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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Majlis-i-Talimi (Academic Council) (AC-IV/2008) held on Monday, the 28 April, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Hall, FTK Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025.

An ordinary meeting of the Majlis-i-Talimi (Academic Council) (AC-IV/2008) was held on Monday, the 28th April, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Hall, FTK Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 110025.

The following were present:

1. Prof. Mushirul Hasan : Chairman
Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor)
2. Prof. Kum Kum Dewan, : Member
Dean, F/o Natural Sciences, JMI
3. Prof. S.M. Akhtar : Member
Dean, F/o Architecture & Ekistics, JMI
4. Prof. A.S. Kohli : Member
Dean, F/o Social Sciences, JMI
5. Prof. Talat Aziz : Member
Offg. Dean, F/o Education, JMI
6. Prof. S. Sikander Nabi : Member
Dean, F/o Engineering & Technology, JMI
7. Prof. Ghazanfar H. Zaidi : Member
Dean, F/o Fine Arts/HoD D/o Graphics Art, JMI
8. Prof. Zubair Meenai : Member
Dean, Students' Welfare, JMI
9. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed : Member
Director, AJK MCRC, JMI
10. Prof. G.P. Sharma : Member
Head, D/o History & Culture, JMI

12. Prof. Shafique A Khan Nadvi
Head, D/o Arabic, JMI : Member
13. Prof. Akhtarul Wasey
Head, D/o Islamic Studies, JMI / Hony. Director,
Dr. Zakir Husain Instt. of Islamic Studies, JMI : Member
14. Prof. Shamsul Haq Usmani
Head, D/o Urdu, JMI : Member
15. Prof. Qamar Ghaffar,
Head, D/o Persian, JMI : Member
16. Prof. D.P. Gupta
Offg. Head, D/o Hindi, JMI : Member
17. Prof. M. Asaduddin,
Head, D/o English : Member
18. Prof. M.S. Bhatt
Head, D/o Economics, JMI : Member
19. Prof. N. Hasnain
Head, D/o Psychology, JMI : Member
20. Prof. Rumki Basu,
Head, D/o Political Science, JMI : Member
21. Prof. A.A. Ansari
Head, D/o Commerce, JMI : Member
22. Prof. Anjali Gandhi,
Head, D/o Social Work, : Member
23. Prof. M. Rais Khan,
Head, D/o Mathematics, JMI : Member
24. Prof. S.S. Mehdi,,
Head, D/o Physics, JMI : Member
25. Prof. Kishwar Saleem
Head, D/o Chemistry, JMI : Member
26. Prof. Seemi Farahat Basir,
Head, D/o Biosciences, JMI : Member

27. Prof. Mazhar Ali Khan,
Head, D/o Geography : Member
28. Prof. Khurram Mustafa,
Head, D/o Computer Science : Member
29. Prof. Khalid Moin
Head, D/o Civil Engineering, JMI : Member
30. Prof. Irshad Ahmad Khan,
Head, D/o Mech. Engineering, JMI : Member
31. Prof. Mini S. Thomas
Head, D/o Electrical Engineering, JMI : Member
32. Prof. M.R. Khan
Head, D/o Electronic & Comm. Engineering, JMI : Member
33. Prof. Masood Alam
Head, D/o Applied Sc. & Humanities,/Proctor, JMI : Member
34. Prof. Mirza Mohd. Sufyan Beg,
Head, D/o Computer Engineering, JMI : Member
35. Mr. Iqbal Azam
Principal, Jamia Polytechnic, JMI : Member
36. Prof. Ilyas Hussain
Offg. Head, D/o Educational Studies, JMI : Member
37. Prof. Ahrar Husain,
Head, D/o IASE, JMI : Member
38. Prof. Sadre Alam
Head, D/o Painting, JMI : Member
39. Prof. Z.A. Zargar
Head, D/o Applied Arts, JMI : Member
40. Prof. M.G. Kidwai
Head, D/o Art Education, JMI : Member
41. Prof. Ms. Nuzhat Kazmi
Head, D/o Art History & Art Appreciation, JMI : Member

