

Accreditation Visit of Agronomy, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil & Environmental Sciences at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

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University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) is a public university in Faisalabad, Pakistan. UAF is the oldest and pioneer Agriculture Institute in South Asia. It is ranked 4th in Pakistan and 1st in Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences by Higher Education Commission Ranking in 2019. UAF has always been striving hard to revolutionize agriculture by providing a skilled and professional workforce for this sector. The university comprises of 07 faculties, 11 institutes and 03 sub-campuses.

Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Fayyaz ul Hassan, Dean, Faculty of Crop and Food Sciences, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain, Department Agronomy, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Noor-ul-Amin, Department of Horticulture, The University of Agriculture (UAP), Peshawar, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Department of Horticulture, the University of Poonch, Rawalakot, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Hidayatur Rahman, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, UAP, Dr. Hidayat Ullah, Department of Agriculture, University of Swabi, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Department of Soil Science, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Muhammad Arif Ali, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as members were constituted to conduct accreditation visit of Agronomy, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil & Environmental Sciences at UAF.

Prof. Dr. Aman Ullah Malik, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UAF, welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir Director, ORIC presented a brief overview of UAF covering total projects executed, patents registered, faculty and students in the university. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC shared the previous AICs visit recommendations of the departments beside a brief account on importance and significance of accreditation. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture distributed the accreditation certificates to the HoDs of departments of Agribusiness and Seed Science of UAF and Soil Science of UAF Sub-Campus, Depalpur, Okara.

Later on, AICs visited the respective departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. HoDs of the relevant departments briefed respective AICs in detail about working of the departments and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental infrastructure and held individual meetings with faculty members and students of the departments to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators shared their observations with the Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor and other officials. Vice Chancellor, UAF thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and inspection visit. He instantly issued instructions to Director, QEC to implement some of the recommendations of AICs.

