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Training Session on “Innovative Pedagogical Tools and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education”



In collaboration with the Directorate of Faculty Development, The Department of Food Science and Technology, GCWUF organized a Day Training session on “Innovative Pedagogical Tools and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education” on Monday, August 19th in the video conference room. Prof. Dr. Aysa Sameen, Chairperson of the Department of Food Science and Technology, inaugurated the session with her welcome address. Resource Person, Prof. Dr. Aamir Shehzad (PhD, HDR Food Science, and Agro-Industry UniLaSalle, International Campus Rouen, Normandy University, France) spotlighted the innovative pedagogies as a powerful tool to learn and prepare the lectures in audio and videos for improving the teaching outcomes. He explained that pedagogical tools are mandatory to deliver lectures and allow individuals to communicate and understand a problem generated from theory, practical activities, Flip classes, and tutorials. Furthermore, his focus on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in higher education has risen quickly with the development of new AI tools for instructors and learners owing to their customized prompt feedback and evaluation besides predicting their academic success. Moreover, he introduced the latest software for educators and students including Woo clap, Moodle, ICTs, AI, GPT, Copilot, Winston, Quill bot, Speechify, NOLEJ, and Fliki for project-based learning with continuous control.



Lastly, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, chairperson Department of Mathematics concluded the event by expressing her gratitude to the focal person for sharing his expertise and knowledge among attendees and emphasizing the implementation of the latest pedagogical tools and innovative strategies in classrooms. Afterward, she presented a souvenir to the honourable speaker as a token of remembrance. Overall, a highly informative training was going to end followed by a question-and-answer session to clarify the queries of faculty members.



Nominated Faculty Attends Entrepreneurial Expo in Lahore



It is informed with pleasure that Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen (Convener, Industrial Linkages Committee, GCWUF) and Dr. Aisha Imtiaz (IN charge Business Incubation Center, GCWUF) attended the ceremony of Pakistan 2024 Pakistan's largest entrepreneurial expo on 24th August 2024 in Expo Center Lahore. They had a meeting with the Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed. They discussed with the chairman of HEC the entrepreneurial activities and plans to promote these activities in universities.

Chairman HEC appreciated their views and ensured his cooperation with their future efforts. Rana Sikandar Hayat (Minister of Education Punjab) also talked about the importance of entrepreneurial activities and encouraged these expo's in public and private sector universities and ensured his collaboration to flourish entrepreneurial skills. Students from various universities displayed their entrepreneurial projects. Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen and Dr. Aisha Imtiaz visited these projects and shared their views. . Chairman HEC appreciated their views and ensured his cooperation with their future efforts. Rana Sikandar Hayat (Minister of Education Punjab) also talked about the importance of entrepreneurial activities and encouraged these expo's in public and private sector universities and ensured his collaboration to flourish entrepreneurial skills. Students from various universities displayed their entrepreneurial projects. Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen and Dr. Aisha Imtiaz visited these projects and shared their views.



Workshop on “Professional Grooming and Dressing Etiquettes for Faculty in Academia”



The Department of Nutritional Sciences, GCWUF in collaboration with the Directorate of Faculty Development organized a one-day training workshop on Unleash Your Potential: “Professional Grooming and Dressing Etiquettes for Faculty in Academia” on 28th August 2024 in the video conference room. The training workshop had two sessions. The first session was for teaching faculty and the second session was for non-teaching staff of the University. The resource person of the event was Mr. Hamid Saeed, an Image and Wardrobe Consultant from New York, USA. He brings decades of international expertise and local experience to deliver a

a tailored program for faculty members in Pakistan. He is also a resource Person for the Faculty Development Program by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) on professional dressing for faculty. The main objective of this event was to empower faculty members to project a professional image and confidence through appropriate dress etiquette, enhancing their academic and personal presence.

Mr. Hamid Saeed described that dressing etiquette is an essential aspect of professional development, enhancing credibility, and building confidence as it contributes to the development of a positive and professional image. Faculty serve as a role model for the students, and their appearance can enhance the overall learning environment. Further, he highlighted that dressing appropriately for academic settings, whether in the classroom or at formal academic events, reflects respect for the institution and the audience. He illustrated the non-verbal communication of clothing, understanding the dress code, building a professional wardrobe, and dressing for body type, personal style, and cultural sensitivities. He further added that grooming also plays a crucial role in conveying self-discipline and confidence, further supporting effective communication and engagement in academic settings.



Moreover, by applying the principles and tips shared in the program, teaching and non-teaching faculty will be empowered to make informed choices about their dressing style, ultimately contributing to their academic and personal success. An interactive question/answer session was also conducted to clarify the queries. At the end of the session, Dr. Madiha Ilyas, HOD, Nutritional Sciences, concluded the session with a vote of thanks by expressing her gratitude to the resource person for sharing his valuable insights among participants of the workshop. Afterward, she presented a souvenir to the honorable speaker as a token of remembrance. The session ended with a group photo accompanied by the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, HODs, and faculty members of the various Departments.

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