Policy for International Linkages

Iqra National University, Peshawar

Purpose: The policy is about providing guidance, principles, and procedures related to the establishment of International linkage agreement between INU and other educational institutes at International level.

Scope: The scope of this policy is applies to all International linkages created between INU and other educational institutes at International level. The scope includes International linkages occurring between INU as well as any of its administrative or educational unit with some International institute, International government, or any other relevant body.

Definitions

In this policy;

"Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University

"Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University

"Department" means a teaching department maintained or recognized by the University in the manner prescribed.

"INU" means Iqra National University.

"Faculty" means teaching staff including Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Demonstrators, and Instructors engaged whole-time by the university or by a constituent college or constituent institution and such other persons as may be declared to be teacher

"Approval Officer" means the University top management official who is authorized to approve formal International linkages. In INU, only Vice Chancellor and Chancellor are authorized to enter in agreement with other International institutes.

"Formal International Linkage" means a legal inter-institutional agreement between the INU and any other International organization such as university, college, accreditation or examination body, agency,

other country's government or its subsidiary organ. Mostly, the objective of this International linkage is to facilitate knowledge creation or sharing, collaborative research, scholar activities, exchange of visits, student or faculty exchange program, sandwich degree program and so on. Any doubt that whether formal agreement required or not in some case, will only be resolved by the Vice Chancellor of INU.

"Informal International Linkage" means a collegial relationship across International boundaries among students, administrators, faculty which do not requires no commitment of any institutional resources.

"Institutional Resources' refers to the INU financial, technical, human, or other resources.

"Proponent" means.

Policy Statement on Formal International Linkages

- INU support such formal International linkages which support educational, research, and extra-curricular activities.
- INU support such formal International linkages which helps in eliminating duplication of efforts.
- INU will not enter in International linkage agreement with such organization or country which is against the national Interest of the Pakistan.
- INU will not enter in International linkage agreement with such organization or country which is working against the religion Islam.
- All formal International linkage must be evaluated based on the value (financial, educational, and social) it creates for INU and the other party wishes to enter in such agreement.
- INU can enter in any International linkage as a whole as well as any of its division such as Business Administration Department or Civil Engineering Department. Such Administrative units can enter in agreement independently providing they take formal permission from Vice Chancellor, INU.
- Approval of formal International linkage agreement must be made through vice Chancellor or Chancellor who will also inform the relevant statutory bodies about such agreement (e.g. Board of Studies, Board of Faculty, Academic Council, Syndicate, Board of Governance).

Procedure of Developing, Reviewing, and Signing International Linkage Agreement

The general process of developing International linkage is as under;

1. Any individual who is part of INU faculty or administration and is interested in developing International linkage should consult his/her immediate supervisor. The supervisor will take the proposal in writing and possibly the documentary evidence of 'interest' from the other party and will submit it to the Registrar Office, INU.
2. The Registrar office will arrange a meeting between panel of three members (Vice Chancellor along with two other relevant experts) and the member who made the proposal. The panel will evaluate the benefit of such proposed agreement on various criteria. Generally, the criterion is based on broad guidelines of 'policy statement of International linkages'.
3. If agreement involves some academic or student exchange program so advice from other experts will also be sought. Furthermore, if agreement involves some sensitive issue, so panel is authorized to reject the proposal without mentioning any specific reason.
4. If panel is satisfied with the proposal, so it will ask 'Marketing and Industrial Linkage' department to prepare draft agreement.
5. The Vice Chancellor or Chancellor can enter in 'International linkage agreement. However, it also needs to be reported to the relevant statutory bodies.

Responsibilities

Approval Authority: The responsibilities of approval authority are;

- To conduct rigorous due diligence process before approving any International linkage.
- To evaluate the 'value' in terms of strategy of the university and the academic quality.
- Evaluate the available resources before entering any such agreement
- Ensure that all necessary legal agreement or MOU are in place
- Working closely with partnering institute/organ/government in developing proposed agreement
- Work with the General counsel to secure necessary legal clearance

Implementing Authority: The responsibilities of implementing authority are;

- Ensure that all university staff is aware of and understand the decisions, changes, and procedures arising out of the any International linkage agreement. (Communication and training of staff is important for this point)
- Performing the function of monitoring and evaluation for compliance with the international Linkage agreement