

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Hamdard University- Karachi

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Hamdard University is a private research university with campuses in Karachi and Islamabad, Pakistan. It was founded in 1991 by the renowned philanthropist Hakim Said of the Hamdard Foundation. Hamdard is one of the first and the oldest private institutions of higher education in Pakistan. In Karachi, Hamdard University is the largest private research university with a campus area of over 350 acres. There are 07 faculties with 05 campuses.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Saima Saleem, Dr. A. Q. Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, University of Karachi and Prof. Dr. Rubina Hakeem, HoD, Department of Nutrition, Ziauddin University, Karachi as members conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Biotechnology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs at Hamdard University, Karachi.



Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi received the guests and AICs team. First AICs team along with Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, visited the Mazar (Mouslim) of Hakim Muhammad Said, the founder of Hamdard University and offered Surah Fateha. After that moved to Vice Chancellor office where Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan, Vice Chancellor, HU, Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan chaired the inaugural session and presented the salient achievements of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of the accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant Chairpersons/HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch, 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 of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Vice-Chancellor, Hamdard University, Karachi. In this session, Dean, Faculty of Engineering Sciences & Technology, Registrar, Chairpersons and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Syed Shabib-ul-Hasan 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.

