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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last week we hosted a very successful orientation day for our new students organised by the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies. The event was well organised and covered many aspects, new students need to know about the University. I would like to thank all colleagues who contributed to the success of the orientation day. Thank you to Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Mr Mohamed Yousif, Professor Hilal Al Baytti, the Deans of Colleges, Ustaz Abdulla Alkhaja, Mr Siddiq, Mr Garth, Ustaza Ruqaya, PR team, Dr Ammar and Ustaza Monia. Special thanks must go to Dr Faiza and her team including Mr Mohammed Najjar, Dr Rawya, Ustaza Noora Musalam, Mr Thaer Ramini, Ustaza Noora Kamal, and Ustaza Mariam Farooq. Thank you to the Student Council members, AISEC, and Injaz and to our star MCs, Marwa, and Fahed, our students for doing a great job and we are all very proud of both of them.



In addition, we are pleased that we have received confirmation from the HEC that both programs of Master in Law and Master in Commercial Law will be open for admissions from next September. Special thanks must go to Dr Khaldoon for his great leadership, Dr Hussein, Dr Abdul Kareem, Dr Ramzi, Dr Mohanad, Dr Ahmed Abdulsaboor, Ms Fatima Thani and Ms Fatima Janahi for doing a great job.

On Wednesday, the Senior Management Team approved the Staff Evaluation Scheme which was developed by Dr Assem with contributions from Mr Mohammed Yousif, Mr Abdulla AlKhaja, Ms Monia, Prof Newton, Prof Hilal, Prof Saad and Dr. Faiza. We will be running a series of training workshops for staff in order to help them understand the new scheme. This is a very important activity from an accreditation perspective.

On Thursday we hosted an event to recognize and appreciate the great efforts of our students and organizers during the 4th exhibition on People and Civilizations. The event was organized by Dr Rawya of Student Affairs and attended by myself, Dr Faiza, Dr Belal and colleagues from Student Affairs. It was really rewarding to see the joy on the students faces for being recognized for their hard work and innovation.

What's New?





EXTERNAL REVIEW FROM HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY FOR ARTS AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT

Dr. Belal Zaqaibeh, Dean of Arts and Science, and the faculty members welcomed Professor Mike Kagioglou, Dean of Art, Design and Architecture, and Prof. Minhua Eunice Ma, Professor of Digital Media & Games in the School of Art, Design and Architecture from University of Huddersfield who conducted an external review for the Programmes of Interior Design and Graphic Design at ASU.



Prof Kagioglou wrote an evaluation report on the programme of Graphic Design praising the strength of the practical and theoretical subjects; whereas Prof. Eunice Ma discussed the programme of Interior Design and highlighted its scope and opportunities.

In addition, Prof. Kagioglou presented a scientific research titled “Benefits Realisation: The Essence of Lean Thinking”.

The visit ended with a dinner for the visitors and some members of ASU staff.

“RESEARCH CONNECT” WORKSHOP

Prof Saad Darwish and Prof Siddiq Ameen attended a workshop sponsored by the British Council. The workshop titled “Research Connect” aimed to enhance the skills of researchers by adopting new techniques that help in promoting research in academic institutions. The workshop was interactive and very stimulating to the attendees.



A VISIT TO THE PALESTINIAN EMBASSY

The Community Engagement Office in collaboration with Saweed Society organised a day out for Palestinian children in Bahrain. Prof Saad Darwish, Dr Hooria AlDeeb, Dr Mohammed Alaa and Hans Dwesan (CEC) visited the Palestinian Embassy on Friday morning 12 February to meet the children and share their joy and happiness. The team met embassy officials who thanked ASU for their continuous contributions to support the Palestinian people. Mr Mohammed Yousif VP Administration, Finance and Community Engagement facilitated the procedures to donate for this event.





EBTIKAR WORKSHOP

Prof Saad Darwish arranged for HRM students during their spare time, an Entrepreneurship course to attend a workshop titled “Ebtikar” at Meridian Hotel on 13 February. The aim of this workshop was to engage the students in real life situations, in order to enhance their skills in becoming future entrepreneurship and train them to think outside the box and transform ideas into future projects.



