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Revision of NAEAC Evaluation Manual (Toolkit)

July 24-25, 2022

NAEAC mandated to accredit agriculture and allied degree programs as per Bye-Laws and Procedures developed by Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. During the NAEAC 18th Council Board meeting, the Chairperson NAEAC was authorized to constitute the Toolkit Review Committee to revise the current Toolkit on top priority. The current toolkit was prepared in 2016-17, hence its revision was inevitable. Consequently, the Chairperson NAEAC constituted the committee comprising of:

1. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC.
2. Prof. [Retd.] Dr. Aman Ullah Malik, Ex-Dean Faculty of Agriculture, UAF.
3. Dr. Basharat Ali Saleem, Deputy Director Agriculture (Technical), Horticultural Extension, Punjab, Lahore.



First Toolkit Review Committee meeting was held at NAEAC Secretariat Office, Islamabad on July 24-25, 2022. The meeting was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC chaired the meeting. In the opening remarks, Chairperson, NAEAC highlighted the significance to revise and abridge the toolkit and include latest developments in agriculture and allied sciences. Prof. Dr. Aman Ullah Malik emphasized that refresher courses for evaluators must be arranged and AIC report should be smart avoiding unnecessary details. Secretary, NAEAC reiterated to make toolkit quantitative and robust to avoid human liking/disliking. In two-day meeting the toolkit was revised and major and minor criteria were modified in a way that each sub criteria was specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound (SMART). The proposed draft report will be submitted in the forthcoming Council Board meeting for final approval before replacing the earlier version of Toolkit.



Accreditation Visit of Forestry and Food Science & Technology (FST) Degree Programs Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) Sheringal, Dir

September 5-6, 2022

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University (SBBU) is a public sector university established in 2009. The university is located in Sheringal at a distance of 35 km on the right of Dir city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It has a rich array of academic programs and research facilities to offer. There are 5 faculties and 22 departments with a strength of almost 4000 students and above 100 faculty members. Department of Forestry and Food Science & Technology (FST) was established in 2009 and 2016 respectively. Currently 117 students are enrolled in Forestry and 112 in FST.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Dean Faculty of Nutritional Sciences, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar and Dr. Muhammad Farrakh Nawaz, Associate Professor and HoD of Forestry department, University of Agriculture Faisalabad as member conducted accreditation visit of FST and Forestry departments respectively.

Dr. Nasir Mehmood, Assistant Professor, Chairman FST department and Dr. Alamgir Khan, Assistant Professor, Chairman Forestry department, SBBU, Sheringal welcomed NAEAC team. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahab, Vice Chancellor SBBU presented the salient achievements of the university including mission and vision in the inaugural session held in common room on the top of the university guest house. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation of the degree programs. Dr. Ghaffar narrated in detail the major shift of evaluation to outcome based evaluation (OBE) and how the knowledge and skills assessment of students would be required in days to come. He also shared the previous AIC recommendations of both departments.



Later on, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about the departmental activities and accomplishments in terms of student graduation, faculty positions, infrastructure and research projects. AIC visited respective classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, green house and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of job satisfaction and working environment in the campus. The AIC members also held the meetings with students of the departments to get an insight about teaching, conducting practicals and to assess the technical knowledge of the students.



In the exit meeting the program evaluators shared their observations with the Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahab, Vice Chancellor SBBU. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahab, Vice Chancellor SBBU thanked NAEAC team for their two day long deliberations and inspection visit. He assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented for the uplift of education standard and augment the market value of the graduates produced.



Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND), Women University, Mardan

September 08, 2022

Women University Mardan (WU Mardan), a public university, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was founded in 2016. This university has played major role to increase the rate of higher education among women in the city of Mardan and adjoining areas. Currently there are 4 faculties, 18 departments and offering 46 degree programs. There are 189 students in the department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics while in university about 4000 students are enrolled.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Imran Pasha, DG, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND department, WU Mardan.



Dr. Ayesha Bibi, Chairperson/HoD, HND, WU Mardan, Dr. Sadaf Ambreen, Lecturer, HND, WU Mardan and Ms. Kalsoom Saddiq, Lecturer, HND, WU Mardan welcomed NAEAC team. Dr. Ayesha Bibi, Chairperson, Department of HND, WU Mardan presented the salient achievements of the university including mission and vision. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation of degree programs. This event was held in VC office committee room.

