

PRESIDENT'S NEWS DIGEST

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 6th ASU President News Digest. In this weekly digest which will keep you abreast about activities in the University, we will cover stories related to the fourth educational exhibition, Board of Trustees Meeting, Shaikh Nasser Bin Hhamad Al-Khalifa Scientific Research Award, Prof Saad's Activities, visits, lectures and workshops, etc.... In the reminder of the week, we will be reminding you about Good Teacher. Please keep Ms Tania Kashou and Ms Ayat Nass informed about activities or events that you would like to include in the news digest.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Saturday 12 December, we hosted two successful events in the University. The first one was the exhibition about 16 civilizations and cultures supervised by Dr Rawya and performed by our students. I personally felt that this was one of the best academic activities I witnessed during my 25 year academic career. In addition to the academic content which was excellent, the students gained many skills in terms of research, planning, presentation and communication. The joy on their faces gave us the best satisfaction ever. I am grateful to Dr Rawya for her excellent supervision and planning and to the judges: Dr Faiza, Dr Waseem, Ms Noora and Mr Mohamed AlArab. Thanks also go to the Deanship of Students Affairs, PR, our Student Council, IT, Security, Procurement and all colleagues who attended to support our students. The great support from HE Sheikh Hicham, Governor of the Capital Governorate and Professor Waheeb is also acknowledged.

The second event was an open day with great support from the Deanship of Admissions and Registration, Deanship of Student Affairs and PR and Student Council. I am grateful to all academic colleagues who turned up to talk to potential students.

It was a memorable day for the University and I sincerely hope that PR will help us to create strong publicity in the press and on social media.

I want to mention one more colleague, Mr Mohammed AlNajjar, because I know how much effort he puts to support our University and the various events that took place in the last few weeks.

Let's keep up the good work and make ASU a shining star in the world of academia.



THE FOURTH EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION

On 12 December 2015, ASU held its Fourth Educational Exhibition. The purpose of this exhibition is to achieve the vision of the ASU by linking theory with practice, improving the intellectual skills of the students, gathering historical documents and information related to the tradition of each country or civilization and promoting communication and traditions without any prejudice to religions.

The students of the “Thinking Development Skills” course and the students of the “Introduction to Sociology” organised the Exhibition under the supervision of Dr. Rawya Zmari.

Students exhibited the folk costumes, traditions, certain words and expressions, currency, food, and products of each country or civilization. Students also played video presentations on the historical sights of each country or civilization.





BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Applied Science University's first Board of Trustees meeting for the academic year 2015-2016 was successfully held on Thursday, 10 December 2015 at ASU's campus in Sitra. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb AlKhaja. The board meeting was attended by Professor Ghassan Aouad, Mr. Ghazi Nass, Mr. Mohammed Yaqoob, Dr. Fatima Al-Baloushi, Dr. Fayez Al-Sadeh, Mr. Adel Nass, Mr. Waleed Al-Khaja.



The Board was welcomed by the Chairman of the BOT and the Founding President of ASU, Prof. Waheeb Ahmed AlKhaja, the President of ASU, Prof. Ghassan Aouad, and the Secretariat General of Councils, Dr. Ahmed Azzam. During the meeting, Prof. Aouad and Dr. Azzam conducted presentations on the status of ASU academically and administratively. ASU's new strategic plan, new policies and procedures, updated bylaws, committee structure, improvements in academic programs, National Qualification Framework (NQF) – Listing Application, GAP Analysis for the HEC Accreditation and other items were discussed, reviewed and approved by the Board. The BOT acknowledged the documentation, and organization of the meeting and also praised the university for its performance.

SHAIKH NASSER BIN HAMAD AL-KHALIFA SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AWARD

On 9 December, ASU hosted a seminar on Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Scientific Research Award in the Field of Sports. The seminar was conducted by the General Secretary of the award, Dr Abdulrahman Sayyar and attended by members of the administrative and academic staff of the university and its students.

The seminar was part of the cooperation between the Bahrain Olympic Committee, the organisers of the award, and the university to encourage the use of scientific research to create knowledge and, ultimately, to improve the level of performance in all areas of sports.





NQF IL APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre (QAAC) is pleased to announce that the University has submitted its application for Listing on the National Qualification Framework by the due date. The application has gone through the internal checking phase. Our application is now subject to external assessment by a validating panel. A follow-up visit to the University is scheduled early in the New Year for the final phase of the Listing process. Once the University becomes 'Listed', it will then move to the Programme Mapping stage of the process.

