

Accreditation visit of Agriculture Degree Programs at UAF

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The Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute, Lyallpur was established in 1906. Later, it was upgraded as the West Pakistan Agricultural University, Lyallpur in 1961 and now the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) since 1973. The UAF is a public and the oldest university and pioneers an Agriculture Institute in South Asia. The UAF has always been striving hard to revolutionize agriculture by providing a skilled and professional workforce for agriculture sector. The university comprises of 07 faculties, 9 institutes and 03 constituent colleges. Current faculty strength is 682 out of which 470 PhDs. Currently, total 33556 students are enrolled in different undergraduate and post-graduate programs.

Six Program Evaluators/Subject Experts comprising of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aown Sammar Raza, Department of Agronomy, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB); Prof (Retd.) Dr. Khalid Javed, Department of Livestock Production, UVAS-Lahore; Prof (Retd.) Dr. Sarwat Naz Mirza, Department of Forestry & Range Management, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi; Prof (Retd.) Dr. Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Department of Horticulture, BZU, Multan; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naem, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, IUB and Prof. Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Department of Soil Science, IUB conducted Accreditation visit of Agronomy, Dairy Sciences, Forestry, Horticulture, Plant Breeding & Genetics and Soil Science degree programs at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad respectively.

On January 26, 2026, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Sattar Khan, Director, Institute of Horticultural Sciences, UAF and Mr. Karim Yar Abbasi, Lecturer, Horticulture received the delegates from Daewoo bus terminal. Other delegates reached FFH/guesthouse by their own conveyance. On January 27, 2026, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UAF, Prof. Dr. Qamar Bilal, Dean Faculty of Animal Husbandry, UAF and Mr. Ahsan Raza Sattar, Additional Director QEC, UAF received and welcomed the guests. The inaugural session was held in the Syndicate Room where Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UAF chaired the inaugural session and formally welcomed all program evaluators/delegates. Mr. Ahsan Raza Sattar, Additional Director QEC, UAF highlighted the major accomplishments and future plan of the university in a very brief and alternative way. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC elaborated the accreditation process, its importance and significance along with previous visit AICs recommendations. Registrar, Director QEC, Director PO-ATRI, Deans, Chairmen and other faculty members attended the inaugural session.

Later, Program Evaluators moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations covering necessary information as per itinerary, were given by each Chairman. Each expert visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, departmental library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meetings with students of the department to get an insight of teaching environment in the departments. Experts also verified the curriculum review/course files and held meetings with individual faculty members. The common facilities like central library, Iqbal auditorium pen theater, student teacher center, women/girls sports complex, Information Technology Resource Center and Data Bank (ITRCDB) and new digital library were visited together.

In the end, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UAF chaired the concluding session held in his office. The program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Deans, Chairmen and other faculty members of the university. Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by the experts would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to augment the skills of the graduates. At the end, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC thanked UAF management and evaluators/experts for their support and facilitation to conduct this mandatory accreditation of six disciplines.

