

Minutes of the Meeting of Sub-Committee on Industry-Academia Collaboration Programme

A meeting of Sub-committee on Industry Academia Collaboration was held on 23-02-2017 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Najam Rauf Executive Member GCCI and following members of said committee attended the meeting.

Mr. Najam Rauf	Chairman
Mr. Abdul Waheed Taj	Member
Mr. Ahmed Ikram Lone	Member
Mr. Saqib Ghafoor	Member
Mr. Waqas Afzal	Member

Meeting was started with the recitation of Holy Quran and following recommendations were given in the said Meeting.

Recommendations

Mr. Najam Rauf said that this is the first meeting of sub-committee after the combine meeting of Working Group on Industry- Academia Collaboration. Today, we have to embark on for the designing of Line of Action of the said Programme. Afterwards, we will finalize and Academia would be taken on Board.

Mr. Abdul Waheed Taj said that there should be permanent person for the R&D cell of GCCI from whom the progress could be obtained and make him accountable for the working thereof. In this regard, we should have to adopt two approaches long term and short term. On the First Hand, we should go for short term tasks for which different tasks would be given to Universities and available data could be obtained from the Academia and response thereof would be solicited within one month or two. As Change in Curriculum is a Long term process which is not possible immediately. In the Long run, projects would be allotted to Academia. The students who win the projects would be rewarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions or job may be offered to them. During this long term projects, Continuous Feedback would be sought from Universities.

Mr. Ahmed Ikram Lone seconded the recommendations of Mr. Abdul Waheed Taj and further added that proper authorities should be given to sub-committees so that coming members of Executive Committee could not dissolve established sub-committees.

Mr. Saqib Ghafoor pointed out that Sub-committees would remain same and new persons could be included therein.

Mr. Ahmed Ikram Lone reiterated that Sub-Committees Heads should remain same and continuity of Sub-committees should be disturbed. Haphazard should not be created as done in the regime of Mr. Samee Ullah Naeem. The visits to R&D Cells of Sialkot Chamber and Rawalpindi Chamber should be made by Sub-Committees' members to have an idea of Education Level, Work Procedure, Outline regarding their ongoing programmes on Industry-Academia Collaboration. Two Interns should be appointed for the purpose of R&D who may work at home for Data Collection, Data compiling etc under the Supervision of Mr. Asfandyar.

Mr. Saqib Ghafoor added that if any query come from any member of GCCI should be entertained by that R&D cell.

Mr. Ahmed Ikram Lone was of the view that projects given to universities regarding sector studies etc should be Judged afterwards from presentation given by them.

Mr. Najam Rauf put out his suggestion that Head of departments of Academia may go for data Collection related to Trade of Pakistan with different Countries which include their Import, Export Customs Tariff, Revenue and potential of trade with those countries etc as Academia has all resources for that Purpose.

Mr. Ahmed Ikram Lone recommended that data collection process should start from the neighboring country as they are easily accessible (Iran, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh etc).

Mr. Najam Rauf furthered the point of Mr. Ahmed that we should start from the neighboring countries in that sense that Neighboring Big Economies like India and China have greater influence on Neighboring Country impact on Afghanistan.

Mr. Ahmed Ikram appreciated the Online Forum developed by the Dr. Hassan of Rachna Engineering College for the problem solving of Industry related to engineering which he highlighted in the meeting of Industry-Academia Collaboration Working Group. Mr. Ahmed expressed his idea that we should have a meeting with Dr. Hassan and get feedback from him for the link to be made on the website of GCCI. He added that Job Portal should also be made on the Website of GCCI from which Academia and Industry may check wherefrom the placement of Interns. Moreover, Five to Six Months time period should be given to Academia for the report preparation Sector Study. A panel comprising of Industrialists and Chamber representatives will reward accordingly. Changes in Curriculum should be made according to the demand of Industry. Motivational Speech from Successful Industrialist should be arranged in Universities after two months for setting the mindsets towards entrepreneurial skills. Interns should come with the improvement plans in the business processes in the form of reports during Internships.

Mr. Saqib Ghafoor emphasized that there is need to build confidence in industry.

Mr. Ahmed suggested that we can select organizations for the internships those who are willing to welcome universities for internships.

Mr. Waqas Afzal gave his recommendation that purpose of Internship is to get job during internship period. Job Offerings from companies are not made as no proper resources are sending from Academia. Model Job Descriptions should be defined and Layers should also be defined that how many persons are required.

Mr. Najam Rauf concluded the meeting by summing up the all the discussed points and thanked the members of Sub-committee.