



FRC Meeting Minutes

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1. A special meeting of the Faculty Research Committee of the Faculty of Engineering Sciences (FRC-ES) was held on October 4, 2021, at 1600. Taking into account the COVID SOPs, the meeting was held online through MS Teams.

Attendees

2. The meeting was attended by the following:
 - i. Dr. Sohaib Ahmed Principal BSEAS, BUKC
 - ii. Dr. Saba Mehmood (For) HoD CS Dept., IC
 - iii. Dr. Ghulam Muhammad (For) HoD CS Dept., KC
 - iv. Dr. Junaid Imtiaz HoD, EE Dept., IC
 - v. Dr. Najam Muhammad Amin HoD EE Dept., KC
 - vi. Dr. Said Akbar Khan HoD EES Dept., IC
 - vii. Dr. Salma Hamza HoD EES Dept., KC
 - viii. Dr. Awais Majeed HoD SE Dept., IC
 - ix. Dr. Muhammad Ramzan Snr. Professor, CS Dept, IC
 - x. Dr. Imran Siddiqi Snr. Professor CS Dept., IC (Secretary FRC-ES)

Opening Remarks

3. The meeting was chaired by the Principal BSEAS, Karachi campus, Dr. Sohaib Ahmed. Chair FRC-ES welcomed the participants at the three campuses.



Agenda

4. The special meeting of FRC-ES was primarily held to discuss the cases of PhD scholars who are approaching time bar and have requested for an extension.
5. The agenda items presented, and the decisions taken are as follows.

Agenda Items

Item 14.1 Extension in time bar of PhD Scholars completing six years of program

Discussion

6. PG Coordinatr CS, BUIC, presented the cases of scholars Ms. Zainab Yousaf (01-284152-002) and Ms. Joddatt Fatima (01-284152-001) who are enrolled in the PhD (CS) program under the supervision of Dr. Amina Jamil. Both the candidates have completed the extended program duration of six years in Spring 2021 and DRC has requested the FRC to grant one year extension to the candidates so that the subsequent processing of thesis can be carried out. The house was also informed that both the candidates have also submitted their theses for the ITD.
7. HoD SE, IC presented the cases of the following PhD scholars who have completed six years of program duration.
 - i. Syed Rashid Aziz (01-281152-004)
 - ii. Khurram Mustafa Abbasi (01-281152-002)
 - iii. Sadia Ashraf (01-281152-005)
8. The house was informed that Mr. Syed Rashid Aziz has passed the foreign evaluation and the thesis is submitted for final defense. Mr. Khurram Mustafa Abbasi has completed his thesis document which is ready for submission for the ITD. Both the candidates have also completed the publication requirements for the award o the PhD degree.
9. Ms. Sadia Ashraf has completed 70% of her work and is in process of writing the thesis. She has submitted a research article and the decision is awaited. Chair FRC-ES expressed his concerns on the relatively slow progress of the candidate and requested the HoD to ensure that the candidate completes all the requirements and submit her thesis within the extension period of one year.

Decision

10. On recommendation of the respective DRCs and taking into account the current status of the presented PhD scholars, FRC approved an extension of one year for the concerned candidates. The salient details of the candidates are presented in **Annex-I**.

Action by: None



Item 14.2 Recommendation of extension in time bar of PhD Scholars completing seven years of program

Discussion

11. HoD SE, IC presented the case of PhD scholar Mr. Ikram ul Haq (01-281152-002) who is enrolled in the PhD (SE) program under the supervision of Dr. Tamim A. Khan. The candidate was granted one year extension by the FRC in its 11th meeting held in July 2020. The candidate has completed the publication requirement and has submitted his thesis for the ITD. A request for one year further extension is made by the candidate and is endorsed by the supervisor and the respective DRC. FRC was requested to recommend one year extension for the candidate to the honorable Rector BU.
12. HoD EE, BUKC, presented the case of PhD scholar Mr. Taimoor Zafar (01-281142-002) who is enrolled in the PhD (EE) program under the supervisor of Dr. Anzar Alam. The candidate was granted one year extension till Spring 2021 in the 11th meeting of the FRC. The ITD of the candidate was held on 29th July 2021 and the thesis is currently being revised in the light of the received comments. The candidate has requested one year further extension for subsequent processing of the thesis.
13. HoD EES, BUKC presented the case of Mr. Muhammad Irfan (02-282142-003) enrolled in the PhD (ES) program under the supervision of Dr. Mehrab Khan. The candidate has completed seven years of program duration and his thesis is ready for submission. However, the candidate has not yet completed the mandatory publication requirement. The house was also informed that the candidate had put up an application to the honorable Rector on this matter. The candidate was allowed to proceed to the ITD and was required to complete the publication requirement by 30th June 2022 (Letter No. BU-HO/PGP/2021/L/031).
14. Case of PhD scholar, Mr. Mohammad Idrees (02-282142-002) was presented by the HoD EES, BUKC. The candidate has completed seven years of program duration but was not able to complete the publication requirement. The house was also informed that the candidate directly requested the honorable Rector (on 18th September 2021) for acceptance of his "Y" category journals and processing of his thesis for the ITD. Later, on October 4, 2021, the candidate also put up an application for the waiver of time bar to the department. FRC was requested to consider the request of the candidate and recommend an extension of one year to the honorable Rector BU.

