

Minutes of the 8th BoRS Meeting
of
School of Business Studies



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Minutes of Meeting

27-03-2026

The 8th Board of Research Studies meeting of the School of Business Studies was held on 27th of March 2026 at 10:30 AM in hybrid mode (online/in-person) under the chairmanship of Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The meeting was attended physically by the following:

- I. Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo (Vice Chancellor/Chairman BoRS)
- II. Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla (I/C Dean Research/Member Secretary)
- III. Dr. G. N. Itoo (Professor of Practice, Department of Management Studies)
- IV. Dr. Rumaan Bastir (I/C Controller of Examinations)
- V. Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir (Dean, School of Business Studies)
- VI. Dr. Mohd Asif Bashir Naqeshbandi (I/C Head, Dept. of Management Studies)
- VII. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi (I/C Head, Department of Economics)
- VIII. Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazili (Associate Professor, Department of Management Studies)
- IX. Dr. Irfan Bashir (Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies)
- X. Dr. Javeed Ahmad Khan (Assistant Professor, Department of Economics)
- XI. Ms. Saba Ashraf (Ph. D Scholar, Department of Management Studies)

Further, the following subject experts attended the meeting in the online mode.

- I. Prof. Joti Sharma (Professor, School of Business, SMVDU-Katra)
- II. Prof. Dipankar Sengupta (Professor, Department of Economics, University of Jammu)

Assistant Registrar (Research) and staff members of the Dean Research office also attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Dean Research, Dr. Aabid Hussain Shalla, welcomed the members present both in person and through virtual mode. He presented a brief overview of recent research developments across the University, with specific reference to the School of Business Studies. He highlighted that the Department of Management Studies was the first in the University to initiate the Ph.D. programme and currently has the highest number of scholars on its rolls, as well as the maximum number of Ph.D. awards. Dr. Shalla remarked that in comparison to previous years, both Departments of the School have submitted a considerable number of research proposals to State and National funding agencies, reflecting steady progress towards research excellence.

He further informed the members about key initiatives undertaken during the past one to two years, including the approval of the revised Ph.D. Ordinance, formulation of Project Implementation Guidelines, and approval of leave rules for Ph.D. scholars and Ramanujan Fellows by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Additionally, the Research Calendar has been institutionalized, and biannual Ph.D. admissions have been implemented with due diligence and rigor.

The Chairman, Board of Research Studies (BoRS), Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, in his address, noted with appreciation the significant progress made in strengthening the University's research ecosystem. Referring to the presentation made by the Dean Research, he highlighted key indicators such as the substantial increase in the number of research scholars and the steady growth in extramural research projects.

He commended the faculty of the School of Business Studies for their diligent and systematic efforts in preparing and submitting research proposals. He also appreciated the Office of the Dean Research for introducing and effectively implementing the Research Calendar, observing that this marks a noteworthy initiative undertaken for the first time since the establishment of the University.

Prof. Romshoo further emphasized the need for strict adherence to the established regulatory framework, including the Ph.D. Ordinance and the Project Implementation Guidelines. He noted that these policies are periodically reviewed and updated to ensure their continued relevance and effectiveness. Adherence to guidelines, he said, is essential for streamlining research governance, ensuring accountability, and promoting excellence in research practices across the University.

He also highlighted that despite being a comparatively young and small University, IUST has significantly strengthened its research ecosystem through pan-India collaborations. Each call for proposal at the national level is being pursued with seriousness and enthusiasm, and every faculty member is being encouraged to secure at least one extramural funded research project.

Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting was placed before the Board by the Dean Research for consideration.

Agenda 1(8): Confirmation of Minutes of the 7th Board of Research Studies (BoRS) Meeting of the School of Business (SoBS) held on 09-08-2024

The 7th Board of Research Studies meeting of the School of Business Studies was held on 09-08-2024 and the minutes of meeting were circulated by the office of Dean Research vide No. IUST/DR/7th BoRS-SoBS/24/1776, dated 28-08-2024. Since no comments were received, the minutes were, therefore, placed before the Board for confirmation. The Board adopted following resolution:

Resolved that the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board of Research Studies of the School Business Studies are confirmed.

Agenda 2(8): To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the 7th BoRS meeting of the School of Business Studies held on 09-08-2024

After reviewing the Action Taken Report submitted by the Departments, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board expressed its satisfaction with the actions taken by the Departments on the decisions of the 7th BoRS meeting of the School of Business Studies (SoBS).

