

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar (Food Science & Nutrition) at Women University Swabi

June 24, 2022

Women University Swabi is a public university situated in Swabi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. The university is run by the provincial government and was founded in 2016. The university consists of 04 faculties including Faculty of Allied Health Sciences & Technology.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at Women University Swabi. Dr. Zia Uddin, HoD, Department of Food Science & Nutrition, Women University Swabi received the guests. Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi formally welcomed Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Chairperson NAEAC. Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi inaugurated the seminar with a brief introduction of the respected guests and purpose of the seminar. She also presented an overview of the university and highlighted the significance of Food Science & Nutrition.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana delivered a speech on importance and need of quality assurance and accreditation. He emphasized that agriculture and Food Science share a common entry point “food” and food is a key outcome of agriculture activities. He also discussed that many institutions are offering agriculture related degree programs where large number of students are studying in these institutions. Hence, it is essential to ensure the quality of education and research facilities provided to the students by these institutions. To serve this purpose, NAEAC has been entrusted accreditation of this degree program besides other disciplines under the purview of NAEAC. He described in detail about the external evaluation of degree programs guidelines, quality assurance standards as an essential element of higher education to promote and safeguard public interest in capacity building, evaluation criteria for academic programs including strength & quality of faculty, curriculum design & development, infrastructure & learning resources, students support & progression, research & consultancy activities, governance & leadership and best practices. The participants (students, faculty and administration) of the seminar also contributed through their insightful questions that added more to the knowledge about the importance of quality assurance in academic excellence and future aspects of the degree accreditation process.

In the concluding remarks, Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Swabi thanked the guest speaker and assured that the university administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

