

Accreditation Visit of Agronomy, Entomology, FST, Horticulture and PBG degree Programs at The University of Haripur

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The existing premises of University of Haripur (spread over an area of 236 Kanals) were once a Rosin and Turpentine factory established by the Forest Development Corporation (FDC) and then Governor General of Pakistan laid its foundation stone on September 9, 1953. The factory remained functional till 1980 and was completely shut down in 1985 due to non-availability of raw material. It remained idle for more than two decades. On March 8, 2008, the factory was formally handed over to Hazara University for the establishment of its Haripur Campus. In 2008, Haripur campus started its journey with initial enrolment of 150 students in 3 academic departments. Campus was granted status of a University through an Act of Provincial Assembly in 2012. Currently enrolled students in the university are more than 7000 against the baseline of 1500 students in 2012-13. There are 4 faculties with more than 20 departments.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Zafar Hayat, Associate Professor/Chairman, Department of Agronomy, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM), Prof. Dr. Asad Ali, Department of Entomology, AWKUM, Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Associate Professor, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Muhammad Imtiaz, Associate Professor/Chairman, Department of Horticulture, AWKUM and Prof. Dr. Zahid Akram, Chairman, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, Food Science & Technology, Horticulture and PBG degree programs at The University of Haripur.

Dr. Shah Masaud Khan, Director QEC, The University of Haripur (UOH), Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received the guests. Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rahman, Vice Chancellor, UOH formally welcomed NAEAC and AICs team and an introductory meeting in his office. He appreciated the efforts of different councils to improve quality of education. He also narrated his experience while conducting IPE of HEI's. He emphasized that accreditation must be conducted without becoming a party. Secretary NAEAC appreciated this idea and briefed that NAEAC always has a policy of hands holding and not policing. The inaugural session was held in video Conference room and Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, UOH chaired the inaugural session and also presented the university and faculty accomplishments. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations regarding departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs 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 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 concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Registrar, Deans, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Abid Farid, Pro VC/Dean, Faculty of Physical & Applied Sciences, UOH thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations of AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