42. Dr. G. Makhdumi, : Member
Librarian, Dr. Zakir Husain Library
43. Prof. Mohammed Miyan : Member
(As Sr. Most Professor)/Director,
Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Teachers,
/Hony. Director, CDOL, JMI
44. Prof. I. H. Azad Farooqui, : Member
(As Sr. Most Professor)/
Director, Centre for Comparative Religion, JMI
45. Prof. Shakti Kak : Member
Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI
46. Prof. Faizan Ahmad : Member
Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Basic sc.
- 47 Prof. M Sami, : Member
Director, Centre for Theoretical Physics, JMI
- 48 Dr. Vibodh Parathsarathy, : Member
Offg. Director, Centre for Culture, Media &
Governance, JMI
- 50 Dr. Mohd. Ibrahim : Member
(As Sr. Most Lecturer) University Polytechnic, JMI
51. Prof. Ravindran Gopinath : Member
D/o History, JMI (Elected Member)
52. Dr. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan : Member
Reader, D/o Islamic Studies, JMI (Elected Member)
53. Mr. Abdul Haleem Babbu : Member
Lecturer, F/o Architecture & Ekistics, (Elected Member)
54. Mr. Mohd. Yusuf : Member
Lecturer, IASE, JMI (Elected Member)
55. Dr. Asif Husain : Member
Reader, D/o Civil Engineering, JMI (Elected Member)
56. Mr. Badshah Alam : Member
Lecturer, University Polytechnic, JMI (Elected Member)

57. Dr. S.M.Khursheed Haider,
Reader, Deptt. of Mathematics, JMI (Elected Member) Member
58. Mr. Akbar Husain,
Deptt. of Psychology, JMI (Elected Member) : Member
59. Dr. S.A.Muneem Pasha,
Reader, Deptt. of Political Science, JMI (Elected Member): Member
60. Mr. S.M. Afzal Registrar : Secretary

The following persons also attended the meeting as Special Invitees:

61. Prof. Zahid H. Khan, Director, FTK Centre for Information Technology
62. Prof. Sri Prakash Hony. Dy. Director, ATWS, JMI
63. Prof. Mohd Amin Usta Hony. Director, CMS, JMI
64. Prof. Anwer Alam Hony. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, JMI
65. Prof. S.M. Sajid Hony. Director, Academic Staff College, JMI
66. Dr. Ejaz Hussain Coordinator, Centre for Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation Science, JMI
67. Mr. N.U. Siddiqui Finance Officer, JMI
68. Mr. I.H. Khan, IFS Controller of Examinations, JMI
69. Mr. I.U. Khan Dy. Registrar (Administration), JMI
70. Dr. Abdul Malik Dy. Registrar (HRD), JMI

Mr. Mohd. Moinuddin
Asstt. Registrar (A&C), R.O. JMI

Mr. Nihaluddin Siddiqui
Asstt. Registrar E-II, R.O., JMI

Mr. Aftab Ahmad,
SO, A&C, JMI

The following Agenda items were taken up for deliberation/decision.

AC-2008(IV): Res-1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meetings of the Majlis-i-Talimi (Academic Council).

The Majlis (AC) considered and confirmed the Minutes of the previous meetings of the Majlis-i- Talimi (Academic Council) as under:

- i. Ordinary meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.02.2008
- ii. Extra Ordinary meeting of the Academic Council held on 26.02.08.

While confirming the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Academic Council held on 19.02.2008, the Majlis (AC) noted the suggestion made by Prof. Shakti Kak, (Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies) resolved to delete Clause (ii) of Resolution No. 4 dated 19.02.2008, reading as under:

“In the M. Phil course offered by the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, the subject should also be mentioned”.

