



RAK Medical and Health Sciences University
Ras Al Khaimah, UAE

Meeting Minutes 08/2025

Committee Title:	Online University Council Meeting 08/2025		
Date of Meeting:	29 July 2025	Start Time:	11:00 am
Venue/ Location:	Board Meeting Room	End Time:	12:00 pm
Chairman:	Prof. Ismail Matalka	Secretary:	Mrs. Asiya Shaikh

Members	Present	Excused
1- Prof. Mohamed El Tanani - VP Research & Dean of Pharmacy	√	
2- Prof. Kurady Bairy - Dean, RAKCOMS	√	
3- Prof. Muhammed Mustahsen - Dean, RAKCODS	√	
4- Prof. Ibrahim Faouri - Dean, RAKCON	√	
5- Prof. Eslam El Nebrisi (Dean-IEQAA)	√	
6- Dr. Tarun Wadhwa, Associate Dean IEQAA (Dr. Adil Farooq - InCharge - Institutional Effectiveness + Associate Professor - Pharmaceutical Chemistry) attended on behalf of Dr. Tarun	√	
7- Prof. Manal M. Sami, Dean of Student Affairs	√	
8- Prof. Omer Eladil Mohammed, Director SIDC		√
9- Dr. Omar Al Jadaan, Professor & Chairperson - General Education	√	
10- Prof. Elsheikh Ahmed Badr, Executive Director- Center for Health Workforce Development and Professor- Community Medicine		√
11- Dr. Nagaraj Ganesan (Deputy Director - Examinations & InCharge - Assessment	√	

Office)		
12- Mrs. Rasha Zakaria (Manager - Admissions & Marketing)	√	
13- Mr. Monther Mousa (Sr. Executive - Assessments & Co-ordinator Registrar's Office)	√	
14- Mr. Bader		√
15- Ms. Asma Al Zaabi		√

#	Agenda Item	Decision / Recommendation	Responsibility	Action / Timeline										
1	Welcoming Prof. Eslam El Nebrisi	The President and all members warmly welcomed Prof. Eslam El Nebrisi, Dean of IEQAA, and expressed their sincere hopes for continued collaboration and success under her leadership.	---	---										
1	Academic Calendar 2025-26	<p>The President informed the members about the circular issued by the Undersecretary, Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research on 27th July 2025 announcing a new academic calendar structure to be implemented across all public and private higher education institutions (HEIs) for the academic year 2025-2026, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing the national education system.</p> <p>The circular requests alignment between the academic calendars of schools and higher education institutions, in accordance with the instructions from the Education, Human Development, and Community Development Council.</p> <p>The new structure introduces key changes to end-of-term holidays to create a more flexible and consistent academic calendar across UAE-based HEIs. Aligned with the 'Year of Community' objectives, the structure aims to foster family cohesion and support students through a balanced distribution of study and break periods.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Start of Academic Year</td> <td>25 August 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start and End of Winter Break for Students</td> <td>8 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 (4 weeks)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start and End of Spring Break for Students</td> <td>16 March 2026 to 29 March 2026 (2 weeks)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>End of Academic Year</td> <td>3 July 2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Event	Date	Start of Academic Year	25 August 2025	Start and End of Winter Break for Students	8 December 2025 to 4 January 2026 (4 weeks)	Start and End of Spring Break for Students	16 March 2026 to 29 March 2026 (2 weeks)	End of Academic Year	3 July 2026	All Deans / Dr. Nagaraj / Mr. Monther	---
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		<p>The members thoroughly discussed the proposed academic calendar, and the President directed Dr. Nagaraj and Mr. Monther to consult with all the Deans and make the necessary modifications to the Academic Calendar for 2025-26.</p> <p>Resolution: The final version of the Academic Calendar for 2025-26 will be circulated to all members once finalized.</p>		
II	Other Business: NIL			

PLEASE NOTE: Please review the "Responsibility" section of the University Council minutes of the meeting thoroughly. Take all necessary actions that fall within your scope of responsibility, proceed accordingly, and ensure the task is completed.



Mrs. Asiya Shaikh
Secretary




Prof. Ismail Matalka
President, RAKMHSU