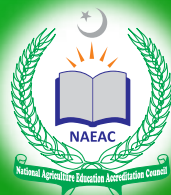


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July 6, 2023

An interactive session with stakeholders was organized by National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) at the Department of Food Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab Lahore. Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson, NAEAC chaired this session. Dr. Shinawar Waseem Ali, Associate Professor, Department of Food Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore facilitated the NAEAC to organize this meeting. Twenty seven delegations from academia, industry and research funding institutions participated in this interactive session.



Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson, NAEAC briefed all stakeholders about the importance and role of NAEAC for the betterment of quality education across the country through accreditation of Agriculture and Allied degree programs. He also explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandards. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan described that the Certificate of Accreditation is issued to the institutes who meet accreditation criteria with obtaining more than 65% marks. Dr. Abid Mahmood, CEO, PARB and Mr. Azam Cheema, Chairman, Syban group, Dr. Taimour Hussain, BARI, and Prof. Dr. Azam Khan, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi emphasized the need for close collaboration between academia, industry and research institutions. Further he emphasized funding of research projects involving multi stakeholders for tangible outcome from these project is inevitable. All participants appreciated the idea and efforts of NAEAC to organize this interactive session with stakeholders to get feedback about the improvement of quality education across the country.



National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) board approved the work plan and budget for the fiscal year 2023-24.

July 27, 2023

The 21st council board meeting was held on July 27, 2023 at Mural Hall, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. After recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson, National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council formally welcomed all members attending the meeting in-person/online. He also highlighted the need to bridge the gap between academia and industry through offering paid internship by the industry. Later Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Council Secretary presented the agenda items in a phased manner. Council members approved all agenda items after thorough discussion including accreditation rating of different programs of various universities awarded in the last fiscal year (2022-23), annual work plan 2023-24 and budget for the year 2023-24. Mr. Nasir Shah, DG QAA & all council members again agreed to accredit Environmental Sciences degree program as it is under the ambit of NAEAC.



Lastly Chairperson, NAEAC thanked all the participants for the participation and valuable suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of accreditation of agriculture and allied education in different HEIs across Pakistan.





Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Gujranwala Institute of Medical & Emerging Sciences (GIMES)- Gujranwala

August 9, 2023

Gujranwala Institute of Medical and Emerging Sciences (GIMES) was established in 2018 under section 16 of the Companies Act, 2017 [XIX of 2017]. The expansion of programs, notably the introduction of the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) in 2019, truly reflects GIMES's commitment to advancing medical and emerging sciences in the region. Currently 125 students are enrolled in HND. The success in attracting and retaining qualified faculty members indicates the institution's dedication to providing high-quality education and research opportunities.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at GIMES, Gujranwala for HND degree program. Ms. Summat Abbas, HoD, HND department and Dr. Hassan Fayyaz, Academic Coordinator received and welcomed the guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC. A meeting with Dr. Abdul Ghaffar and CEO was held in meeting room of CEO office. During discussion HoD and Registrar briefed the guests about university campus, its infrastructures and human resources of HND.



After the initial meeting, guests and faculty moved to the Auditorium. Miss Laiba Mozam student of 8th semester of HND acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started with

recitation of the Holy Quran by Miss Fakhar Farooq student of 6th semester of HND followed by national anthem. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered a talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this presentation was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandard. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed to their satisfaction.



The seminar was attended by Prof. Iftikhar Ahmad, CEO, Dr. Haider Murad, Principal, Ms. Sana Shahid, Registrar, Dr. Hassan Fayyaz, Academic Coordinator, Ms Summat Abbas, HoD of HND and students of HND Department, GIMES, Gujranwala. Ms. Sana Shahid, Registrar, GIMES, Gujranwala assured that the management will comply with NAEAC accreditation requirements in order to maintain the high standard of education.

Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar at Saint Mary's College-Gujranwala

August 10, 2023

Saint Mary's College (SMC) was established in Gujranwala since 1979. It is registered under the Punjab Charity Act 2018 having registration number PBGRW-6884055823662557. The institution takes pride in its alumni, who have excelled in various fields and have made significant contributions to society. The Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) degree program was initiated in 2017, currently 135 students are enrolled and 4 teaching faculty (3 MPhil & 1 DND) in HND Department.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted at SMC, Department of HND. Dr. Fatima Shahid, HoD, HND and Dr. Rabiya Jamil, Lecturer received and welcomed the guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator, NAEAC. A short meeting with Mr. Khurram Yousaf, Campus Director was held in a meeting room. During discussion HoD and Director briefed the guests about history of Saint Mary's College, infrastructures and physical and human resources of the

Department and shown the SAR that was prepared by Ms. Ghazal Shafiq the College QEC head.

