

Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of Agriculture degree programs at The University of Agriculture, Swat

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The Sub-Campus of The University of Agriculture Peshawar was upgraded to The University of Agriculture Swat (UOAS) in December 2021. The University is functioning in Agriculture Research Institute Takhtaband, Mingora Swat. Prof. Dr. Dawood Jan, Vice Chancellor has taken a very positive initiative both in Academics and Financial areas. On Academic side, 5 departments including Entomology, Food Science & Technology, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil Science has been established. The current faculty is 28 and current student enrollment is 260. The financial initiatives include pension endowment fund (Rs.530 million), University endowment fund (Rs.529.758 million), Scholarships (Rs. 40 million) and revenue enhancement and fund generation (Rs. 60 million). Rules and Regulations for each fund are documented by getting approval from concerned statutory bodies.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Shah Masud Khan, Department of Horticulture, The University of Haripur, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad, Department of Soil & Environmental Science, The University of Haripur, Dr. Mahmood ul Hassan, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Farid Asif, Department of Entomology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Kashif Sarfraz, Department of Food Science & Technology, Assistant Professor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Horticulture, Soil & Environmental Sciences, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Entomology and Food Science & Technology degree programs at University of Agriculture Swat (UOAS).

The inaugural session was held in the Conference room where Prof. Dr. Dawood Jan, Vice Chancellor, UOAS formally welcomed NAEAC team and all evaluators. Mr. Akbar Khan, Advisor Finance & Establishment briefed the AICs about the accomplishments of University of Agriculture Swat (UOAS). Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared NAEAC criteria for degree program evaluation along with the significance of accreditation.

The team visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant Chairman/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. Course files were checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Prof. Dr. Dawood Jan, Vice Chancellor, UOAS thanked NAEAC team for their deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to enhance the standard of education and to ensure the skills of the graduates.

