

## Accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology (FST) degree Program at University of Central Punjab- Lahore

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The University of Central Punjab (UCP), a distinguished private institution established in 2002 and situated on Khayaban-e-Jinnah Road, Lahore, is dedicated to providing quality education that fosters research, employability, entrepreneurial endeavors, and meaningful societal impact on a national and global scale. UCP encompasses nine faculties, boasting state-of-the-art facilities, continuously expanding infrastructure, and cutting-edge science and technology labs equipped with the latest and highly advanced equipment.

An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition at UVAS, Lahore conducted an accreditation visit for the BS Food Science & Technology (FST) degree program at the University of Central Punjab, Lahore.

After a warm reception, an inaugural session took place at B-Building, Board room where Dr. Hadia Awan, Pro-Rector UCP, Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, HoD, FST, Mr. Raheel Anjum, Registrar, Ms. Shazia Umair, Deputy Director, QEC, Mr. Sikander Sethi, Deputy Director International Office and other faculty members were present and Prof. Dr. Hadia Awan, Pro-Rector, UCP formally welcomed the AIC team. Mr. Sikander Sethi briefed an overview of UCP's accomplishments, steps toward quality enhancement and a discussion on accreditation. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

Then later, Dr. Kanza Awan, HoD, FST, UCP, Lahore gave a detailed presentation of departmental achievements as per itinerary. Different queries by subject expert were discussed during presentation. During the interaction with students, information on the teaching methodology, course completion and student assessment was obtained and found satisfactory. Then AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices and Food Processing Hall. After the payer and 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. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the closing session, the AIC members shared their observations where improvement was required. Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, HoD, FST, UCP, Lahore acknowledged the feedback and assured prompt actions to address and improve the identified areas. In this session, Pro-rector, Dean, HoD and other faculty members were also present. Dr. Hadia Awan. Pro-Rector, UCP, Lahore extended their gratitude and expressed appreciation for the valuable insights provided by the AIC team. In the end, as a gesture of appreciation, souvenirs were presented to the AIC members as a token of remembrance.

