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## Accreditation Visit of Forestry Degree Program at University of Swat (USwat)

**September 5, 2024**

University of Swat, a public sector university was established in 2010. The main campus of the university is situated in Charbagh, 13 km away from the main city Mingora, Swat District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. This university was established for providing higher education to the people of Swat Valley specifically and the entire province generally. University of Swat has 02 subcampuses, Shangla and Women Campus, 7 faculties, more than 28 degree programs including forestry with 415 academic staff.



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Dr. Bilal Ahmad Assistant Professor and Dr. Naveed Alam Incharge Institute of Forest Sciences received the guests from Motorway Express Terminal on September 4, 2024. The inaugural session was held in the committee room of VC office. Mr. Imtiaz Ali, Registrar chaired the session and presented the salient accomplishments of the university with mission and vision. Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Director QEC, Dr. Arshad Ali Khan, Controller of Examination, Deans and Chairman attended this session. Director QEC acted as stage secretary presented university overview. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented NAEAC activities and explained how the accreditation process is completed. At the end of inaugural session souvenir were presented to both delegates.

Later AIC moved to Institute of Forest Sciences where detailed presentation and discussions were held. Dr. Naveed Alam briefed the AIC in detail about the institute working and achievements in terms of student's graduation, faculty positions and research

projects. AIC also visited institute labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meeting with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the department to get an insight pertaining to teaching environment in the institute.



In the exit meeting, committee members shared their remarks with the Registrar and other officials. Registrar thanked NAEAC team for their day-long discussions and inspection visit. He assured that the recommendations of AIC would be implemented to enhance students skill and augment the market value of the graduates produced from this university.



## Accreditation Visit of HND Degree Program at Government Graduate College of Home Economics (W), Faisalabad

**September 10, 2024**

Government Graduate College of Home Economics (W), Faisalabad (GGCHEWF) is a public sector college affiliated with Governemnet College University, Faisalabad. The college was established in 2019 and BS HND degree program was also started in 2019 with 36 students who passed out in 2023. The other four sessions 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 are currently running with enrolled students 40, 39, 37 and 40 respectively.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Benish Israr, Director, Institute of Home Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as member conducted pre-accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at GGCHWF.

Dr. Shela Qasim, Principal, GGCHWF, Ms. Quratul Ain HoD/ Chairperson, HND and Ms. Kiran Aslam focal person of HND department received the guests. Dr. Shela Qasim, Principal, GGCHWF presented the salient accomplishments of the college with mission and vision. The inaugural session was held in the meeting room of Principal office.



Ms. Quratul Ain, HoD, HND department briefed the AIC in detail about the department working and achievements in terms of student's graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AIC also visited departmental labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices and held individual meeting with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the department to get an insight pertaining to teaching environment in the department.



In the exit meeting, committee members shared their remarks

with the Principal and other officials. Dr. Shela Qasim, Principal thanked NAEAC team for their day-long discussions and inspection visit. She assured that the recommendations of AIC would be implemented to enhance students skill and augment the market value of the graduates produced from this college.

## Pre-Accreditation visit of Dairy Science and Forestry and Accreditation visit of Agribusiness and Environmental Science degree programs at UAF

**September 11, 2024**

The foundation stone of UAF was laid in 1906 with the name of Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute, Lyallpur which was upgraded as the West Pakistan Agricultural University, Lyallpur in 1961 and now the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) since 1973. The UAF is a public and the oldest university and pioneer Agriculture Institute in South Asia. The UAF has always been striving hard to revolutionize agriculture by providing a skilled and professional workforce for agriculture sector. The university comprises of 07 faculties, 9 institutes and 03 sub-campuses.

Four Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO Animal Sciences Institute NARAC, Islamabad and Dr. Muhammad Irfan Ashraf, Chairman, Department of Forestry, University of Sargodha as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Dairy Science and Forestry degree program and Prof. Dr. Mubashir Mehdi, Director, Department of Agribusiness & Entrepreneurship Development, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan and Prof. Dr. Tanveer ul Haq, Chairman, Department of Soil & Environmental Sciences, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan as members conducted accreditation visit of Agribusiness and Environmental Science (ES) degree programs at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

The inaugural session was held in the Vice Chancellor Conference room where Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (SI, HI), Vice Chancellor, UAF formally welcomed all evaluators and shared the major accomplishments of the university.





After inaugural session, AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. 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.



The program evaluators/experts shared their observations with relevant Deans and HoDs at the end of visit. Chairperson NAEAC along with program evaluators went to VC office and thanked Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan (SI, HI), Vice Chancellor, UAF for the hospitality and cooperation to complete this assignment.



## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Forestry degree program at MUST-Pallandri

**September 13, 2024**

The Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mirpur was established in 2009 by up-grading Mirpur Campus of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Muzaffarabad. MUST-Pallandri was established in 2018 and currently five degree programs including Forestry are offered at Must-Pallandri. Since then three batches of 24 students passed out while currently 22 students are enrolled in two different batches.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Forestry at MUST-Pallandri. Dr. Munawar Hussain Qureshi, Coordinator MUST-Pallandri, Dr. Rashida, Dean, Faculty of

Natural and Applied Sciences and faculty members of Forestry degree program welcomed to the honorable guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination NAEAC.



The seminar was started at 10:30 am with the recitation of Holy Quran and Naat Sharif by the students of Forestry department. Dr. Munawar Hussain Qureshi, Coordinator, MUST-Pallandri presented a brief history of MUST-Pallandri and Forestry degree program. After that the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main rubrics and 73 sub criteria and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the data of last 14 years.



The seminar was attended by Dean, Coordinator, MUST-Pallandri management staff, HoD, all faculty members and students of Forestry. Seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by Dean. Dr. Munawar Hussain Qureshi, Coordinator MUST-Pallandri thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.





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

**September 26, 2024**

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 of the university has taken very positive initiative both in Academics and Financial areas. On Academic side, 5 departments including Entomology, FST, HORT, PBG 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 Masaud Khan, Department of Horticulture, The University of Haripur, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Soil & Climate Sciences, the University of Haripur, Dr. Mahmood ul Hassan, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Farid Asif Shaheen, Department of Entomology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Kashif Sarfraz Abbasi, Institute of Food and Nutritional Sciences, 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 Vice Chancellor 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 regarding the accomplishments of University of Agriculture Swat (UOAS). Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared NAEAC criteria for degree program evaluation.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed

presentations of departmental achievements 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. 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.

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.



## Accreditation and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

**October 10, 2024**

Barani Agricultural College Rawalpindi (BACR) was upgraded to University in 1994. The PMAS- AAUR is offering undergraduate as well as post graduate degree programs in various disciplines. The university has 2 sub campuses (Attock and Khushab), University Research Farms (URF), Koont and a hydroponic facility at Rawat. The main campus includes 5 Faculties (Agriculture, Sciences, Social Sciences, Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Agricultural Engineering and Technology), 7 institutes and 7 centers. The current students enrolment is more than ,8800.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Mian Anjum Murtaza, Director, Institute of Food Science & Nutrition, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat, Chairman, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Sargodha and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Sciences Institute, NARC and Secretary, NAEAC as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences, Food Technology, Poultry Science and Animal Science degree programs. Dr. Muhammad Jahangir, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Haripur as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Food Science & Technology degree programs at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi.



Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor chaired the inaugural session in the Committee Room attended by the Registrar, Controller, Deans and Directors in addition to Chairmen of 5 departments/institutes. VC appraised the audience that PMAS-AAUR has recently got THE ranking between 800-1000 as compared to previous 1000-1200. He further updated that a High Efficiency Irrigation System has been introduced at URF Koont with the assistance of China and initially around 1000 persons will be trained under this program. In the inaugural session, Director, QEC provided a brief introduction of the university and presented the salient accomplishments as well. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation. The Chairperson, NAEAC emphasized a new initiative in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), offering paid internships to 206 students and 28 mentors from various HEIs across the coun-



try. After the inauguration session, cheques and certificates were distributed amongst the internees and mentors at Institute of Food Science & Technology. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC and Mr. Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy & Advocacy Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).



Meanwhile, AICs moved to relevant departments where departmental achievements were presented by respective Chairpersons. Each AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area. Each AIC 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. Each AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and get suggestions to enhance the skill capacity of graduates.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Vice-Chancellor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. In this session, all the Deans, Directors, Principal Officers, Heads of administrative departments, Chairpersons and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr Muhammad Naeem thanked NAEAC team for their day long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to ensure quality education.

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology (SUIT)

October 22, 2024

Sarhad University is Chartered by Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Private Sector vide Ordinance No. XXIV of 2001 notified on 30th August, 2001. University is run by the Al-Beruni Trust for Educational Development. Trust is registered under Societies Act 1860 with Office of Sub-Registrar, Peshawar. Sarhad

Institute of Allied Health Sciences (SIAHS) was established in January 2021 as constituent Institute of Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology (SUIT).

