

Accreditation and Pre-accreditation/Zero visit at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan

November 17-18, 2022

MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan is an HEC recognized higher education institution that started its academic activities in 2012. During the short period of its existence, the university has made rapid progress in terms of expansion of its academic programs, students' enrolment, physical infrastructure, campus network, and hiring of highly qualified and experienced academic and administrative staff. The university is located at Old Shujabad Road, Multan, neighboring several different wings and formations of Punjab Agriculture Department. The main campus comprises 180 acres of land, whereupon initially an Academic Block, Administration Block, Girls and Boys hostels, Guest House and some Staff residences are being constructed. For carrying out agricultural research activities, the university has established agricultural farms at the main campus as well as at Jalalpur Pirwala comprising 500 acres of land allotted to the University. There are 04 faculties with 170 academic faculty members among 105 have PhD. Total currently enrolled students are 6,441.



Five 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. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Haider, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Hafeez-ur-Rehman, Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (UVAS), Pattoki, Dr. Samrah Masud, Institute of Zoology, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Masud Sadiq Butt, Dean, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences, UAF and Dr. Shahid Mehmood, Department of Poultry Production, UVAS, Pattoki as members conducted accreditation visit of Biotechnology, Plant Pathology degree programs and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Fisheries & Aquaculture, Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Poultry Science degree programs at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan respectively.

On October 16, 2022, Prof. Dr. Hammad Nadeem Tahir, Director QEC, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Raza, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan received the guests and welcomed the NAEAC team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office on November 17, 2022 where Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I), Vice Chancellor, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan formally welcomed all evaluators and also highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC presented a brief overview of NAEAC activities, achievements made so far and shared the previous AIC recommendations of two departments (Biotechnology and Plant Pathology). Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I), Vice Chancellor, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan distributed the NAEAC accreditation certificates to the Chairmen/HoDs of seven departments (Agronomy, Entomology, PBG, Soil & Environmental Sciences, Horticulture, FST and Seed Science & Technology). During the inaugural session, 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 October 18, 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's held individual faculty meetings to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

In the concluding session of the visit the program evaluators shared their observations with the Vice Chancellor and other officials including HoDs, Deans, Director ORIC, Director QEC and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali (T.I), thanked NAEAC team for their two-day long deliberations and inspection visit. In order to raise the bar for education and increase the value of the graduates produced, he promised that the recommendations given by the AICs would be put into practice.

