

## **DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR RESEARCH COUNCIL**

### **Powers, Functions, and Composition of the Research Council (RC)**

#### **Powers and functions:**

1. To advise on matters related to improving overall research environment of the University, including need assessment for research administration, research infrastructure, quality benchmarking of research output and R&D needs of the University.
2. To suggest ways and means of supporting, promoting, encouraging and assessing research activities and output in the University and its adjuncts.
3. Provide a forum for discussion on new, innovative and strategic research initiatives, including proposals for augmentation of R&D infrastructure in the University.
4. To discuss, debate and recommend to the Syndicate and University Council amendments, modifications, changes etc. in the statutes and rules for various research programmes in the University, including fee structure, number and emoluments of university research scholarship/fellowship etc.
5. To consider proposals from Boards of Research Studies, Deans of various Schools and other relevant bodies/authorities regarding capacity building in R&D, new initiatives for promotion of research and research output, ethical conduct, technology transfer, utilization of research grants and make appropriate recommendations for consideration of competent bodies.
6. To counsel on matters related to inter-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary and collaborative research at local, regional, national and global level and identify opportunities for partnerships to support research interests of the University of Kashmir.
7. To consider policies regarding Intellectual Property (IP) including ownership, sharing of licenses, technology transfer and royalty resulting from IP created by the University of Kashmir and other activities related to IP and recommend to the competent authority for their adoption.
8. The URC shall be a recommendatory/advisory body and shall not take any decision on any matter falling within its competence which involves financial and administrative implications, without obtaining prior approval of the Syndicate or the University Council, as the case may be.
9. The URC shall have powers to appoint standing committee with appropriate members with power to invite distinguished researchers for advice on matters of urgent nature.

## **Composition:**

The URC shall consist of the following members, all of whom shall be members ex-officio

1. The Vice Chancellor
2. Two distinguished researchers nominated by the Chancellor
3. One distinguished researcher not associated with the University of Kashmir to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
4. Dean Research
5. Dean, Academic Affairs, University of Kashmir
6. Deans of Faculties/Schools, University of Kashmir
7. Dean Research or equivalent of the Universities/Institutes in the State of Jammu and Kashmir
8. One Head of Department/Director of a Centre, University of Kashmir by rotation to be nominated by the Dean of the Faculty/School.
9. Nodal Principal, Kashmir Province
10. Three Principal Investigators/Coordinators who have brought in significant research grants from national international agencies
11. Chairpersons of the Subcommittees that report to the University Research Council
12. Representatives of Govt. departments/agencies such as Science and Technology, Agriculture, Forests, Industries, State Pollution Control Board etc. to be approved by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of Dean Research.

## **Terms of reference**

- a. The term of office of the members (other than ex-officio members) will be three years from the date of nomination.
- b. The University Research Council shall meet at least once a quarter/six months.
- c. Fifty percent of the total membership shall form the quorum for any meeting.

## **Subcommittees to report to the University Research Council:**

- a. The Standing Operations subcommittee, comprising faculty from across campus, investigates specific aspects of research and its infrastructure in depth, makes recommendations to the URC for improvement, and provides a forum for faculty input into the overall research environment of the University.
- b. Research Ethics subcommittee, comprising of selected faculty members, to look at all ethical aspects of research including plagiarism, ethical clearance wherever required.
- c. Biosafety subcommittee – comprising of selected faculty from across the School of Biological sciences, to look at biosafety related issues including impediments to the conduct of clinical and translational research, and provides recommendations to the URC regarding solutions and best practices.

- d. Research Extension/Awareness subcommittee - ensures that the research mission of the KU is highly integrated into overall societal development and plays important role in Government's policy planning.

	<p>The members of the Research Council, other than the ex-officio members shall hold office for a period of three calendar years from the respective dates of their nomination/co-option as such but may be co-opted again on the expiry of such period;</p> <p>Provided that persons co-opted as representatives of any particular body shall not hold office after they cease to be members of that body.</p> <p>The Research Council may appoint sub-committees to examine or any other committee as the Research Council may deem necessary to examine matters entrusted to them by the competent authority.</p>	<i>Statutes</i>
<b>Regulations</b>		
01.	<p>The meetings of the Research Council shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence the Pro Vice-Chancellor, if any.</p> <p>Special meeting of the Research Council shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence the Pro Vice-Chancellor, if any on a date fixed by him, on a requisition signed by any ten members of the Research Council. At such meetings only such subjects as the signatories to the requisition have set forth in the requisition shall be first brought forward and disposed off.</p>	<i>Meetings</i>

02.	<p>The Dean Research shall, ordinarily, not less than ten days before each meeting of the Research Council issue to each member thereof, a notice stating the time and venue of the meetings along with the agenda. In the case of a special meeting, the Dean Research shall give such previous notice of the time and venue of the meeting as the circumstances in each case may permit;</p> <p>Provided that in the case of special meetings or whenever necessary in exceptional circumstances, the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence the Pro Vice-Chancellor if any, may suspend or modify the operation of this Regulation.</p>	<b><i>Notice of meeting</i></b>
03.	<p>The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Research Council. In his absence the Pro Vice-Chancellor, if any, shall be the Chairman, and in the absence of both, Dean Research shall be the Chairman for the meeting.</p>	<b><i>Chairman</i></b>
04.	<p>The Dean Research shall be the ex-officio Secretary. In the absence of the Dean Research, the person performing the duties of the Dean Research shall act as Secretary.</p>	<b><i>Secretary</i></b>
05.	<p>At all meetings of the Research Council 50% of the members inclusive of the Chairman shall form a quorum. But if a meeting is adjourned twice for want of quorum no quorum shall be necessary for the subsequent meeting.</p>	<b><i>Quorum</i></b>
	<p>All proposals brought forward for the consideration of the Research Council, shall be decided by the majority of votes of the members present at the meeting and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Chairman may decide that any matter</p>	<b><i>Procedure</i></b>

	<p>may be decided by a secret ballot or by the show of hands at his discretion.</p> <p>Notice of a motion or resolution to be included in the supplementary agenda of a meeting of the Research Council must reach the Dean Research at least five clear days before the date of the meeting.</p> <p>Notice of an amendment to a motion or resolution of which notice has been given must, if it is intended to be included in the supplementary agenda, must reach the Dean Research at least three clear days before the meeting of the Research Council at which the motion or resolution is to be moved.</p> <p>Notwithstanding anything contained in above Paras of this Regulation, the Chairman may allow a motion or an amendment of which the notice required thereby has not been given.</p> <p>It shall be at the discretion of the Chairman to put to vote any amendment in parts, or two or more amendments in parts, or two or more amendments consolidated. The Chairman may also take vote on two or more amendments in the alternative.</p> <p>All Regulations relating to conduct of business at the meetings of the University Council not inconsistent with these Regulations shall mutatis mutandis, apply to all meetings of the Research Council.</p>	
	<p>The proceedings of the meetings of the Research Council shall be recorded in writing by the Secretary and submitted to the Chairman of the meetings for approval and signatures. The Dean Research shall within fifteen days after the meeting, send a copy of the proceedings to each member of the Research Council.</p>	<p><i>Minutes</i></p>

