** Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics**

**AT Report of B.Sc(Hons) Program**

The Assessment Team (AT) comprised of following members visited the Department of Agricultural applied Economics in order to assess its B.Sc (Hons) degree program on June 02, 2016:

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The above team during their assessment/review met in the office of Director QA, where, the Self-Assessment Report was presented and reviewed. Later on, the team visited classrooms, Laboratories, Main Library and Offices at Department of Agriculture & Applied Economics. In the department, they also met with faculty members.

During their assessment visit, AT identified the following Strengths and Weaknesses of the Program:

**Major Strength of Academic Program**

1. The department has qualified and experienced teaching staff, among ten faculty members, eight possess Ph.D degree.
2. The main strength of the department is its ability to involve the students in research during and after their internship program.
3. The department offers up to date curriculum to their students.
4. The department offers student the facility of career counseling, which helps them to decide the correct future path.
5. The faculty and students are closely connected to each other.
6. The faculty is current in the research area.

**Major Weaknesses of Academic Program**

1. The number of class rooms is insufficient, also lack of common room was also observed.
2. The number of books in the area of agriculture and applied economics is small. Also lack of national and international journals for the graduate students in relevant areas of agriculture and applied economics.
3. The current lab of the department is not sufficient to cater the needs of the B.Sc (Hons) students.
4. Course files of the courses offered are not at all maintained by the faculty.
5. Lack of research funds for the faculty and graduate research.
6. Access to internet is not fully functional.
7. The generator facility is not available to the department and in case of load shedding the faculty and students suffer.
8. No funds for research is available at the department level, however, the funds can be secured from the university.

**Opportunities:**

1. Opportunities exist for collaboration with other public and private sector universities.
2. The faculty may extend consultancy and advisory services to private sector.
3. Being an agro based country; the employability prospects of the graduates from this university are higher.

**Threats:**

1. The degree in economics from ‘Agriculture University’ than conventional university may reduce the prospects of employability of the students.

**Actionable Recommendations**

1. Revise the mission statement and objectives in light of the mission statement of the program. Revision of table 2.2
2. Mention the titles of the courses in table 2.3 and table 4.2 needs revision.
3. The library may have latest edition of text books, local & international journals, literature and computers with internet facility.
4. Additional working space is required for class rooms.
5. The capacity of young faculty members may be enhanced through short term and long term (doctoral and post-doctoral) training abroad.
6. Multimedia may be installed in classrooms with better furniture and ventilation arrangements.
7. The present computer lab. facilities needs to be strengthened. A separate large computer room is strongly recommended.
8. Funds should be arranged for faculty members to participate in conferences, seminars and workshops to improve exposure and interactions with peer groups worldwide.
9. The proper course files should be maintained by the faculty members.
10. The department should have the required and updated licensed software
11. The department should have some clerical staff and teaching assistants if possible.

