

Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture degree Programs at University of Swabi (UOSWABI)

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University of Swabi was established in 2012 with the mission to advance knowledge and learning through quality research and education for the whole nation. Currently, the university comprises of two campuses, old campus and main campus having a combined area of 188 acres near M1 Motorway. There are two faculties and 26 Academic Departments at The University of Swabi. Currently more than 4500 students are enrolled in BS and MS/MPhil degree programs. There are one boys, one girls and one staff hostel at the old campus while more hostels are under construction at new campus. The Central Library consists of more than 20,000 books of different disciplines which has been shifted in new campus but still need proper place.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Amjad Iqbal, Chairman, Department Food Science & Technology, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM) and Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Department of Soil Sciences, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology and Soil Science while Dr. Adil Hussain, Department of Entomology, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM) as member conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Plant Pathology at University of Swabi.

Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Registrar, UOSWABI, Dr. Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Agriculture, UOSWABI, other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Mian Sayed Khan, Vice Chancellor, UOSWABI chaired the inaugural session where Registrar, Representative of QEC, Treasurer, ORIC and concerned faculty members were also present. Dr. Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Agriculture brief the AICs about University of Swabi accomplishments. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the process and significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD (Food Science & Technology, Soil Science and Plant Pathology) presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Vice Chancellor, Director QEC, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Mian Sayed Khan, Vice Chancellor, UOSWABI 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 and to expand the skills of the graduates.

