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### **Representatives of medical and dental colleges of Punjab call upon the President and Vice President of the Pakistan Medical Commission**

Representatives of medical and dental colleges from Punjab called upon Dr. Arshad Taqi, President and Mr. Ali Raza, Vice President of the Pakistan Medical Commission in Islamabad. Dr. Tanveer Islam Rana, who is also the President of PAMI Punjab, handed over a resolution passed by PAMI Punjab at a recent meeting and hoped that a fruitful & positive dialogue between the colleges and the Pakistan Medical Commission be initiated moving forward for the common goal of improving the quality of medical education in Pakistan.

Dr. Rana, accompanied by Sheikh Waheed, Chairman Avicenna Medical College and Rana Yasir Islam of Islam Medical College, also shared some of the concerns of different private medical and dental colleges in Punjab relating to the new regulations issued by the Commission for admissions to medical and dental colleges. Their concerns were addressed and the Commission's stance on these was explained in detail by the President and Vice President who also undertook to share these with the Council. They further agreed to respond in writing as well as issue any clarifications where necessary to remove any concerns in the mind of the colleges.

The President and Vice President reiterated that the Commission being the regulator was always willing and open to positive discussion on any issues the colleges might have. They pointed out





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that in recent weeks representatives of many colleges including HBS Medical College, Abbottabad International Medical College, Rehman Medical and Dental College, a delegation of some dental colleges of Sindh, to name a few had met with them, and their concerns were heard and multiple clarifications and even amendments to the regulations were undertaken as a consequence.

Dr. Rana requested that since a new and positive regulatory structure had been introduced the Commission should provide guidance, especially where procedural errors may occur in view of the colleges still getting used to the new system. The delegation also sought that time should be given to colleges to meet the new standards for recognition once they are completed by the National Medical & Dental Academic Board.

The President and Vice President assured that the Commission will always provide guidance and will seek to correct any errors by a college in a positive manner however, it was also the Commission's responsibility to safeguard the interests of students hence it was expected of the colleges to ensure a transparent and merit-based system to remove any misgivings of students and parents. It was also confirmed that the request to give time to meet the new standards will be entertained and a reasonable pathway will be given to colleges to meet the new standards and improve the quality of education being imparted.







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***Dr. Tanveer Islam Rana***

*President of PAMI Punjab Pakistan*

**RESOLUTION**

*The participants of the meeting of PAMI Punjab Chapter of 06-08-2021 resolved unanimously that PMC is a legitimate Regulator as prescribed under the PMC Act of 2020 and PAMI recognizes PMC as a Regulator and strives to have cordial and good relations with PMC. It was resolved that a Committee of four members be formed for a liaison with PMC.*

*It was also maintained that PAMI meant no evil for PMC and holds PMC and all Council Members in high esteem. Advertisements, statements or press release that may have caused hurt are negated and regretted since these did not have the approval of entire PAMI membership.*

There was no other item to be discussed. Dr Tanveer ul Islam – President PAMI Punjab Chapter thanked the participants for having spared their time for the meeting and hoped that Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) and Pakistan Association of Private Medical & Dental Institutions (PAMI) will soon enjoy good and cordial relations.

The participants thanked Dr Tanveer ul Islam – President PAMI Punjab Chapter for his efforts towards the solution of problems being faced by the colleges.

**Dr Tanveer ul Islam**  
President – Punjab Chapter  
Pakistan Association of Private  
Medical & Dental Institutions.