

Accreditation and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Balochistan Agriculture College- Quetta

August 29-30, 2023

Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta was established in October, 1986 after realizing the immense need for professionals in the field of Agriculture. Since inception, it has produced more than 1300 graduates in the various disciplines of Agriculture. The annual intake in the college has been kept at a base minimal level of 200 students to ensure quality of education and research on high grounds. The infrastructure of the college is well-established and enforced with well-equipped laboratories, up-to-date library and well-trained, qualified academic staff. Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta is administratively controlled by the Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Agriculture & Co-operatives Department and affiliated with the University of Balochistan for the award of degrees of B. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture & M. Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture.

Eight Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Dr. Arif Shah Kakar, Director Agriculture, Plant Protection Balochistan, Quetta, Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Shabbir Ahmed Rana, Department of Biotechnology, Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences, Quetta, Prof. Dr. Abdul Qayyum, Department of PBG, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Department of Plant Pathology, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan, Dr. Zafar-ul-Hye Gondal, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, PBG, Plant Pathology and Soil Sciences degree programs. Dr. Badar Naseem Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture Extension and Food Technology degree programs at Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta.

Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal and Mr. Lutfullah Khoso, Vice Principal received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team on August 28, 2023. Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal, Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta chaired the inaugural session in the newly built committee room on August 29, 2023 and shared the salient accomplishments of the college. 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 and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On August 30, 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 concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal, Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta. In this session, Mr. Lutfullah Khoso, Vice principal, Mr. Rehmat Ali Kakar, Registrar, Mr. Atta Ullah Achakzai, Controller, HoDs and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi 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.

