities to ensure global competitiveness, maintain academic excellence, and align curricula with international standards. In the process, a few new elective courses have been recommended by FBOS-ES for addition in relevant degree programmes.

Discussion

181.   Dean ES present the proposal as given at **Appendage 4802**, including the process to shortlist and select suitable new courses, and formulate their outline, contents, PLOs, CLOs etc. After brief discussion, the Council approved the new courses and their outlines for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester.

Decision 4802

182.   New courses and their outlines are approved by the Council as given at **Appendage 4802** for inclusion in the UG programmes of the Faculty of ES and adoption of the amended roadmaps from the Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, roadmap on BU website and Course Codes Handbook are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4803: Launch of New Programme *PhD in Artificial Intelligence* at BSEAS-IC (H-11)

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

183.   Dept of CS, BSEAS-IC (H-11) has proposed the launching a new PhD programme in *Artificial Intelligence* from Fall 2025 semester, subject to issuance of the NOC from the HEC. HOD CS will present the launch proposal for consideration by the Academic Council, as placed at **Appendage 4803**.

Discussion

184.   Dean ES presented the proposal, highlighting the higher prospects/ trends in *PhD in AI* than in *CS* or *DS*. Pro-Rector (RIC) asked for reason to launch the proposed programme at BUIC (H-11) instead of BUIC (E-8) where the AI Centre of Excellence (CoE) is also held. Dean ES explained that the BS and MS degree programmes in AI were already being conducted at BUIC (E-8). DQA

proposed to launch the new PhD programme at both the E-8 and H-11 campuses, while DG BUKC proposed the programme for all the CUs (including BULC). DQA supported the proposal, but the HOD (CS), BULC proposed excluding the BULC as the Dept had recently launched the PhD programme in Computer Science and was not geared up for another PhD programme. The Chair conceded the recommendation.

Decision 4803

185. Launch proposal for *PhD in Artificial Intelligence* at BUIC (E-8) & (H-11) and BUKC is approved by the Council as placed at **Appendage 4803** for pursuing the NOC from the HEC. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, DQA, Principal BSEAQS-H-11	DQA

Item 4804: Admission of Pre-Medical Students in BU Engineering Programmes

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

186. Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has permitted HSSC or equivalent pre-medical students to take admission in UG degree Engineering programmes after the successful completion of an 8-week Mathematics deficiency course, subject to such admissions not exceeding 40% of the allowed intake in any programme by the PEC. The Faculty of ES has accordingly formulated the course *Basic Mathematics for Engineering* for the pre-medical student admissions in BEE/ BSE/ BCE programmes; the course outline placed at **Appendage 4804**. Dean ES will present the proposed course for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

187. Dean ES presented the outline of new course and amended roadmaps for BEE, BSE, BCE programmes, along with the following methodology for offering the deficiency courses:

   a. Pre-medical students will have to take a mandatory 8-week Mathematics foundation course to qualify for the BEE/ BSE/ BCE admission test.

   b. The said course (*Basic Mathematics for Engineering*) will be of 3 x credit hours, with minimum 50% passing marks and the credit fee equivalent to the Engineering programmes.

   c. After successful completion of the foundation course (minimum 50% passing marks), the students will receive a course completion certificate to qualify for the BU admission test.

   d. Under all circumstances, the no. of pre-medical students will not exceed 40% of the allowed intake in BEE/ BSE/ BCE programme by the PEC.

188. After detailed discussion, the outline of the new course *Basic Mathematics for Engineering* was approved by the Council for BEE, BSE, BCE programmes. The methodology for offering the deficiency courses was asked to be finalized through a separate presentation.

Decision 4804

189. Outline of the new course *Basic Mathematics for Engineering* is approved by the Council as placed at **Appendage 4804** for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester. The methodology for

offering the deficiency course is to be finalized through a separate presentation by Dean ES. BU prospectus, roadmap on BU website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4805: Revision of the Policy for Registration and Completion of Deficiency Courses in MS Programmes of the Faculty of ES

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

190.   MS degree programmes in the Faculty of ES allow intradisciplinary admissions. However, students admitted from allied disciplines are required to complete up to three deficiency courses. As per the 32nd ACM Decision 3224, students can register for these courses either:

   a. Prior to enrolling in regular degree courses (Method 1) **OR**

   b. Simultaneously with regular courses (Method 2)

191.   While students opting for Method 1 are eligible for honours and awards, those following Method 2 are ineligible due to deviations from the prescribed degree roadmap. This ineligibility is seen as unfair as the deviation is necessitated by the completion of deficiency courses and is **not** intentional. Therefore, the policy has been deliberated at length for fairness and to consider students using Method 2 to compete for honours and awards. Accordingly, FBOS-ES has proposed to review the said policy by amending Decision 3224 of 32nd ACM as follows:

> A student following Method 2 shall remain eligible for honours and awards, provided they complete the degree programme within the regular duration while maintaining the minimum course load as per the degree roadmap. Any deviations from the roadmap caused by the completion of deficiency courses shall not render the student ineligible for honours and awards.

Discussion

192.   Dean ES presented the proposed changes in the current policy for registration and completion of deficiency courses in MS programmes of the Faculty of ES, for inclusion of the above stated clause to attain eligibility of the students opting for Method 2 for BU Honours and Awards. After detailed discussion, the Council approved the proposal for adoption with immediate effect, including the students of ongoing MS programmes of the Faculty of ES as well as the graduates of the subject programme whose convocation is yet to be held.

Decision 4805

193.   Amendment in Decision 3224 of the 32nd ACM through inclusion of the following clause for the BU Honours & Awards criteria for the graduates of the MS programmes of the Faculty of ES is approved by the Council for adoption with immediate effect, including the students of ongoing MS programmes of the Faculty of ES as well as the graduates of the subject programme whose convocation is yet to be held:

> A student following Method 2 shall remain eligible for honours and awards, provided they complete the degree programme within the regular duration while maintaining the minimum course load as per the degree roadmap. Any deviations from the roadmap

caused by the completion of deficiency courses shall not render the student ineligible for honours and awards.

194. Related amendment/ addition in BUAR 2024 (Chapter 9) is to be incorporated accordingly. Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, Registrar, CE, DAcad	Dean ES

Item 4806: Ratification of Revision of POs and PLOs of the BBA and MBA Programmes

Sponsor: Dean MS   Referral Authority: FBOS-MS

Summary of the Case

195. Programme Outcomes (POs) and Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs) of an academic programme are fundamental components that define the competencies, knowledge, and dispositions students are expected to acquire upon successful completion of a programme. POs and PLOs of BBA and MBA programmes have been reviewed by FBOS-MS for conformance with the NBEAC requirements. Processed through case file, the POs and PLOs have been finalised and approved by the Rector in capacity of the Chairman Academic Council, as placed at **Appendage 4806**. Dean MS will present the same for ratification by the Academic Council.

Discussion

196. Dean MS presented the POs and PLOs of the BBA and MBA programme, which were approved with a minor amendment in PO1 for adoption of present tense as of other POs.

Decision 4806

197. POs and PLOs of the BBA and MBA programme are approved by the Council as given at **Appendage 4806**, including the minor amendment in PO1 for adoption of present tense. BU prospects and website are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, DA, DIT	Dean MS

Item 4807: Amendment of Academic Roadmaps of UG Programmes of the Faculty of MS for Inclusion of the Course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan*

Sponsor: Dean MS   Referral Authority: FBOS-MS

Summary of the Case

198. As per the HEC requirement promulgated in September 2024, all HEIs are required to offer the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (2 x CH) as a separate course in all UG programmes. Accordingly, FBOS-MS has recommended to amend the roadmaps of the following programmes for inclusion of the said course:

    a. AD in Business Administration
    b. BBA
    c. BS in Accounting and Finance
    d. BS in Supply Chain Management
    e. BS in Business Analytics
    f. BS in Economics and Finance

g. BS in Economics

h. BS in Business in Information Technology

i. BS in Maritime & Business Management

Discussion

199. Dean MS presented the revised roadmaps of the above listed programmes with the inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (2 x CH) for approval by the Academic Council. DAcad highlighted that the new course would have the same outline as the one prepared by the Faculty of H&SS, which was confirmed by Dean MS and Dean H&SS.

Decision 4807

200. New roadmaps of the UG programmes of the Faculty of MS as listed in para 155. a. to i. above – with the inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (2 x CH) – are approved by the Council as given in **Appendage 4807** for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean MS

Item 4808: Curriculum Review of UG and PG Programmes of the Faculty of Management Sciences

Sponsor: Dean MS   Referral Authority: FBOS-MS

Summary of the Case

201. Curriculum review is an ongoing process aimed at enhancing academic programmes by incorporating new courses into UG and PG degree programmes. The following degree programmes of the Faculty of MS have been reviewed by the FBOS as placed at **Appendage 4808**:

a. AD in Business Analytics

b. BBA

c. BS in Accounting and Finance

d. BS in Supply Chain Management

e. BS in Business Analytics

f. BS in Economics and Finance

g. BS in Economics

h. BS in Business in Information Technology

i. BS in Maritime & Business Management

j. MBA

k. MS in Project Management

l. MS in Human Resource Management and Organizational Psychology

m. MS in Supply Chain Management

n. MS in Business Analytics

o. MS in Finance

p. MS in Marketing and Sales

q. MS/MPhil in Management Science

  r. MS in Maritime Ports & Shipping Management

  s. MS in Maritime Trade and Logistics

  t. PhD in Economics

  u. PhD in Management Sciences.