(Action: AR, A&C)

AC-2008(IV): Res-2

Matters for Reporting/ Endorsement of Actions already taken by the Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor)

The Majlis (AC) endorsed the following actions already taken by the Shaikh-ul-Jamia (Vice-Chancellor), JMI, in anticipation of the approval of the Majlis (Academic Council):

Study Leave

2.1 Approved the study leave in respect of **Prof. B. Diwakar, AJK MCRC, JMI**, for a period of two years w.e.f. the date of his relieving from duties to complete Ph.D. work on the topic “Evaluation of the Images of Violence in Indian Cinema”.

Cancellation of Study Leave

2.2 Approved the cancellation of study leave in respect of **Mr. Shahzad Ahmad, Lecturer (Sr. Grade), University Polytechnic, JMI** for a period of one month and twenty days w.e.f. 15.10.2007 to 05.12.02007

Nominations

2.3 Approved the nomination of the following two persons as members, teaching allied or cognate subjects in the University, of the Board of Studies, Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education for a period of three years w.e.f. 17.5.2008:

- i. Prof. Seema Alavi, Department of History & Culture, JMI
- ii. Prof. Azra Razzak, KRN Centre for Dalit & Minorities Studies, JMI

Other Items

2.4 Approved the changes made in the Prospectus 2008-09, in continuation of the changes approved by the Academic Council, vide its Resolution No. 4 dated 19.02.2008 for incorporating the same in the University's Prospectus (**Annexure-I**).

2.5 Approved the rectification of printing errors occurring in the Prospectus 2008-09 (**Annexure-II**).

While approving the rectification of printing errors occurred in the Prospectus-2008-09, the Majlis (AC) approved the correction to be made in the fee structure of MCA course by deleting Rs. 10,000/- charged under the head development fund as pointed out by the Finance Officer, JMI.

2.6 Approved the nomination of the following two persons as members, teaching allied or cognate subjects in the University, in the Board of Studies, Department of Psychology, JMI for a period of three years w.e.f. 26.3.2008:

- (1) Prof. Anjali Gandhi, Department of Social Work, JMI
- (2) Prof. Farida A. Khan, Department of Educational Studies, JMI

2.7 Approved the nomination of Prof. Zahid H. Khan, Hony. Director, FTK CIT, JMI as one of the members, teaching allied or cognate subjects in the University, of the Board of Studies, Department of Computer Science, (Faculty of Natural Sciences), JMI for the residual period w.e.f. 25.3.2008 in place of Prof. Furqan Qamar, who has since joined Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi.

AC-2008(IV): Res-3

Academic Calendar of the Jamia Millia Islamia for the Academic Session 2008-09.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposed Academic Calendar of the University 2008-09 for the courses running under the Annual and the Semester System as formulated in the light of the UGC's Regulations (on the subject) as recommended by the Deans' Committee in its meeting held on 19.03.2008 (**Annexure-III**).

(Action: AR, A&C)

AC-2008(IV): Res-4

Decision on the request of Mr. Ansarul Haq, a student of B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.) final year (Annual System) seeking re-holding the Viva-Voce examination in ME-706 Mechanical Design.

The Majlis (AC) sympathetically considered the request of Mr. Ansarul Haq, a student of B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.) final year (under the Annual System), seeking re-holding of the Viva-Voce examination in the paper viz. ME-706 Mechanical Design. However, it did not approve the proposal as the permission to re-holding the Viva-Voce examination does not conform to the University's Ordinance.

(Action: Dean, Faculty of Engg. & Tech.)

AC-2008(IV): Res-5

Decision on the request of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes for giving the petitioner Mr. Parveen Kumar, one more chance to clear his compartment paper of III year-2004 B.Tech. (Electrical Engg.)

The Majlis (AC) sympathetically considered the request made by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi for considering the matter and giving the petitioner, Mr. Praveen Kumar, one more chance to clear his Compartmental paper of III year of B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.).

