

Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, FST & Horticulture and Zero/Pre-Accreditation of Animal Sciences & Fisheries & Aquaculture – Abdul Wali Khan University- Mardan

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The establishment of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan is an act of historical significance by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Being located at the focal point, the area has witnessed the rise and fall of the famous civilizations that inspired the world with the glorious culture and civilized traditions devoted to learning and scholarship. Unfortunately, with the passage of time and onslaught by the bellicose tribes, the human achievements spanning thousands of years were got buried under the debris of time. The university has 5 faculties including faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences. AWKUM is offering 65 undergraduate, 26 M.Phil and 18 PhD degree programs. Currently enrolled students is more than 16,000.

Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC, Dr. Ghulam Qadir, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhammad Asif Aziz, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhammad Abid, Associate Professor, Department of FST, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Imran Hassan, Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, FST & Horticulture degree programs and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Tariq Mahmood, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Wildlife & Fisheries, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Animal Sciences and Fisheries & Aquaculture degree programs at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan. Mr. Zafar Ali, Software Engineer/Web Developer, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.

Mr. Hassan Khan, Registrar, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM, HoDs and other faculty members of the respective department received and welcomed the NAEAC delegations. The inaugural session was held in the VC Conference Hall where Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain chaired the session and briefed about the university. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC briefed about LOI with GAIN. Further, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented the overview of NAEAC activities including previous visit recommendation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were discussed by the respective departmental Heads. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. 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. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.

