

## Accreditation and Pre-accreditation/Zero visit at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan

November 28-29, 2022

The University of Multan was established in 1975 by an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. To pay homage to the Great Saint, the name was changed from University of Multan to Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) in 1979. The university is located at a distance of 10 km from the city center. The university has nine faculties and three sub-campuses at Layyah, Vehari and Lodhran. The main campus is spread over 960 acres of land. The university started functioning in 1975 in rented buildings with 8 departments. Presently, it has more than 51 departments/institutes/colleges. Out of its 630 faculty members, 389 hold doctoral degrees and among 26659 students enrolled, half are female. The university has a fleet of 45 buses and 3 coaches which provides transport facilities to students and staff.



Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani, Institute of Horticultural Sciences, UAF, Dr. Muhammad Amin, Department of Horticultural Sciences, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat, Department of PBG, UAF, Dr. Muhammad Anwar-ul-Haq, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, UAF as members conducted accreditation visit of the departments of Agronomy, Horticulture, PBG and Soil Science degree programs and Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq Butt, Dean, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences, UAF and Dr. Shahid Mahmood, Department of Poultry Production, UVAS, Ravi Campus, Pattoki as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Poultry Science degree programs at BZU, Multan.



On November 27, 2022, Prof. Dr. Hakoomat Ali, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Science & Technology and Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan received the guests and welcomed the NAEAC team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office on November 28, 2022 where Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan formally welcomed all evaluators and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities, achievements made so far and shared the previous AIC recommendations of four departments (Agronomy, Horticulture, PBG and Soil Science).

Later on, AICs moved to relevant departments where before inaugural detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On November 29, 2022, 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. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the concluding session of the visit the program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials including HoDs, Deans and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and inspection visit. He pledged that the recommendations made by the AICs would be implemented in order to improve the bar for education and boost the value of the graduates produced.

