

Pre-Accreditation/Zero & Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Karakoram International University- Gilgit

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Karakoram International University was established in 2002 in Gilgit chartered by Federal Government on the orders of General Pervez Musharraf, the then President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. At present, the university has four faculties: Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences & Engineering, Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences. Under these faculties, various undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degree programs are offered and quality graduates are produced who after completion of their education serve in Gilgit-Baltistan in particular and across the country at large. In 2014, during the visit of the Chancellor of KIU and The President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Mamnoon Hussain, announced the establishment of KIU Hunza and Women Campus. Consequently, KIU Hunza Campus started its academic programs in 2016. In addition, KIU's Ghizer and Diamer Campuses were established in 2018 under the HEC's vision 2025 to provide access to higher education at the district level. Currently total student enrolment at KIU is above 8000.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Umar Farooq, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Environmental Sciences and Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Department of Food Science & Technology, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Aamir Saleem, Chairman Department of Forestry, PMAS-AAUR and Dr. Irfan Ali, Department of Horticulture, PMAS-AAUR as member conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology, Forestry and Horticulture degree programs at Karakoram International University, Gilgit.

The inaugural session was held in the Senate Hall where Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor welcomed and chaired the inaugural session and presented the 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 and shared the previous ratings of Food Science & Technology, Forestry and Horticulture degree programs. During this session, HoDs, Director QEC, ORIC and other faculty members were present.

AICs then moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements and research accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, ORIC, Business Incubation Center, Day Care center, medical facility, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On October 29, 2024, 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 and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session, subject experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor, KIU, Gilgit. This session was attended by Director QEC, HoDs focal persons of the relevant departments. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit. He encouraged the HoDs to bring a well-thought plan of five departments which are under the ambit of NAEAC for sharing resources among the departments and improving practicals skills of the students.

