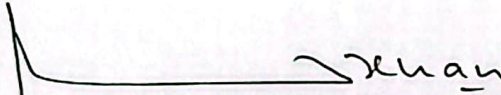


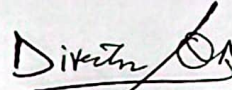
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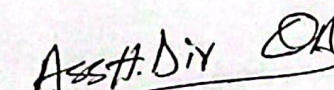
Subject: Approval of Graduate Program Review Report-2026

- 1 PUC is a comprehensive report of Graduate Program Review which was conducted Faculty-wise during June 08-24, 2026.
- 2 The report may kindly be perused and approved, so that necessary action's may be initiated accordingly, (Signature page is flagged as F/A).


Dr. Muhammad Bilal
Director QA 20/7/26


Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Please 21.7.026


Director QA

3- For necessary action please.

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Graduate Program Review (GPR) Report

The University of Agriculture, Peshawar

June 2026

Executive Summary

A Self-Graduate Program Review (Self-GPR) Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor vide Office Notification No. 932/QA-2/UAP dated April 27, 2026, with the following Terms of Reference (ToRs):

- To conduct an internal review of all postgraduate programs in accordance with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Graduate Education Policy 2023 and Graduate Program Review (GPR) guidelines.
- To assess the implementation status of the recommendations made by the HEC Graduate Program Review Panel.
- To propose corrective measures and recommendations for the continuous improvement of postgraduate programs.

The first meeting of the Self-GPR Committee was held on May 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Vice Chancellor's Committee Room, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar. During the meeting, the Committee finalized its plan of action and decided to conduct faculty-wise follow-up review visits during the first three weeks of June 2026.

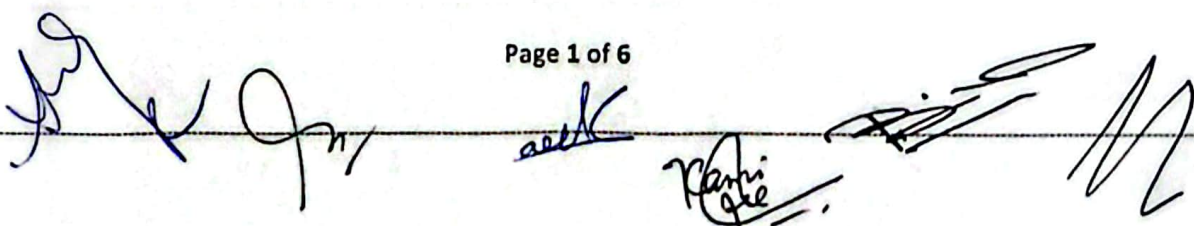
All academic departments were directed to:

- Submit postgraduate program data on the prescribed proforma;
- Prepare and maintain complete program files for review;
- Deliver presentations on the status of their postgraduate programs; and
- Submit compliance reports on the recommendations of the HEC Graduate Program Review in accordance with the approved implementation plan.

Accordingly, the Self-GPR Committee conducted a comprehensive faculty-wise review of all postgraduate programs from June 8 to June 24, 2026. The review covered all Ph.D. and M.Phil./M.S./Equivalent programs offered by the University in various Faculties.

During the review, the Committee examined program files, reviewed documentary evidence, held meetings with the respective Deans and Heads of Departments, interacted with faculty members and postgraduate students, and assessed the implementation status of previous HEC recommendations.

The Committee observed that the University has made significant progress in addressing a number of observations raised by the HEC Review Panel. Several governance and administrative deficiencies have been rectified, while further improvements are still required in academic governance, record management, research ethics, and postgraduate administration.



Self-Graduate Program Review Committee

Name	Designation	Role
Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman	Dean, Faculty of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Sciences	Convener
Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajid	Director, Advanced Studies & Research	Member
Mr. Dildar Hussain	Director Teaching	Member
Dr. Saad Saud ur Rehman	Controller of Examinations	Member
Dr. Muhammad Bilal	Director Quality Assurance	Member
Dr. Tehseen Ullah	Deputy Director Quality Assurance	Member
Dr. Kamran Nawaz	Assistant Director Quality Assurance	Secretary

Department-wise Program Status

The status of each postgraduate program is provided in the following table.