Discussion

202. Dean MS presented the amended curricula of the above listed programmes recommended by FBOS-MS for approval by the Academic Council, indicating that only those courses were being presented which had a curriculum review exceeding 20%. After detailed discussion continued on the 2nd day of the ACM, the Council approved the proposed changes for adoption from the next semester, including the MBA (2 yrs) programme.

Decision 4808

203. Revised curricula of the UG/ PG programmes of the Faculty of MS as listed in para 158. a. to u. above are approved by the Council as given in **Appendage 4808** for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester, including the MBA (2 yrs) programme. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, Dir BULC, Principals BBS-IC & KC	Dean MS

Item 4809: Launch Proposal for *BS in Hospitality & Tourism Management* Programme

Sponsor: Dean MS   Referral Authority: FBOS-MS

Summary of the Case

204. BU has successfully launched a Diploma course in *Hospitality and Tourism Management* at BFS in collaboration with HSHM. Dept of H&TM has now proposed to launch a 4-years degree programme in *Hospitality and Tourism Management* at BU-HSHM from Fall 2025 semester. The HOD will present the launch proposal as given at Appendage 4809 for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

205. Dean MS presented the proposal for launching the 4-years degree programme *BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management* at BU-HSHM from the Fall 2025 semester as given in **Appendage 4809** , along with the approval to launch the CTH Level-6 & 7 Diploma courses and exemption of courses for the proposed BS programme to the CTH level- 4 to 7 Diploma holders. DAcad proposed to separate the programme launch proposal from the Diploma courses and exemption of courses. The discussion was continued on the 2nd day of the ACM and the following was approved by the Council for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester:

  a. Launching of 4-years degree programme *BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management* at BU-HSHM.

  b. Launching of CTH Level-6 & 7 Diploma courses at BU-HSHM.

  c. Exemption of courses for the *BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management* students that have been completed during the CTH Diploma courses with the grades complying the BU policy for transfer of credits.

Decision 4809

206. The following is approved for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester:

a. Launching of 4-years degree programme *BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management* at BU-HSHM with the roadmap and curriculum as given in **Appendage 4809A**.

b. Launching of CTH Level-6 & 7 Diploma courses at BU-HSHM with the curriculum as given in **Appendage 4809B**.

c. Exemption of courses for the *BS in Hospitality and Tourism Management* students that have been completed during the CTH Diploma courses, while complying the BU policy for transfer of credits.

207.   Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, DLPDC, Registrar	Dean MS

Item 4810: Launch of New Programme *PhD in Project Management*

Sponsor: Dean MS   Referral Authority: FBOS-MS

Summary of the Case

208.   *PhD in Project Management* is offered by numerous prestigious HEIs globally, while only few selected universities are offering it at the national level. FBOS-MS has proposed to launch the programme at BBS. Dean MS will present the proposal as given in **Appendage 4810**.

Discussion

209.   HOD (PM & SCM) BUIC (E-8) presented the proposal for programme launch from the Spring 2026 semester. After detailed discussion, the proposal was approved by the Council to pursue the NOC from the HEC.

Decision 4810

210.   The proposal for launching the *PhD in Project Management* at BUIC, BUKC and BULC as given in **Appendage 4810** is approved by the Council to pursue the NOC from the HEC. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean MS, DQA	Dean MS

Item 4811: Introducing Language Courses in H&SS UG Programmes

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

211.   After the successful launch of various language certification courses at BUIC, it has been felt that students want to learn an additional language besides English. However, due to different reasons they are unable to get admission in language certification course. To cater their demands, FBOS-H&SS has proposed to add the following Level A-2 language courses of 2 x CH each in the **Arts and Humanities** section of the **General Education** category of UG programmes roadmaps of the Faculty of H&SS as Electives, with the course outlines as placed at **Appendage 4811A** to **4811G**:

a. Arabic (HSS 109)

b. Chinese (HSS 163)

    c. French (HSS 160)

    d. German (HSS 164)

    e. Russian (HSS 161)

    f. Spanish (HSS 162)

    g. Turkish (HSS 214)

Discussion

212.   Dean H&SS presented the course outlines of the above listed courses. DQA asked if the minimum credit hours for General Education courses were retained by keeping the Language courses as Electives; Dean H&SS responded affirmative. The Chair proposed to offer Language courses as Electives in all degree programmes. Dean ES intimated that such provision exists in Computing programmes. Dean PP intimated that the revised Psychology curriculum also included provision for Language courses. Dean H&SS suggested that other faculties could also include Language courses in Arts & Humanities Group of respective roadmaps. The Chair asked for suggestions to include some incentive for students to opt for these courses. Dean HS proposed the award of certificate on completion. DQA supported the proposal and suggested complete alignment of such Electives with the award of certificate. Pro-Rector (RIC) suggested to pursue including of language course in roadmaps through DBoS. The Chair consented and directed to process the same from the CU level.

Decision 4811

213.   The Council approved the inclusion of the following Level A-2 language courses as Electives in the roadmaps of the UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester, with the respective course outlines as mentioned in **Appendage 4811A** to **4811G** respectively, along with award of certificate for the course completion:

    a. Arabic (HSS 109)

    b. Chinese (HSS 163)

    c. French (HSS 160)

    d. German (HSS 164)

    e. Russian (HSS 161)

    f. Spanish (HSS 162)

    g. Turkish (HSS 214)

214.   BU Prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. The Council further directed all the faculties to include the option of Language courses among the Electives of respective UG programmes and process the approval of amended roadmaps through respective DBOS. Progress is to be reported in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	All Deans, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4812: Shifting the Course *Physical Education* from Core to Electives in UG Programmes of the Faculty of H&SS

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

215.   In order to broaden the option of Elective courses in General Education category of the UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS, the FBOS-H&SS has proposed to shift the course *Physical Education* from Core to Electives along with the Language courses mentioned in the previous Agenda Item (4811).

Discussion

216.   Dean H&SS explained that the course *Physical Education* was included as a Core in General Education category of the UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS in compliance of the HEC UGE Policy 2023. However, limitations were highlighted during the offering of this course since Fall 2023 semester. Accordingly, the FBOS-HSS had proposed to shift this course from Core to Electives. The Chair emphasised upon the importance of Physical Education among the youth and suggested to find an alternative to just shifting this course to the Electives. The discussion on the 2nd day of the ACM, when it was agreed to approve the proposal of FBOS-HSS while a separate study should be undertaken to resolve the limitations in offering the course *Physical Education* to the UG students.

Decision 4812

217.   Shifting of the course *Physical Education* from Core to Elective in Humanities category of General Education courses in the roadmaps of the UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS is approved by the Council for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus and website are to be updated accordingly.

218.   A separate study is to be conducted by Dean H&SS to resolve the limitations in offering the course *Physical Education* to the UG students. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4813: Updating Course Outlines of *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) and *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) for All UG Programmes of Faculty of H&SS

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

219.   The course titled *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) having 2 x CH was approved in the 46th ACM. However, the HEC has sent a new course outline for this course to the HEIs, to be taught at all UG levels. The updated course outline has been approved by the FBOS of H&SS as mentioned in **Appendage 4813A** and recommended for the ACM approval for adoption from Fall 2025 semester. Further, the course titled *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) having 2 x CH was approved in the 46th ACM. However, all UG programmes falling under the Faculty of H&SS did not offer this course. Instead, a comprehensive *Pakistan Studies* course with 3 x CH was introduced. The HEC has recently notified to keep the two (*Pakistan Studies*, and *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan*) as separate courses. FBOS-H&SS has accordingly recommended to include the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* in all UG programmes, besides *Pakistan Studies*, with an updated course outline approved by the FBOS as placed at **Appendage 4813B.**

Discussion

220.   Dean H&SS presented course outlines of the course *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) and *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) with 2 x CH each for approval by the Academic Council. DAcad proposed to adopt these outlines for all the UG programmes, which was approved by the Council.

Decision 4813

221.   The Council approved the updated course outlines of the course *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) and *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) with 2 x CH each as mentioned in **Appendage 4813A** & **4813B** respectively for adoption in all UG programmes (of all the faculties) from the Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	All Deans, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4814: Updating the Roadmaps of All UG Programmes of Faculty of H&SS due to Revised Credit Hours of Existing Courses

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

222.   In compliance of the HEC instructions to include the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* in addition to *Pakistan Studies*, the following changes are being incorporated in the roadmaps of all UG programmes of the faculty of H&SS:

   a. Credit Hours of *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) reduced from 3 to 2.

   b. Credit Hours of *Islamic Studies* (ISL 101) reduced from 3 to 2.

   c. The course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) included with 2 x CH.

223.   Accordingly, roadmaps of all the UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS have been updated by the FBOS-HSS and recommended for approval by the Academic Council for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester for new Intakes.

Discussion

224.   Dean H&SS presented the revised roadmaps including the course outlines for adoption in the ongoing UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS, which were approved by the Council after review of the presented contents.

