



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
PUNJAB COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
and
UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB, LAHORE

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed into effect on **29th** day of September 2017 by and between:

PUNJAB COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (hereinafter referred to as **PCSW**, which expression shall include, where the context so permits, its successors-in-interest and permitted assigns) established under the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women Act 2014 having its head office located at 88-Shadman-II Lahore, Pakistan. **AND**

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, (hereinafter referred to as **PU**, which expression shall include, where the context so permits, its successors-in-interest and permitted assigns).

WHEREAS both the Parties are desirous of creating a mechanism for structured engagement to facilitate collaborative activities aimed at increasing awareness of women's rights and engaging students currently enrolled at PU in research efforts about women related issues under the supervision of PCSW staff.

AND WHEREAS both the Parties are aligned with the objective of increasing awareness of women's rights and the promotion of women's empowerment through research. Another aim of this collaboration is the increasing use of PCSW research amongst university students and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE:

- i. Raise awareness of women related laws, policies, and services
- ii. Recognize the role of women as agents of change in society
- iii. Familiarize students with the use of data available with PCSW and research findings as a repository for further student-led research on women related issues.
- iv. Strengthen institutional collaboration by hosting 2-3 interns to assist PCSW in undertaking research studies on women related issues. Internships to fulfill students' program requirements.
- v. Engage PU students in PCSW's events, advocacy efforts, social media campaigns and other initiatives related to women's empowerment.



In line with the aforementioned aims and objectives, it is the declared intent and purpose of the Parties hereto that this MoU constitutes an actionable framework for future collaboration and structured engagement between PCSW & PU as per the following specifics and modalities:

2. MODALITIES

- 2.1. PCSW shall conduct a total of 6 seminars on PU premises per academic year.
- 2.2. The date and time of each seminar shall be chosen by mutual consultation.
- 2.3. The number of seminars offered by PCSW may be increased or decreased subject to the availability of human and financial resources.
- 2.4. PCSW shall provide support to PU for the development of course content on women's empowerment.
- 2.5. PCSW shall provide resource persons for extension lectures [Women in Leadership (WL) candidates].
- 2.6. M.Phil and M.Sc. students of Institute of Cultural and Social Studies (ISCS, PU) shall research topics suggested by PCSW.
- 2.7. Internships at PCSW for PU shall be accorded proper course credit.
- 2.8. PCSW shall engage PU students in raising awareness by appointing Student Ambassadors to disseminate its research as well as promote PCSW events and initiatives.
- 2.9. PU students from the Media Studies department shall promote PCSW events, especially seminars conducted by PCSW on the University campus from time to time.

SIGNED by for and on behalf of
University of the Punjab

Prof. Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasar
Vice-Chancellor

Date: _____

Witnessed by:

SIGNED by for and on behalf of
Punjab Commission on the Status of Women

Ms. Fauzia Viqar
Chairperson

Date: 29-9-2017

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