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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 8th issue of the 2nd year of the President's News Digest.

I would like to start this edition by reminding colleagues about important matters that need to be catered for over the next few weeks:



1. Good preparation for the programmes with limited confidence (Dr Assem, Dr Ziad, Dr Ramzi)
2. BOT will meet on the 17 January and they have asked for course syllabus, university catalogue, program catalogues, bylaws, students and staff handbooks, in both Arabic and English (Dr Assem, Prof Saad, Deans)
3. Accreditation and change management work (Dr Roy, Ms Monia, Mr Hatem)
4. Students Recruitment (Ms Ruqaya and Ms Edyta)
5. Web site (Ms Ruqaya)
6. Recruitment of staff for the September Semester (Dr Assem, Prof Zedan, Prof Siddeeq, Deans, Dr Mohamed Yousif, Mr Abdulla), we don't have enough time, we need to speed up this process
7. Submission of our law programme LLB application to the HEC (Prof Zedan and colleagues from the Law College)
8. Getting ready for the second semester (Dr Assem, Dr Issa and Deans)
9. KPIs dashboard (Ms Monia, Mr Hatem, Ms Shadia, Mr Rifat with help from heads of various units), to be presented to BOTs
10. Mr Hatem, head of internal audit, will ensure that all committees are meeting and producing good quality minutes with actions and follow ups.

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Last week, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the President, Mr Adel Nass and Mr Abdulla Alkhaja visited Cardiff Met and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation regarding our Business and Finance Programmes.



In addition, this delegation visited LSBU to strengthen the collaboration with our British partners. Our office in LSBU was opened during the visit in the presence of HE the Bahraini Cultural Attaché in London.



The Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies initiated last week the 3rd competition amongst our students for the best photographs taken of our campus while it is lit and decorated as part of National and Accession Day celebrations. In total we had 12 entries and voting was taking place on Instagram. The results will be announced soon.



I would like to conclude this edition by wishing you happy festive seasons and a great new year. I sincerely hope that 2017 will be a good year for you, your families and our University and our beloved Kingdom.



GUEST PROFESSOR TO THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



On 21 December 2016, the Political Science Department received Dr Arwa Hassan Al-Sayed from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who delivered a great speech to students in the department on diplomatic competency in preparing future diplomats in Bahrain where she highlighted the establishment of a new institute for diplomatic studies.



Among many topics, she discussed several issues with regards to human rights in general and women rights in particular. The discussion was highly interactive with the students under the facilitation of Dr. Khaleel Ibrahim Ahmad, with presence of faculty members of the department.



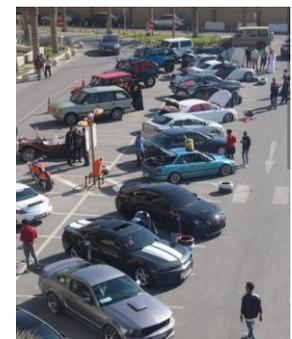
BAHRAIN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

On 13 December, ASU celebrated the National Day and the 17th Anniversary of the Accession of his Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa. The celebration was under the Patronage of Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the invitation from Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University.

The event was entirely organized by members of the student council and supervised by Mr. Mohammed Najjar and Ms Hadeel Bucheerei from the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies.

On the day, the University was buzzing with students, staff and invitees of student council members from other local universities. Our students designed and decorated the University in such a way that everyone felt the national Bahraini spirit. The programme included traditional events such as Henna Corner, Car Show, Evening Poems by Khaleeji Poets (Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar), "Ardha", Student's Competition and a wonderful performance by Mohamed Qambar, a Bahraini singer.

Professor Ghassan Aouad was very pleased with the students' creativity and hard work, and hence he attended the entire event. He strongly believes that this type of event organized by students for students will certainly anticipate in the development of our students' sense of responsibility, leadership skills, time management, communication skills teamwork and.





HONORING CEREMONY - 5TH EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION

The Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies hosted an honoring ceremony on Thursday, 15 December 2016, for students that tremendously contributed in the success of the fifth Educational Exhibition organized by Dr. Rawya Zmari, entitled “Let’s know the world”.



The President of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad who always encourages and supports students’ activities, presented the awards to students with Dr. Assem Al Hajj, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Belal Zaqaibeh, the Dean of the College of Art and Science, Dr. Abduljabbar Musaaafir and Dr Faiza Zitouni, the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies.

FARES BAHRAINI YOUTH AWARD 2016

Khalidya Youth Society launched its “3rd Fares Bahraini Youth Award 2016” to celebrate the Bahraini youth achievements.