Decision 4814

225.   Revised roadmaps and course outlines of the following UG programmes of the Faculty of H&SS are approved as mentioned in **Appendage 4814A** to **4814E** respectively – comprising of the change of credit hours of the courses *Pakistan Studies* (PAK 105) and *Islamic Studies* (ISL 101) from 3 to 2 each, with the inclusion of the course *Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan* (PAK 109) – for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester:

   a. BS in English

   b. BS in Social Sciences

   c. BS in Development Studies

   d. BS in Media Studies

   e. BS in TV, Broadcasting and Digital Media

226. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4815: Revamping the BSS Academic Roadmap

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

227. As part of BU's strategic academic enhancement initiative, the Dept of HSS of BH3S-KC has benchmarked the Bachelor of Social Sciences (BSS) programme against top-ranked international universities, following the recommendations made in the 51st BOGM held in May 2024 – emphasising curriculum modernisation in response to technological, methodological, and disciplinary advancements over the next 5-10 years. To maintain competitiveness and relevance, the Dept has revamped the BSS curriculum for alignment with international standards as placed at **Appendage 4815** to ensure that the graduates are equipped with global competencies, interdisciplinary skills, and research-driven insights. This includes the addition of the following new courses with 3 x CH each:

228. FBOS-H&SS has recommended to implement the revised roadmap as placed at **Appendage 4815** from Fall 2025 semester Intake. HOD HSS (BH3S-KC) will present the course outlines of 5 x new courses for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

229. Dean H&SS presented the outlines of 5 new courses for inclusion in the BSS curriculum. DAcad proposed to rephrase the course title 'IR 1648 to 1945' to 'International Relations 1648-1945' for more clarity. DORIC highlighted that any new programme launch needed to be pitched in the market keeping in view own core competencies and well recognising the likely intake source. He suggested that high intake of another institute for a particular programme could not be taken as rational to launch the same programme, nor is a mere advertisement adequate to attract admissions. He emphasised that an established brand like BU should identify the potential source intake first and then target that accordingly. He indicated that launching a programme and then closing it because of insufficient intake is considered a bad practice, implying that the institute did not have a competitive edge in that domain but yet launched the programme. He proposed all the Deans to approach the identified market when launching a new programme, i.e., visiting the colleges, giving presentations, conducting seminars, to get the numbers. Successful institutions have marketing teams covering this domain, which brings them on top. He shared surprise over not getting enough admissions from Karachi and Islamabad which are large commercial hubs.

230. The Chair agreed with the points and asked DQA to share comments, who intimated that a proper market survey is done for each programme launch, and a complete process is followed prior forwarding any proposal. If a team sometimes misses a particular aspect in a meeting, it does not mean that the process was not followed. However, a stiff competition presently exists in the market with other institutions. Consequently, the initial response is sometimes low, as experienced from to time, but BU intakes have gradually improved tremendously. The Chair advised to consider the points raised by DORIC to further improve the launch proposals for

improved intakes. After further discussion, the course outlines were approved by the Council as presented.

Decision 4815

231.   Revamped roadmap of BSS and course outlines of the following 5 x new courses in BSS are approved as mentioned in **Appendage 4815** – with amendment of course title **IR 1648 to 1945** as **International Relations 1648-1945** – for adoption at BH3S-KC from the Fall 2025 Intake:

     a. Introduction to Political Economy of Development (DST 433)

     b. Global Development in Comparative Perspective (DST 434)

     c. Integrated Development Project Management (DST 417)

     d. Development Planning in Pakistan (DST 420)

     e. Urbanization in the Developing World (DST 419)

232.   BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress of the above mentioned activities is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4816: Revamping the *BS in International Relations* Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

233.   HEC through its NCRC meeting concluded in March 2025 has revised the curriculum of *BS in International Relations*. According, BU offered programme has been revamped as placed at **Appendage 4816**. FBOS-H&SS has proposed to adopt the same from Fall 2025 Intake. HOD HSS (BH3S-IC) will present the key changes in the BSS curriculum recommended by the FBOS, for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

234.   Dean H&SS presented the revamped curriculum of *BS in International Relations* for approval by the Academic Council, indicating the increase in Electives and re-adjustment of some core courses in different semesters, as given at **Appendage 4816**. The Chair noted the requirement of spelling corrections in the roadmap being presented. DQA highlighted the inclusion of Internship as credited in the revised roadmap, in conformance with the HEC UEP 2023. Further, outlines of some courses were yet to be processed for approval. Dean H&SS explained that the scrutiny/ review of the new course outlines was being separately through case file. After further discussion, the Council approved the revamped curriculum with the changes discussed during the ACM.

Decision 4816

235.   The revamped curriculum of *BS in International Relations* is approved for adoption at BUIC from the Fall 2025 semester as given at **Appendage 4816**, with the spelling corrections and inclusion of Internship is credited, along with the outline of the new courses scrutinised and consented through related case file. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4817: Updating Course Outlines of *BS in English*

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

236.   Curriculum Review of degree programmes of the Faculty of H&SS with top QS Ranking universities was conducted, which included the sharing of roadmaps with international experts for their feedback. In the process, the roadmap of *BS in English* was verified as well-aligned with those universities. However, a few course outlines were noted to be reviewed. FBOS-H&SS has accordingly revised the course outlines of the following courses with 3 x CH each of *BS in English* as placed at **Appendage 4817** and recommended the approval by the Academic Council for their adoption from Fall 2025 semester:

      a. Contemporary Literature 1 (ENG 401)

      b. Contemporary Literature 2 (ENG 409)

      c. Novel (ENG 304)

Discussion

237.   Dean H&SS presented the revised course outlines of the above listed 3 x courses of *BS in English*. After brief discussion, the proposal was approved by the Council.

Decision 4817

238.   Revised course outlines of the following 3 x courses of *BS in English* is approved as mentioned in **Appendage 4817** for adoption from Fall 2025 semester:

      a. Contemporary Literature 1 (ENG 401)

      b. Contemporary Literature 2 (ENG 409)

      c. Novel (ENG 304)

239.   Point dropped.

Item 4818: Revamping the *BS in Public Health* Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

240.   Curriculum Review of degree programmes of the Faculty of H&SS with top QS Ranking universities was conducted, which included the sharing of roadmaps with international experts for their feedback. In the process, the roadmap of *BS in Public Health* was verified as well-aligned with those universities. However, it was noted that the following new courses with 3 x CH each needed to be introduced in the programme roadmap:

      a. Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology (BPH 310)

      b. Digital Health (BPH 306)

      c. Sustainable Healthcare (BPH 309)

241.   Meanwhile, HEC through its NCRC meeting concluded in March 2025 has revised the curriculum of *BS in Public Health*. According, BU offered programme has been revamped as placed

at **Appendage 4818**, which includes the above stated 3 x new courses. BOS-H&SS has proposed to adopt the revamped programme from Fall 2025 Intake.

Discussion

242.   Dean H&SS presented the revamped roadmap of *BS in Public Health* as per the HEC revised curriculum and addition of 3 x new courses. The Chair enquired about progress of shifting the *BS in Public Health* programme to BUHSC. DG BUHSCK intimated that the possibility of shifting the programme from BUKC to BUHSCK was being evaluated. DQA proposed to further review the recommended revamping for full conformity with the NCRC recommendations which was agreed by Dean H&SS.

Decision 4818

243.   Revamping of *BS in Public Health* programme is to be reviewed for complete conformity with the related NCRC recommendations. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS	Dean H&SS

Item 4819: Addition of New Electives in *BS in TV Broadcasting & Digital Media* Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

244.   In accordance with the action item of 51st BOGM, the Dept of Media Studies BH3S-IC has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of its academic roadmaps by benchmarking them against the curricula of Top 200 universities listed in the QS World University Rankings. In the process, the following new Electives (3 x CH each) have been proposed for *BS in TV Broadcasting & Digital Media*, which have been recommended by the FBOS for approval by the Academic Council:

   a. Immersive Media (MTB 330)
   b. Environmental Communication (MTB 331)
   c. Visual Effects (MTB 332)
   d. Social Media and Society (MTB 333)
   e. Digital Journalism (MTB 426)
   f. Multimedia Skills (MTB 434)

Discussion

245.   Dean H&SS presented the above listed 6 x new Electives in the roadmap of *BS in TV Broadcasting & Digital Media*. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4819

246.   Introduction of the following 6 x new Electives in the roadmap of *BS in TV Broadcasting & Digital Media* is approved along with respective course outlines at **Appendage 4819** for adoption from Fall 2025 Intake:

   a. Immersive Media (MTB 330)
   b. Environmental Communication (MTB 331)
   c. Visual Effects (MTB 332)
   d. Social Media and Society (MTB 333)
   e. Digital Journalism (MTB 426)
   f. Multimedia Skills (MTB 434)

247. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4820: Addition of New Electives in *BS in Media Studies* Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

248. In accordance with the action item of 51st BOGM, the Dept of Media Studies BH3S-IC has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of its academic roadmaps by benchmarking them against the curricula of Top 200 universities listed in the QS World University Rankings. In the process, the following new Electives (3 x CH each) have been proposed for *BS in Media Studies*, which have been recommended by the FBOS for approval by the Academic Council:

  a. Digital Journalism (MTB 426)

  b. Multimedia Skills (MTB 434)

  c. Environmental Communication (MTB 331)

  d. Acting (MEB 340)

  e. Basic Drawing and Design (MED 225)

  f. AI and Media (MED 226)