Decision

15. On recommendations of the respective DRCs, FRC recommended an extension of one year for approval from the competent authority for the presented PhD candidates. Details of the candidates and summary of the decisions are listed in **Annex-II**.

Action by: Concerned HoDs



Item 14.3 Ratification of Change of Internal Examiner – PhD FTD

Discussion

16. The house was informed that Syed Muhammad Usman (01-281182-002) is enrolled in the PhD (CE) program at BUIC under the supervision of Dr. Shehzad Khalid. The following internal examiners were recommended for the FTD of the candidate in the 13th meeting of the FRC-ES.
- iv. Dr. Imran Siddiqi, CS, BUIC
 - v. Dr. Imran Fareed Nizami, EE, BUIC
17. In order to have one of the recommendations from a different campus than the one in which the candidate is enrolled, Dean ES, recommended Dr. Amina Jamil, Snr. Associate Professor, department of SE, BUKC in place of Dr. Imran Fareed Nizami vide letter # BU-HO/DES/2021/L/091.
18. FRC was requested to ratify the new recommendation.

Decision

19. FRC ratified the recommendation of Dr. Amina Jamil, Snr. Associate Professor, department of SE, BUKC, as the second internal examiner for the PhD FTD of the candidate Syed Muhammad Usman (01-281182-002).

Action by: None

Closing Remarks

At the end, meeting chair Dr. Sohaib Ahmed summarised the key decisions and thanked the members/participants for contributing to the FRC-ES meeting.

Dr. Atif Raza Jaffri

Chair – FRC, Dean ES

October 05, 2021



Annex-I: Extension in time bar of PhD scholars completing six years of program

SNo.	Name (Enrolment No.)	Dept.	Program	Supervisor	Decision
1	Ms. Zainab Yousaf (01-284152-002)	CS, BUIC	PhD (CS)	Dr. Amina Jamil	One year extension till Spring 2022 granted by the FRC
2.	Ms. Joddatt Fatima (01-284152-001)	CS, BUIC	PhD (CS)	Dr. Amina Jamil	One year extension till Spring 2022 granted by the FRC
3.	Syed Rashid Aziz (01-281152-004)	SE, BUIC	PhD (SE)	Dr. Tamim A Khan (Dr. Aamer Nadeem)	One year extension till Spring 2022 granted by the FRC
4.	Khurram Mustafa Abbasi (01-281152-002)	SE, BUIC	PhD (SE)	Dr. Tamim A Khan (Dr. Irfan ul Haq)	One year extension till Spring 2022 granted by the FRC
5.	Sadia Ashraf (01-281152-005)	SE, BUIC	PhD (SE)	Dr. Tamim A Khan (Dr. Raja M Suleman)	One year extension till Spring 2022 granted by the FRC



Annex-II: Recommendation of extension in time bar of PhD scholars completing seven years of program

SNo.	Name (Enrolment No.)	Dept.	Program	Supervisor	Decision
1	Ikram ul Haq (01-281152-002)	SE, BUIC	PhD (SE)	Dr. Tamim A. Khan	One year extension recommended by the FRC for approval from the competent authority
2.	Mr. Taimoor Zafar (01-281142-002)	EE, BUKC	PhD (EE)	Dr. Anzar Alam (Dr. Tariq Mairaj)	One year extension recommended by the FRC for approval from the competent authority
3.	Mr. Muhammad Irfan (02-282142-003)	EES, BUKC	PhD (ES)	Dr. Mehrab Khan	One year extension recommended by the FRC for approval from the competent authority
4.	Mr. Mohammad Idrees (02-282142-002)	EES, BUKC	PhD (ES)	Dr. Yasmin Nergis	One year extension recommended by the FRC for approval from the competent authority