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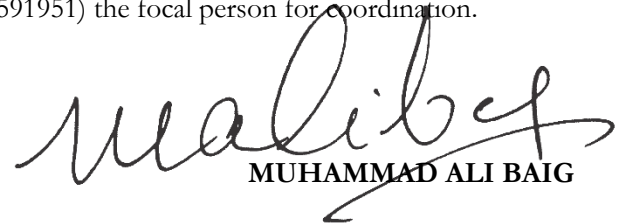
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON CONTENT GUIDELINES FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LANGUAGES

Since the very start of the higher education in Pakistan, degree programs are being offered in international, national and regional languages by majority of the universities, mainly in the public sector, in response to steadily rising interest of students, backed by scholarly and industry demand(s) over time. Since a large lump of study content is adopted from the foreign sources of literature, much of it might come in conflict with the socio-cultural, religious and state values of Pakistan. Also, since no standardized content guidelines in view of the socio-cultural and religious sensitivity embedded within the very nature of languages and their literature have been provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), there are possibilities of content being taught in Pakistani universities which may prove to be counter-productive in making youth sensitive to inclusivity, socio-cultural values and the ideological basis of Pakistan.

In the above backdrop, the management of HEC has constituted a consultative committee, of which you are nominated as a member, to deliberate on the following and recommend appropriate corrective and advisory measures for all Pakistani universities offering degree programs in languages:

1. Hurdles in promotion of degree programs in languages and possible measures for promotions of these programs at the level of university and affiliated colleges;
2. Minimum standards / requirements for admission in degree programs offered in languages;
3. Possible ill and counter-productive contents in the curriculum of degree programs offered in languages and recommendation on corrective and advisory measures to ensure that these programs are free from all sorts of obscenity / vulgarity, anti-state and anti-social contents, which will serve as an overarching guideline for curriculum development and content prescription for all degree programs offered in languages.

The meeting is scheduled on **March 2, 2023** in the Mural Hall, Higher Education Commission, Sector H-9, Islamabad from 1000 to 1600 hours (schedule attached). You are requested to please make it convenient to attend the meeting and confirm your availability so that necessary arrangements can accordingly be made. For the purpose of coordination and allied support, please feel free to contact **Ms. Aysa Sahar** (0333-5591951) the focal person for coordination.


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