

Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied Degree Programs at Hamdard University-Karachi (HU)

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Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said (1920-1998) established Hamdard Pakistan in 1948. Within a few years, its herbal medical products became household names, the phenomenal business success of Hamdard brands is a legendary part of the business history of Pakistan. Hamdard University (HU) is a private research university with four sub-campuses in Karachi and one in Islamabad, Pakistan. It was founded in 1991 by the renowned philanthropist Hakim Said of the Hamdard Foundation. Hamdard is one of the first and the oldest private institutions of higher education in Pakistan. There are 07 faculties. Total faculty strength of Engineering Sciences & Technology is more than 100. Food Science & Technology (FST) and Biotechnology were initiated under the department of Allied Sciences and HND under Faculty of Eastern Medicine.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Aijaz Hussain Soomro, Institute of Food Science & Technology, SAU, Prof. Dr. Saddia Galani, KIBGE, University of Karachi, Dr. Aasia Akbar Panhwar, SAU as members conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology, Biotechnology, Human Nutrition & Dietetics programs respectively at Hamdard University, Karachi. While Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs were facilitators in this accreditation process.

Engr. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amir Saleem, Dean, Faculty of Engineering Sciences & Technology (FEST), HU, Karachi, Prof. Dr. Syed Faisal Haider, Associate Dean, Faculty of Eastern Medicine at HU and Dr. Tariq Javed, Chairman, Department of Allied Sciences, HU, Karachi received the guests. Dean, FEST, HU, Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC & AIC team and chaired the inaugural session. He presented the salient achievements of the university. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC and informed the faculty about the need & importance of accreditation.

Afterwards, AICs moved to their respective departments where detailed presentation and discussion were held. HoDs of each department briefed AICs in detail about their department working and achievements in terms of student's graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs visited the departmental labs, classrooms, faculty offices and library. AICs also held individual meetings with faculty members to know the level of satisfaction and interacted with students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the departments.

In the exit meeting, program evaluators shared their observations with the respective Dean, Registrar and other officials. Dean, FEST thanked NAEAC team for their day long deliberation and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.