Since there is no provision in the University's Examinations Rules for granting another chance beyond the maximum period for completing the course, the Majlis (AC) did not agree to the said request

(Action: Dean, Faculty of Engg. & Tech./ AR, A&C)

AC-2008 (IV): Res-06

Recommendation of the Study Leave Committee held on 18.3.2008.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the recommendations of the Study Leave Committee vide its meeting held on 18.3.2008 regarding grant of Study Leave/Sabbatical Leave to the faculty members of various departments of the University along with the comments of the Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages (**Annexure-IV**).

(Action: AR, E-III)

AC-2008 (IV): Res-07

Reporting the academic activities of the Centre for West Asian Studies during the period August 2007 to April 2008.

The Majlis (AC) noted the particulars of academic activities of the Centre for West Asian Studies conducted during the period August 2007 to April 2008 as submitted by Deputy Director of the Centre for West Asian Studies.

While appreciating the initiatives taken by the Centre, the Chairman desired that all Centres should submit similar reports in respect of their Centres.

(Action: All Directors of Centres)

AC-2008(IV): Res-08

Decision on the proposal for amendments in the Ordinance 4, dealing with the appointment of Heads of Department of Studies.

The Majlis (AC) considered the letter dated (Annexure-) received from..... JATA, proposing certain changes in the Ordinance for relating to appointment of Heads of the Department. Since, the proposal involves wider implications and affects the existing statute 15(1)(iii) of JMI Act, 1988, the Majlis (AC) referred the proposed amendments to the Ordinance Committee of the University for its perusal and submitting its report to the Academic Council for its consideration (**Annexure-VI**).

(Action: AR, Legal/Ordinance)

AC-2008(IV): Res-09

Approval of the proposal for Establishment of Programme for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in MMAJ-ATWS and qualification for the various posts as approved by the UGC vide its letter dated 28.3.2008 for implementation of the “Scheme for Establishment of Centre for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy during XI Plan”.

The Majlis (AC) considered the proposal for establishment of Programme for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy in the MMAJ-ATWS along with the qualifications of posts as sanctioned by the UGC vide its letter No. F.3-21/2008 (SCT) dated 28.3.2008 for the implementation of the “Scheme for Establishment of Centre for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy during XI Plan”. After detailed discussion, the Majlis (AC) approved the proposal for establishment of the Programme for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy with its attachment with the Centre for Dalit & Minorities Studies (instead of MMAJ-ATWS as proposed earlier) along with the following qualifications of posts for the implementation of the “Scheme for Establishment of Centre for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy during XI Plan” in order to enlarge the area of studies:

Recurring

1) Teaching & Research Faculty

a) Professor-cum-Director (Rs. 16,400-22,000)	-	01
b) Reader-cum-Deputy Director (Rs. 12,000-18,300)	-	02
c) Lecturer-cum-Assistant Director (Rs. 8,000-13,000)	-	03
d) Research Associate (Rs. 12000 plus HRA)	-	02

2) Non-teaching Staff

a) Research Assistants (Rs. 5500-9000)	-	02
b) Professional Assistant (Rs. 5500-9000)	-	01
c) Data Entry Operator (Rs. 4000-6000)	-	02
d) Library Attendant (Rs. 2650-4000)	-	01
e) Attendant (Rs. 2650-4000)	-	01

1(a). Qualification for the post of Professor

An eminent scholar with published work of high quality, actively engaged in research, with 10 years of experience in postgraduate teaching, and/or experience in research at the University/National Level institutions, including experience of guiding research at doctoral level.

OR

An outstanding scholar with established reputation who has made significant contribution to knowledge.

Desirable specialization: The Programme for Studies in Discrimination and Exclusion(PSDE) is primarily a research programme and the incumbent would convene and conduct the research programmes and activities undertaken and specialization in any branch of Social Sciences with special focus on Minorities, Dalits and Backward Castes/Classes.

