

Accreditation visit of Agriculture and Allied degree Programs at The University of Agriculture- Peshawar

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The University of Agriculture, Peshawar is playing a dynamic role in imparting the agricultural education and conducting basic and applied agricultural research throughout the province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and disseminating agricultural research results among the farmers and general public through its extension and public outreach activities since its establishment in 1981. The university comprises of six faculties, twenty six departments and two institutes. Currently enrolled students are 8017. There are four faculties Crop Production Sciences, Crop Protection Sciences, Rural Social Sciences and Nutritional Sciences offering 6, 4, 4, 2 majors under the ambit of NAEAC.



Seven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Economics, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Badar Naseem, Chairman Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS-AAUR and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ansar, Chairman Department of Agronomy as members conducted accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension and Weed Science degree program and Engr. Dr. Tahir Iqbal, Chairman Department of Farm Machinery & Precision Engineering, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Muhammad Ali, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS-AAUR, Prof. Fiaz Hussain, Department of Land & Water Conservation Engineering, PMAS-AAUR conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Agricultural Mechanization, Rural Development, Rural Sociology and Water Management at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP).



Dr. Muhammad Bilal, Director QEC, UAP and Dr. Kamran Nawaz, Assistant Director QEC received the guests. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Director ORIC, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous ratings of three departments Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension and Weed Science degree programs. Later, Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, UAP formally welcomed all subject experts and highlighted the significance of accreditation for improving the quality of education including the need of revision of curriculum in a holistic manner. The Chairperson of NAEAC emphasized a new initiative in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), offering paid internships to 203 students and 28 mentors from various HEIs across the country. After the inauguration session certificates were distributed amongst the internees and mentors at the Department of Food Science & Technology. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC.



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. 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.

Prof. Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, Director Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UAP chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. In this session, Registrar and other officials including Director QEC and HoD's were present. Prof. Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, Director IDS UAP 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.

