

Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at UVAS-Lahore

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With a marvelous history of 140 years of excellence, the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore is now positioned among top ten Universities of Pakistan. Originally it was established as a school in 1882, it was later transformed into a college by the end of nineteenth century. Realizing the importance of livestock and poultry sectors in the economy of the county and growing need of human resource and research work in veterinary & animal sciences and allied fields in the country, this historic institution was upgraded as university in 2002. Presently, UVAS comprises of 23 departments in five faculties, four institutes and two constituent colleges along with seven affiliated institutes. The university has over 332 faculty members including 186 Ph.D., UVAS offers 26 undergraduate, 30 M.Phil. and 23 Ph.D. degree programs in different areas along with 3 diploma courses and a number of need based short trainings and certificate courses for capacity building of the human resource in these fields. Presently, about 8,000 students are studying in various disciplines in the University.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Tahir Zahoor, Faculty of Applied Sciences, NUR International University, Lahore as member conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology, Dr. Muhammad Issa Khan, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF and Dr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, UAF as members conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) and Environmental Sciences at University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore.

Prof. Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Bio-Sciences, UVAS, Lahore, all HoDs of respective departments and other faculty members received the guests. Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, SI, Vice Chancellor, UVAS, Lahore formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. He chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the University. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the previous AIC visit recommendations of the department of Food Science & Technology 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 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 Dean and other HoDs/officials/faculty members. Prof. Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman 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.

