

## Accreditation and Pre-accreditation/Zero visit at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

October 24-25, 2022

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Barani Commission constituted to review and recommend measures for the development of rainfed agriculture and uplift of the poor masses through education, research, and development of technology, the Government of Punjab established Barani Agricultural College, Rawalpindi which was later upgraded to University in 1994. The mandate of the University is to produce high-quality agricultural scientists and to form an organized scientific infrastructure for research to develop dryland regions of the country. The university is located on Murree Road, almost in the center of the twin, cosmopolitan cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. There are 5 faculties, 7 institutes and more than 25 departments.

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Fauzia Yusuf Hafeez, Vice Chairperson NAEAC, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Sher Muhammad, Institute of Agri. Extension, Education and Rural Development, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arif, Department of Plant Pathology, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore as members conducted accreditation visit of the departments of Agricultural Extension and Plant Pathology degree programs and Prof. Dr. Masood Sadiq Butt, Dean, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences, UAF and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ovais Omer, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences(UVAS), Lahore as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Poultry Science degree programs at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi.

On October 23, 2022, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Livestock Production and Management, Pir Mehr Ali Shah (PMAS), Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (AAUR) and Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, PMAS, AAUR received the guests and Prof. Dr. Fayyaz Ul Hassan, Sahi, Pro-VC, PMAS-AAUR also welcomed the NAEAC team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office on October 24, 2022 where Prof. Dr. Qamar Uz Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR 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 two departments (Agricultural Extension and Plant Pathology). Prof. Dr. Qamar Uz Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PMAS-AAUR distributed the NAEAC accreditation certificates to the Chairmen/HoDs of four departments (Agronomy, PBG, Entomology & Soil Science). During the inaugural session, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Controller Examination, Deans, HoDs and other faculty members were present.

Later on, AICs moved to relevant departments where 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 October 25, 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, Director ORIC, Director QEC, Registrar and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Qamar Uz Zaman 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.