Discussion

249. Dean H&SS presented the above listed 6 x new Electives in the roadmap of *BS in Media Studies* along with respective course outlines. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4820

250. Introduction of the following 6 x new Electives in the roadmap of *BS in Media Studies* is approved by the Academic Council along with respective course outlines at **Appendage 4820**, for adoption from Fall 2025 Intake:

  a. Digital Journalism (MTB 426)

  b. Multimedia Skills (MTB 434)

  c. Environmental Communication (MTB 331)

  d. Acting (MEB 340)

  e. Basic Drawing and Design (MED 225)

  f. AI and Media (MED 226)

251. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4821: Addition of New Electives in *MS in Media Studies* Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

252.   In accordance with the action item of 51st BOGM, the Dept of Media Studies BH3S-IC has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of its academic roadmaps by benchmarking them against the curricula of Top 200 universities listed in the QS World University Rankings. In the process, the following new Electives (3 x CH each) have been proposed for *MS in Media Studies*, which have been recommended by the FBOS for approval by the Academic Council:

 a. AI, Media and Society (MED 742)

 b. Digital Media Production (MED 741)

 c. Media Economics (MED 740)

Discussion

253.   Dean H&SS presented the above listed 3 x new Electives in the roadmap of *MS in Media Studies* along with respective course outlines. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4821

254.   Introduction of the following 3 x new Electives in the roadmap of *MS in Media Studies* is approved by the Academic Council along with respective course outlines at **Appendage 4821** for adoption from Fall 2025 Intake:

 a. AI, Media and Society (MED 742)

 b. Digital Media Production (MED 741)

 c. Media Economics (MED 740)

255.   BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4822: Addition of New Electives in the PhD in Media Studies Programme

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

256.   In accordance with the action item of 51st BOGM, the Dept of Media Studies BH3S-IC has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of its academic roadmaps by benchmarking them against the curricula of Top 200 universities listed in the QS World University Rankings. In the process, the following new Electives (3 x CH each) have been proposed for *PhD in Media Studies*, which have been recommended by the FBOS for approval by the Academic Council:

 a. Digital Media and Emerging Technology (MED 832)

 b. Visual Communication in Media Studies (MED 833)

 c. Media and Public Opinion (MED 831)

Discussion

257.   Dean H&SS presented the above listed 3 x new Electives in the roadmap of *PhD in Media Studies* along with respective course outlines. After bried discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4822

258.   Introduction of the following 3 x new Electives in the roadmap of *PhD in Media Studies* is approved by the Council along with respective course outlines at **Appendage 4822** for adoption from Fall 2025 Intake:

  a. Digital Media and Emerging Technology (MED 832)

  b. Visual Communication in Media Studies (MED 833)

  c. Media and Public Opinion (MED 831)

259.   BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4823: Curriculum Review of *MS in Islamic Studies*	
Sponsor: Dean H&SS	Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

260.   As per the HEC requirement, the Dept of Islamic Studies BH3S-IC has conducted a detailed review of the curriculum of *MS in Islamic Studies* to ensure its alignment with the HEC-revised MS Islamic Studies Curriculum (2025), which includes the re-alignment of the programme roadmap, Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs) and Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) as placed at **Appendage 4823**. This re-alignment ensures the programme equips graduates with enhanced critical thinking, research skills, and a deeper understanding of Islamic thought, ethics, law, and history. A new course titled ***Ijtihad: History, Principles and Methods*** has also been introduced by the NCRC in the roadmap. FBOS-H&SS has proposed the adoption of the new curriculum from Fall 2025 semester.

Discussion

261.   Dean H&SS presented the revised curriculum of *MS in Islamic Studies* for approval by the Council. The Chair asked if the scrutiny of the proposal had been completed; Dean H&SS and the DQA acknowledged that the same was yet not completed. The Chair advised to complete the scrutiny prior further consideration and present the recommendations separately.

Decision 4823

262.   Review of the curriculum of *MS in Islamic Studies* is to be undertaken by the FBOS-HSS and DQA in consultation with the Adviser for IS and presented separately. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Adviser for IS, Dean H&SS, DQA	Dean H&SS

Item 4824: Change of Nomenclature of *MS in Islamic Studies* Degree Programme to MPhil

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

263.   Most of governmental organisations consider the MPhil degree for allowances. Many candidates of the BU-offered *MS in Islamic Studies* programme have conveyed that they would get admission in the PG programme if the title of degree was replaced from MS to MPhil. Most of the universities in Pakistan already offer postgraduation in Islamic Studies under MPhil degree title, including NUML, Riphah and Al-Hamd. FBOS-H&SS has accordingly proposed to change the nomenclature of *MS in Islamic Studies* degree to *MPhil in Islamic Studies*.

Discussion

264.   Dean H&SS presented proposal for approval by the Council. DQA indicated that the changing of programme title required the HEC consent. After further discussion, the Council approved the proposed change of programme title subject to prior consent of the HEC.

Decision 4824

265.   Changing the nomenclature of degree programme *MS in Islamic Studies* to *MPhil in Islamic Studies* for offering from Fall 2025 semester is approved by the Academic Council subject to prior consent of the HEC, to be pursued through QA Dte. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DQA	DQA

Item 4825: Launch of *MPhil in International Relations* at BUKC and Changing the Nomenclature from *MS in IR* to *MPhil in IR* at BUIC

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

266.   Keeping in view the multidisciplinary nature, increasing demand for research, and emerging scope locally and internationally, the Dept of HSS at BH3S-KC has proposed to launch the *MPhil in International Relations* degree programme at BUKC from Fall 2025 semester. Further, the Dept of HSS at BH3S-IC has proposed to change the nomenclature of *MS in IR* offered at BUIC to *MPhil in IR* for similarity with BUKC. FBOS-H&SS has also recommended both the proposals for approval by the Academic Council.

Discussion

267.   HOD HSS BH3S-KC presented the launch proposal for new degree programme *MPhil in International Relations*. Pro Rector (RIC) asked for the details of financial effects and cost per head for the proposed programme, which were displayed by the presenter. DQA asked for the justification of keeping the fee different from BUIC, which was attributed by the HOD towards different dynamics of Karachi and comparison with the local competitors. DQA further highlighted that the launch proposal for BUKC was also aligned with the recently reviewed roadmap of the programme by NCRC. After reviewing the proposal, the Council approved the launch of *MPhil in International Relations* programme at BUKC.

268.   Dean H&SS the programme content is already approved with other title.

Decision 4825

269.   The launch of new degree programme *MPhil in International Relations* at BH3S-KC is approved by the Academic Council as per the roadmap and curriculum placed at **Appendage 4825**, along with changing the nomenclature of the programme *MS in International Relations* to *MPhil in International Relations* at BH3S-IC for offering from Fall 2025 semester, subject to NOC by the HEC. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DQA	Dean H&SS

Item 4826: Introducing New Elective Course in *BS in International Relations* Roadmap

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-H&SS

Summary of the Case

270.   Curriculum Review of degree programmes of the Faculty of H&SS with top QS Ranking universities was conducted, which included the sharing of roadmaps with international experts for their feedback. In the process, the roadmap of BS in IR was verified as well-aligned with those universities. However, it was noted that a new Elective – *Emerging Technologies in International Relations* – needed to be introduced in the programme roadmap.

271.   FBOS-H&SS has approved the course outlines of the above stated course as placed at **Appendage 4826** and recommended the approval by the Academic Council for its inclusion in the *BS in IR* roadmap as Elective from Fall 2025 semester.

Discussion

272.   Dean H&SS presented the course outline of the above stated new course, *Emerging Technologies in International Relations*, for inclusion in the roadmap of *BS in International Relations* as an Elective. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4826

273.   Inclusion of the new course *Emerging Technologies in International Relations* in the roadmap of *BS in International Relations* is approved by the Academic Council as an Elective from Fall 2025 semester, with the course outline as given in **Appendage 4826**. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean H&SS

Item 4827: Amendment in BU Statutes 2022 for the Establishment of the Department of Politics and International Relations at BH3S-IC

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

274.   Keeping in view the BU Strategic Management Plan (SMP-2024), the Dept of HSS BH3S-IC has proposed to establish a new academic Department of Politics and International Relations. The proposal is in process of approval by the Rector in accordance with the procedure contained in BU Statutes 2022 clause 4.7.2 (*The University may raise or abolish any Course Subject, Programme, Department or Faculty from time to time after approval of the Rector. Accordingly, the list of*

Faculties/ Departments shall stand modified in accordance with the decisions of the Board/ Committee). Accordingly, clause 4.7.1.c. of the Statutes (Departments of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) needs to be amended to include the new Department in related Faculty.

Discussion

275.   Principal BH3S-IC presented the proposal and indicated that in-principle approval to establish a separate Department of Politics and International Relations was accorded by the Rector in a meeting. The Chair enquired whether the case processing on file had been completed. Dean H&SS responded in negative. The chair directed to first complete the process on file and then present the outcome in the ACM.