The Seminar was held in Aster's Hall at SMC Campus. Ms. Ayesha Imran, student of 6th semester of HND & Ms. Laiba Naeem, student of HND 6th semester jointly acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Ms. Saman Ikram, student of HND 6th semester followed by Naat. Dr. Fatima Shahid, HoD delivered a comprehensive presentation on SM College and the Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND). The presentation highlighted the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with various hospitals for internship placements. Additionally, it showed the department's commitment to community service through the organization of complimentary nutritional camps in rural areas, as well as at Basic Health Units (BHUs) and Rural Health Units (RHUs).



The guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria of accreditation process which comprised of 8 standards and 73 substandard and impact of accreditation on quality improvement through the data of last 14 years. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.

The seminar was attended by Mr. Tehsin Ahmed, Administrator, Mr. Ithesham Ali, Controller Examination, all faculty members and students of Human Nutrition and Dietetics. Seminar was ended with a vote of thanks by HoD. The Director and HoD, HND



thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will expedite to complete the process of accreditation.



Pre-Accreditation/ Zero visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics (HND) and Animal Science degree Programs at Mirpur University of Science & Technology, Mirpur and Bhimber Campus

August 22-23, 2023

The Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mirpur was established in 2009 by up-grading Mirpur Campus of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Muzaffarabad. The University consists of 06 faculties, 03 campuses including Bhimber Campus, 35 departments and 52 affiliated colleges. The university is offering more than 80 BS and MS programs. First session of Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) program was started in 2019. MUST Bhimber Campus was established in 2010. Department of Animal Science was established in 2019 and 1st session of BS Animal Science was started in 2020.

Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary, NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Associate Professor, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member and Dr. Muhammad Moaeem-ud-Din, Associate Professor, Department of Animal Breeding & Genetics, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of HND and Animal Science degree program respectively.





Dr. Mian Muhammad Zeeshan Javaid, Chairman, Department of Pharmacy, MUST, AJK and Dr. Sumaira Irum Khan, Coordinator, Department of HND, MUST, AJK received the guests on August 21, 2023. Two teams were constituted for Pre-Accreditation/Zero visits. One AIC team moved to the department of HND at MUST, Mirpur and other team moved to the Bhimber Campus on August 22, 2023.



Departmental presentation of HND was given by Dr. Sumaira Irum Khan, Coordinator, Department of HND, at main campus MUST, Mirpur and departmental presentation of Animal Science was given by Dr. Abdul Haseeb, Coordinator, Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Science at MUST, Bhimber Campus as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, day care center, medical facilities and sports facilities. During student interaction some weaknesses were identified which needs improvement. 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. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level of the faculty. In the evening a quick round of Mangla Dam was taken and saw some very interesting scenes like a whole mosque is drowned in the water and only Minar is visible. Similarly some island seen which could only be reached through boats.

Concluding session of the visit was held on August 23, 2023 at main campus MUST, Mirpur, AJK. This session was chaired by Brig (R) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younas Javed, SI (M), Vice Chancellor, MUST, Mirpur. In this session, program evaluators shared their observations with VC, Registrar, Director QEC, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Brig (R) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Younas Javed,



SI (M), Vice Chancellor, MUST, Mirpur thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to enhance the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates. At the end, University shield were present to all AIC members.

Accreditation and Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Balochistan Agriculture College- Quetta

August 29-30, 2023

Balochistan Agriculture College (BAC), Quetta was established in October, 1986 after realizing the immense need for professionals in the field of Agriculture. Since inception, it has produced more than 2000 graduates in the various disciplines of Agriculture. Recently BAC has been upgraded to Balochistan Agriculture University by Govt. of Balochistan and infrastructure has developed accordingly. Currently BSc. (Hons.) Agriculture and MSc. (Hons.) degrees are offered by BAC.

Eight Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Dr. Arif Shah Kakar, Director Agriculture, Plant Protection Balochistan, Quetta, Prof. Dr. Shahjahan Shabbir Ahmed Rana, Department of Biotechnology, Balochistan University of Information Technology Engineering and Management Sciences, Quetta, Prof. Dr. Abdul Qayyum, Department of PBG, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Department of Plant Pathology, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan, Dr. Zafar-ul-Hye Gondal, Department of Soil Science, BZU, Multan as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology, Horticulture, PBG, Plant Pathology and Soil Sciences degree programs. Dr. Badar Naseem Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Dr. Rai Muhammad Amir, Institute of Food & Nutritional Sciences, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of Agriculture Extension and Food Technology degree programs at Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta.



Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal and Mr. Lutfullah Khoso, Vice Principal received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team on August 28, 2023. Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal, Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta chaired the inaugural session in the newly built committee room on August 29, 2023 and shared the salient accomplishments of the college. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AIC recommendations.

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.

In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Muhammad Aslam Khan Niazi, Principal, Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta. In this session, Mr. Lutfullah Khoso, Vice principal, Mr. Rehmat Ali Kakar, Registrar, Mr. Atta Ullah Achakzai, Controller, HoDs and faculty members were present. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Khan



Then 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 area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. On August 30, 2023, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty)

Niazi thanked NAEAC team for their two-day deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to enhance the skills of the graduates.

