

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Ziauddin University, Karachi

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Ziauddin University is HEC recognized degree awarding institution which was founded in the memory of Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, a renowned academician, philosopher, mathematician and political figure. His vision was to spread quality education amongst the Muslims of the subcontinent. The first step towards the development of an academic arm of the Ziauddin Group was taken in 1986 when the School of Nursing was established and recognized by Pakistan Nursing Council. The school was transformed into the College of Nursing in 2009 and is offering various programs for graduate and undergraduate students since then. In August 1994, the Government of Sindh granted permission for the establishment of the Dr. Ziauddin Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences. By the virtue of this ordinance, the institute could grant its own Postgraduate degrees and diplomas. A year later in October 1995, the Sindh Assembly passed an Act (VI of 1995) for the establishment of Ziauddin Medical University. Ziauddin Medical University was given the Charter as Ziauddin University vide 'The Ziauddin University' (Amendment ACT 2003) on December 13, 2005.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Ziauddin University, Karachi link road Campus. Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management (FESTM), Ziauddin University (ZU), Karachi received the guest and held a meeting with Dr. Syed Irfan Hyder, Vice Chancellor, ZU, Karachi to discuss various aspects of applied research and mutual interest. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Dean, FESTM, ZU, Karachi presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Prof. Dr. Rubina Hakim, Department of HND, ZU, Karachi and Dr. Natasha Abbas Butt, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, ZU, Karachi briefed about their respective degree programs. Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized "Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point "food". Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices".

Further he pointed out that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Food Science & Technology degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC has been entrusted by HEC to accredit of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the five major and two minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.

Students and faculty members of the department of HND and FST degree programs attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Syed Irfan Hyder, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

