

## Accreditation and Pre-accreditation/Zero visit at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF)

December 07-08, 2022

The foundation stone of UAF was laid in 1906 with the name of Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute, Lyallpur which was upgraded as the West Pakistan Agricultural University, Lyallpur in 1961 and now the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) since 1973. The UAF is a public and the oldest university and pioneer Agriculture Institute in South Asia. The UAF has always been striving hard to revolutionize agriculture by providing a skilled and professional workforce for agriculture sector. The University comprises of 07 faculties, 9 institutes and 03 sub-campuses.

Nine Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener and Prof. Dr. Fauzia Yusuf Hafeez, Vice Chairperson NAEAC, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Hidayatur Rahman, Department of PBG, AUP, Prof. Dr. Arshad Mahmood Malik, Department of Agricultural Economics, PMAS, AAUR, Dr. Abdul Hayee Qureshi, Ex-Director, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, NARC, Islamabad, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Nowshad Khan, Ex-Dean, Faculty of Sciences, AIU, Islamabad, Dr. Ejaz Ashraf, Department of Agri. Extension, SU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naem, Department of Entomology, PMAS, AAUR, Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Ali Shad, Department of Entomology, BZU, Multan, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Alam Zeb, Ex-Dean, Faculty of Nutrition Sciences, AUP, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Dean, Faculty of Nutrition Sciences, AUP, Prof. Dr. Zahid Din Muhammad, Department of Forestry and Range Management, BZU, Multan, Dr. Lubna Ansari, Department of Forestry & Range Management, PMAS, AAUR, Dr. Abubakar Sufyan, Department of Livestock and Poultry Production, BZU, Multan, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC and Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Department of Plant Pathology, PMAS-AAUR as members conducted accreditation visit of Agri. Biotechnology, Agricultural Economics, Agri. Extension, Entomology, FST, Forestry, Livestock Management and Plant Pathology degree programs and Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Institute of Food Science & Nutrition, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Department of Food Science & Technology, MNSUA, Multan as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

On December 06, 2022, Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), UAF and Mr. Muhammad Sulman, Research Officer, QEC, UAF received and welcomed the guests. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of Centre for advanced studies (CAS) on December 07, 2022 where Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor, UAF formally welcomed all evaluators and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Prof. Dr. Fauzia Yusuf Hafeez, Vice Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities, achievements made so far and shared the previous AIC recommendations of eight departments (Agri. Biotechnology, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Forestry, Livestock Management and Plant Pathology). During the inaugural session, Registrar, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Deans, HoDs and other faculty members were present.

Later on, AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD briefed respective AIC in detail about working of the department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AICs also visited respective departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, glasshouse, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments.

On December 08, 2022, 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 concluding session of the visit the program evaluators shared their observations with UAF officials including HoDs, Deans, Director ORIC, Director QEC, Registrar and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi responded the observations and also thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and inspection visit. In order to raise the threshold for education and increase the value of the graduates produced, he promised that the recommendations given by the AICs would be put into action.

