

Food System Transformation

National Consultation Workshop for Introducing New Courses on Food System Transformation in Pakistan:

Consequent upon the commitment towards achieving SDG 2 (Zero Hunger and enhancing food security), the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC), Higher Education Commission (HEC), in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), organized a two-day national consultation workshop for introducing new courses on food system transformation in Pakistan at Best Western Premier Hotel Islamabad on April 17-18, 2024.

Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC, welcomed all the participant from all over Pakistan. He emphasized the crucial role of academia and NAEAC in transforming Pakistan's food systems into curriculum of graduate students. He expressed strong support and technical guidance from NAEAC to make this possible.

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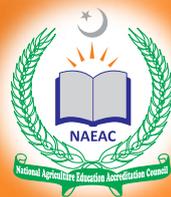
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March 1, 2024

The Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology (KFUEIT), Rahim Yar Khan in 2014 started its journey with merely 4 rooms, 5 faculty members and admission intake in 4 degree programs. It is named after the famous Sufi poet Khwaja Ghulam Fareed. A state of the art campus is spread over 275 acres and equipped with all modern facilities. Currently 600 employees including 200 teaching faculty members are performing their duties..



Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. (Retd). Dr. Muhammad Abid, Department of Soil Science, Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), Multan, Prof. Dr. Saeed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Food Science & Nutrition, BZU, Multan and Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Coordinator, Faculty of Food & Home Sciences, MNSUA- Multan as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Science, Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs at KFUEIT- Rahim Yar Khan. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sagir, Registrar, KFUEIT, Rahim Yar Khan, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the V.C. office conference room where Prof. Dr. Shahzad Murtaza, Vice Chancellor, KFUEIT, Rahim Yar Khan chaired this session and formally welcomed all subject experts. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sagir highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics [8] and subcriteria [73]

besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of three departments Environmental Science, Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree programs.

Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. The AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities 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. The AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



Prof. Dr. Shahzad Murtaza, Vice Chancellor, KFUEIT, Rahim Yar Khan chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Shahzad Murtaza 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





Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND degree Program at National University of Science & Technology (NUST)- Islamabad

March 6, 2024

NUST School of Health Sciences (NSHS) is a constituent college of National University of Science and Technology (NUST). It has launched the BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HND) program in Feb 2024. The department has 5 faculty members and current enrollment in BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics is 49 students.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for BS HND at NSHS. Dr. Rizwan Ashraf, Principal NSHS, Dr. Aamir Ijaz, HoD, HND, Dr. Nadia Nisar, Program Coordinator, HND, Mr. Abdul Rehman, Deputy Director Administration and Mr. Muhammad Raheem, Deputy Directory Student Affairs received the honorable guests, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator NAEAC.



Prior to seminar a meeting was held in the Conference Room of NSHS. After the recitation of Holy Quran and introduction, Mr. Yasir, Deputy Director Academics Directorate, briefed about the facilities, infrastructure and R&D initiatives at NUST and NSHS and Dr. Aamir Ijaz gave an overview of the HND Department. After this meeting, all delegates moved to lecture Hall/Theatre on 4th floor of NSHS building where HND students and faculty were present. 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 criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.



The seminar was attended by Dr. Azhar Masood, Deputy Director Registrar Directorate, Dr. Zahra Rashid, Deputy Director Quality Assurance Directorate, Mr. Yasir, Deputy Director Academics Directorate, HND Faculty and students and representatives from NUST. Dr. Rizwan Ashraf, Principal NSHS thanked the honorable guests and assured to fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC.



Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology & PBG Programs at Bacha Khan University- Charsadda

March 7, 2024

Bacha Khan University- Charsadda (BKUC) was established on July 03, 2012 with the mission to advance knowledge and learning through quality research and education for the whole nation. There are two faculties including Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Sciences. Under the faculty of Sciences, Agriculture department is functioning. There are 17 faculty members in Agriculture department.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arif, Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar (UAP), Prof. Dr. Ahmad-Ur-Rahman Saljoqi, Department of Plant Protection, UAP and

Dr. Mahmood-ul-Hassan, Associate Professor, Department of PBG, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Entomology and Plant Breeding & Genetics degree programs at BKUC. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, IT Coordinator, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Khalid Saeed, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Salim Shah, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, HoDs of relevant departments and other faculty members received and welcomed NAEAC and AICs team. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office where Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Vice Chancellor, BKUC chaired the session and formally welcomed all subject experts. Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of three departments.