Decision 4827

276.   The proposal for the establishment of a new academic Department of Politics and International Relations in BH3S-IC will be reviewed in the next ACM as per the outcome of the proposal through case file.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BH3S-IC	DG BUIC

Item 4828: Approval of the Schemes of Study and Revised Roadmaps for *BS in Psychology* and *BS in Psychology (Clinical Psychology)* Programmes

Sponsor: Dean PP   Referral Authority: FBOS-PP

Summary of the Case

277.   National Curriculum Revision Committee (NCRC) of the HEC has reviewed the degree programmes of Psychology for introduction of new streams. FBOS-PP after detailed deliberations has proposed the following two separate schemes of study for the 4-year UG degree programme for adoption at BU CUs:

a.   A general degree of *BS in Psychology* in its generic form without any specialization.

b.   A specialisation of *BS in Psychology (Clinical Psychology)*.

278.   Dean PP will present the said proposals as given in **Appendage 4828** for approval by the Academic Council.

Discussion

279.   Dean PP presented the proposals to adopt the new schemes of study and revised roadmaps for *BS in Psychology* and *BS in Psychology (Clinical Psychology)* at all BU CUs, along with Programme Description, PEOs, PLOs, and outlines of new courses in the 1st & 2nd semesters. DAcad intimated that the new schemes of study had been scrutinised through case file by the Exams and QA Dtes. Pro-Rector (RIC) asked if the revised scheme catered the award of AD after completion of 4 x semesters and lateral entry of AD graduates in the 5th semester of BS programme. Dean PP replied that this aspect was being processed separately. After further discussion, the Council approved the proposal as presented.

Decision 4828

280.   New schemes of study and revised roadmaps for *BS in Psychology* and *BS in Psychology (Clinical Psychology)* are approved by the Academic Council as given in **Appendage 4828A** and **4828B** respectively – along with Programme Description, PEOs, PLOs, and outlines of new courses in the 1st & 2nd semesters – for adoption by all BU CUs from Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean PP, CE, DA, DIT	Dean PP

Item 4829: Approval of the Revised Roadmap of *MS in Clinical Psychology* Programme

Sponsor: Dean PP   Referral Authority: FBOS-PP

Summary of the Case

281.   The roadmap of *MS in Clinical Psychology* has been revised by the NCRC in February 2025. Accordingly, FBOS-PP has recommended the adoption of related changes in the programme offered at BU CUs for implementation from Fall 2025 semester. Dean PP will present the revised roadmap as placed at **Appendage 4829** for approval by the Academic Council.

Discussion

282.   Dean PP presented the revised roadmap of *MS in Clinical Psychology* along with Programme Description, PEOs, PLOs, and outlines of new courses catering the changes incorporated by the NCRC. Upon query from the DAcad, she confirmed that the revised roadmap also included the curriculum changes incorporated in comparison with the top international institutions as desired by the BOG. After further discussion, the Council approved the revised roadmap as proposed.

Decision 4829

283.   Revised roadmap of *MS in Clinical Psychology* programme is approved by the Academic Council as given in **Appendage 4829** – along with Programme Description, PEOs, PLOs, and outlines of new courses – for adoption from Fall 2025 semester Intake by all BU CUs. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean PP, CE, DA, DIT	Dean PP

Item 4830: Revision in *BU Students Career Services Manual* for Internship Support to the Professional Psychology Students

Sponsor: Dean PP   Referral Authority: FBOS-PP

Summary of the Case

284.   Section III of *BU Students Career Services Manual (2017)* contains the instructions for Internship Support to the Professional Psychology students. Keeping in view the future growth and expansion of Psychology programmes in the light of the HEC NCRC suggestions for internship regulation, FBOS-PP has proposed to streamline and regulate the credited and graded internship process contained in said Manual. Dean PP will present the amendments proposed in the Manual as given in **Appendage 4830** for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

285.   Dean PP presented the changes incorporated in existing contents of Section III of *BU Students Career Services Manual (2017)*. After brief discussion, the Chair desired a separate presentation of the proposed amendments, encompassing the internship requirements for the UG and PG programmes of PP.

Decision 4830

286.   Proposed amendments in Section III of *BU Students Career Services Manual 2017* covering the internship requirements in UG & PG programmes of PP are to be presented in a separate meeting by Dean PP, followed by processing on the case file for approval and subsequent ratification in the next ACM. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean PP	Dean PP

Item 4831: Endorsement of the Mission of the Department of Professional Psychology, BUIC(H-11)
Sponsor: Dean PP   Referral Authority: FBOS-PP

Summary of the Case

287.   Revised Vision, Mission, and aligned Programme Objectives (POs) and Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs) of the IPP, Dept of Professional Psychology at BUIC (E-8) and BULC commensurate with the new Vision and Mission of Bahria University were approved in the 41st ACM. FBOS-PP has proposed the adoption of the same for the Department of Professional Psychology, BUIC (H-11) as well.

Discussion

288.   Dean PP presented the Mission statement adopted for the IPP, BSPP (E-8) and Dept of Psy, BULC for adoption for the Dept of Psychology, BUIC (H-11) as well. After brief review, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4831

289.   Adoption of the following Mission statement for the Dept of Psychology, BUIC (H-11) is the approved by the Academic Council:

> "To positively contribute towards psychological well-being of the society by achieving excellence in academics through creative thinking, applied research and professional practices supported through linkages with industry and international community."

290.   BU website is to be updated accordingly. Point may then be dropped from the ACM agenda.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean PP, Principal BSPP	Dean PP

Item 4832: Curriculum Review of Courses Outline of Law Programmes
Sponsor: Dean Law   Referral Authority: FBOS-Law

Summary of the Case

291.   The BOG in its 51st meetings directed all the BU Schools to review their courses outline. BU Law School has accordingly reviewed 85 x courses outlines of its 4 x Law programmes: *LLB*, *LLM*, *LLM in International and Maritime Laws*, and *PhD in Law*. FBOS-Law has recommended the adoption of revised course outlines as placed at **Appendage 4832** from Fall 2025 semester.

Discussion

292.   HOD Law, BULS presented the revised outlines of 85 x courses of the above stated 4 x UG/ PG programmes of the Faculty of Law. After reviewing all the courses. the Council approved the revised outlines as proposed.

Decision 4832

293.   Revised outlines of 85 x courses of the 4 x Law programmes (*LLB*, *LLM*, *LLM in International and Maritime Laws*, and *PhD in Law*) are approved by the Academic Council as placed at **Appendage 4832** for adoption from Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BULS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean Law

Item 4833: Inclusion of 2 x MOOCs in the Roadmap of LLB Programme	
Sponsor: Dean Law	Referral Authority: FBOS-Law

Summary of the Case

294.   HEC UEP 2023 allows the inclusion of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in the roadmap of UG programmes. It was also decided in the 13th DCM to identify and recommend at least 2 x MOOCs in each BU UG programme. Accordingly, BU Law School proposes and recommends the following 2 x MOOCs in the roadmap of the LLB (5-Year) programme offered by the Virtual University (VU), recommended by FBOS-Law:

> a. Business and Labour Law (3 x CH) – 6th semester
> b. Public International Law (3 x CH) – 7th semester

Discussion

295.   HOD Law, BULS presented the proposal to conduct 2 x MOOCs in its LLB programme by allowing the students to register into the VU programmes while registering with BU. DQA suggested to allow the students to register in any MOOCs recognised by BU at their own. DAcad intimated that VU had proposed a methodology for BU students to register into its online programmes through a laid down procedure between the two HEIs. After further discussion, the Chair desired a separate presentation to finalise the methodology for the BU students to register in any MOOCs.

Decision 4833

296.   Inclusion of the following 2 x MOOCs in the roadmap of the LLB (5-Year) programme offered by the Virtual University (VU) is approved by the Academic Council:

> a.   Business and Labour Law (3 x CH) – 6th semester
> b.   Public International Law (3 x CH) – 7th semester

297.   Methodology for offering the MOOCs is to be finalised through a separate presentation by DODL in coordination with Dean Law. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean Law, DODL	Dean Law

Item 4834: Minimum Attendance Benchmark for BU Medical and Dental Colleges

Sponsor: Dean HS   Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

298.   PMDC has notified that institutions may raise the minimum attendance benchmark from 75% to 90% to ensure adequate curricular exposure and practical experience. Accordingly, FBOS-HS has proposed to adopt the minimum 80% attendance criterion, with up to 10% curriculum deficiency addressed through remedial classes, thereby ensuring a total of 90% attendance at the year's end. Approval of the same is requested from the Academic Council.

Discussion

299.   DG BUHSCK proposed to raise the minimum attendance benchmark to 75%. DQA indicated that the international body WFME required the minimum attendance to be 90% which was being pursued by PMDC. Dean HS suggested that the proposed limit would be applicable from the new intakes. However, on the 2nd day of the ACM, PMDC instructions were received for all the medical/ dental colleges to adopt the minimum 85% attendance benchmark for all the students with immediate effect. The Council approved the same accordingly.

