

KHYBER MEDICAL UNIVERSITY RESEARCH & ETHICS STATUTES 2008

WHEREAS it is expedient to, stimulate, support, sustain and regulate quality research and ethics, the following statutes are framed by the University Syndicate under Section 27 of the Khyber Medical University Act (NWFP Act No. I of 2007).

1. Short Title, Commencement and Application: - (1) These statutes may be called the Khyber Medical University Research & Ethics Statutes, 2008.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions: - (1) In these statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "Board" means University Research & Ethical Board established under these statutes;
- (b) "Council" means Graduate & Research Management Council (GRMC) established under these Statutes;
- (c) "Commission" Means Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
- (d) "Faculty" means a faculty constituted under the Clause 1 of the 1st Statutes of the KMU or as amended/revised/updated from time to time;
- (e) "Research Proposal" means a proposal submitted by students / staff or with their collaboration, to the GRMC for approval and or funding;
- (f) "Staff" mean employees of the University.

3. Graduate and Research Management Council: (1) The Graduate and Research Management Council shall consist of:

- i) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- ii) The Deans,
- iii) Three University Professors other than Deans to be appointed by the Syndicate, and
- iv) Three University Teachers having research qualifications and experience to be appointed by the Academic Council.
- v) The Director Research & Development, Khyber Medical University as member-cum-secretary.
- vi) Representative of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, dealing with research, not below the rank of Director.
- vii) Regional Director of Pakistan Medical & Research Council.
- viii) Regional Director of College of Physicians & Surgeons of Pakistan.

(2) The term of office of members of the Graduate and Research Management Council other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Graduate and Research Management Council shall be one-half of the total number of members, fraction being counted as one.

(4) Council shall meet at least quarterly or as and when required by the Chairman.

4. Functions of the Council: The functions of the Graduate and Research Management Council shall be:-

- a) To advise the Authorities on all matters concerned with the promotion of Advanced Studies and Research in the University and all it's constituent and affiliated colleges;

- b) to consider and report to the Authorities on the institution of research degrees in the University,
- c) To propose regulations to the Academic Council regarding the award of research degrees;
- d) To appoint supervisors for research students and determine the subjects of their thesis;
- e) To recommend panels of names of paper setters and examiners for research examinations after considering the proposals of the Board of Studies; and
- f) To perform such other functions as may be prescribed with the approval of the Syndicate.

5. Research and Ethics Board: (1) The board shall consist of;

- i. Chairman Deans' Committee (Chairman);
- ii. one eminent teacher from each faculty of the University having relevant higher qualifications and well established experience in the field of research, to be appointed by the Academic Council;
- iii. the Director Research & Development of the University, who shall be Secretary cum member of the Board;
- iv. University Lawyer;
- v. One eminent Scientist / Researcher, other than employees of the University, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- vi. One representative from the community to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.
- vii. One Representative, each, from;
 - a. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan;
 - b. College of Physician & Surgeon of Pakistan.
- viii. Co-opted member (S) [subject specialists and others] as and when required.

(2) The term of office of members of the University Research and Ethical Board other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the University Research and Ethical Board shall be one-half of the total number of members, fraction being counted as one.

6. Function of the Board: The functions of the University Research and Ethical Board shall be:-

- a) to advise the Authorities on all matters concerned with promotion and assurance of quality research in the University, constituent and affiliated colleges / institutions;
- b) to devise, regulate and monitor, guidelines, norms, code of ethics for conduct of research and research related activities;
- c) approve, revise and support the mandates of Institutional Research & Ethics Committee to be established under Section 8 of these Statutes;
- d) to consider / examine research proposals for Relevance, Quality and Ethical consideration;
- e) Monitor Research & Research Activities in the University, and through IRECS in the constituent / affiliated colleges / Institutions;

- f) To perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the university Syndicate.
7. Powers of the Board: The Board shall have the powers to;
- a) Recommend for approve of all research proposals on ethical grounds to the Council;
 - b) Reject a "Research Proposal" on ethical grounds, which shall not be considered by any other authority of the University.
 - c) Develop rules for conduct of its business.
 - d) Develop regulations for conduct of its functions.
8. Institutional Research & Ethical Committee: (1) Each constituent / affiliate college / institution of the University shall have Institutional Research & Ethical Committee.
- (2) Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Registrar of University on the recommendations of the Board.
 - (3) The committee shall consist of as many members as the board may deem fit but shall not be less than one. One of the members shall be the convener of the committee to be notified by the Registrar of the university.
 - (4) Functions of the committee shall be prescribed by the Board.
 - (5) The Members of the committee shall hold the office till the satisfactory performance.