

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology (SSUET)- Karachi

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Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology (SSUET), Karachi is a private research university located in the urban area of Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan. SSUET was established in 1994. The university is honored in the name of notable 19<sup>th</sup> century Indian Muslim reformer and philosopher, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. Currently SSUET having 4 faculties with 37 degree programs. Department of Biomedical Engineering is the oldest department of SSUET. Currently this department is offering 6 programs (4 undergraduate and 2 postgraduate).



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at SSUET- Karachi, Food Science & Technology (FST) undergraduate degree program. Engr. Dr. Sidra Abid Syed, Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering and Dr. Bushra Jabeen Mehdi, Assistant Professor, SSUET, Karachi, Dr. Marium Raziq, Associate Professor, Engr. Syed Waqad Ali, Senior Lecturer/Academic Coordinator and Engr. Sania Tanvir, Senior Lecturer/ Manager for visit arrangements, SSUET, Karachi received and welcomed the guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC.



Dr. Sidra Abid presented a brief overview of the SSUET, Karachi including infrastructure especially about the Food Science & Technology degree program.

The Seminar was held in departmental auditorium. Engr. Sania Tanvir acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Shakil Khan (student of 1<sup>st</sup> year FST) Naat by Ms. Seemi Khan (student of 1<sup>st</sup> semester FST). The seminar was started after the introductory session, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education”. The main objective of this presentation was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandard and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the data of last 14 years. The presentation was followed by a very informative Q & A session. The future aspects of the degree accreditation process were further discussed in the Q & A session.



The seminar was attended by Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering, faculty members and students of the Biomedical Engineering department. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Dr. Sidra Abid Syed, Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering, SSUET, Karachi and she assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education. At the end, souvenirs were presented to the NAEAC Secretariat staff.