S.No	Discipline	Program	Students	Faculty		Status	Remarks
				PhD	MS/MPhil		
1.	Agronomy	M.Sc (Hons)	71	09	0	OK	
2.		PhD	14			OK	
3.	Horticulture	M.Sc (Hons)	66	09	01	OK	
4.		PhD	28			OK	
5.	Biotechnology	MPhil	129	14	01	OK	
6.		PhD	20			OK	
7.	Microbiology	MPhil	43	05	0	OK	
8.		PhD	08			OK	
9.	Animal Biotechnology	MPhil	03	03	0	OK	
10.		PhD	02			OK	
11.	Genomics & Bioinformatics	MPhil	12	02	0	OK	
12.		PhD	0			OK	
13.	Plant Breeding & Genetics	M.Sc (Hons)	32	05	02	OK	
14.		PhD	13			OK	
15.	Soil & Environmental Sciences	M.Sc (Hons)	53	04	0	FIS	STR is high
16.		PhD	18			OK	
17.	Water Management	M.Sc (Hons)	05	03	01	OK	
18.		PhD	0			OK	
19.	Entomology	M.Sc (Hons)	46	04	01	OK	
20.		PhD	12			OK	
21.	Plant Pathology	M.Sc (Hons)	8	3	1	OK	
22.		PhD	7			OK	

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				PhD	MS/MPhil		
23.	Plant Protection	M.Sc (Hons)	42	06	0	OK	
24.		PhD	06			OK	
25.	Weed Sciences	M.Sc (Hons)	05	10	0	OK	
26.		PhD	02			OK	
27.	Agricultural Chemistry & Biochemistry	M.Sc (Hons)	06	11	0	OK	
28.		PhD	11			OK	
29.	Human Nutrition	M.Sc (Hons)	136	06	01	FIS	STR is very High
30.		PhD	29			OK	
31.	Food Science & Technology	M.Sc (Hons)	21	07	0	OK	
32.		PhD	07			OK	
33.	Animal Nutrition	M.Sc (Hons)	27	05	0	OK	
34.		PhD	26			FIS	STR is slightly high
35.	Livestock Management Breeding & Genetics	M.Sc (Hons)	23	05	02	OK	
36.		PhD	08			OK	
37.		M.Sc (Hons) ABG	03	05	02	OK	
38.		PhD ABG	08			OK	
39.	Poultry Science	M.Sc (Hons)	10	06	01	OK	
40.		PhD	13			OK	
41.	Theriogenology	MPhil	04	03	0	OK	
42.		PhD	03			OK	
43.	Parasitology	MPhil	10	03	0	OK	
44.		PhD	02			OK	
45.	Pathology	MPhil	02	02	01	OK	
46.		PhD	06			FIS	PhD faculty is short to run PhD program
47.	Clinical Vet. Med. & Surgery	MPhil	15	04	01	OK	
48.		PhD	01			OK	
49.	Pharmacology	MPhil	05	03	0	OK	
50.		PhD	0			OK	
51.	Agricultural & Applied Economics	M.Sc (Hons)	09	08	0	OK	
52.		PhD	16			OK	

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				PhD	MS/MPhil		
53.	Agricultural Extension Edu. & Com.	M.Sc (Hons)	10	05	0	OK	
54.		PhD	07			OK	
55.	Rural Development/ Economics	M.Sc (Hons) Rural Dev.	25	04	0	OK	
56.		PhD Rural Development	15			OK	
57.		MPhil Economics	11	01		FIS	PhD faculty is short to run MPhil program
58.		PhD Economics	7			FIS	PhD faculty is short to run PhD program
59.	Rural Sociology	MPhil	16	07	0	OK	
60.		M.Sc (Hons)	19			OK	
61.		PhD	18			OK	
62.	Management Science	MS- Management Sciences	13	11	07	OK	
63.		MS- Agribusiness Management	02			OK	
64.		MBA	27			OK	
65.		PhD Management Sciences	39			OK	
66.	Computer Science	MS	26	10	02	OK	
67.		PhD	20			OK	
68.	Information Technology	MS	06			OK	
69.	Data Science	MS	04			OK	
70.	Biochemistry	M.Phil	44	11	0	OK	
71.		PhD	06			OK	

Definition of Program Status

The concerned Heads of Departments and the Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research shall ensure compliance with the decisions of the Self-Graduate Program Review Committee while considering the following definitions:

Stopped: The University shall discontinue all academic activities of the program in accordance with Clause 7.2.4 of the HEC Graduate Education Policy 2023, duly adopted by the Syndicate..

