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Special points of interest:

- Curriculum Meeting in Peshawar
- Recruitment Rules
- All Councils Meeting
- Acc. Comm. Meeting
- NACTE Council Meeting

Message from the Council Chairperson

I am pleased to share with you that the council has finalized the Newsletter which presents an account of its three-month activities for which the council staff deserves our appreciations. I am sure you will enjoy reading the Newsletter and get an update on the council activities. The council has tried to accomplish its milestones on time which has been its high priority. In the past, the council was short of staff but the vacant positions have been filled up including Members of the Council, Programme Manager and Admin & Accounts Officer



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which will add more value to the council's work. The council is quite determined to improve the quality of teacher education programmes for preparing quality teachers who are able to contribute to the overall quality of education in the country.

Looking forward to your continued cooperation and support towards enhancing the status of teaching profession through accreditation of teacher education programmes in the country.

Best regards

National Curriculum Development Committee (NCDC)

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The Council Secretary attended the meeting of the National Curriculum Development Committee (NCDC) organized by the Academics Division of HEC on July 1 & 2, 2021 at HEC Regional Office, Peshawar to discuss the 'Undergraduate Education Policy 2020' and 'Teacher Education Roadmap'. The entry requirements for MPhil Education programme were also discussed. However, the outcomes of the meeting will be discussed in the next meeting of NCDC.



The Council Internees

The Council has offered opportunities for the internees to join it and gain a new experience and develop their professional skills. Based on the competitive process, two internees were engaged on July 1, 2021 to work closely with the staff to contribute to the council and enhance their learning. Let's welcome Ms. Saiqa Tabassum Abbasi, M.A Education and Ms. Fiza Aslam, BS Education as the internees at the Council. Hopefully, both will find their experience rewarding.

Council Staff Meeting

The Council Secretariat staff had an online meeting on Friday, July 16, 2021. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson NACTE welcomed the internees and wished them their work experience rewarding. The Council Secretary gave an update on the ongoing accreditation visits and the process of accreditation data analysis, data verification and report writing. It was decided in the meeting that the Secretary NACTE will share with the Chairperson the draft agenda and working paper of upcoming council meeting for review.



Council Recruitment Rules

“To win the marketplace, you must first win the workplace.”

In light of the decision of the 6th meeting of the Council Secretariat staff, a committee of three council members was constituted on July 23, 2021 to review/adapt the HR Manual of Business Council. The committee members are as follows:

- Prof Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Dean, Faculty of Education, AIOU, Islamabad (Convener)

- Dr. Riffat un Nisa, Associate Professor, University of Sargodha, Sargodha (Member)
- Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mahmood, Secretary, NCATE (Member/Secretary)

The committee members met online on August 12, 2021 and reviewed the above manual

keeping in view the human and other requirements of the Council which were discussed in the meeting of the committee on Sept 2, 2021 and presented in the 18th Council meeting on Sept 9, 2021. These will be further discussed in the next meeting of the Council

Meeting of Chairpersons of all Councils with Executive Director

The Executive Director, HEC convened a meeting of the HEC Council Chairpersons on September 2, 2021. The meeting was also attended by the Vice Chancellors AIOU, Islamabad and Virtual University, Director General-IT HEC, Director General, HEDR and QAA. The representative of the Computing Council gave a presentation on how they developed and implemented the Students Registration System & Accreditation Automation System. It was agreed to gather data related to enrolment and pass out of the students of various programmes.

Orientation Meetings with various Heads/Faculty of Institutions

The Council arranged orientations of the heads and faculty of the following six (06) teacher education institutions to apprise them of the accreditation requirements and processes. Dr Muhammad Khalid Mehmood, Council Secretary oriented the heads and faculty of accreditation standards, tools, procedures and other relevant information, followed by Q&A session.