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPT AT THE ASU ORGANIZES A VISIT TO THE BAHRAINI PARLIAMENT

The Political Science Department organised a visit for its students to the Bahraini Parliament as part of their curriculum to link between theory with practice. Dr Saleh Quran, instructor of the Comparative Political Regime course, and Dr Ali Dada, instructor of Bahraini Political Regime course, accompanied their students to the Parliament. They were welcomed by the Director of the Public Relations, Dr. Mohamed Al-Qasimi who addressed the audience about the duties and tasks of the parliament. The students also toured different departments and attended one of the parliament sessions at the end of their visit.



VISIT TO INJAZ

On 7 December 2015, Prof Saad Darwish visited Injaz Bahrain and met with two officials; Mrs. Fatima AbdulRahman, and Miss Hanan Al Shaikh to discuss entrepreneurship and employability. The officials described the role of Injaz in preparing youth to succeed in a global economy and start businesses that create jobs. Prof. Saad raised the possibility of ASU students performing volunteer work with Injaz. Plans were made for Injaz to meet Student Affairs and Student Council in the near future.





ASU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT'S SUPPORT TO THE DISABLED IN BAHRAIN

ASU Community Engagement's (CE) aim is to contribute and make a difference to the community that we live in.

On Saturday, 4 December 2015, Prof Saad Darwish, Dr Hooreya Aldeeb and Dr Mohammed Alaa, members of the CE committee attended and contributed to an event for the disabled in Bahrain. The University team was welcomed by Mrs Muneera bin Hindi, Head of Bahrain Mobility International (BMI), Goodwill Ambassador.

Prof Darwish addressed the audience and talked about the commitment of ASU and emphasised the importance of supporting the disabled in Bahrain.

The university donated gifts as a gesture of support and respect. Thanks should go to Mr. Mohamed Yousif VP Admin & Finance and Community Engagement (Head of the Committee) for his full support and to Miss Hana Dwesan, a member in the committee, who helped immensely in the preparations for this event.



LECTURE ON 'DIABETES AND ITS RISK'

On the occasion of the Cultural Season of the College of Law, a lecture was held about Diabetes and Its Risks". It was delivered by Dr Raof Hamed Othman, the advisor of Family Medicine at the Ministry of Health/Assistant Professor at the Arab Gulf University.

The lecture was very informative and was attended by many of the students and academic staff who raised different questions afterwards.

The topics discussed in the lectures covered the following:

1. Diabetes in Bahrain and the Middle East
2. Pre-diabetes stage
3. Lifestyle change to avoid diabetes
4. Methods of treatment





DR MURAD ALJANABI'S LECTURE

In series of lectures , Dr Murad Aljanabi from College of Law gave a lecture in Majlis Aldoy in Muharraq on 28 November 2015 in collaboration with Community Engagement office. The lecture gave some historical review on how to protect youth against destructive ideologies.



WORKSHOP ABOUT COMMUNICATION

Mohammed Al Arab, senior news correspondent in MBC Group was invited to run a workshop about communications and the use of body language. Nearly one hundred students attended the lecture and discussion session that lasted nearly three hours. The students showed enthusiasm and interest in learning more about the use of body language. The lecture was organised in collaboration with the College of Arts & Science, the Deanship of Students Affairs and the management of Community Engagement. Thanks go to Dr Rawya Zmari for her great efforts in preparing the event. Many thanks also go to PR for their support and coverage.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A goal is not always meant to be reached; it often serves simply as something to aim at.” – Bruce Lee



REMINDER OF THE WEEK

A Great Teacher

Is passionate about teaching and considers teaching his vocation rather than simply a profession.

Has incredible knowledge of the subject matter he/she is teaching, keeping himself/herself updated through conferences, fora and other forms of continuing professional development.

Establishes clear learning objectives for each lesson and endeavors to meet such objectives using varied and appropriate teaching strategies, as well as assessment techniques.

Is thoroughly familiar with the university's curriculum and other quality standards he/she must uphold, and ensures that his/her teaching meets those standards.

Sets high expectations of his/ her students and encourages every learner to excel, with consideration of students' varied learning styles and pace.

Has good classroom management skills that can command desirable student behavior, as well as effective study habits, in a multi-dimensional and dynamic setting.

Is inspirational, being able to motivate his/her students to become lifelong learners, creating a lasting inspirational impact throughout the personal and professional life of the students.

Participates in reflective inquiry and is open to new ideas and experiences, works collaboratively with his/her colleagues, thus ensuring the best outcomes for the students.

Undertakes research and creates research-based knowledge and scholarship emanating from a range of academic disciplines, which can likewise be used to inform the design and structure of curricular programs.

Further serves the society, not only through meaningful community engagement, but also by integrating community service with instruction to enrich the learning experience of students, teach civic responsibility, and thereby strengthen communities.

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