1(b) **Qualification for the post of Reader**

Good academic record with a doctoral degree or equivalent published work. In addition to these, candidates who join from outside the university system, shall also possess at least 55% of the marks or an equivalent grade of B in the 7 point scale with latter grades O,A,B,C,D,E & F at the Master's degree level.

Five years of experience of teaching and/or research **excluding** the period spent for obtaining the research degrees and has made some mark in the areas of scholarship as evidenced by quality of publications, contribution to educational innovation, design of new courses and curricula.

Desirable specialization: The Programme for Studies in Discrimination and Exclusion(PSDE) is primarily a research programme and the incumbent would convene and conduct the research programmes and activities undertaken and specialization in any branch of Social Sciences with special focus on the Minorities, Dalits and Gender Issues.

1(c) **Qualification for the post of Lecturer**

Good academic record with at least 55% of the marks **or**, an equivalent grade of B in the 7 point scale with latter grades O,A,B,C,D,E&F at the Master's degree level, in the relevant subject from an Indian University, **or**, an equivalent degree from a foreign University.

Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, candidates should have cleared the eligibility test (NET) for lecturers conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC.

“NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, the candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for PG level and UG level teaching. The

candidates having M.Phil. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for UG level teaching only.”

Desirable specialization: The Programme for Studies in Discrimination and Exclusion(PSDE) is primarily a research programme and the incumbent would convene and conduct the research programmes and activities undertaken and specialization in any branch of Social Sciences with special focus on Minorities, Gender and Tribal Issues.

1(d) **Qualification for the post of Research Associate**

M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science/Economics/Sociology: Related publications.

Desirable specialization: The Programme for Studies in Discrimination and Exclusion(PSDE) is primarily a research programme and the incumbent would convene and conduct the research programmes and activities undertaken and specialization in any branch of Social Sciences with special focus on the Dalits, the Minorities and Tribals.”

Further, the Majlis (AC) noted the following observations as made by the Registrar’s Office and resolved to adopt:

- i. There is a typographical mistake from UGC Office, the grade would be Rs. 16,400-22,400 for Professor-cum-Director and Rs. 8,000-13,500 for Lecturer-cum-Assistant Director.
- ii. The post of Reader-cum-Deputy Director will be treated as Reader and the post of Lecturer-cum-Assistant Director will be treated as Lecturer as per the need of the Centre.
- iii. The essential qualifications are the same as approved by the UGC for the posts of Lecturer, Reader and Professor; only desirable/specialization is to be added in view of the need of the Programme.

(Action: AR, E-I)

AC-2008(IV): Res-10

Decision on the recommendations of the Committee, constituted by the Academic Council with regard to the proposal for starting a joint-integrated Ph.D. programme in Physics and Astrophysics in JMI

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Academic Council, vide Reso. No. 19 dated 9.1.2008 with regard to the proposal for starting a joint-integrated Ph.D. programme in Physics and Astrophysics in Jamia (**Annexure-VII**),

(Action: Hony Director, CIT/ AR, A&C)

AC-2008(IV): Res-11

Decision on the letter as submitted by Prof. G.P. Sharma, Head, Department of History & Culture, JMI.

The Majlis (AC) perused the content of the Head, Department of History & Culture's letter dated 11.4.2008 regarding certain problems being faced by the Department in running the certificate and diploma courses in Tourism and Travel Management. Since the issue is related to the Department, the Majlis (AC) resolved to refer it to the Board of Studies of the Department for its consideration.

AC-2008(IV): Res-12

Approval of the proposal for modifications to be incorporated in the existing B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) mark-sheets.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposed modifications to be incorporated in the mark-sheets of the existing B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) course as recommended by the Committee of studies of F/o Law vide its meeting held on 24.3.2008, and having been endorsed by the Faculty Committee in its meeting held on 28.3.2008.

AC-2008(IV): Res-13

Approval of the recommendations of the Board of Management of the MMAJ Academy of Third World Studies held on 3.3.2008.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the following recommendations of the Board of Management of the MMAJ Academy of

Third World Studies, JMI vide its meeting held on 3.3.2008: (**Annexure-VIII**).