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Nutrition & Dietetics at SUIT. Prof. Dr. Salim-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor, SUIT, Dr. Fazal Mehmood, Director SIAHS, Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad Khan, Director QEC, Mr. Shahab Aftab Taj, Deputy Controller of Examinations, Mr. Muhammad Nasir, Registrar, Dr. Aliman Shah, Deputy Director, SIHS, Dr. Muhammad Ateeq Qureshi, Associate Professor and Shomaila Bakht focal person Nutrition & Dietetics program welcomed the honorable guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs NAEAC.



The seminar was started at 11:30 am with the recitation of Holy Quran and Naat Sharif by the students of Nutrition & Dietetics department. Ms. Shomaila Bakht, focal person, Nutrition & Dietetics presented a brief history of SUIT and Nutrition & Dietetics degree program. After that the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main rubrics and 73 subrubrics. He also explained the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the data of last 14 years.



The seminar was attended by Vice Chancellor, Director QEC, Registrar, Deputy Controller of Examinations, all faculty members and students of Nutrition & Dietetics. Seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by Vice Chancellor. Prof. Dr. Salim-ur-Rehman thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high

quality of education.



## Accreditation visit of Agriculture and Allied degree Programs at The University of Agriculture- Peshawar

October 23, 2024

The University of Agriculture, Peshawar is playing a dynamic role in imparting the agricultural education and conducting basic and applied agricultural research throughout the province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and disseminating agricultural research results among the farmers and general public through its extension and public outreach activities since its establishment in 1981. The university comprises of six faculties, twenty six departments and two institutes. Currently enrolled students are 8017. There are four faculties Crop Production Sciences, Crop Protection Sciences, Rural Social Sciences and Nutritional Sciences offering 6, 4, 4, 2 majors under the ambit of NAEAC.



Seven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Badar Naseem, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS-AAUR and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ansar, Chairman, Department of Agronomy as members conducted accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension and Weed Science degree programs and Engr. Dr. Tahir Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Farm Machinery & Precision Engineering, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Dr. Muhammad Ali, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Fiaz Hussain, Department of Land & Water Conservation Engineering, PMAS-AAUR conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Agricultural





Mechanization, Rural Development, Rural Sociology and Water Management at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP).

Dr. Muhammad Bilal, Director QEC, UAP and Dr. Kamran Nawaz, Assistant Director QEC received the guests. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Director ORIC, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous ratings of three departments Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension and Weed Science degree programs. Later, Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, UAP formally welcomed all subject experts and highlighted the significance of accreditation for improving the quality of education including the need of revision of curriculum in a holistic manner. The Chairperson of NAEAC emphasized a new initiative in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), offering paid internships to 206 students and 28 mentors from various HEIs across the country. After the inaugural session certificates were distributed amongst the internees and mentors at the Department of Food Science & Technology. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology and Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC.



Meanwhile AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. Each AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. 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. Each AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and get suggestions to enhance the capacity skills of the graduates.

Prof. Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, Director, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UAP chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. In this session, Registrar and other officials including Director QEC and HoD's

were present. Prof. Dr. Malik Inayatullah Jan, Director, IDS UAP thanked NAEAC team for their day long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by each AIC would be implemented to augment the standard of education.



## Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences degree Program at Fatima Jinnah Women University- Rawalpindi

October 24, 2024

Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) has been established in the premises of the old Presidency, situated at the Mall, in the heart of Rawalpindi Cantonment. The main building is Victorian as reflected in its architectural splendor. This building was originally built as a residence by two famous Sikh brothers, Mohan Singh and Sohan Singh. It became the Presidency of Pakistan around the mid 1960's. This presidency was converted into a woman university known as FJWU. The classes were initiated on December 28, 1998 and the first batch of students graduated in September 2001. Students have been coming from all over the country-from as far as Balochistan, Southern Punjab and Sindh. Department of Environmental Sciences was established in 1999. The department is offering BS, MS/M. Phil and PhD programs in environmental sciences.



An Accreditation Inspection Committees (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sohail Yousaf, Department of Environmental Sciences, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad as member conducted accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences (ES) degree program at FJWU, Rawalpindi.



Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of ES, FJWU, Rawalpindi received the AIC members. The inaugural session was held in the Vice Chancellor office where Prof. Dr. Uzaira Rafique, VC chaired the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of ES presented a brief overview of the university. Then, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and sub-criteria (73) in addition to highlighting significance of accreditation. Later, Prof. Dr. Shazia Iftikhar, Faculty member of the department, gave presentation in detail about ES department as per itinerary. During this session, HoD, representation of QEC and other faculty members were present.



