

Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at BZU-Multan and 4th Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators

November 22-23, 2023

The University College of Agriculture was established in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in 1989 with major subjects related to the Agricultural Education. Later on, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology was established in 2012 with the 10 major departments of Agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture, Soil Science, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Entomology, Food Science & Technology, Forestry & Range Management, Plant Pathology, Agri. Business & Marketing and Agricultural Engineering). The Department of Food Sciences and Technology was upgraded with an independent Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition in 2022 with four departments (FST, HND, Dairy Technology and Food Safety & Quality Management). Faculty of Veterinary Sciences is also working as an independent faculty.

Six Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM), Prof. (Retd.) Dr. Nuzhat Huma, National Institute of Food Science & Technology, UAF, Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, UVAS, Lahore, Dr. Nasir Mukhtar, HoD, Department of Poultry Science, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Entomology, FST, HND and Poultry Science degree programs while Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, MNSUAM and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Science Institute, NARC and Secretary NAEAC as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture Business & Marketing and Dairy Technology degree programs at BZU, Multan.



Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and Nutrition, BZU, Multan received NAEAC and AICs team on November 21, 2023. Inaugural session was held on November 22, 2023 at VC office. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Uzair, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Acting Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor University of Layyah and Chairman Administrative Committee, Faculty of Agriculture BZU, Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Prof. Dr. Masood Akhtar, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Agronomy and Agriculture Business and Marketing along with the all administrative head and focal persons of the concerned departments attended the inaugural session. Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar gave a detailed presentation of the Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. 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. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC also briefed the participants about the new steps taken by the NAEAC.



Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, poultry farms, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On November 23, 2023, 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. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the end, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah (S.I.), Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the concluding session on November 23, 2023 where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by QEC, Dean, HoDs and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah (S.I.), VC, thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates. In this session, accreditation certificates were distributed among the HoD/Chairman Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, PBG and Soil Science accredited during last fiscal year.

Furthermore, 4th region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at BZU, Multan on November 23, 2023. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Sciences and Nutrition. About forty five nominated program evaluators from BZU, Multan and University of Layyah participated. Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid, Vice Chancellor University of Layyah and Chairman Administrative Committee chaired the concluding session and distributed the training participation certificates to the trainee and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC.