Dr. Ayesha Bibi, Chairperson, HND briefed the AIC in detail about their department working and achievements in terms of student graduation, current faculty position and research projects. AIC visited labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sport and day care facilities besides QEC, ORIC and examination controller offices. The AIC held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of job satisfaction and working environment of the department. AIC also interacted with students of the departments to get an insight of teaching, course completion and status of practicals.



In the concluding session, the program evaluator shared his observations with Prof. Dr. Ghazala Yasmeen, Vice Chancellor, Women University Mardan and other faculty members. Dr. Ghazala, VC, WU Mardan while responding queries, emphasized that she is supporting HND and pressing hard to the faculty to get their equipments on priority basis. She also informed that a new campus building is under construction about 45 KM away from city. Some departments have already shifted in new campus. She thanked NAEAC team for their long-day deliberations and inspection visit. In order to improve educational standards and increase the market worth of the graduates produced, he pledged that the recommendations provided by AICs will be put into action.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan

September 15, 2022

Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM) was established in 2009, it is the second-largest university of the province and stands 2nd HEC ranking for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The area has witnessed the rise and fall of the famous civilizations that inspired the world with the glorious culture and civilized traditions devoted to learning. Five campuses of AWKUM have been upgraded as independent universities: Women University Mardan, Bacha Khan University Charsadda, University of Swabi, The University of Chitral and University of Bunir. In the recent past, HEC awarded and ranked it 1st in the province and 15th in the country for research award under National Research Program for Universities. The university has 32 academic departments where 95 undergraduate and graduate programs are offered. The university has a qualified faculty of 450 members (half being PhDs), qualified administration and a vibrant community of 15,000 students. The university has tremendous potential for further contribution and becoming a leading educational institution.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan. Dr. Muhammad Qayash Khan, Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program, AWKUM received the guests. Prof. Dr. Sultan Ayaz Khatak, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM formally welcomed Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator and presented an overview of the university. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Muhammad Qayash Khan, Head of Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program gave a comprehensive presentation about the department.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk 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, major standards (7) and substandard (71) used to evaluate undergraduate degree program and its outcome in terms of the program rating. During question answer session further clarifications were made regar-



ing the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was attended by faculty members and students of the Fisheries & Aquaculture degree program.



After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Sultan Ayaz Khatak, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Life Sciences, AWKUM uttered gratitude to the guest speaker and accentuated that our hopes for a sustainable future of Pakistan are linked with the young students. At the end, NAEAC team visited classrooms, labs, fish ponds and fish hatchery. The facilities were upto mark and hopefully there facilities will be used effectively for training of graduates.



Obituary

Malik Kausar Saeed Awan (Rest in Peace)
Deputy Director Coordination,
NAEAC, HEC, Islamabad.
(July 02, 1970 – September 18, 2022)

Secretary Malik Kausar Saeed Awan, breathed his last peacefully on September 18, 2022 at Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad (May Almighty Allah bless his soul) **إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**. He left behind a mourning widow and two lovely young boys (Students of A and O levels) besides caring aged mother, two brothers and loving sisters.



The National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Secretariat is in a state of disbelief on his sudden and untimely demise and pray to Allah, the Almighty to bless him Jannat-ul-Fir

daus and give patience to his family to bear this enormous loss. Mr. Awan completed his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Agronomy from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad in 1994 and 1996 respectively. Later he also did masters in Mass Communication from Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. He started his professional career from UDL in 2000 as Technical Sales Officer. Mr. Awan served in different organizations at various challenging positions. Lately, he joined NAEAC as Deputy Director Coordination and served the office for about three years. At NAEAC he was regarded as a trustworthy fellow with peculiar soft voice, loving and caring personality fitting conveniently in team work. His social networking was another unique personal trait which always played a vital role in smooth functioning of NAEAC activities at HEC levels and beyond. Mr. Awan used to resolve difficult matters with smiley face and strong persuasive nature. His services for the advancement and amelioration of NAEAC will always be acknowledged, praised and admired.

Allah Hafiz Dear Malik Kausar Saeed Awan.