Department Wise Agenda**1. Department of Economics**

Agenda 3(8): To consider and approve the synopses of the scholars:

The synopses of the following three scholars as recommended by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and Pre-BoRS were placed before the Board for consideration:

S.No.	Name of Scholar/Registration No. & Date	Name of the Supervisor	Approved Research Title	SRAC
01	Imran Ahmad Ahanger IUSTO124017969 03-07-2024	Dr. Shumila Cheshti	Financial Inclusion and Effectiveness of Monetary Policy: Empirical Evidence from Indian States	• Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi • Dr. Javid Ahmad Khan
02	Sahil Manzoor IUSTO124017967 03-07-2024	Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi	Impact of Labour Law Enforcement on Industrial Performance and Labour Market Outcomes: A State-Level Study in India	• Dr. Shumila Cheshti • Dr. Mehak Majeed
03	Fozia Altaf IUSTO124017968 27-06-2024	Dr. Javid Ahmad Khan	Impact of Foreign Aid and Defense Spending on Economic Growth, Food Security, & Environmental Sustainability: Evidence from Global South Countries	• Dr. Shumila Cheshti • Dr. Mehak Majeed

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

- The synopses of all the above-mentioned three scholars are approved along with the approved research titles indicated against each.*
- The Board further resolved that the scholar listed at S. No. 01 shall incorporate creditworthiness into the financial inclusion index and include other key indicators affecting monetary policy. Further, the scholar shall present the equations in a proper format.*
- The Board resolved that the scholar listed at S. No. 03 shall incorporate trade openness as a proxy variable in the study to capture the trade channel linking foreign aid, defense spending, and trade balance.*

Agenda 4(8): To consider and approve the coursework syllabi for the PhD programme

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) in its meeting held on 23-10-2025 and Pre-BoRS meeting held on 26-02-2026 have recommended the coursework syllabi of the following courses for the Ph.D programme of the Department of Economics:

1. Research Methodology for Economics (ECO-901-C)
2. Recent Advances in the Subject (ECO-903-C)
3. Labour Economics (ECO-23-E01)
4. Labour and Industry (ECO-23-E02)
5. Economic Growth and Institutions (ECO25-E03)
6. Regional Economics (ECO25-E04)
7. Issues in Gender Economics (ECO-23-E05)
8. Finance and Development (ECO25-E06)
9. Financial Institutions and Development (ECO25-E07)
10. Sustainable Development (ECO25-E08)
11. Money, Banking and Finance (ECO25-E09)

12. Developmental Issues in Gender Economics (ECO25-E10)
13. Financial Inclusion and Development (ECO25-E11)
14. The Economics of Climate Change (ECO25-E12)
15. Financial Intermediation and Systemic Analysis (ECO25-E13)

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board approved the syllabi of the above-mentioned courses with the recommendations that Department should include the basic textbooks/references in the suggested readings of the courses wherever they have not been mentioned previously.

Moreover, the Board resolved that the title of the course "Recent Advances in the Subject (ECO-903-C)" be changed to "Recent Advances in Economics (ECO-903-C)".

Agenda 5(B): To consider extension by a period of one year in respect of two scholars:

The DRC in its meeting held on 03-10-2025 and Pre-BoRS meeting held on 26-02-2026 have recommended extension of one-year in the Ph.D. registration of below mentioned two scholars of the Department of Economics:

S. No.	Name of the Scholar/ Registration No.	Name of the Supervisor	Date of Registration	Effective Date of one year Extension	Progress
01	Khair Ul Samar IUSTO120014531	Dr. Shumila Cheshti	30-09-2021	20-09-2025	85%
02	Abrar Rehman Rather IUSTO120014600	Dr. Irfan Ahmad Sofi	21-09-2021	21-09-2025	90%

After detailed deliberation, the Board considered the recommendations of the DRC & Pre-BoRS and adopted the following resolution:

Extension of one (01) year in the registration of the Ph.D Programme in respect of the above-mentioned two scholars is hereby approved effective from the dates mentioned against each.

