

Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at BZU-Multan

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The University of Multan was established in 1975 by an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. To pay homage to the Great Saint, the name was changed from University of Multan to Bahauddin Zakariya University in 1979. The University College of Agriculture was established in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in 1989 with major subjects related to 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.

Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Faculty of Food & Home Economics, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM), Prof. Dr. Nasir Nadeem, Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics, MNSUAM, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Science Institute, NAR/Secretary NAEAC, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Dean Faculty of Agriculture & Environment, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Azeem Iqbal, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, University of Agriculture Faisalabad as members conducted Accreditation visit of Food Safety & Quality Management, Agriculture Business & Marketing, Dairy Technology, Forestry and Plant Breeding & Genetics degree programs at BZU, Multan.

Prof. Dr. Nazim Labar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman, Food Safety & Quality Management, BZU, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, BZU received NAEAC and AIC teams. 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 areas, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. 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. The certificates were distributed amongst the internees and mentors at the Department of Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics sponsored by GAIN. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman Department of Food Safety & Quality Management, Prof. Dr. Tauseef Sultan, Chairman, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC and faculty members of FST & HND department.

In the end, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Iqbal, Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Iqbal, VC, thanked NAEAC team for their 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.