- Fazaia College of Education for Women, Lahore
- University of Wah, Wah Cantt.
- Beaconhouse National University, Lahore
- University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore
- University of the Punjab, Lahore
- Khan Muhammad Khan College, Bhimber, AJK



National Accreditation Committee Meeting

The 16th meeting of the National Accreditation Committee was held on September 7, 2021 11:00am (Online). Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairman NACTE welcomed and thanked the members for sparing their time to attend the online meeting. The Committee reviewed nine (09) Zero Accreditation

reports and fifteen (15) formal accreditation reports. Total twenty-four (24) programmes were awarded different levels of accreditation.



Evaluators' Visits

The Council completed the accreditation visits of nine (9) programmes and the details are given below

Sr.#	Name of Institution	City	Province	Programmes
1	Fazaia College of Education for Women	Lahore	Punjab	BS Edu. (Hons.)
2				B.Ed. (Hons.)
3	University of Wah	Wah Cantt	Punjab	MS Education
4				Ph.D Education
5	Beaconhouse National University	Lahore	Punjab	Master of Art Education (2.5 Years)
6	University of Management and Technology (UMT)	Lahore	Punjab	M.Phil. Education
7	Institute of Education and Research, University of the Punjab	Lahore	Punjab	Ph.D Education
8				M.Phil. Education
9	Khan Muhammad Khan College	Bhimber	AJK	B.Ed. (1.5 Years)



18th Council Meeting

• The 18th meeting of the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) was held on September 9, 2021 at 11:00am at Lecture Hall, HEC H-9 Islamabad. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Memon, Chairperson, National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) chaired the meeting through a video link. The Chairperson welcomed all the members, especially the new

members and the new Council Secretary who requested their active participation in the Council's meetings for further improving its performance. He thanked the outgoing members and appreciated their effective contribution for enhancing performance of the Council. After introduction of the members, formal proceedings of the meeting started. The Council Secretary presented twenty-

four (24) agenda items one by one for deliberations and decisions.

The major decisions included:

- Approval of tenure of the Councils' Secretary
- Approval of extension in contract periods of the council secretariate



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staff

- Approval of formal accreditation levels to twenty-five (25) teacher education programmes and award of zero accreditation to another twenty-five (25) programmes.
- Approval of Council budgets, audit reports and annual action plans.
- Approval of waiver of late

fee at the rate of Rs. 10,000/ month in applying for accreditation which was made compulsory in the previous meeting.

- Approval of recruitment procedure to fill the



vacant positions in the council.

- Approval of the engagement of internees.
- Approval of 'NACTE Action Plan for the year 2020-2021'.

Reflections of Stakeholder

Quality of education is a burning issue in the country. A major question is asked by the stakeholders and researchers whether we are producing quality teachers. Definitely, answer to this question is not an easy. The concept of quality and the process of measurement go hand in hand. The council gathers relevant data to assure quality of teacher education programmes through a rigorous process. The heads of institutions set target for the next three years to improve the quality of the programme. Overall, accreditation process is quite comprehensive process to assess the quality of teacher education programmes. Although being an evaluator I appreciate efforts of the Council, it is our collective responsibility to meet the global standards of teacher education programmes.



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Teacher education has faced quality crisis. The Higher Education Commission established NACTE about ten years back, to ensure quality of teacher education. We, the 'community of practice' in teacher education are fortunate enough to see this council flourishing and doing its best to accredit the programmes. I am honoured to be the part of this process since 2009. This has been a great learning experience and a source of professional development. Creating and developing linkages and social networking with sister institutions while working as external evaluator, has been very rewarding. Visiting range of institutions across the country has made me to understand the issues of teacher education. I wish best of luck to all the stakeholders who have been working collaboratively for this great cause.

Glimpse of Activities

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Future Activities

The future activities include;

- Review/restructure teacher education programmes and roadmap.
- Review accreditation standards, tools, indicators of face to face and online teacher education programmes.
- Hold external evaluator workshop.
- Hold conference.
- Launch online journal.
- Initiate registration of graduates of the programmes.

