

Accreditation visit of Food Science & Nutrition and HND degree programs at Govt. College University Faisalabad (GCUF)

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The journey of the Government College University started as a primary school in 1897 in the present building of Government College for Women, Karkhana Bazar, Faisalabad. It was promoted to High School and Intermediate College in 1905 and 1924 respectively. It was elevated to the degree level in 1933 and postgraduate disciplines were introduced in 1963. The long journey that started with the humble beginning reached its climax when it was granted the status of University in October 2002. The university is situated at the Jhang Road not far from the historical Clock Tower. The main campus is spread on 37 acres and the construction of new campus has been started on an area of 200 acres 3-4 kilometers away from the main campus at Jhang Road.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Nuzhat Huma, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) and Dr. Muhammad Issa Khan, Associate Professor, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF as members conducted Accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree programs at GCUF.

Prof. Dr. Farhat Jabeen, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, GCUF, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umair Arshad, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, GCUF, Prof. Dr. Mahr un Nisa, Chairman, Department of Nutritional Science, GCUF received and welcomed the guests. The inaugural session was held in the Vice Chancellor conference room where Prof. Dr. Nasir Amin, Vice Chancellor, GCUF formally welcomed all evaluators and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of two departments Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Seed Science & Technology degree programs. During the inaugural session, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Deans, HoDs and other faculty members were present.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements 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 the 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 end, Prof. Dr. Farhat Jabeen, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, GCUF chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members of the university. Prof. Dr. Farhat Jabeen 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.

