

Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree Program at Fatima Jinnah Women University- Rawalpindi

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Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) has been established in the premises of the old Presidency, situated at the Mall, in the heart of Rawalpindi Cantonment. The main building is Victorian as reflected in its architectural splendor. This building was originally built as a residence by two famous Sikh brothers, Mohan Singh and Sohan Singh. It became the Presidency of Pakistan around the mid 1960's. Classes were initiated at FJWU on December 28, 1998 and the first batch of students graduated in September 2001. Students have been coming from all over the country-from as far as Balochistan, Southern Punjab and Sindh. Department of Environmental Sciences was established in 1999. The department is offering BS, MS/M. Phil and PhD programs.



An Accreditation Inspection Committees (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sohail Yousaf, Department of Environmental Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad as member conducted accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences (ES) degree program at FJWU, Rawalpindi.

Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of ES, FJWU, Rawalpindi received the AIC members. The inaugural session was held in the Vice Chancellor office where Prof. Dr. Uzaira Rafique chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of ES presented a brief overview of the university. Then, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and sub-criteria (73) in addition to highlighting significance of accreditation. Later, Prof. Dr. Shazia Iftikhar, Faculty member of the department, gave presentation in detail about ES department as per itinerary. During this session, HoD, representation of QEC and other faculty members were present.



After presentations, AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities, daycare center, medical facility in addition to ORIC, Business Incubation Center and Controller Examination offices. The AIC held interaction with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/practical performance in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file (online) was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. Most of the faculty, staff and students showed their concern for the working environment and practical classes.



In the concluding session, subject experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of Environmental session. This session was attended by HoD and senior faculty members of the department. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit of ES program.