Agenda 6(B): To consider cancellation of admission of two scholars

The DRC in its meetings held on 24-04-2025, 23-02-2026 and Pre-BoRS have recommended cancellation of Ph.D. admission of the below mentioned two scholars of the Department of Economics owing to their prolonged absence from the Department:

S. No.	Name of the Scholar/ Registration No.	Date of Registration
01	Umar Nisar Zarger IUSTO123016788	01-08-2023
02	Hudaiba Jeelani IUSTO120013819	16-10-2023

After detailed deliberation, the Board considered the recommendations of the DRC & Pre-BoRS and adopted the following resolution:

The Board resolved that the Ph.D admission of Mr. Umar Nisar Zarger and Ms. Hudaiba Jeelani stands cancelled with immediate effect. The formal admission cancellation letters shall be issued only after the scholars submit the requisite NOCs from all the concerned quarters.

2. Department of Management Studies**Agenda 7(B): To consider and approve the synopses of the Scholars:**

The synopses of the following five scholars as recommended by the DRC and Pre-BoRS were placed before the Board for consideration:

S.No.	Name of Scholar/Registration No. & Date	Name of Supervisor	Title of Synopsis	SRAC
01	Taseer Hussain IUSTO123017802 18-10-2023	Dr. Adil Zahoor	Employee Corner Cutting Behaviour: Role of Workplace Incivility and Playful Work Design	• Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazili • Dr. Irfan Bashir
02	Bela IUSTO120013561 12-10-2023	Dr. Mohd Asif Bashir Naqeshbandi	Evaluating the Influence of AI-Driven Learning and Social Media Use on Student Academic Performance: A Perception-Based Analysis	• Dr. Irfan Bashir • Dr. Danish Khan
03	Shakir Hussain IUSTO117010331 11-10-2023	Dr. Irfan Bashir	A Study on Fairness Aspects of Counterfeit Luxury Fashion Consumption	• Dr. Mohd Ashraf Parry • Dr. Adil Zahoor
04	Aiman Manzoor IUSTO117009746 12-10-2023	Dr. Irfan Bashir	Consumer's Psychological Ownership of Luxury Experiences: A Study of Hospitality Sector	• Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazili • Dr. Adil Zahoor
05	Suhail Ahmad Bhat IUSTO121015681 13-07-2022	Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir	Determinants of Kashmir's Destination Image Across India	• Dr. Mohd Asif Bashir Naqeshbandi • Dr. Mohd Ashraf Parry

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

The synopses of all the below-mentioned five scholars are approved with the recommendations mentioned against each scholar. The concerned DRC shall look into the suggestions in consultation with the concerned subject expert and modify the synopsis accordingly for placing the same before the Chairman (BoRS) for his consideration.

S.No.	Name of Scholar/Registration No. & Date	Name of Supervisor	Title Approved by Board	Recommendations of the Board
01	Taseer Hussain IUSTO123017802 18-10-2023	Dr. Adil Zahoor	Employee Corner Cutting Behaviour: Role of Workplace Incivility and Playful Work Design	The scholar shall reframe the objectives, ensuring that each objective is clear and distinct.
02	Shakir Hussain IUSTO117010331 11-10-2023	Dr. Irfan Bashir	A Study on Fairness Aspects of Counterfeit Luxury Fashion Consumption	The scholar shall refine the wording of the research objectives by using appropriate academic action verbs such as 'to examine' etc. Moreover, the scholar should include the recent publications/literature in the study

03	Aiman Manzoor IUSTO117009746 12-10-2023	Dr. Irfan Bashir	Consumer's Psychological Ownership of Luxury Experiences: A Study of Hospitality Sector	The scholar shall refine the wording of the research objectives by using appropriate academic verbs such as "to examine," "to explore," and "to investigate." The scholar shall clearly define and justify the geographical area and target population of the study.
04	Bela IUSTO120013561 12-10-2023	Dr. Mohd Asif Bashir Naqeshbandi	Evaluating the Influence of AI-Driven Learning and Social Media Use on Student Academic Performance: A Perception-Based Analysis	The scholar shall provide a clear justification of the study's theoretical relevance to the discipline of management and appropriately refine the research objectives to enhance clarity and alignment in the revised synopsis.
05	Suhail Ahmad Bhat IUSTO121015681 13-07-2022	Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir	"NIL"	The scholar shall revise the following components in the revised synopsis to ensure clarity, coherence, and appropriateness: - Title of the study - Research objectives - Target population

Agenda 8(8): To consider and approve extension in respect of fourteen scholars:

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC), in its meeting held on 24-02-2026, recommended the extension of one year in the Ph.D registration of thirteen (13) scholars listed from S. No. 01-13, and an extension of two years in respect of the scholar listed at S. No. 14, in the Department of Management Studies,

