

Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Environmental Sciences degree Program at Fatima Jinnah Women University- Rawalpindi

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Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) has been established in the premises of the old Presidency, situated at the Mall, in the heart of Rawalpindi Cantonment. The main building is Victorian as reflected in its architectural splendor. This building was originally built as a residence by two famous Sikh brothers, Mohan Singh and Sohan Singh. It became the Presidency of Pakistan around the mid 1960's. Classes were initiated at FJWU on December 28, 1998 and the first batch of students graduated in September 2001. Students have been coming from all over the country-from as far as Balochistan, Southern Punjab and Sindh. Department of Environmental Sciences was established in 1999.

An Accreditation Inspection Committees (AIC) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Saeed Asad, Associate Professor, Department of Bio Sciences, COMSATS University, Islamabad as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Environmental Sciences (ES) degree program at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mishal Fatima, Assistant Director Registration also accompanied the AIC.

Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of ES, FJWU, Rawalpindi received the AIC members. The inaugural session was held in the HoD office of Department of Environmental Sciences where Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad presented a brief overview of the university and Prof. Dr. Shazia Iftikhar, Faculty member of the department gave presentation in detail about ES department as per itinerary. During this session, HoD, representation of QEC and other faculty members were present. In this session, Prof. Dr. Uzaira Rafique, Vice Chancellor, FJWU, Rawalpindi also joined for short time. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) in addition to highlighting significance of accreditation.

After presentations, AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities for female students and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After the 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. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session, team members shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad, HoD, Department of Environmental session. This session was attended by QEC representative and other faculty members of the department. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Saeed Ahmad thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by the AIC would be implemented to augment the standard of education and to enhance the skills of the ES graduates.

