

## Accreditation visit of Agriculture and Allied degree Programs at University of Sargodha

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University of Sargodha (UoS) started its journey in 1929 with the establishment of De'Montmorency College, later renamed as Government College, which was awarded the university Charter in 2002. With its main campus located in Sargodha city and Agriculture college in its suburb, the university presently has around 19,000 students and 550+ faculty members, including 265+ PhDs, in 22 departments, three institutes, one school, and four constituent colleges. They are assisted by around 1,700 supporting staff. The university also has 224 affiliated government and private colleges spread across the province.



Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Abdul Khaliq, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. (Retd). Dr. Muhammad Tahir Siddiqui, Department of Forestry & Range Management, UAF, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, Institute of Agricultural & Resource Economics, UAF and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Issa Khan, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Forestry & Range Management, Agricultural Economics and Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree programs at University of Sargodha.



Dr. Muhammad Yousaf, Assistant Professor, Institute of Food Science & Technology received the guests on February 26, 2025. Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat, Principal, College of Agriculture, UoS and Prof. Dr. Anjum Murtaza, Director, Institute of Food Science & Technology, UoS met the guests at night. On next day February 27, 2025, the inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Ghulam Yasin, Pro-Vice Chancellor, UoS in the committee room of V.C. office where he formally welcomed all the evaluators/delegates. This session began with the recitation of Holy Quran, followed by the condolence for Prof. Dr. Fayyaz ul Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC who passed away forty three days earlier and he further highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation. During the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UoS, Dr. Zafar Hayat, Principal, UoS, Prof. Dr. Anjum Murtaza, Director, Institute of Food Science & Technology, Prof. Dr. Ejaz Ashraf, Focal Person from UoS for NAEAC, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Director Academics, Controller Examination, UoS, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members were present. After the inaugural session, souvenirs of UoS were also presented to the AICs teams by Pro-Vice Chancellor, UoS.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments, Forestry, Agriculture Economics and Agronomy programs in the College of Agriculture, 4-6 km away from main city. The delegates were moved to college together while HND program was on main campus. The detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. 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 end, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with relevant chairmen of each department. Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem and Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat 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.

