

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at PMAS- Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

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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. Two degree programs BS Poultry Science and BS Animal Sciences has been initiated under the department of Poultry Science and Livestock Production and Management. Currently 25 students are enrolled in BS Poultry Science while admission in Animal Sciences has been completed in this month.

Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Livestock Production and Management, Pir Mehr Ali Shah (PMAS) Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (AAUR), received the NAEAC team (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator, NAEAC). A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. The NAEAC team reached the university at 10:45 am and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf, Dean Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, PMAS-AAUR. During discussion, Dean Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, PMAS-AAUR highlighted the major achievements of the faculty and concerned departments.



The seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the welcome address by Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences PMAS-AAUR who invited the Guest speaker for delivering the talk on “Quality assurance and accreditation in higher education”.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a speech on the role of accreditation process in quality assurance with examples during last 14 years. Talk mainly comprised on NAEAC history, accomplishments, accreditation process details, standards (7), substandard (71) and outcome of the accreditation process in terms of rating the degree programs. During question answer session further clarifications were made regarding the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was attended by Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Chairman, department of Livestock Production and Management, all faculty members and students of the Animal and Poultry Sciences degree programs.

After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Arfan Yousaf, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, PMAS-AAUR thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

