

PRESIDENT'S NEWS DIGEST

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 8th 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 final exam, seminars and visits, and the National Day photo competition. 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

Last week was a week of festivities. The Prophet Mohammad's birthday and the birthday of Jesus (Isa), peace be upon them, have coincided this year. On the happy occasions, I would like on your behalf to express our best wishes to all nations celebrating these occasions. May Allah grant us all peace and prosperitiy.

We are all looking forward to 2016 hoping for a year full of success and commitment.

Thank you all for the hard work and for continuing to be the assets ASU is always proud of.



THE MOVE TO CLOCK TOWER

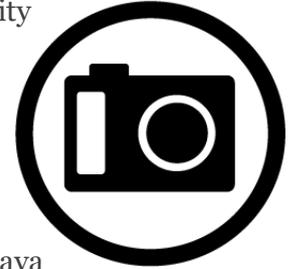
We are pleased to inform that the President Office moved to the Clock Tower, Level 3 in the Academic Building and the VP for Academic Affairs & Development Office also moved to Level 2 in the same building.





NATIONAL DAY PHOTO COMPETITION

In the spirit of celebrating our beloved Kingdom's National Day, ASU decorated its state of the art campus with vibrant red and white lights. The Deanship of Student Affairs took the opportunity to expose our students' talent in photography by creating a competition called "My University through My Lens 2". Eight students participated and their photos were posted on ASU Instagram account to be voted by ASU students / followers. The result of the competition was based upon 50% Instagram votes (Likes) on each photo and 50% upon the judging committee members (including Dr Assem Al Hajj, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Mr Abdulla Al Khaja, Dr Waseem, Mr Mohammed Al Najjar, Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, and Miss Maryam Farooq). The prizes will be awarded to the top three winners by the president of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad, during the first week of next year 2016. The winning photos of the competition are the following:



By: Faraj Hamad AlNoaimi



By: Mohammed Abdulla Mohammed



By: Ebrahim Hamad Qadhi



BAHRAIN STATISTICAL SOCIETY (BSS) SEMINAR

On 18 December 2015, the Community Engagement (CE) office in collaboration with the Bahrain Statistical Society (BSS) finished its second course in the application of SPSS. Dr. Mohammed Al Hamami, Dr Siddiq Ameer and Dr Siddiq Babakir attended the course to enhance and develop their skills.



LECTURE ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND VOLUNTEERISM

Dr. Mohammed Hamami delivered a lecture on the use of social media and volunteerism in Abdulla Nass Hall as part of the Community Engagement office activities. He focused on the impact of social media on individuals' lives, communities and businesses.

He also discussed the best application to use social media in volunteerism by organisations, associations and even individuals. His lecture touched on the importance of social networking at the enterprise level sites of all sizes.

According to the statistics of the global club of social media, there are 1.25 billion Facebook users around the world, out of which 517 thousand users in Bahrain and 53 million users in the Arab world. As for Twitter, there are half a billion users around the world, including 250 thousand users in Bahrain and 15 million users in the Arab world.



VISIT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Political Science Department organised a visit for its students to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to expose the students to the practical links between theory and practice in the world of diplomacy in the ministry. The Ambassador, Ahmed Mohammed Al-Dosari, delivered a lecture about the applied aspects of international diplomacy who then toured the students to main departments in the ministry at the end of their visit.





INTRODUCING NEW STAFF

We are pleased to introduce the three Academic Deans who joined ASU at the beginning of the academic year 2015-2016:

Dr Ziad Zurigat – Acting Dean of the College of Administrative Sciences

Dr Zurigat graduated in Economics from Yarmouk University, Irbid-Jordan in 1989. He then obtained his MSc in Economics from the same university in 1992. He also completed his PhD in Finance from Heriot-Watt University, Scotland in 2009. He was awarded Al-Sharjah Prize for the best PhD thesis in the Arab World in 2010/2011.



Dr Zurigat has more than 20 years experience in teaching in universities in Jordan. He worked as an instructor in the department of Banking and Finance at Yarmouk University from 1995 to 2005. He was awarded a scholarship in 2005 to pursue his graduate study in the UK. In 2009, Dr Zurugat worked as Assistant Professor of Finance at Yarmouk University where he was later promoted to an Associate Professor in 2013. He also became Chairman of Department of Banking and Finance in the same year.

His research interest includes financial management and investment.

Dr Khaldoun Qtaishat – Acting Dean of the College of Law

Dr Qtaishat graduated in Law from Jordan University, Amman-Jordan in 1991. He then obtained his MSc in Private Economic Law from Reims University, France in 1997. He also completed his PhD in Private Law from Paris University, France in 2001.



Dr Qtaishat has more than 14 years experience in teaching in universities in Jordan. During that time, he also worked in University of Jordan as Head of Private Law from 2005 – 2006. He then was appointed as Vice Dean of Student Affairs from 2007 – 2010. In 2012 he became Vice Dean in College of Law in the same university.

Dr Qtaishat has published his research in regional and global magazines.

Dr Belal Zaqaibeh – Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science

Belal Zaqaibeh received his First Class Honor Bachelor Degree in Computer Science (BSc) from Irbid National University, Jordan, in 1998. In 2000, he joined the faculty of Science and IT at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and received his MSc in Computer Science in 2001 as well as his PhD in Database Systems in 2006. In 2006, he joined Zarqa Private University as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Jordan.



Dr. Zaqaibeh worked as Director of Computer Centre from 2008 to 2015 at Jadara University. He was promoted to an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Department early 2013. Dr. Zaqaibeh became the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Information Technology from October 2013 until September 2015.

In November 2015, Dr. Zaqaibeh was elected on to be the Liaison Officer of the Colleges of Computing and Information Society (CCIS) to all universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His research interest includes: Cloud computing, Timetabling, Object-oriented databases, Mobile databases, Integrity constraints, and Object-oriented software engineering.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.”

Peter F. Drucker

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enjoy Reading

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