

Visit of AICs of NAEAC to Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan

Seven AICs were approved by the Chairman, NAEAC for two-days visit to carry out follow-up visit of degree programs of Agronomy, Entomology, PBG and Soil Science disciplines and AICs on-site visit to Horticulture, Food Science and Technology and Seed Science and Technology disciplines at Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUA) from February 13-14, 2018. The AICs consisted of senior Professors of all seven disciplines of agriculture drawn from the NAEAC roster of Program Experts/Subject Experts belonging to various Higher Education Institutions of agriculture in the Punjab. Dr. M. E. Tusneem, Chairman, NAEAC was the team leader.

The on-site and follow-up visit commenced with a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Pro- Vice Chancellor, Dean of Agriculture and HODs of concerned departments. The Accreditation Inspection Committees were briefed and updated on the recent developments in the Faculty of Agriculture. After that, an overview of the degree programs was given by the Dean Faculty of Agriculture. Worthy VC, MNSUA briefed Chairman, NAEAC regarding the progress work of under construction buildings of the Campus followed by site visit of new campus. The review team also visited the research institutions of mango and cotton located nearby the new campus site. Chairman, NAEAC commended the progress of the university in a short time period of about two years and hoped that it will achieve the targets with the ongoing pace of work at MNSUA under the dynamic leadership of worthy Vice chancellor.

Later on, each committee had a detailed visit of the respective department which consisted of an examination of the records and documents of course files, review reports, records of meetings of BOS and BOF, assessment instruments, admission and withdrawal policies, dropouts, average CGPAs, average intake, yield index, etc. a detailed visit of the teaching and research labs., availability of text books, journals in the departmental and main library. The AICs also visited greenhouse and experimental farm besides interaction with each faculty member, meeting with the groups of undergraduate and post-graduate students to obtain their views about the on-going degree programs. Participatory SWOT analysis with all the faculty members as well as with students was carried out to validate the SAR contents. The Committees had a wrap-up meeting with the VC and Dean before leaving on 14th February 2018.

Quality assurance is a planned and systematic review process of degree programs carried out by a peer team to determine if the acceptable standards are being met, maintained and enhanced. The Council is consistently striving and urges the Institutions to improve the quality and strength of teaching faculty, upgrade and strengthen infrastructure and learning resources and facilities to improve the standard and rating of agriculture degree programs.

