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NOTIFICATION

On the recommendations of the 21st meeting of the Academic Council held on 31st December, 2025, the Syndicate, University of Engineering & Technology, Mardan, in its 24th meeting held on July 04, 2026, approved the following policy and guidelines for the external evaluation of PhD dissertations as per GE Policy 2023:

A. Policy Related to PhD Dissertation Evaluation by External Experts

The PhD dissertation must be evaluated by:

a. At least two external experts shall evaluate the PhD dissertation. The experts must meet one of the following criteria:

i. A PhD faculty member from the world's top 500 universities ranked by Times Higher Education or QS World Ranking in the year corresponding to the dissertation evaluation year.

OR

ii. Pakistan-based distinguished national professors, meritorious professors from any national university, professors from top universities ranked by HEC, or professors from any Pakistani university having a minimum H-Index of 30 for sciences, 15 for Social Sciences, or 8 for Art & Humanities, as determined by Web of Science.

OR

b. At least one external expert qualifies any one of the conditions mentioned in 'a' above if the PhD candidate publishes dissertation research in a peer-reviewed journal classified by the HEC in category W for Sciences and X or above for Social Sciences.

B. General Guidelines for Selecting External Evaluators:

The following guidelines shall be observed while selecting external evaluators:

- Relevance of Expertise: The expert must have expertise in the same or a related field as the dissertation.
- No Conflict of Interest: The evaluator must have no personal, financial, or professional stake in the dissertation outcome.
- Objectivity: The evaluator must be capable of making unbiased evaluations.
- Diversity: The evaluator should bring diversity in terms of geography, culture, and professional backgrounds.
- Reputation: The evaluator must have a good reputation in the field, with a track record of fair and thorough evaluations.
- Availability: The evaluator must have the time and availability to review the dissertation.
- Professionalism: The evaluator must conduct themselves professionally and respectfully throughout the evaluation and defense process.

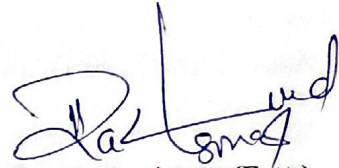
- h. Communication: The evaluator must be capable of providing clear and constructive feedback on the dissertation.
- i. Confidentiality: The evaluator must maintain confidentiality and protect the intellectual property of the dissertation.
- j. Compatibility: The evaluator should be well-versed with the research methodology, approach, and theories used in the dissertation.

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