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Environmental Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam Uni- versity- Karachi

September 19, 2022

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) is a chartered public University, duly recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. It is one of the oldest institutions in South Asia. The Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, studied at this institution for about four and a half years from 1887-92. Its campus is located in the commercial hub of Karachi, near Ibrahim Ismail Chundrigar Road (old McLeod Road) in vicinity of Habib Bank Plaza and MCB Tower. It is spread over more than eight acres of land and comprises some of the most beautiful colonial era buildings designed by architect James Strachan in 1880s. SMIU was established in 1885 by the legend Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi. The university library has more than fifteen thousand books, some of which are rare ones. The university having 10 departments including department of Environmental Sciences.



Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean, SMI University, Karachi and Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, SMI University, Karachi welcomed AIC team. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University, Karachi. He presented the salient achievements of the university including mission and vision. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and emphasized the need & significance of accreditation of the degree programs. Dr. Rajwana described in detail the major shift of evaluation to outcome based evaluation (OBE) and how the knowledge and skills assessment of students would be required in days to come.



Later on, AIC visited the Department of Environmental Sciences where detailed presentation and discussions were held. Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, SMI University, Karachi briefed the AIC in detail about the departmental activities and accomplishments in terms of student graduation, faculty positions, infrastructure and research projects. AIC visited classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, green house and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of job satisfaction and working environment in the campus. The AIC members also held the meetings with students of the departments to get an insight about teaching, conducting practicals and to assess the technical knowledge of the students.



In the exit meeting the program evaluator shared his observations with the Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University, Karachi and other relevant staff. Dr. Rajwana also shared his concern for the improvement of quality of education including teacher work load and student teacher ratio. At the end Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, Vice Chancellor, SMI University thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit. He provided assurance that the recommendations made by AICs would be carried out to raise educational standards and increase the market worth of the graduates generated.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at University of Sialkot

September 20, 2022

The University of Sialkot (USKT) is a private university located in Sialkot, Punjab, Pakistan. It was established in 2018 and has eight faculties including faculty of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences. Under this faculty, four departments are working including department of Dietetics & Nutritional Science. The university has more than 600 academic staff and 10,000 students. Currently enrolled students in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences are 1,068.

Dr. Faheem Afzal, Director QEC, USKT and Mr. Hamza Jan, Deputy Director QEC, USKT received the NAEAC team (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator, NAEAC) from Daewoo Bus terminal. They spent some time with NAEAC team and held discussions on various aspects of accreditation on dinner. Next day, a Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at University of Sialkot. The NAEAC team reached the university before 9:30 am and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Saeed Ul Hassan Chishti, Vice Chancellor, University of Sialkot. During discussion, VC, USKT highlighted the major achievements of the university. The seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by Naat Sharif. Before the formal start of the seminar, National Anthem was played. Then Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Aslam, HoD, Department of Dietetics and Nutritional Science, USKT presented a brief overview of departmental activities including faculty details.



Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk 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 accreditation process in terms of rating the 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 Pharmacy and Allied Health Science, Director QEC, HoD, faculty members and students of the department of Dietetics and Nutritional Science.



After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ul Hassan Chishti, VC, USKT presented the University shields to NAEAC team and thanked for delivering very informative talk.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST) - Karachi

September 20, 2022

The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences & Technology (FUUAST) enjoys the unique distinction of being the first ever university in Pakistan which ultimately aims at using Urdu as the main language of instruction and teaching. The university was established on 13th November 2002 under Ordinance No. CXIX of 2002 promulgated by the President of Pakistan. FUUAST has 3 campuses 2 in Karachi and 1 in Islamabad. There are more than 12,000 students in Islamabad and Karachi campuses and 450 faculty members in both campuses. Currently, the university offers 39 undergraduate and 31 master programs beside M. Phil and Ph.D programs under its full-fledged faculties. The Department of Environmental Science (ES) was established in 2004 in a single room with the Geology department. Now it had a separate identity. Initially, the postgraduate program was started in 2006, at present, university have undergraduate (BS, four-year degree), graduate (M.Sc., two-year degree) and postgraduate (M. Phil /Ph. D degree) programs. Up to now, more than 2000 graduates passed out from the department of ES.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Gulshan Campus, Karachi. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zahid, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology, FUUAST, Karachi welcomed the guest. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairman NAEAC was the Guest Speaker. The proceedings of the seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Shabbar Raza Rizvi, Director, QEC, FUUAST, Karachi presented an overview of the university and shared the accomplishments of the institute.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana speaking on the occasion emphasized, "Quality education and research guarantees bright future for the youth since knowledge economy is the new mantra of success in the world today to achieve progress and development goals. Competent and dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in the intellectual development and promotion of academic potential of the students."



