

Accreditation and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture and Allied degree Programs at University of Sargodha

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University of Sargodha (UoS) started its journey in 1929 with the establishment of De'Montmorency College, later renamed as Government College, which was awarded the university Charter in 2002. With its main campus located in Sargodha city and Agriculture college in its suburb, the university presently has around 21,000 students and 550+ faculty members, including 265+ PhDs, in 22 departments, three institutes, one school, and four constituent colleges. They are assisted by around 1,700 supporting staff. The university also has 224 affiliated government and private colleges spread across the province.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Farid Asif Shaheen, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (AAUR), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Chairman, Department of Horticulture, PMAS AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ex-Member, PSD/CSO, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi, Department of Plant Pathology, UAF as members conducted Accreditation visit of Entomology, Horticulture, PBG & Plant Pathology and Dr. Muhammad Abid, Associate Professor, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS AAUR as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree programs at University of Sargodha.

Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UoS, Dr. Zafar Hayat, Principal, UoS, Dr. Waqar Ahmad, Additional Registrar, UoS, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, UoS in the committee room of V.C. office where formally welcomed all evaluators and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of four departments Entomology, Horticulture, PBG & Plant Pathology degree programs. During the inaugural session, Pro-VC, Director QEC, Director Academics, Director Implementation, Deputy Director ORIC, Deputy Treasurer, Deans, HoDs and other faculty members were present.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments 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. After the lunch, 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. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, UoS chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Pro-VC, Director QEC, Director Academics, Director Implementation, Deputy Director ORIC, Deputy Treasurer, Deans, HoDs and other faculty members of the university. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, VC thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education. He also presented a souvenir to Chairperson NAEAC.