Decision 4834

300.   BUHSCK and BUHSCI are to raise the minimum attendance benchmark to 85% for all the students of MBBS and BDS programmes with immediate effect. Compliance is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principals BUMC, BUDC, BUCM	Dean HS

Item 4835: Passing Marks in MBBS and BDS Annual Examinations

Sponsor: Dean HS   Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

301.   PMDC has notified that institutions may raise passing marks in annual MBBS and BDS examinations from 50% to 70%. Accordingly, FBOS-HS has proposed to set a 55% passing criterion for the new first-year batches in BU medical and dental colleges. Approval of the same is requested from the Academic Council.

Discussion

302.   Dean HS explained that increase in passing marks would be for individual subjects as well as total aggregate. On the 2nd day of the ACM, PMDC instructions were received for all the medical/ dental colleges to adopt the minimum 65% as passing benchmark for all the students with immediate effect. The Council approved the same accordingly.

Decision 4835

303.   BUHSCK and BUHSCI are to raise the minimum passing benchmark for individual subjects as well as total aggregate to 65% for all the students of MBBS and BDS programmes with immediate effect. Compliance is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principals BUMC, BUDC, BUCM	Dean HS

Item 4836: Approval of New/ Revised Course Contents of BSN	
Sponsor: Dean HS	Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

304.   Roadmap for BSN as per the latest HEC/ PN&MC instructions was approved in the 47th ACM for adoption from Spring 2025 semester. However, course contents of some new/ revised courses were not presented at that time due pending finalisation. These contents will be presented by the Principal PNNC for approval by the Academic Council, as placed at **Appendage 4836**.

Discussion

305.   Principal PNNC presented the course contents of new/ revised courses of BSN programme pending the ACM approval. After review, the Council approved the contents as proposed.

Decision 4836

306.   New/ revised course contents of BSN as given at **Appendage 4836** are approved by the Council for adoption from Spring 2025 semester. Point dropped.

Item 4837: Approval of Revised Roadmaps and Curriculum of *BS in Biotechnology* Programme	
Sponsor: Dean HS	Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

307.   The roadmap of *BS in Biotechnology* programme was approved in the 45th ACM, aligned with the HEC UEP 2023. However, it has been twice reviewed by the HEC NCRC since then, including the course outlines/ curriculum. Consequently, BUCAHS has a roadmap/ curriculum of *BS in Biotechnology* adopted from Spring 2023 semester Intake, another from Spring 2024 Intake and the third/ latest from Spring 2025 Intake. Principal BUCAHS will present the differences of the three roadmaps/ curricula as given at **Appendage 4837A**, **4837B** & **4837C** respectively for approval of the Academic Council, to continue the previous versions for the batches that have already commenced the programme and the latest version from Spring 2025 Intake.

Discussion

308.   Principal BUCAHS presented the differences of roadmap and curriculum for *BS in Biotechnology* for the Spring 2023 Intake, Spring 2024 and Spring 2025 Intake onward, along with course outlines of new/revised courses. After review, the Council approved their adoption as proposed.

Decision 4837

309.   The Academic Council approved to continue the roadmap and curriculum for *BS in Biotechnology* approved in 45th ACM by the Spring 2023 Intake as placed at **Appendage 4837A**, by the Spring 2024 as given at **Appendage 4837B**, and Spring 2025 Intake onward as placed at **Appendage 4837C**, including course outlines of new/revised courses. Point dropped.

Item 4838: Approval of Revised Roadmap and Curriculum of *BS in Medical Lab Technologies*	
Sponsor: Principal BUCAHS	Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

310.   The roadmap of *BS in MLT* was approved in the 45th ACM, aligned with the HEC UEP 2023. However, it has been recently reviewed by the CRC in compliance of a related BOG requirement,

including the course outlines/ curriculum. Consequently, BUCAHS currently has two different roadmaps/ curricula of *BS in MLT* adopted for related Intakes. Principal BUCAHS will present the differences of these roadmaps / curricula as given at **Appendage 4838A** & **4838B** respectively for approval of the Academic Council, to continue the previous version for the batches that have already commenced the programme and the latest version from Spring 2025 Intake.

Discussion

311.   Principal BUCAHS presented the differences of roadmap and curriculum for *BS in Medical Lab Technologies Biotechnology* approved in 45th ACM by the batches prior Spring 2025 Intake and by the Spring 2024 Intake onward. After review, the Council approved their adoption as proposed.

Decision 4838

312.   The Academic Council approved to continue the roadmap and curriculum for *BS in Medical Lab Technologies Biotechnology* approved in 45th ACM by the batches prior Spring 2024 Intake as placed at **Appendage 4838A**, and by the Spring 2024 Intake onward as placed at **Appendage 4838B**. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BUCAHS, CE, DA, DIT	Dean HS

Item 4839: Approval of Curriculum of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* Programme
Sponsor: Principal BUCAHS   Referral Authority: FBoS-HS

Summary of the Case

313.   Launch proposal for *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* programme was approved in the 43rd ACM and the programme launched at BUCAHS, BUHSCK in Spring 2025 semester. Principal BUCAHS will present the curriculum of the programme as placed at **Appendage 4839** for approval by the Academic Council.

Discussion

314.   Principal BUCAHS presented the curriculum of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences*. After review, the Council approved its adoption as proposed.

Decision

315.   Curriculum of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* programme was approved by the Academic Council as placed at **Appendage 4839** for adoption from Spring 2025 Intake. Point dropped.

Item 4840: Ratification of Fee Structure of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* Programme
Sponsor: Principal BUCAHS   Referral Authority: FBOS-HS

Summary of the Case

316.   Fee structure of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* programme has been revised and approved by BUHO in February 2025, as per the details at **Appendage 4840**. Ratification of the same is requested from the Academic Council, for adoption from Spring 2025 semester.

Discussion

317.	Principal BUCAHS proposed to ratify the revised fee structure of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* programme approved through a case file, as placed at **Appendage 4840**. The Council ratified the same accordingly.

Decision 4840

318.	Revised fee structure of *MS in Medical Lab Sciences* is ratified by the Academic Council for reduction as per the details at **Appendage** 4840, with effect from Spring 2025 intake. Point dropped.

Item 4841: One-Time Waiver to Ms Shiwani Bai to Attempt MBBS 2nd Professional Examination for 5th Time

Sponsor: DHS   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

319.	Miss Shiwani Bai (Enrl No.06-102020-094) of 2nd Year MBBS (Session 2020) at BUMC, BUHSCK has failed to qualify the MBBS 2nd Professional Examinations in 4 x attempts. She was principally a case of expulsion after failing four times in her 2nd year professional examination as per the related BU policy. However, keeping in view the request from the BUHSCK to grant one-time permission on compassionate grounds, and PM&DC policy permitting universities to establish their own regulations for allowing failed students to retake Prof Exams, she has been granted one-time permission to attempt the 2nd Professional Exam for the 5th time, subject to subsequent ratification by the Academic Council as a special case.

Discussion

320.	Dean HS presented the case, indicating it to be the fulfilment of a procedural requirement. After brief discussion, the Council ratified the decision already approved through case file.

Decision 4841

321.	One-time permission to Ms Shiwani Bai (Enrl No.06-102020-094) of BUMC, BUHSCK to attempt the 2nd Professional Examination for the 5th time through case file as a special case is ratified by the Academic Council. Point dropped.

Item 4842: Launch of ODL Programmes at BU CUs

Sponsor: DODL   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

322.	The HEC has promulgated the revised regulatory requirements for the launch of online programmes by the regular HEIs – titled *ODL Policy Provisions and Regulatory Framework* – followed by the Benchmarking Toolkit for pursuing the NOC. After detailed deliberation, launch of online programmes at BU CUs in conformance with the HEC provisions and regulatory framework has been consented by the Rector. Approval of the same by the Academic Council is required to apply for the NOC from the HEC.

Discussion

323.	DODL presented the proposal to adopt the *HEC ODL Policy Provisions and Regulatory Framework 2024* and launch the online degree programmes at BU CUs in conformance with the HEC provisions and regulatory framework. The Council approved the proposal for pursuing the specific programmes on individual basis, as per procedure in vogue.

Decision 4842

324.   Adoption of the *HEC ODL Policy Provisions and Regulatory Framework 2024* and launching of online programmes at BU CUs in accordance with these provisions and regulatory framework are approved by the Academic Council. Point dropped.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DODL	DODL

Item 4843: Launch of *BS in English* Programme through Online Mode

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-HSS

Summary of the Case

325.   *BS in English* is already being offered in regular mode at BUKC since Spring 2018 semester. The Dept of HSS at BH3S-KC has proposed to launch this programme in online mode from BU CUs, while complying the *HEC ODL Policy Provisions and Regulatory Framework 2024*. Content development of the courses covered in the roadmap of this programme has been undertaken by the regular FMs at BUIC & BUKC, with the assistance and guidance of the VU domain experts. Material development in the form of recorded lectures is in progress at both the CUs (Media Houses) through available resources, which is scheduled for completion for the first 4 x semesters by the 1st week of May 2025 and the remaining 4 x semesters by the end of June 2025. While the infrastructural improvements/ upgrading related to the material development are required at BUIC, the requisite ICT and LMS provisions for both the CUs are being pursued through partial outsourcing. Dean H&SS will present the launch proposal as placed at **Appendage 4843** for consideration by the Council.

Discussion

326.   Dean H&SS presented the proposal to launch *BS in English* programme in online mode in the Fall 2025 semester. During deliberations, it was noted that the programme fee and SWOT analysis were yet to be finalised. After further discussion, the Chair advised to process the proposal on file prior pursuing the ACM approval.