"Environmental issues pose a serious threat in Pakistan. Well-equipped laboratories, scholarships, market and industry-oriented education and research, in addition to fashioning a culture of training workshops and conferences, will go a long way in improving the quality of education," Prof. Dr. Rajwana added. He also briefed the seminar participants about the working and performance of NAEAC. Students and faculty members of the department of Environmental Science attended the seminar.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zahid, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology, FUUAST, Karachi gratitude to the guest speaker and accentuated that our hopes for a sustainable future of Pakistan are linked with the young students.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Ziauddin University, Karachi

September 21, 2022

Ziauddin University is HEC recognized degree awarding institution which was founded in the memory of Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, a renowned academician, philosopher, mathematician and political figure. His vision was to spread quality education amongst the Muslims of the subcontinent. The first step towards the development of an academic arm of the Ziauddin Group was taken in 1986 when the School of Nursing was established and recognized by Pakistan Nursing Council. The school was transformed into the College of Nursing in 2009 and is offering various programs for graduate and undergraduate students

since then. In August 1994, the Government of Sindh granted permission for the establishment of the Dr. Ziauddin Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences. By the virtue of this ordinance, the institute could grant its own Postgraduate degrees and diplomas. A year later in October 1995, the Sindh Assembly passed an Act (VI of 1995) for the establishment of Ziauddin Medical University. Ziauddin Medical University was given the Charter as Ziauddin University vide 'The Ziauddin University' (Amendment ACT 2003) on December 13, 2005.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Ziauddin University, Karachi link road Campus. Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management (FESTM), Ziauddin University (ZU), Karachi received the guest and held a meeting with Dr. Syed Irfan Hyder, Vice Chancellor, ZU, Karachi to discuss various aspects of applied research and mutual interest. The awareness seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Dean, FESTM, ZU, Karachi presented an overview of the institute and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Prof. Dr. Rubina Hakim, Department of HND, ZU, Karachi and Dr. Natasha Abbas Butt, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, ZU, Karachi briefed about their respective degree programs. Dr. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized "Agriculture and nutrition share a common entry point "food". Food is a key outcome of agriculture activities and a key input into good nutrition for the health and strength of all people. The field of Human Nutrition & Dietetics is closely connected with food consumption, health services, healthy environment and adequate child caring practices".





Further he pointed out that many institutions are offering Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Food Science & Technology degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. NAEAC has been entrusted by HEC to accredit of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail the process of accreditation and its role in standardizing the agriculture and allied education across the country. He also highlighted the five major and two minor criteria in addition to different steps involved in the accreditation process.



Students and faculty members of the department of HND and FST degree programs attended the seminar. Prof. Dr. Syed Irfan Hyder, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi thanked the guest speaker and assured that the institute administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.



Accreditation Visit of Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar

September 29-30, 2022

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.

Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Fauzia Yusuf Hafeez, Vice Chairperson NAEAC, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Muhammad Jamil Ahmad, Department of Horticulture, The University of Poonch, Rawalakot, Prof. Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Dr. Waqas Malik, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, BZU, Multan, Dr. Muhammad Arshad, Department of Entomology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as members conducted accreditation visit of the departments of Horticulture, Agricultural Chemistry, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Biotechnology and Entomology degree program and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umair Arshad, Department of Food Science, Govt. College University, Faisalabad as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at The University of Agriculture, Peshawar.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arif, Director QEC, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Munir, Director Biotechnology, Prof. Dr. M. Sajid, Director Advance Studies & Research (DASAR), Prof. Dr. Ahmad ur Rehman Saljoqi, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection Sciences and other officials received the AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office where Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht, Vice Chancellor, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar formally welcomed all subject experts and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan to apply for international ranking in the world. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation including achievements made so far and shared the previous recommendations of five departments and distributed the NAEAC accreditation certificates to the Chairmen/HoDs of three departments (Agronomy, PBG & Soil Science).

Later on, AICs visited the relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the concluding session of the visit the program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials including HoD's, Deans, Director ORIC and QEC. Prof. Dr. Jehan Bakht thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and inspection visit. He gave his word that the suggestions provided by the AICs would be carried out in order to raise the bar of education and increase the market worth of the graduates produced.