Then AICs moved to relevant sections where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the relevant persons. The AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. Two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out in the afternoon. Each course file was

checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain, Vice Chancellor, BKUC chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain 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.

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Board reviewed the Progress of the Fiscal Year 2023-24

March 27, 2024

National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council Board reviewed the progress of the fiscal year 2023-24. The 22nd council board meeting was held on March 27, 2024 at Lecture Hall, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. After recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson, National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council formally welcomed all members attending the meeting in-person/online. He also highlighted the need to develop curriculum in Food Transformation System in the country. Later Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Council Secretary presented the agenda items one by one. Council members approved all agenda items after thorough discussion including agreement between NAEAC and GAIN (The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) and holding capacity building workshops for preparation of curriculum to be adopted for undergrad/postgrad students. The members expressed satisfaction on the progress of NAEAC and appreciated the new initiative on food system transformation.

Lastly Prof. Dr. Fayaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, 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



National Consultation Workshop for Introducing New Courses on Food System Transformation in Pakistan

Ms. Farrah Naz, Country Director GAIN, discussed the importance of adopting robust approaches to improve understanding of food systems and their transformation. She emphasized the role of NAEAC, HEC, and PARC as key partners in creating an enabling environment for food systems transformation and improving food security in the country.

Mr. Faiz Rasool, Head of Policy & Advocacy at GAIN, outlined the key objectives of the workshop, including designing innovative curriculum modules, providing faculty training, and promoting interdisciplinary research collaborations to address food systems challenges. Dr. Ghulam Sadiq Afridi, Member Social Sciences Division (PARC), highlighted the significance of advocating for food systems transformation in higher education and beyond. He emphasized the need for a robust framework to assess the impact of curriculum changes and educational initiatives, as well as the importance of tools like the Pakistan Food Systems Dashboard.



The chief guest, Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman PARC, emphasized the workshop's role in bringing together stakeholders such as academia, government, non-governmental organizations, and international partners to discuss course outlines, finalize action plans, and ensure alignment with national and international standards.



On first day, after the inaugural session, six technical sessions were held where recommendations on Basic Advance and Research oriented course outlines were finalized. Four groups were formulated to discuss the course outline and finalize its recommendations. On second day, two technical sessions, Pakistan Food System Dashboard and Quality Assurance Mechanisms were held. Later on a panel discussion was held on how to engage different stakeholders for continuous improvement in Food System Transformation. Engineer M. Raza Chohan, Advisor Academics and Accreditation, HEC, Islamabad was the chief guest at the concluding session who assured full support for Food System Transformation into curriculum. He appreciated the initiative of GAIN and NAEAC.



Accreditation and Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Agriculture & Allied degree Programs at Sindh Agriculture University-Tandojam

April 23-24, 2024

After the commissioning of the Sukkur Barrage in 1932, the need for an institution of agricultural education exclusively for Sindh was felt and an Agriculture College associated with Agriculture Research Institute was established at Sakrand in District Nawabshah in 1939-40, and named as the King George-V Institute of Agriculture. With the advent of Kotri barrage in 1955, the Government of Sindh under a comprehensive plan shifted the college to Tando Jam with added facilities of land, buildings and staff which was later evolved as Agriculture University in 1977. Currently, there are 05 faculties, 01 campuses, 02 colleges, 02 institutes and more than 30 departments. Currently enrolled students are 8500 and 275 faculty members.