After presentation, AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities, daycare center, medical facility in addition to ORIC, Business Incubation Center and Controller Examination Offices. The program evaluator held interaction with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/practical performance in the departments. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file (online) was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. Most of the faculty, staff and students showed their concern for the working environment and practical classes.

In the concluding session, subject expert shared his observations with Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of Environmental sciences. This session was attended by HoD and senior faculty members of the department. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit of ES program.



## Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Karakoram International University- Gilgit

October 28-29, 2024

Karakoram International University was established in 2002 in Gilgit chartered by Federal Government on the orders of the then President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. At present, the university has four faculties: Faculty of Life Sciences, Faculty of Natural Sciences & Engineering, Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences. Under these faculties, various undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate degree programs are offered and quality graduates are produced who serve in Gilgit-Baltistan in particular and across the country at large. KIU have three sub-campuses at Ghizer, Diamer and Hunza. Currently total student enrolment at KIU is above 8,000.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Umar Farooq, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi, Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Department of Food Science & Technology, PMAS-AAUR, Dr. Aamir Saleem, Chairman, Department of Forestry, PMAS-AAUR and Dr. Irfan Ali, Department of Horticulture, PMAS-AAUR as members conducted accreditation visit of conducted pre- accreditation/zero visit of Environmental Sciences, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Food Science & Technology, Forestry and Horticulture degree programs at Karakoram International University, Gilgit.





The inaugural session was held in the Senate Hall where Engr. Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor welcomed the delegations, chaired the inaugural session and presented the brief overview of the university. Then, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and sub-criteria (73) and shared the previous ratings of above mention degree programs. In this session, HoDs, Director QEC, ORIC and other faculty members were present.

After inaugural session, AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements and research accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant Chairpersons. Each AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, ORIC, Business Incubation Center, Day Care Center, medical facility and research areas. Each AIC held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On October 29, 2024, 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. Each AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and get suggestions how to improve the skills of students.



In the concluding session, subject experts shared their observations with Engineer Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor, KIU, Gilgit. This session was attended by Director QEC, HoDs and focal persons of the relevant departments. Engineer Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, thanked NAEAC team for their two-days deliberations and inspection visit. He encouraged the HoDs to bring a well-thought plan of five degree programs which are under the ambit of NAEAC for sharing resources among the departments and improving practical skills of the students.

## Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Environmental Sciences degree program at University of Baltistan- Skardu

October 30, 2024

University of Baltistan, Skardu (UOBS) was established on August 25, 2017, under the "University of Baltistan Order 2016" as a federal public-sector university. Earlier it was a sub-campus of Karakoram

International University with four departments including Computer Science, Modern Languages, Business Management and Educational Development since 2011. The Department of Biological Sciences was initiated in 2017 hence increasing the number of departments to five. Currently, the university have 3 faculties including Faculty of Natural Sciences. Department of Environmental Sciences are working under this faculty.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Environmental Sciences at UOBS. Dr. Attarad Ali, Additional Director, QEC, Dr. Salar Ali, HoD, Environmental Sciences, Dr. Alamdar Hussain, Director of Academics, UOBS, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Campus Administrator and other faculty members of UOBS received and welcomed the honorable guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC.



The seminar was started at 3:15 pm with the recitation of Holy Quran by the student of Environmental Sciences department at university's Anchan Auditorium which was meticulously organized by Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Campus Administrator, with the support of Mr. Zakir (Assistant) and Mr. Akhtar (Cameraman). Dr. Attarad Ali, Additional Director, QEC, UOBS provided an overview of UOBS's vision, mission, its academic growth and the key role of the Department of Environmental Sciences in addressing environmental challenges in Gilgit-Baltistan and beyond. Dr. Salar Ali, HoD, Environmental Sciences gave a comprehensive presentation on the department's history, achievements, and vision. After that the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 sub criteria. He also explained the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the data of last 14 years. After the seminar, question answer session was held where many queries including the changing the department name from Environmental Sciences to Earth and Environmental Sciences were discussed in depth.



The seminar was attended by Campus Administrator, Additional Director QEC, Director Academics, all faculty members and students of Environmental Sciences. Dr. Alamdar Hussain, Director Academics, UOBS, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks on behalf of the university administration. He conveyed a message from the Vice Chancellor, who expressed deep gratitude for the NAEAC's visit, recognizing it as a milestone in advancing the academic standards of UOBS and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education.



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