Further Intake Stopped (FIS): The University shall not admit any new students until permission is granted by HEC. However, enrolled students may continue their studies, provided that all identified deficiencies are rectified within the prescribed timeframe.

OK: The program fulfills the minimum quality standards and eligibility criteria prescribed by the Higher Education Commission.

STR: Student Teacher Ratio, as required under HEC Graduate Education Policy 2023, duly adopted by the Syndicate.

Overall Findings

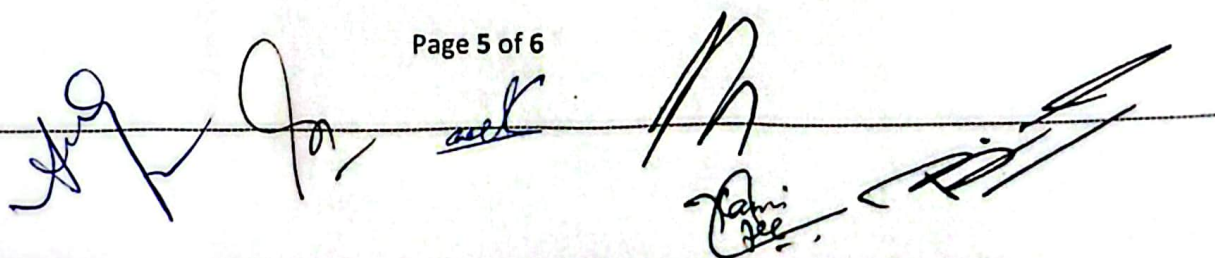
The Committee recorded the following major observations:

1. The recommendations of the HEC Review Panel regarding the constitution of Selection Boards and the rationalization of underutilized faculty have been substantially implemented.
2. The issue relating to vacant Dean Positions in various Faculties has been resolved.
3. The Committee noted that concerns regarding low student enrolment and disproportionate faculty strength in certain programs, including Weed Science, Botany, and Water Management, have been addressed. The matter was placed before the University Syndicate, which approved the rational utilization of faculty members by assigning teaching responsibilities in relevant departments according to their areas of specialization.
4. During the HEC review, weak record management practices were identified across several departments. The Committee observed that the University has initiated the implementation of an E-Office System to replace manual record-keeping. Training on e-filing has commenced, and administrative processes are gradually being digitized to improve efficiency, transparency, and institutional record management.
5. Digital library access is limited to some major publishers.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends the following actions for sustained quality enhancement:

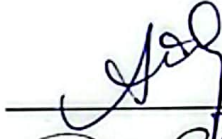
1. Strengthen the teacher and course evaluation mechanism while ensuring confidentiality and transparency.
2. Prepare and implement annual calendars for Board of Studies, Board of Faculty, and BAS&R meetings.
3. Ensure systematic maintenance of program, student, and faculty files by the concerned offices.
4. Strictly implement HEC policies regarding supervisor eligibility and student-supervisor ratios.
5. Publicize thesis defense seminars through multiple communication channels.

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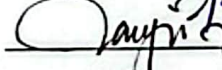
6. Establish functional Research Ethics Committees at departmental and Faculty levels.
7. Ensure timely submission of research performance data by all academic departments.
8. Strengthen the utilization of the **Relevance Assessment Committee (RAC)** for determining faculty relevance to postgraduate degree programs.
9. Continue the digitization of academic and administrative records through the University's E-Office System.
10. Conduct periodic internal Graduate Program Reviews to monitor compliance with HEC standards and ensure continuous quality improvement.
11. Digital library access to major publishers should be provided.

Report submitted by Self GPR Committee:

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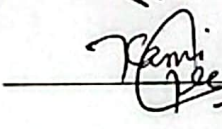
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