

Accreditation visit of Agriculture and Allied degree Programs at The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

February 28-29, 2024

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) is a public sector university in Bahawalpur, Pakistan. This institution was originally established by His Highness Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi - as the Jamia Abbasia in 1925. Jamia Abbasia was upgraded as Jamia Islamia in 1963. The Jamia Islamia was converted into a Chartered University as "The Islamia University of Bahawalpur" in 1975 by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab under "The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Act 1975". The university currently has more than 1,800 faculty members serving full-time and part-time, which includes 550 PhDs. There are 126 teaching departments in 13 faculties offering almost 300 disciplines, providing latest educational facilities for around 46,000 students.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Shabir Hussain, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Muhammad Zafar-ul-Hye Gondal, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Zahid Din Muhammad, Department of Forestry & Range Management, BZU, Multan, Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ex-Member, PSD, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Environmental Science, Forestry and PBG degree programs at IUB. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination also accompanied the AIC.

Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environment, IUB, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, IUB, Mr. Rao Mazhar, Representative of QEC, IUB, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AICs team on February 28, 2024. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office where Prof. Dr. Shazia Jabeen, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Biological Sciences, IUB chaired this session and formally welcomed all subject experts and highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the university. 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 five departments Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Environmental Science, Forestry and PBG degree programs.



Then AICs moved to relevant departments where 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. On January 29, 2024, 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.



Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environment, IUB chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education.

On February 29, 2024 7th region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in the afternoon. Forty nominated program evaluators from IUB and CUVAS participated. The trainers included Chairperson, Secretary and Assistant Director Coordination NAEAC. The main emphasis during training workshop was on toolkit, SWOT analysis and AIC report writing. At the end, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC distributed the training participation certificates among the trainees and all trainees appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC for conducting this region-wise training.