- (1) Increase in the number of seats in M.Phil. Programme from 10 to 20.
- (2) Inclusion of new courses/subjects in the syllabi of the M.Phil. and Ph.D. programme.
- (3) Constitution of Academic Advisory Committee.
- (4) Changes in the syllabi of the Ph.D., M.Phil. and foreign language programmes of the Academy.

AC-2008(IV): Res-14

Approval of the proposal for naming the garden around Mohibbul Hasan Block in Jamia as 'Bagh-e-Nanak.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor, JMI for naming the garden around the Mohibbul Hasan Block in Jamia as the 'Bagh-e-Nanak.

AC-2008(IV): Res-15

Approval of the proposal for setting up of Faiyaaz Khan Centre for Music and Research in Jamia.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved, in principle, the proposal of the Vice-Chancellor, JMI, for setting up of a Faiyaaz Khan Centre for Music and Research in Jamia. The action required for creation of the Centre will be placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council.

AC-2008(IV): Res-16

Approval of the proposal for instituting the Prof. Ale Ahmad Saroor Memorial Lecture in the Deptt. of Urdu, JMI.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposal as submitted by the Head, Deptt. of Urdu, JMI for starting a Memorial Lecture in the memory of Prof. Ale Ahmad Saroor for his valuable services as an eminent scholar and the critic in Urdu Literature and well-renowned teacher (**Annexure-IX**).

The Majlis also approved the proposal for starting a memorial lecture in the Memory of Prof. Dev Dass Gandhi for his valuable services rendered in the University.

AC-2008(IV): Res-17

Approval of delinking Turkish language teaching from the Deptt. of Persian, JMI

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposal submitted by Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian, Coordinator, (International Delegations), JMI vide her note dated 25.4.2008, with regard to the delinking of Turkish language teaching from the Deptt. of Persian to a new Centre (to be established under the Faculty of Humanities and Languages), was a follow-up of the meeting held recently between the representatives of the Turkish International Cooperation Administration (TIKA) and Jamia Millia Islamia. The idea of the said delinking was intended to enhance and better the academic cooperation between the two parties.

AC-2008(IV): Res-18

Approval of the proposal for renewal of MoU between University of Applied Science, Erfurt, Germany and Jamia Millia Islamia.

The Majlis (AC) considered and approved the proposal of the Head, Deptt. of Social Work, JMI regarding renewal of MoU between University of Applied Science, Erfurt, (Germany) and Jamia Millia Islamia. The proposed MoU has been vetted by the Legal Advisor of Jamia (Annexure-X).

AC-2008(IV): Res-19

Decision on the request for extension in the time period for one year beyond the stipulated period of completing the M.A. Course as a special case on medical grounds in r/o Mr. Arjun Kumar, student of M.A. (Extension Education) 2003-05 batch.

The Majlis (AC) did not agree with the proposal of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI for extension in the time period for one year beyond the stipulated period of completing the M.A. Course to Mr. Arjun Kumar as a special case on medical grounds as the request does not conform to the University's Ordinance.

AC-2008(IV): Res-20

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Decision on the proposal for establishment of “National Centre for Public Attitude towards and Understanding of Science ” in Jamia.

The Majlis (AC) considered the proposal for establishment of “National Centre for Public Attitude towards and Understanding of Science” in Jamia and resolved to constitute a Committee comprising the following members with the direction to submit its recommendations along with the said proposal for consideration of the Academic Council:

1. Prof. Kum Kum Dewan, Dean Faculty of Natural Sciences, JMI
2. Prof. Mohd Rais Khan, Head, Department of Mathematics, JMI
3. Prof. M. Sami, Director, Centre for Theoretical Physics, JMI.
4. Prof. Z. H. Khan, Hony. Director, FTK-CIT, JMI

The meeting was concluded at 6:30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.