Eleven Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising



of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, MNSUA, Multan, Dr. Badar Naseem Siddiqui, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Extension, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Ghulam Sarwar Markhand, Meritorious Professor, Department of Botany, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Prof. Dr. Hakoomat Ali, Department of Agronomy, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anjum Aqeel, Chairman, Department of Entomology, IU Bahawalpur, Dr. Rana Mazhar Abbas, Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Management, University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. M. Hammad Nadeem Tahir, Director, Institute of Plant Breeding and Biotechnology, MNSUA, Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam, Chairman, Department of Plant Pathology, IUB, Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Biotechnology, Crop Physiology, Entomology, Horticulture, PBG, Plant Pathology & Plant Protection, Prof. Dr. Nasir Nadeem, Chairman, Department

of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, MNSUA, Multan, Prof. Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Soil Science, IU Bahawalpur as members conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Agribusiness Management and Environmental Science. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.



Prof. Dr. Inayatullah Rajapar, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production, Engineer Riasat Ali Kubar, Director QEC, SAU, Tandojam, Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, Director University Advancement and HoDs of all relevant departments received and welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of V.C. office where Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, SAU Tandojam chaired the session and formally welcomed all subject experts. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of nine departments.

Then AICs moved to respective sections where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs/Chairman at each department. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. On April 24, 2024 two major activities [curriculum review and individual faculty meeting] were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, SAU Tandojam chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari thanked NAEAC team for their two day-long deliberations and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to improve the standard of education.



On April 24, 2024 8th region-wise training workshop of newly nominated program evaluators/subject experts was arranged at SAU- Taondojam in the afternoon. Fifty nominated program evaluators from SAU-Tandojam, University of Sindh, Jamshoro and Research wing of Sindh Govt. participated. The trainers included Chairperson, Secretary and Assistant Director Coordination NAEAC. The main emphasis during training workshop was on toolkit, SWOT analysis and AIC report writing. At the end, Prof. Dr. Fateh Mari, Vice Chancellor, SAU Tandojam and Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC distributed the training participation certificates among the trainees. All trainees appreciated the efforts being undertaken by NAEAC for conducting this region-wise training.



Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Plant Protection & Soil Science degree Programs at SAU-Sub-Campus Umerkot

April 24, 2024

Sindh Agriculture University Sub-Campus Umerkot initiated its primary functionary in the building of Vocational Training Center (Boys) at Umerkot. Bachelor's degree program is offered in various disciplines of agriculture (Crop Production and Crop Protection) to impart education to the students mainly coming from Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Tharparkar, and Sanghar districts as large number of seats are allocated for these districts.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Shabbir Hussain, Associate Professor, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and Prof. Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Chairman, Department of Soil Science, IU Bahawalpur as members conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Plant Protection & Soil Science. Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC also accompanied the AICs.

Dr. Jan Muhammad Marri, Pro-VC & Principal SAU-Sub Campus Umerkot, Mr. Muhammad Saleem Chang Incharge, Agronomy, Dr. Vishandas, Incharge Soil Science and Muhammad Azeem Khaskheli, Incharge Plant Protection received and welcomed

NAEAC and AIC teams. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of Pro-VC. office where Dr. Jan Muhammad Marri, Pro-VC & Principal SAU-Sub Campus Umerkot chaired the session. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Chang Incharge, Agronomy, highlighted the major accomplishments and future plans of the campus. Later, Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC explained the process of accreditation.



Then AICs moved to relevant sections where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the respective HoD/Chairpersons. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. In the noon, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



Dr. Jan Muhammad Marri, Pro-VC & Principal SAU-Sub Campus Umerkot chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Dr. Jan Muhammad Marri 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.

Accreditation visit of Nutrition & Food Technology and Environmental Sciences degree Programs at University of Sindh-Jamshoro

April 25, 2024

University of Sindh was constituted under the University of Sindh Act. No. XVII of 1947 passed by the Legislative Assembly of Sindh. The development of the present Campus at Jamshoro, about 15 kilometer from Hyderabad on the right bank of River Indus now designated as Allama Imdad Ali Imam (AII), Kazi Campus, was started in late fifties. There are presently 4 Law Colleges and 74 Degree and Post Graduate Colleges (including 16 Private Colleges) affiliated to the university. The university comprises of 04 campuses and 09 faculties



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Inayatullah Rajapar, Dean, Faculty of Crop Production, Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Aijaz Hussain Soomro, Director, Institute of Food Science & Technology, SAU, Tamdojam as members conducted Accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences and Nutrition & Food Technology.

