

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Human Nutrition & Dietetics Degree Program at Jinnah University for Women Karachi

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Jinnah University for Women (JUW) started its journey in 1985 as Post Graduate College for girls. Later on, in 1998 the college was upgraded as Jinnah University for Women under the umbrella of Anjuman-e-Islamia Trust founded by Al-Haj Moulvi Reyazuddin Ahmed (T.I). The university was established with the vision “To educate mother, to educate the nation”. Over the years, JUW has maintained its dedication to academic excellence, an industry-oriented curriculum, and total quality management in higher education. The university comprises of 05 faculties and 34 departments including Department of Food Science and Technology under the Faculty of Science. The department of FST is actively engaged in teaching, research, and community outreach, focusing on nutrition, dietetics, and public health awareness. The university has 252 regular teaching faculty with 30 Ph.Ds.

An Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for the BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics program, JUW, Karachi in collaboration with the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council, HEC, Islamabad. The visiting delegation included Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs, NAEAC, HEC. The guests were warmly received by Ms. Anum Liaquat, Chairperson, Department of Food Science and Technology and Dr. Humaira Ashraf, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology, JUW, Karachi. The seminar commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem. A detail overview was presented to introduce JUW, highlighting its establishment, mission and achievements in promoting women’s education and empowerment. Subsequently, the Department of Food Science and Technology presented its own departmental presentation. The presentation showcased the department’s vision, objectives, laboratories, ongoing research projects, community nutrition initiatives and student achievements, reflecting its alignment with national and international standards in nutrition and dietetics education.

Following the introductory session, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar delivered a comprehensive presentation on “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education.” He elaborated on the NAEAC evaluation framework, which consists of eight standards and seventy-three sub standards and discussed the importance of accreditation in maintaining and improving the quality of education. The presentation was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, during which faculty members and students actively engaged with the NAEAC team. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Chancellor Mr. Wajeehuddin Ahmed, who appreciated the NAEAC team’s visit and valuable guidance. The event was attended by Prof. Dr. Naeem Farooqui, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Narmeen Zakaria Bawany, Dean Faculty of Science, Ms. Gulnaz Altaf, Registrar, faculty members and students of Human Nutrition & Dietetics. The seminar provided an excellent opportunity to align the BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics program with national quality assurance standards.

