

Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at University of the Punjab, Lahore

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University of the Punjab was formally established by convening the first meeting of its Senate on October 14, 1882. It was first to be established in the sub-continent at Lahore in a muslim majority area. This university has played a leading role in higher education in the country. The university comprises five campuses, 19 Faculties, 10 Constituent Colleges and 137 departments, centers, and institutes. The university also has 658 affiliated colleges. It has 991 full-time/regular and 300 part-time faculty members involved in teaching/research and 49,520 on-campus students. (29,588 Morning, 18,838 Evening and 1,094 Diploma students).

Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan as a convener, Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq Butt, Dean, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences, UAF, Prof. Dr. Imran Pasha, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF, Dr. Basharat Ali Saleem, Deputy Director Agriculture (Technical), Department of Agriculture, Lahore, Dr. Sajjad Hussain, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi, Department of Plant Pathology, UAF as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of Food Science, Horticulture and Plant Pathology degree programs. Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmad, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Institute of Soil Science, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Nutrition & Dietetics and Soil Science at University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, all HoDs of respective departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, chaired in inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the faculty. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the previous AICs visit recommendations of the departments beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD presented the relevant AIC in detail the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs also 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 Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore and other HoDs officials. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider 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.

