

Accreditation and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi

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Barani Agricultural College Rawalpindi (BACR) was upgraded to the level of the University in 1994. The PMAS- AAUR is offering undergraduate as well as post graduate degree programs in various disciplines. The university has 2 sub campuses (Attock and Khushab), University Research Farms (URF), Koont and a hydroponic facility at Rawat. The main campus includes 5 Faculties (Agriculture, Sciences, Social Sciences, Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Agricultural Engineering and Technology), 7 institutes and 7 centers. The current students enrolment is more than 8800.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, Prof. Dr. Mian Anjum Murtaza, Director Institute of Food Science & Nutrition, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat, Chairman Department of Animal Sciences, University of Sargodha and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Sciences Institute, NARC and Secretary, NAEAC as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences, Food Technology, Poultry Science and Animal Science degree programs. Dr. Muhammad Jahangir, Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Haripur as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Food Science & Technology degree programs at PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi.



Prof. Dr. Tanveer Ahmad, Director Quality Enhancement received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naem, Vice Chancellor chaired the inaugural session in the Committee Room attended by the Registrar, Controller, Deans and Directors in addition to Chairmen of 5 departments/institutes. VC appraised the audience that PMAS-AAUR has recently got THE ranking between 800-1000 as compared to previous 1000-1200. He further updated that a High Efficiency Irrigation System has been introduced at URF Koont with the assistance of China and initially around 1000 persons will be trained under this program. In the inaugural session, Director Quality Assurance provided a brief introduction of the university and presented the salient accomplishments as well. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation. The Chairperson of NAEAC emphasized a new initiative in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), offering paid internships to 203 students and 28 mentors from various HEIs across the country. After the inauguration session, cheques and certificates were distributed amongst the internees and mentors at Institute of Food Science & Technology. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naem, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC and Mr. Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy & Advocacy Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).

AICs meanwhile moved to relevant departments where departmental achievements were presented by relevant Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch, 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.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with the Vice-Chancellor, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. In this session, all the Deans, Directors, Principal Officers, Heads of administrative departments, Chairpersons and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naem thanked NAEAC team for their day long 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.