Prof. Dr. Naseem Aslam Channa, Director, Institute of Biotechnology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro and Dr. Amanullah Mahar, Director, Center for Environmental Sciences, University of Sindh, Jamshoro and other faculty members of respective departments received and welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams.

After receiving guests, AICs moved directly to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs

held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with VC, Registrar, Director QEC and other HoD/officials/faculty members. Prof. (Meritorious), Dr. Muhammad Siddique Kalhoro, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Environmental Science (ES) degree Program at Mehran University of Engineering & Technology-Jamshoro

April 25, 2024

Sindh University Engineering College was established in 1963 as a constituent college of University of Sindh in Jamshoro about 15 km from Hyderabad on the right bank of river Indus. The college was first declared as an additional campus of the University of Sindh headed by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor in July 1976 and later upgraded to the level of independent University on 1st March, 1977 through an ordinance issued by the Government of Sindh. The or-



dinance was later converted into an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh Province. Initially, the Additional Campus as well the Mehran University was established in the City of Nawabshah. However, in 1979, the Act of the University was amended and the seat of the University was retained at Jamshoro, while a constituent college was maintained at Nawabshah which has also become an independent university in 1996. The number of students admitted to the First Year classes of all the disciplines under regular scheme at Jamshoro is 1053 out of which 1000



candidates are admitted from Sindh Province, including Karachi Division, according to a precisely calculated ratio of population and other considerations. Thirty four applicants are admitted from other parts of Pakistan while 19 seats are reserved for the foreigners. Whereas under Self Finance Scheme and Special Scheme 548 and 86 candidates are admitted from Sindh province respectively.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for BS Environmental Science degree program on April 25, 2024. Prof. Dr. Kamran Ansari, Director, U.S. Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro, along with other faculty members of the ES department received the guest, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC.

Prior to seminar a meeting was held in the Conference Room with Director and faculty members of ES department. After the recitation of Holy Quran and introduction, Prof. Dr. Kamran Ansari briefed about the university and an overview of the ES department. After this meeting, all delegates moved to Hall/Theatre where ES students and faculty were present. 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 criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the accreditation data of last 14 years. After presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.



The seminar was attended by Director, faculty members and ES department students of Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro. Prof. Dr. Kamran Ansari, Director, U.S. Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro thanked the honorable guests and assured to fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC in compliance with quality standards.

Accreditation visit of Plant Pathology and Zoology degree Programs at University of Karachi

April 26, 2024

The University of Karachi was established by an act of parliament in June, 1951. The present campus, to which the University shifted in 1959, is spread over 1279 acres of land. There are over 52 departments and 19 research institutes/ centers, which are imparting education to more than 24,000 students including students from foreign countries. The faculty comprises of more than 700 highly qualified and experienced teachers; many of them have obtained higher degrees from abroad and enjoy a high repute internationally. The non-teaching staff comprises more than 1700 people to help with administrative and other matters. The University of Karachi is also an affiliating and examining body and at present 145 colleges and institutions are affiliated to the University.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of

Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener/member, Prof. Dr. Manzoor Ali Abro, Dean, Faculty of Crop Protection, Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tandojam conducted Zero/Pre-Accreditation visit of Poultry Science degree program and Accreditation visit of Plant Pathology degree program.



Dr. Jawaid Akram, Deputy Director, QEC, University of Karachi and HoDs of the respective departments along with faculty members received the guests. Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood Iraqi, Vice Chancellor, University of Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. He chaired the inaugural session and presented a brief overview of the University. During the session, Registrar, Dean, Faculty of Science, HoDs of the relevant Departments, Director Finance and other members of QEC, University of Karachi were present. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations of Plant Pathology department.



Then AICs moved directly to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Dean, Director QEC and other HoD/officials/faculty members. Prof. Dr. Masarrat Jahan Yousaf, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Karachi 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.



Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of FST and HND degree Programs at Ziauddin University Karachi

April 26, 2024

Ziauddin University is HEC recognized degree awarding institution which was founded in the memory of Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, a renowned academician, philosopher, mathematician and political figure. His vision was to spread quality education amongst the Muslims of the subcontinent. The first step towards the development of an academic arm of the Ziauddin Group was taken in 1986 when the School of Nursing was established and recognized by Pakistan Nursing Council. The school was transformed into the College of Nursing in 2009 and is offering various programs for graduate and undergraduate students since then. In August 1994, the Government of Sindh granted permission for the establishment of the Dr. Ziauddin Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences. By the virtue of this ordinance, the institute could grant its own Postgraduate degrees and diplomas. A year later in October 1995, the Sindh Assembly passed an Act (VI of 1995) for the establishment of Ziauddin Medical University which was given the Charter as Ziauddin University vide 'The Ziauddin





University' (Amendment ACT 2003) on December 13, 2005.

Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi and Dr. Syed Ghuffran Saeed, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi as member conducted Pre-Accreditation/Zero visit of FST & HND degree programs.

Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Director Campus and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Saad Jawaid Khan, Chairperson, Department of Biomedical Engineering and Dr. Rameen, Principal, College of Human Nutrition and Dietetics received the guests. Prof. Dr. Inayat Ullah Khan Babar, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. He chaired the inaugural session in the conference room and presented a brief overview of the University. Later, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and subcriteria (73) besides the importance and significance of accreditation.

Then AICs moved directly to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.



In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Inayat Ullah Khan Babar, Vice Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi and HoDs/officials/faculty members. Prof. Dr. Inayat Ullah Khan Babar 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.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND degree Program at Ibadat International University (IIU)- Islamabad

April 30, 2024

IBADAT International University (IIU) Islamabad is a private university located in the Zone V, Sihala, Islamabad, Pakistan. IBADAT International University has been established by the Parliamentary Act in 2021. The campus is built across 250 kanals. The University offering several degree programs including undergraduate and post graduate with core focus on providing quality education to the students. Currently IIU having 5 faculties with 37 degree programs. Department of Diet and Nutritional Sciences (DDNS) was established in 2021. Currently this department is offering one undergraduate degree program.

A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for BS HND degree program on April 30, 2024. Engr. Imran Ahmed, Deputy Director Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), IIU-Islamabad along with other faculty members of the HND received the honorable guests, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs.

The Seminar was held in the auditorium. Ms. Maimoona Waheed (Lecturer-DDNS) acted as the stage secretary. The seminar was started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Ammar Ahmed, Assistant Professor followed by the national anthem. Ms. Madiha Iftikhar presented a brief overview of the IIU, Islamabad including





including infrastructure especially about the HND degree program. The seminar was started after the introductory session, 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 criteria and 73 subcriteria in detail. He also highlighted the impact of accreditation on quality improvement using the accreditation data of last 14 years. During presentation questions raised by the participants were discussed in length to their satisfaction.

The seminar was attended by the worth Rector, Advisor to Chairman, Pro-Rector, Admin and Finance, members from the Department of Registration, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) and Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), faculty members and students of Department of Diet and Nutritional Sciences. Seminar was ended with a note of thanks by Justice Retd. Dr. Sajid Qureshi, Rector, IBADAT International University, Islamabad. He assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the high quality of education. At the end, souvenirs were presented to the Guests.



Congratulations Mr. Abdullah!

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Abdullah from IT Coordinator to Deputy Director Programs. On the recommendation and approval of the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) in its 22nd meeting held on March 27, 2024, he has been promoted from BPS-17 to BPS-18 with effect from 01-05-2024.

Mr. Abdullah has worked for NAEAC for more than 10 years and has been an invaluable employee of NAEAC team. He has successfully delivered in his current role and has demonstrated his skills over the last decade. He is dedicated and committed to ensure timely execution of assigned tasks in professional manner.

We're confident that Mr. Abdullah will excel in this new position, and we look forward to seeing its impact on the timely completion of assigned tasks. We hope you'll join us in congratulating Mr. Abdullah on his well-deserved promotion and wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

