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OFFICE OF THE DEAN RESEARCH

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Dear Principal Investigators,

I have recently taken over as Dean Research of our University and I thought it opportune to communicate with you about a few important issues concerning the promotion and development of research in the University. At the very outset let me put it on record the university's deep appreciation of the scholarly contributions made by you in various disciplinary and interdisciplinary research topics. Therefore, the contribution of the PIs in raising the profile of the University and helping us to make it among the top 50 Universities of the Country and secure A+ NAAC ranking is commendable and well recognized by the university administration. I believe that only our collective efforts gave us an edge over the others in the competition. However, you will agree that there is scope for a leap advance in research development across the faculties to win more laurels for the university in future.

I do appreciate that it is very challenging to win independently research grants for your creative ideas, after having gone through the rigorous application, review and competition process for increasingly competing grants at the national level. It is all self-driven and motivated by the prospects of academic reward and honour. I am also aware that the PIs in the University are under constant pressure and face varied challenges related to project management, compliance to the funding agency and university rules, publication pressures etc. Sometimes, it takes more than 50% of your time in just handling these tasks. However, we have all very well adapted to all these requirements, maintaining a balance, without compromising on the demands of teaching, academic, administrative, institutional and social obligations of the university corporate life despite security and other constraints.

Despite all these significant challenges, all of you have made commendable research contributions in your respective fields but somehow, we have not been able to market it well. There is need to make your work more accessible to public and demonstrate its reach to the policy- and decision-makers. I assure you that the university shall find the ways and means of outreach for highlighting your work so that the canvas of your research has broader appreciation across the various segments of the society and government. Dean Research, with your active support and involvement, will hold a series of outreach programs to try and get the message out. Demonstrating the value of your research projects is very important for the reputation of the university and the PIs, as well as for winning future funding of our bigger research proposals.

The university must have a realistic research vision of where it wants to be in the next 10 years from now. The vision would act as a spur to all the university faculties to render the best in them to make it truly a leading university of the country and in the region. You have all been teaching well and also researching well. However, we need a much larger pool of faculty to realise the research vision. Therefore, our emphasis would be to create an enabling environment so that the faculty who have been teaching well especially in the social sciences, commerce, arts, languages, education and other faculties are also motivated to initiate extramural research independently. Your suggestions for taking research in the university to new highs will always be welcome.

I fully realize that the support from the Dean Research office to PIs is vital to promote and strengthen a culture of research at the university and would positively influence and motivate the budding researchers to invest their time and efforts in conducting research. I assure you that we shall together meet the challenges faced by researchers in the improving the research and academic environment in the university. The office of the Dean Research would always support research endeavours of all Principal Investigators and would facilitate the smooth conduct of research in the university by making the research administration least bureaucratic and most responsive.

Warm regards,

Professor Shakil Ahmad Romshoo

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