

Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at MNSUA-Multan and 3rd Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators

November 20-21, 2023

Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM) is an HEC recognized university of Pakistan chartered in 2013. Since 2016, MNSUAM has been rapidly advancing and has quickly gained a reputation as one of the fastest-growing academic institutions in the country. The university has also emerged in international rankings, including Time Higher Education Rankings 2022, WURI (World Universities with Real Impact). The MNSUAM main campus is located at Old Shujabad Road in Multan. The main campus comprises 180 acres of land. The university also has a research and outreach station spanning 500 acres at Jalalpur Pirwala. The university offers 60 undergraduate and postgraduate programs, and the current enrollment is about 7000. There are 5 faculties having 150 faculty members, most of them are PhD from various technologically advanced countries.

Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Arshad Mahmood Malik, Chairman, Department of Economics, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Samrah Masud, Associate Prof. BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman, Department of Food Safety & Quality Management, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Irfan Anwar, Chairman, Department of Pathobiology, BZU, Multan, Prof (Retd). Dr. Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat, Department of PBG, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as member conducted accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Fisheries & Aquaculture, HND, Poultry Science, Seed Science & Technology degree programs and Dr. Muhammad Zafar-ul-Hye Gondal, Chairman, Department of Soil Science conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Environmental Science degree program at MNSUA- Multan.

Prof. Dr. M. Hammad Nadeem Tahir, Director, QEC, MNSUAM received NAEAC and AICs team on November 19, 2023. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, MNSUAM chaired the inaugural session held in VC office on November 20, 2023 and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation 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 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. On November 21, 2023, 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. Asif Ali, TI, Vice Chancellor, MNSUAM chaired the concluding session on November 21, 2023 where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members besides (online) Executive Committee members of the university. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, TI, VC, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day 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. In this session, accreditation certificates were distributed among HoD/Chairman Department of Agricultural Biotechnology and Plant Pathology accredited during last fiscal year.

Furthermore, third region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at MNSUAM on November 22, 2023 afternoon. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor, MNSUAM. Forty four nominated program evaluators from MNSUAM and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan participated. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Ex-Chairperson, NAEAC chaired the concluding session and distributed the training participation certificates among the trainee and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC for conducting region-wise training.