Decision

327.   Launch proposal for *BS in English* programme in online mode is to be presented separately, followed by processing on file prior pursuing the ACM approval. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DODL	Dean H&SS

Item 4844: Launch of *BS in International Relations* Programme through Online Mode

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: FBOS-HSS

Summary of the Case

328.   *BS in International Relations* is already being offered in regular mode at BUIC since Fall 2007 semester; launched at BUIC as BSS with major in IR. The Dept of HSS at BH3S-IC has proposed to launch this programme in online mode from BU CUs, while complying the *HEC ODL Policy Provisions and Regulatory Framework 2024*. Content development of the courses covered in the roadmap of this programme has been undertaken by the regular FMs at BUIC & BUKC, with the assistance and guidance of the VU domain experts. Material development in the form of

recorded lectures is in progress at both the CUs (Media Houses) through available resources, which is scheduled for completion for the first 4 x semesters by the end of May 2025 and the remaining 4 x semesters by the end of July 2025. While the infrastructural improvements/ upgrading related to the material development are required at BUIC, the requisite ICT and LMS provisions for both the CUs are being pursued through partial outsourcing. Dean H&SS will present the launch proposal as placed at **Appendage 4844** for consideration by the Council.

Discussion

329.   Dean H&SS presented the proposal to launch *BS in International Relations* programme in online mode in the Fall 2025 semester. The Chair advised to process the proposal on file prior pursuing the ACM approval, as decided for the previous proposal (*BS in English*).

Decision 4844

330.   Launch proposal for *BS in International Relations* programme in online mode is to be presented separately, followed by processing on file prior pursuing the ACM approval. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DODL	Dean H&SS

Item 4845: Ratification of Minor Amendments in BU Examinations Policy 2024	
Sponsor: CE	Referral Authority: Case file

Summary of the Case

331.   BU Examinations Policy 2024 was approved in 46th ACM held in April 2024 and promulgated in July 2024. Subsequent to the approval of updated BU Academic Rules (2024) and the issuance of the updated PhD Rules (2023), BU Examinations Policy 2024 has been reviewed to incorporate minor changes/ updates in certain article/ clauses tabulated at **Appendage 4845**. Amendments thus incorporated have been scrutinised through a case file and approved by the Rector in capacity of the Chairman Academic Council. Ratification of the same is requested from the Academic Council.

Discussion

332.   The CE presented the amendments in BU Exams Policy 2024. After review, the Council ratified their approval accorded on the case file.

Decision 4845

333.   Amendments in BU Examinations Policy 2024 listed at **Appendage 4845** approved through a case file are ratified by the Academic Council. Notification to this effect is to be promulgated by the Registrar office. The point may then be dropped from the ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	CE, Registrar	CE

Item 4846: Ratification of New SOPs for Students' Exchange with Foreign Universities

Sponsor: DIO   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

334.   In line with the BU Strategic Plan, the University has signed an agreement for Exchange of Students with the following Universities:

    a. INTI International University, Malaysia

    b. Bahcesehir University, Türkiye

    c. GEBZE Technical University, Türkiye

    d. Uskudar University, Türkiye

    e. Kyungdong University Global, South Korea

335.   An SOP has been prepared for each university to define the students' selection, credit transfer and grade mapping mechanism under the exchange programme, which have been processed through respective case files and approved by the Rector as placed at **Appendage 4846A, 4846B, 4846C** and **4846D** respectively. DIO will present these SOPs for ratification by the Academic Council.

Discussion

336.   DIO presented the SOPs prepared for the above stated 5 x foreign universities. After reviewing their contents, the Council ratified the SOPs as approved in respective case files.

Decision 4846

337.   SOPs for students' exchange with the following foreign universities are ratified by the Academic Council as placed at **Appendage 4846A, 4846B, 4846C** and **4846D** for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester:

    a. INTI International University, Malaysia

    b. Bahcesehir University, Türkiye

    c. GEBZE Technical University, Türkiye

    d. Uskudar University, Türkiye

    e. Kyungdong University Global, South Korea

338.   Point dropped.

Item 4847: Inclusion of Non-PMDC Regulated HS Programmes in the International Students Recruitment Policy

Sponsor: DIO   Referral Authority: Case file

Summary of the Case

339.   BU International Students Recruitment Policy was approved in the 32nd ACM, defining the eligibility criteria and admission process for foreign applicants. This policy poses flexible criteria to facilitate the induction of international applicants. Due to the regulatory requirements of the PMDC, programmes under the Faculty of HS were explicitly excluded from this policy for international students' recruitment. However, non-PMDC regulated HS programmes can be considered for this Policy. DIO will present the proposal for approval by the Academic Council.

Discussion

340.   DIO presented the proposal to formally include the non-PMDC regulated HS programmes in the International Student Recruitment Policy to facilitate admissions and increase foreign students' enrolment at BUHSCI and BUHSCK. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal in-principal subject to consent of NHQ for access to its HS facilities by the international students.

Decision 4847

341.   In-principle approval is accorded by the Academic Council to formally include the non-PMDC regulated HS programmes in *BU International Student Recruitment Policy* to facilitate admissions and increase foreign students' enrolment at BUHSCI and BUHSCK. DHS is to approach the NHQ to allow the access to its HS facilities by the international students of BU non-PMDC regulated HS programmes. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DIO, DHS	DIO

Item 4848: Amendment in BU Academic Regulations to Include the Procedure for Achieving the Flagship Status for Any BU Academic Programme
Sponsor: DAcad   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

342.   The Flagship status is being pursued for some BU academic programmes as an action item of the BOG meeting, for which the procedures have been developed as and when required. To streamline the process and document the activities/ requirements to be followed in similar cases, a comprehensive procedure has been formulated by a committee at BUHO, in consultation with all the faculties and CUs. The said procedure has been approved in an exclusive meeting headed by the Rector for inclusion in BU Academic Regulations as a new/ separate Chapter. DAcad will present the related amendment in BU Academic Regulations for approval/ ratification by the BOG through EC.

Discussion

343.   DAcad presented the procedure formulated for achieving the Flagship status for any BU academic programme for inclusion in BU Academic Regulations. After reviewing its contents, the Council recommended to pursue the approval of the proposed amendment by the EC followed by ratification by the BOG.

Decision 4848

344.   The Council recommended the inclusion of the *Procedure for Achieving the Flagship Status for Any BU Academic Programme* at **Appendage 4848** as a new/ separate Chapter in BU Academic Regulations, subject to approval by the EC and ratification by the BOG. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DAcad, Registrar	DAcad

Item 4849: Adoption of HEC Policy Guidelines for Appointment of Professor of Practice

Sponsor: DHR   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

345.   The HEC has promulgated the *Policy Guidelines for Appointment of Professor of Practice by the HEIs in Pakistan*. DHR will present the document for adoption by BU.

Discussion

346.   DHR presented the HEC guidelines for adoption by BU. DIO proposed to cater international *Professor of Practice* (PoP) separately, as per the exiting procedure and not as per the new policy contents. After further discussion, the Council approved the adoption of HEC guidelines for the PoP through merging in related contents of *BU HR Policy Manual* and inclusion of suitable contents catering the international PoP.

Decision 4849

347.   Adoption of the HEC *Policy Guidelines for Appointment of Professor of Practice by the HEIs in Pakistan* is approved by the Academic Council through merging in the related clauses of the *BU HR Policy Manual*, with inclusion of suitable contents catering the international *Professors of Practice*. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DHR, DIO	DHR

Item 4850: Offering of MOOCs in UG Programmes of H&SS

Sponsor: Dean H&SS   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

348.   HEC UEP 2023 allows the inclusion of up to 2 x MOOCs in any regular UG programme to expose the students to online education. Accordingly, the Faculty of H&SS has proposed to include 1-2 x MOOCs in the UG programmes being offered at BUIC and BUKC from Fall 2025 semester. Dean H&SS will present the proposal for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

349.   Dean H&SS presented the proposal to include 1-2 x MOOCs of VU online courses in the UG programmes being offered at BUIC and BUKC, as mentioned in **Appendage 4850**. DAcad indicated that the methodology of offering had to be similar to the LLB programme, for which a separate presentation had been desired by the Council. The Chair directed to pursue the same accordingly.

Decision 4850

350.   Inclusion of MOOCs from VU online courses in the UG programmes of H&SS as mentioned in **Appendage 4850** from Fall 2025 semester is approved by the Academic Council. Methodology for offering the MOOCs is to be finalised through a separate presentation by DODL in coordination with Dean H&SS, along with compliance of Decision 4833 above. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean H&SS, DODL	Dean H&SS

Item 4851: Amendment in BU Academic Rules 2024 for Replacement of Chapter 5 - Fee

Sponsor: DAcad   Referral Authority: Case File

Summary of the Case

351.   The HEC has promulgated the National Fee Refund Policy 2024, with its implementation binding on all the HEIs in the country, whether operating in the public or private sectors. The policy has been reviewed and related amendments to be incorporated in Chapter 5 (Fee) of BU Academic Rules 2024 formulated as the updated Chapter placed at **Appendage 4851**, which was approved through a case file by the Rector in capacity of the Chairman Academic Council. The said amendment needs to be approved by the Council for subsequent ratification by the EC.