In 2015, “Fares Award” was given to his Highness Sheikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his achievements in Youth and Sports and the “Fares Youth Knowledge Award” was given to his Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Salman Al Khalifa for his knowledge excellence.



On 19 December 2016, Ms Noora Musalem, manager of Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office at the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies was selected as vice president of the award judges committee.

“ME AND MY CURRICULUM VITAE” WORKSHOP

Ms. Noora Musalam, the manager of the Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office in the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organized for ASU recent graduates and students who are expected to graduate a workshop entitled “Me and My CV” in coordination with Tamkeen.

The aim was to teach the students and the graduates how to go through the entire process of writing a CV, understand the purpose of a CV and explore ways they can make themselves stand out from the crowd.





WELLBEING DAY - VOLUNTARY TEAM

On 6 December, Mr Thaer from the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organized a wellbeing day in collaboration with a voluntary team called “Pulse of Life”.

Around 382 staff and students had the chance to have their vital signs (weight, height, blood pressure, and their sugar level) checked. In addition, CPR demonstrations were conducted, and educational information was explained which highlighted the importance of first aid at work.

ASU is proud to have eight of its employees certified in first aid.



BACHELOR IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE PROGRAMME FIRST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

On 21 December 2016, the Bachelor in Accounting and Finance Programme had its first advisory board meeting for the academic year 2016-2017 at the Swiss- Bel Hotel.

The meeting was headed by the Programme Coordinator Dr. Nympha Joseph and was attended by:



1. Chair of the board: Mr. Osama Abdulrahim AlKhajah, Head of Projects Development, Kuwait Finance House-Bahrain
2. Member: 1st L.T. Mr. Aman Moosa AlNoaimi, Accountant Officer, Bahrain Defense Force
3. Member (Employer): Mr. Nabeel A. Hameed Al Shaikh, Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication
4. Member (Academics): Prof. Dr. Sayel Saleem Al-Ramadhan, Professor in Accounting, University of Bahrain
5. Member: (Alumni): Ms. Mooza Yusuf Ahmed Isa Alkuwari, Accountant, Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunication
6. Internal Member: Prof Ziad Zurigat, Dean of College of Administrative Sciences
7. Internal Member: Dr. Ramzi Nekhili, Vice Dean of College of Administrative Sciences
8. Internal Member: Dr. Iaad Mustafa, Head of the Department, Accounting and Finance
9. Internal Member: Dr. Nympha Joseph, Programme Coordinator, Bachelor in Accounting and Finance



ASU PARTICIPATED IN THE H.H. SH. KHALID BIN HAMAD GRADUATION PROJECTS AWARD JUDGING PANEL

Professor Siddeeq Y. Ameen, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies received an award for being a jury in the judging panel of H.H. Sh. Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Graduation Projects Award. This award was open for to all disciplines of the faculties of Engineering and Information Technology.

ASU participated in one project from Computer Science Department among 125 other projects from other universities. The participation was an ideal opportunity for all students to demonstrate their scientific innovation.



We encourage ASU students to participate in next year's award with more projects, especially in the discipline of Computer Science, MIS, Interior Design and Graphic Design.

WELCOMING THE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION



We are pleased to introduce the new Dean of Admissions and Registration who has recently joined ASU:

Professor Isa Ahmed Al Khayat is an educator and senior administrator in Admissions and Registration, Faculty Development, and Measurement and Evaluation.

He received his PhD in Applied Mathematics from the University of Manchester Institute for Science and Technology in the United Kingdom, in 1989. Dr Al Khayat has taught many undergraduate and graduate courses in Mathematics, has published numerous research papers, and has organized several seminars in the discipline.

In 2002, he was appointed the first Dean of Admission and Registration at the University of Bahrain, where he served for eight consecutive years. During this period he headed a team of experts in IT and Admission and Registration, and designed a produced a bespoke, individually tailored registration system which enabled the University to save an enormous saving in terms of budget, time and effort. In addition, he was mandated to various institutions within the Government of Bahrain as a member of the committee reviewing academic degrees and certificates. In 2006, he became Chairman of the Advisory Board, and Director for the Centre for Measurement, Evaluation & Academic Development. In 2010 he was appointed Executive Director for Bahrain Institute for Political Development and was the first Vice President for the National Institution for Human Rights. Since October 2013, he has been working for the ROYAL ACADEMY OF POLICE, Ministry of Interior, in the Kingdom of Bahrain, as an Advisor for Academic Affairs & Associate Professor.

His contributions in the local community have been of note, heading various local boards for private schools and educational committees. He has trained professionally to review academic institutions and universities.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.”

William Pollard



Happy Reading

