

Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of Food Science and Technology Degree Program at Abbottabad University of Science and Technology

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Abbottabad is the biggest town and headquarter of Hazara division in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Havelian is an important Tehsil of district Abbottabad situated on Karakorum Highway/Express Way. Hazara University, after starting operations at Mansehra in 2002, established its second sub-campus at Havelian in 2008 on a vast area (over 150 acres). The same campus has been declared as Abbottabad University of Science and Technology (AUST) after being chartered by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly in May 2015. Currently, there are 5 faculties and more than 4,000 enrolled students. AUST initiated FST program in fall 2021 and currently enrolled students in FST are about 60.



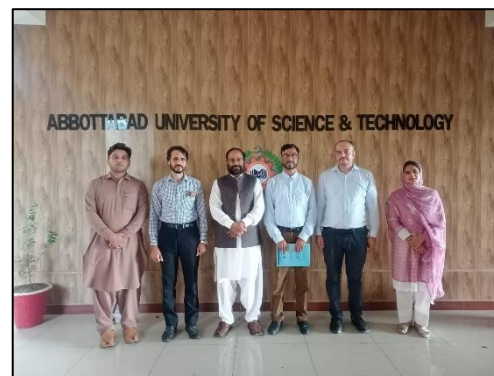
An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Director, Institute of Food and Nutrition, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi as member and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs, NAEAC as a facilitator conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Food Science and Technology degree program at Abbottabad University of Science and Technology.



Mr. Iftikhar Hussain, Registrar, Mr. Malik Asad, Assistant Director QEC, Dr. Mudassir Ali Qazalbash, HoD FST received and welcomed AIC team. The inaugural session was chaired by the Vice Chancellor AUST, Prof. Dr. Tahir Irfan Khan, who welcomed the NAEAC team and presented an overview of the university's vision, mission, achievements, and strategic plans. The Vice Chancellor emphasized that successful accreditation would mark a significant milestone for the Department of Food Science and Technology and further strengthen AUST's commitment to quality education and research. He highlighted that the positive feedback and constructive recommendations from the evaluation team would serve as a roadmap for continuous improvement, ensuring the department's alignment with national and international academic standards. The Registrar AUST and Assistant Director QEC also attended the session, reaffirming AUST's dedication to academic excellence, research promotion, and robust quality assurance mechanisms.



Then AIC moved to FST department where detailed presentation and discussions were held. HoD presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. The AIC visited departmental and campus infrastructure including labs, classrooms, faculty offices, admission office, QEC office, library, daycare center and medical facilities. AIC held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know about the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



The concluding session was chaired by Mr. Iftikhar Hussain, Registrar, where program evaluator/expert shared his observations with Registrar, Assistant Director QEC, HoD and faculty members. Registrar thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education.