Discussion

352.   DAcad presented the revised Chapter 5 (Fee) of BU Academic Rules 2024 for replacement with the existing chapter, subject to ratification by the EC. After reviewing the revised contents, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4851

353.   Revised Chapter 5 (Fee) of BU Academic Rules 2024 placed at **Appendage 4851** is approved by the Academic Council for ratification by the EC. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	DAcad, Registrar	DAcad

Item 4852: Re-offering of *MS in Environmental Policy and Management* Programme at BUIC (H-11)

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

354.   The Dept of E&ES previously offered *MS in Environmental Policy and Management* programme, which was frozen around 7 years ago. The need for environmental policy and management experts has increased significantly in recent years, driven by climate change, sustainability, and environmental governance concerns. The current academic market lacks a comprehensive graduate programme in EPM, creating an opportunity to fill this gap. Accordingly, FBOS-ES has recommended to re-offer the programme at BUIC (H-11), while aligning the PEOs, PLOs and roadmap of MS (EPM) programme according to the new HEC GEP Policy 2023 as given at **Appendage 4852**. HOD-E&ES BSEAS-IC will present the proposal for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

355.   Dean ES presented the proposal to re-offer the programme *MS in Environmental Policy and Management* with revised PEOs, PLOs and roadmap. HOD E&ES, BSEAS-BUIC(H-11) explained that the changes were incorporated in the roadmap and curriculum in line with contemporary requirements and future trends. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4852

356.   Re-offering of *MS in Environmental Policy and Management* at BUIC (H-11) from Fall 2025 semester on annual basis is approved by the Academic Council, with the PEOs, PLOs and roadmap of the programme realigned according to the HEC GEP Policy 2023 and the course outlines as

given at **Appendage 4852**, subject to NOC by the HEC. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Principal BSEAS-BUIC (H-11), Dean ES, CE, DA, DQA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4853: Re-Offering of *BS in Geology* Programme with Revised Roadmap of *BS in Geophysics* at BUIC (H-11)

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

357.   The Dept of E&ES offered the *BS in Geology* programme which was discontinued due to decline in the number of applicants while the *BS in Geophysics* is still offered. The Dept aims to revitalize both the programmes to increase the scope of E&ES by revising their roadmaps for combined classes till 6th semester and combined admission targets. HOD E&ES, BSEAS-IC will present the proposal as given at **Appendage 4853** and recommended by the FBOS-ES for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

358.   Dean ES presented the proposal to re-offer *BS in Geology* along *BS in Geophysics* with combined admission targets and revised roadmaps. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4853

359.   Re-offering of *BS in Geology* at BUIC (H-11) from Fall 2025 semester along *BS in Geophysics* with combined admission targets and revised roadmaps for both the programmes as given at **Appendage** 4853 is approved by the Academic Council. BU prospectus, CCH and website are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, Principal BSEAS (H-11), CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4854: Revision of *BS in Remote Sensing and GIS* Programme Curriculum

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

360.   The HEC has recently revised the curriculum of *BS in Remote Sensing and GIS* which has been accordingly emulated for the programme offered at BUIC and BUKC. HOD E&ES, BSEAS-IC will present the revised curriculum as given at **Appendage 4854** and recommended by FBOS-ES for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

361.   Dean ES presented the proposal to adopt the revised curriculum of *BS in Remote Sensing and GIS*. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal for both the CUs (BUIC and BUKC).

Decision 4854

362.   Adoption of revised curriculum of *BS in Remote Sensing and GIS* as given at **Appendage 4854** is approved by the Academic Council for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester at BUIC and BUKC. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, Principal BSEAS (H-11), CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4855: Revision of *MS in Mathematics* Curriculum

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

363.   The HEC has recently revised the curriculum of *MS in Mathematics* which has been emulated for the programme offered at BUIC & BUKC. HOD CS, BSEAS-IC will present the revised curriculum recommended by FBOS-ES for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

364.   Dean ES presented the proposal to adopt the revised curriculum of *MS in Mathematics* as given at **Appendage 4855**. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4855

365.   Adoption of revised curriculum of *MS in Mathematics* as given at **Appendage 4855** is approved by the Academic Council for adoption from the Fall 2025 semester. BU prospectus, website and CCH are to be updated accordingly. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, CE, DA, DIT	Dean ES

Item 4856: Launch Proposal for *BS in Artificial Intelligence* Programme at BULC

Sponsor: Dean ES   Referral Authority: FBOS-ES

Summary of the Case

366.   Based on the success of *BS in CS* and *BS in IT* programmes at BULC, the Dept of CS has proposed to launch the *BS in AI* programme from Fall 2025 semester. HOD CS, BULC will present the launch proposal recommended by FBOS-ES, for consideration by the Academic Council.

Discussion

367.   Dean ES presented the proposal to launch of *BS in Artificial Intelligence* programme at BULC as given at **Appendage 4856**. After brief discussion, the Council approved the proposal.

Decision 4856

368.   The launch of *BS in Artificial Intelligence* programme at BULC from Fall 2025 semester was approved by the Academic Council as per the proposal at **Appendage 4856** subject to the consent by the NCEAC. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean ES, BULC, DQA	Dean ES

ANY OTHER POINT

Item 4857: Launch of PG Programmes at BUHSCI	
Sponsor: Principal BUCM	Referral Authority: Meeting Chaired by Rector

Proposal

369. Vice Principal BUCM presented the proposal to launch HS PG programmes at BUHSCI, comprising of PhD programmes in multiple specialities, FCPS residency, and Diploma courses as mentioned in **Appendage 4857**. The Chair asked about the trends or practices of using the Multidisciplinary Lab of some other institute, as proposed in the presentation. DQA proposed to initiate PhD programme for one speciality and for other two later. He also suggested that additional admin staff may not be required initially as BUCM had been provided staff for full student load while only one batch had been inducted to date. He further proposed separate launch proposals for each programme, as per standard procedure.

370. The Chair suggested to pursue in-principle approval for the proposal, which was consented by BUCM with intention to launch the PhD programme in Spring 2026.

371. Pro-Rector (HS) highlighted the need for stipend to FCPS residents which would have to be catered accordingly. DHS indicated the need for timely preparations to get the HEC NOC for the PhD programme. Pro-Rector (RIC) emphasised upon acquiring the FMs conforming with the requirements of the related regulatory bodies.

Decision 4857

372. In-principle approval is accorded by the Academic Council to launch the PG programmes at BUHSCI as mentioned in **Appendage 4857**. Each proposal is to be processed separately as per procedure in vogue. BUHSCI is to further evaluate the available infrastructure for launching other HS programmes. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

Action Required	Action by	Responsibility
Implementation of the Decision	Dean HS, DHS, Principal BUCM	Dean HS

Item 4858: Approval of POs and PLOs for BBA Programme at BBS-IC	
Sponsor: Dean MS	Referral Authority:

Proposal

373. Principal BBS-IC proposed the approval of BBA POs & PLOs formulated exclusively for BBS-IC as a requirement of NBEAC, which were different from the BBA POs & PLOs at BBS-KC. DAcad emphasised that POs & PLOs have to be the same for a degree programme of the University irrespective of the campus. DQA supported the observation and suggested to adopt the BBA POs & PLOs for BBS-KC too, due being of higher level (AACSB) accreditation body. DIO emphasised to keep them separate. The Chair advised to process the proposal on file and pursue the ratification of the decision in the next ACM.

Decision 4858

374. The proposal to approve separate BBA POs & PLOs for BBS-IC is to be processed on file and the decision ratified by the Academic Council. Progress is to be reviewed in the next ACM.

SCHEDULE AND FOLLOW-UP/ TIMELINES FOR 48TH ACM

375.   The Secy then presented the schedule for the follow-up of action items for the 48th ACM and the timelines for the next/ 49th ACM as mentioned below, which was approved by the Chair:

a. 1st Progress Report (Action Items of 48th ACM) — 16 June 2025

b. 2nd Progress Report (Action Items of 48th ACM) — 15 August 2025

c. FBOS by each faculty for ACM New Items   — by 5 September 2025

d. Agenda Items for 49th ACM   — 15 September 2025
    (including points from respective FBOS)

e. Scheduled dates of 49th ACM   — 2nd week of October 2025

CLOSING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

376.   In his closing remarks, the Chair thanked all the participants for a great participation and a very patient hearing in many cases. He noted that few points not concluded during the ACM would be taken up separately, as absolute clarity of mind was essential to arrive at a decision.

377.   There being no further point, the meeting was adjourned.

ASIM RAZA SI(M)
Commodore (Retd)
Director Academics/
Secretary Acad Council

Dated: 15 May 2025

The relevant Appendages are available accordingly.

Volume - I Appendage 4806 to 4810, 4811 A to G, 4813 A-B, 4814 A to E, 4815 to 4823, 4825 to 4830 and 4843 to 4846 A to D, 4848, 4851, 4858

Volume - II 4801 to 4805, and 4852-4853, 4854,4855, 4856

Volume - III Appendage 4832

Volume - IV Appendage 4836-4837 A to C- 4838 A and B 4839-4840 and 4836 (BSN Presentation)