

Zero Visit of Plant Breeding & Genetics degree Program at University of the Punjab, Lahore

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Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore was established in 2011. This institute was upgraded in 2021 to Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Under this faculty, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics was established in 2021. Currently there are 7 teaching faculty members out of them 6 have PhDs. Currently enrolled students in this department are 59.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics (PBG), UAF as member conducted Zero/Pre-accreditation visit of Plant Breeding & Genetics degree program at University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arshad Javed, HoD, Department of PBG and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AIC team. Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the faculty. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

Then AIC moved to department of PBG where Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arshad, HoD, Department of PBG, University of the Punjab, Lahore presented in detail the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AIC also 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. After 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. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluator/expert shared his observations with the Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore, HoD and other officials. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

