

## Follow-up Accreditation Visit of Agriculture Degree Programs- University of Sargodha

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University of Sargodha is a major public sector University in the province of Punjab, Pakistan. It 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, Agriculture college and Medical college in its suburbs, along with one sub-campus in Bhakkar. The university presently has around 24,000 students and 800 faculty members including 300 PhDs, 21 departments, three institutes, one school and five constituent colleges that come under the seven faculties. There are around 1,200 administrative and supporting staff. The university also has 260 affiliated government and private colleges spread across the Punjab province.

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Mirza, Dean Faculty of Animal Husbandry, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Prof. (Retd). Dr. Muhammad Tahir Siddiqui, Department of Forestry, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as members conducted follow-up accreditation visit of respective departments.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Athar Nadeem, Principal, College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, welcomed NAEAC team. He presented the salient achievements of the college including mission and vision. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation.

Later on, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail regarding the department working and achievements in terms of student's graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the departments to get an insight teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the concluding session, the program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor thanked NAEAC team for their day long deliberations and inspection visit. He assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented for the uplift of education standard and augment the market value of the graduates produced.

