

## Accreditation visit of Plant Pathology and Zero visit of Poultry Science degree Programs at University of Karachi

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The University of Karachi was established by an act of parliament in June, 1951. The present campus, to which the University shifted in 1959, is spread over 1279 acres of land. There are over 52 departments and 19 research institutes/ centers, which are imparting education to more than 24,000 students including students from foreign countries. The faculty comprises of more than 700 highly qualified and experienced teachers; many of them have obtained higher degrees from abroad and enjoy a high repute internationally. The non-teaching staff comprises more than 1700 people to help with administrative and other matters. The University of Karachi is also an affiliating and examining body and at present, 145 colleges and institutions are affiliated to the University.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Manzoor Ali Abro, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection, Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tandojam conducted Accreditation visit of Plant Pathology degree program and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as member conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Poultry Science degree program.

Dr. Jawaid Akram, Deputy Director, QEC, University of Karachi and HoDs of the respective departments along with faculty members received the guests. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. He chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the University. During the session, Registrar, Dean, Faculty of Science, HoDs of the relevant Departments, Director Finance and other members of QEC, University of Karachi were present. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of Plant Pathology department.

Then AICs moved directly to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. 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 these disciplines. After the lunch, 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, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Dean, Director QEC and other HoD/officials/faculty members. Prof. Dr. Masarrat Jahan Yousaf, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Karachi 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.

