



ACADEMIC STAFF ASSOCIATION
Quaid-i-Azam University

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A meeting of the Executive Council of the ASA was held on August 18, 2010, in the Library of Department of Economics with Dr. Eatzaz Ahmad, President of the ASA, in the chair. The following members attended the meeting.

Dr. Eatzaz Ahmad	(President)
Dr. M. Gulraiz Akhter	(Secretary)
Dr. Muhammad Aslam	(Joint Secretary)
Dr. Irfan Zia Qureshi	(Treasurer)
Dr. Bilal Haider Abbasi	(Bio- Technology)
Dr. M. Ishaq	(Chemistry)
Dr. G.S.Khan Niazi	(Administrative Sciences)
Dr. Ilhan Niaz	(History)
Mr. Mahmud-ul-Hassan Butt	(IR)
Mr. Anees Ahmad Bangash	(Earth Sciences)
Dr. m.Idrees	(Economics)
Dr. Ghani ur Rahman	(Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations)
Dr. Bushra Mirza	(Bio-Chemistry)

The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Fateha was offered the departing soul of mother of Dr Bushra. Mirza.

The summary of the discussion is as follows

1. Flood Relief Fund

The members expressed profound dismay, grief and sorrow over the widespread casualties and destruction caused by floods in the length and breadth of the country. This was a unanimous view that every citizen of the country must do something to help the flood victims who suddenly find themselves under the sun with all their belongings washed away by the gushing water. They were of the opinion that it is a national and moral duty of every representative organization in the country to do something for the unfortunate Pakistanis who have become homeless. The ASA passionately requests its members to contribute any thing in goods, services or cash for the victims of catastrophic floods. The EC member unanimously decided to contribute two-day salary for this flood relief fund. If any faculty member for any reason does not want to participate in this exercise, he/she should inform the Treasurer by Aug 23, 2010, in writing. If any teacher wants to donate more, he/she should also indicate this to the Treasurer in writing.

2. Public-Private Partnership at QAU.

The President informed the House that the Think Tank established on the proposal of Academic Council with Dr Eatzaz Ahmad as its Convener to look into the issue in its meetings had overwhelming consensus that University should not enter into private partnership in academic issues. Fully backing Think Tank, EC said that Department of Administrative Sciences should run BBA program. The President with statistics emphasized that University will earn much more than what it would earn with private partnership. The EC was informed that the Department of Administrative Sciences faculty was called in the Think Tank meeting in which, it completely supported the idea and stressed that it has the willingness and capacity to run the program. The EC said that the Think Tank comprising Professors was formed at the advice of Academic Council and its recommendations must be implemented in letter and spirit.

Majority of the members was of the view that if University abdicates its academic authority to private concerns in the name of public-private partnership, it would certainly deteriorate the standards, badly affect the teaching quality and will have adverse impact on the standing of the University. This would also harm the expansion of our existing Department of Administrative Sciences. It is suspected that the private entrepreneurs were eyeing on 70-acre of QAU land in the name of School but would usurp it like had already been done by PASTIC, NCP, SUPARCO and particularly PIDE.

The members lamented that the administration prefers/trusts outsiders even those having suspicious integrity and bad reputation more than its own staff. It can generate more income by self-reliance instead of offering its resources to outsiders. They said that such an act would be repeating the history of East India Company in the subcontinent at the Campus.

One member said that numerous meetings take place within University and between University and the organization seeking affiliation but in this no such exercise took place and the advertisement appeared in the newspapers before the formal approval, even discussion of the program in any of the statutory bodies.

The House unanimously resolved that the bidding process should be cancelled by using the clause 2.12 in the Request for Proposal (RFP) "Not with standing anything contained in this RFP, IPDF and/or QAU reserve the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the bidding process and reject all proposals / bids, at any time without any liability or any obligation for such acceptance, rejection or annulment, and without assigning any reasons there for" already given to all intending bidders and Department of Administrative Sciences should start the already approved BBA program.

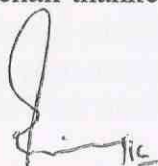
The House also passed a resolution on the subject attached with the minutes.

3. Any other item

On the complaint from a member from Faculty of Biological Sciences, the EC resolved that extra-teaching honorarium for the last spring semester may be given to the teachers of the Faculty as has been done in other Faculties.

The Secretary informed the EC that University has released the second installment of the BPS Incentives for the year 2008 and thanked the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Treasurer in this regard.

The chair thanked all the EC members for their contribution in the discussion.



Dr. M. Gulraiz Akhter,
Secretary