



Old Ravians' Union

Former students are actively involved in the welfare of GC University, Lahore and have their organization called, "Old Ravians Union". It was established way back in 1934 by Prof. Garrett, then Principal of the College. It was revived in 1995 and since then the Union has been working consistently. It has not only affiliated with the University but also been given an office in Prof. Salam Hall. According to the Union's constitution, Vice Chancellor GCU is its ex-officio Patron. However, Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Chairperson, department of Political Science is Honorary Secretary of the Union.

After passing out from the university, old students can apply for its membership. Being a democratic organization, its biennial elections of various posts are held in the Campus. The recent elections were held in December 2016 in which Kazi Afaq Hossain, former Federal Secretary and currently Judge Court of Federal Employees elected as its President. The following are the elected office bearers of the Union for session 2016-18: Mr. Asjad Ghani Tahir Director General, Protocol, Punjab and GM PTDC (Vice President), Dr. Sheeba Alam, Head, Urdu department, Kinnaird College, Lahore (Vice President - Ladies), Rana Asadullah Khan Advocate, former Secretary Lahore Bar Association (Secretary), Dr. Salman Haider Kazmi, General Secretary Young Doctor's Association, Pakistan (Treasurer), Col. (R) Ikram Ullah Khan, President Pakistan Forum, Advisor VC, PU (Representative decade 1931-40), Mr. Muhammad Naeem Tahir, dramatist & artist (Representative decade 1951-60), Mr. Najum Latif, Businessman (Representative decade 1961-70), Prof. M. Anwar Ul Haq Chaudhry (Representative decade 1971-80), Mr. Farrukh Hayat Pannoun, District Officer Cooperatives/Deputy Registrar, Lahore (Representative decade 1981-90), Mr. Usman Saeed, TMO Shahpur, Local Govt. Department (Representative decade 1991-2000), Dr. Abdul Basit, Columnist, (Representative decade 2001-2016). Members of the Union enthusiastically take part in the elections to elect office bearers and generate lots of heat. The Union arranges social, cultural, intellectual, sports and recreational activities for the members and keeps the link alive between the old students and their Alma Mater. The Union is also playing an important role for fund generation for the Endowment Fund Trust which is meant to provide financial aid to deserving students of GCU.

Though in a year, Union arranges events like concert, festival Cricket and Hockey matches, debate, Mushaira and Seminars yet annual founder's day dinner has become its prime and most popular event which attracts numerous Old Ravians not only across the Pakistan but also from India and other countries. It is pertinent to mention that besides major cities of Pakistan, the Union also have its separate affiliated chapters in India, UK, USA and Canada.

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Endowment Fund Trust

A university is as good as its resources. As an autonomous institution, GCU has to generate its own resources to carry on the quality of education, research work and other services. The demand for resources increased, since Government College Lahore became a University in 2002. It is a fact that a big number of students, studying here belonged to marginalised families hence unable to pay their academic expenses. So funds are needed to help them for their academic expenses similarly to build new campus at Kala Shah Kaku and restore old buildings of historic value of the old campus. Universities all over the world seek financial support from philanthropists and their alumni to acquire a strong resource based. GCU too, look up to its students, past and present, to help in building up the Endowment Fund.

The basic principle of any Endowment Fund is that the donated amount is never spent. Only the income earned on its investments is used. It encourages donors to transfer their funds to public purposes, with the assurance that their donations will be used for the noble and constructive cause, i.e., spread of education.

In 2017, Mr. Hamid Mir (Old Ravian) arranged a special program 'CAPITAL TALK' on GCU Endowment Fund Trust presenting it as a role model and spreaded the message of the trust in a very effective manner. Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif donated Rs. 100 Million for the trust in recognizing services of the trust for deserving students. Similarly, Mr. Taffazul Haider Rizvi, Dr. Nusrat Jehan, Syed Tayyab Hussain Rizvi and Mr. & Mrs. Iqtidar Ahmad also gave donations to the trust One Million each.

Various permanent scholarships have been initiated by the Trust with the financial support of donors. The most deserving and needy students of GCU who also have good academic record can apply for these scholarships at the beginning of academic year. After scrutiny of documents and interviews of the applicants, these scholarships are granted for one year. If the beneficiary student performs good in academics his/her scholarship is renewed for next year also. It is pertinent to mention that 'Golden Scholarship' covers university fee and hostel expenses (approximately Rs.100, 000) of the selected student, however, 'Silver Scholarship' takes off burden of university fee (Rs.50, 000).

Name of every donor with his/her donation is recorded and shown on the 'donor's scroll' on the website of the Trust. Donation of any amount to the trust is welcomed, however for 'Golden Scholarship' and 'Silver Scholarship' a donor has to give Rs.1Million (Rs.1000, 000) and Rs.500, 000 respectively. These permanent scholarships are initiated after the names of donors and awarded every year. In 2015, the trust gave financial aid of Rs. 11.6 million to almost 300 deserving students of GCU. Similarly in 2016, the trust gave financial aid sum of Rs. 12.6 million to almost 387 deserving students from Rs. 100,000 to Rs. 15,000. The office of the trust is situated in the campus and Vice Chancellor is its ex-officio Chairman. Eminent businessman and Old Ravian Mr. Iqbal Z. Ahmed is President and Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt Chairman, department of Political Science is Secretary of Executive Committee of the trust. However, Mr. Tariq Hameed (former Chairman WAPDA), Mian Misbah Ur Rehman (former Chairman Gymkhana Club and President LCCI), Dr. Parvez Hassan (distinguished lawyer & environmentalist), Mian Muhammad Ashraf (noted industrialist), Mr. Javed Habib Oberoi (prominent businessman) and Mr. Hassan Irfan Khan Advocate are members of the Executive Committee.

Zakat & charity is admissible for the trust.

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