S. No.	Name of the Scholar/ Registration No.	Name of the Supervisor	Date of Registration	Effective Date of Extension	Progress
1.	Qazi Saima Syed IUSTO121015680	Dr. Irfan Bashir	31-03-2022	31-03-2026	67%
2.	Mehvish Waru IUSTO118011458	Dr. Mohd Asif Bashir Naqeshbandi	14-07-2022	14-07-2026	56%
3.	Anisa Ashraf Dar IUSTO121015694	Dr. Mohd Ashraf Parry	18-07-2022	18-07-2026	57%
4.	Hanan Ashraf Bhat IUSTO121015695	Dr. Danish Khan	18-07-2022	18-07-2026	60%
5.	Umar Mohammad Mir IUSTO121015700	Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazli	19-07-2022	19-07-2026	60%
6.	Andleebah Jan IUSTO120014316	Dr. Mohd Ashraf Parry	22-04-2021	22-04-2025	80%
7.	Rehana Yousf IUSTO120014805	Dr. Shakeel-Ul- Rehman	30-09-2021	30-09-2025	70%
8.	Nisar Zaffar Sofi IUSTO120014619	Dr. Shakeel-Ul- Rehman	22-09-2021	22-09-2025	55%
9.	Fatima Farooq IUSTO118011684	Dr. Irfan Bashir	16-09-2021	16-09-2025	90%

10.	Aasia Manzoor IUSTO120014566	Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir	21-09-2021	21-09-2025	70%
11.	Asra Mir IUSTO115007054	-	18-09-2021	18-09-2025	80%
12.	Umar Farooq IUSTO119013102	Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir	06-07-2020	06-07-2025	70%
13.	Malik Humayun Shabeeri IUSTO119013104	-	06-07-2020	06-07-2025	80%
14.	Mohammad Sheeraf Yatoo IUSTO119013105	Dr. Mohd Ashraf Parry	06-07-2020	06-07-2024	90%

After detailed deliberation, the Board considered the recommendations of the DRC & Pre-BoRS and adopted the following resolution:

Extension of one (01) year in the registration of the Ph.D. Programme in respect of the above-mentioned scholars listed from S. No. 01 to 13, and extension of two (02) years in respect of the scholar listed at S. No. 14, is hereby approved with effect from the dates mentioned against each.

Further, in respect of the scholars listed at S. Nos. 11 & 13, the DRC shall recommend a new supervisor from the Department and process the case separately for kind consideration of the Competent Authority.

Agenda 9(8): To consider and approve the coursework syllabi for PhD programme:

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) in its meeting held on 23-10-2025 and Pre-BoRS meeting held on 26-02-2026 have recommended the coursework syllabus of the following course for the Ph.D programme of the Department:

I. Consumer Financial Behavior (PMS-BG25-41)

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board approved the syllabi of the above-mentioned course with recommendation that the DRC in coordination with course instructor should include basic textbooks and relevant management cases in the reading section. Also, The Board advised DRC and course instructor to include practical assignment and exercises to evaluate the social component of the course.

Agenda 10(8): To consider and approve introduction of Executive Ph.D. programme in the Department of Management Studies

The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) in its meeting held on 23-10-2025 and Pre-BoRS meeting held on 26-02-2026 have recommended the introduction of an Executive Ph.D. Programme in Management Studies under the School of Business Studies.

The proposed Executive Ph.D. programme is designed to cater to working professionals, senior executives, industry practitioners, policymakers, and academicians.

After detailed deliberation, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board took note of the proposal for the introduction of the Executive Ph.D. Programme in Management Studies under the School of Business Studies and appreciated the

Department for its meticulous and timely submission of the proposal.

After due deliberation, the Board resolved to constitute a Committee under the chairmanship of the Dean Research, with the Professor of Practice (Dr. G. N. Itoo), Controller of Examinations, Dean, School of Business Studies and Head Department of Management Studies as members, to undertake a comprehensive examination of the proposal and submit its recommendations to the Competent Authority.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair delivered by Prof. Parvez Ahmad Mir, Dean School of Business Studies.

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Dean Research

Approved
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Vice Chancellor

No. IUST/DR/8th BoRS-SBS/26/1077

Dated: 17/04/2026

***** End of Minutes of Meeting of the 8th BoRS of SoBS *****

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