

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Hazara University, Mansehra

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Hazara University (HU) is the public sector university established under the Act of Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa titled, “Hazara University Act 1997” on 29 April 1997. The then Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa took the bold step of initiating Hazara University activities in 2001 in the old buildings which were vacated from Neuropsychiatry Hospital, Dhodial and Agriculture Department etc. It was formally inaugurated by the then Governor, (Chancellor of the University) on 14 April 2002. Presently the university is functioning under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Universities Act 2012 (amended 2016). The university consists of 04 faculties including Faculty of Natural and Computational Sciences, where Department of Environmental Sciences (ES) is functioning since 2018. Current enrollment in BS (ES) is 130 students. There are 8 faculty members in ES, 6 members hold PhD and 2 M.Phil.



The NAEAC team reached the university at 11:45 and Prof. Dr. Mohsin Nawaz, Dean, Faculty of Natural & Computational Sciences, HU, Mansehra and Dr. Asif Javed, Assistant Professor (AP), HoD, Environmental Sciences (ES), HU, Mansehra received the guests (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC). A meeting with Prof. Dr. Jamil Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Hazara University Mansehra was held in his office. During discussion, Vice Chancellor, HU, Mansehra highlighted the role of accreditation councils established by HEC in education quality improvement.

The seminar was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Dr. Asif Javed, AP, HoD, ES, HU, Mansehra acted as the stage secretary and also presented a brief overview of ES department. After presentation, Dr. Asif Javed invited the Guest speaker (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC) for delivering the talk on “Quality assurance and accreditation in higher education”.

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a speech 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 the accreditation process in terms of rating the degree 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 Director QEC, Dean, Faculty of Natural & Computational Sciences, Assistant Director QEC, Assistant Registrar, all faculty members and students of the Environmental Sciences degree programs.

After the seminar, Prof. Dr. Mohsin Nawaz, Dean, Faculty of Natural & Computational Sciences, HU, Mansehra thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