“YOUTH AGAINST EXTREMISM” PREPARATORY MEETING

The Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies, represented by Dr Faiza Zitouni and Mr Mohammed Najjar, attended a preparatory meeting for the launch of “Youth Against Extremism” conference chaired by Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, VP of the Board of Trustees, and Executive Director of Isa Cultural Centre. The aim of this kick-off meeting was to organise for the conference which will be held in April. Most of the Universities in Bahrain were represented at this meeting.



ORIENTATION DAY

The Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies held an orientation day for the new enrolled students for the second semester 2015-2016 on 8 February 2016. The orientation day was very informative and was attended by the University President, the VPs, the Deans and Head of Departments who took part in giving an introduction of ASU and providing the students with information and advice for the smooth run of their first semester at ASU.



The Student Council members also shared their experience as students at ASU. The MC of the event were Fahed and Marwa, two remarkable members of the Student Council.





FOOTBALL PARTICIPATION

ASU football team participated in the event “Let’s Play Sports” that was organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports on Saturday 6 February. The team won three games out of five and they are now preparing to participate in Al Ahliya University tournament that will be held on 4 March 2016. Good Luck!



AWARD CEREMONY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITION

On Thursday 11 February, the Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies and the College of Arts and Science hosted an award ceremony honouring students for participating and helping in organizing the fourth Educational Exhibition. The event was organised by Dr. Rawya and attended by Prof. Ghassan, Dr. Belal, Dr. Faiza and Dr. Rawya.



INTRODUCING NEW ACADEMIC AND ADMIN STAFF



Dr Ahmed KH. Muttar Al- Muhamadi
Academic Staff in Business Administration Department



Dr Khairi Mohamed Omar
Academic Staff in Business Administration Department



Ms. Monia Mensi
Head of Governance and Strategic Planning Unit
and Acting Director of ICT & Knowledge Management



Dr. Radwan Alyan Radwan Kharabsheh
Academic Staff in Business Administration Department



Dr. Suleiman Mohammad Odeh Alhdayat
Academic Staff in Private Law Department



Dr. Camelia Salaheldin Abdulla Camal
Academic Staff in Public Law Department



Dr. Moaiad Ahmad Abdelsalam Khder
Academic Staff in Computer Science Department

REMINDER OF THE WEEK:

THE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS (HEC)



AREA 4: Research and Innovation (2 Standards)

The institution must demonstrate a commitment to research and provide adequate and appropriate facilities to promote research (4 KIs)

1. The promotion and facilitation of research must be a central feature of the institution's overall strategic aims.
2. The interaction between research and education must be reflected in the curriculum, inform current teaching, and encourage and prepare students for engagement in research, scholarship and innovative development.
3. There must be policies which identify the priorities, facilities and development in research and commercialization.
4. Incentives must be provided for the academic staff and the departments to conduct research.

The institution must encourage and support its staff to undertake research and other forms of scholarship and to engage in other professional activities (10 KIs)

1. The institution must have well-defined policies and procedures for the undertaking of academic research and these are communicated effectively to all relevant stakeholders.
2. Institutions must include in their research policies a reference to the link between research development and commercialization.
3. The research strategy of the institution must be in line with national priorities.



4. Teachers must be encouraged and supported to undertake research in relevant fields and to publish their findings.
5. The institution must maintain a catalogue of up-to-date publications which are published on the website.
6. Academic staff contracts must require academic staff to engage in research and scholarship relevant to their teaching and other duties.
7. Appointment and promotion criteria and faculty performance evaluations must reflect the institution's expectations for faculty research and scholarly activity.
8. Academic staff must be encouraged to seek out international universities or employers in order to develop collaborative relationships.
9. There must be a fair and transparent procedure for staff to seek financial support for their research and other professional development activities.
10. The institution must provide time for staff to meet regularly to share and discuss current research activities and, if appropriate, invite external speakers.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*And what is it to work with love?
It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart,
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.
It is to build a house with affection,
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.
It is to sow seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy,
even as if your beloved were to eat the fruit.
It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit*

Khalil Gibran



Enjoy Reading
