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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 1st issue of the 2nd year of the President's News Digest.

I would like to start this edition by addressing the issue of loyalty to colleagues and the University.

Loyalty is a precious value and we should focus all our efforts on: doing a good job, delivering tasks with quality and rigor and being loyal to colleagues and University. We are all working hard to create a culture of loyalty, respect, and professionalism in order to move the University forward and make it one of the best by protecting its reputation and improving the quality of the Students' experience. Let's all work together and be loyal to each other, this will help us achieve even more.



Last week the University was buzzing with so many activities. On Sunday, 30 October 2016, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the President of the University, staff and Student Council members celebrated the first anniversary of the President's News Digest. It was really pleasing to see some of the new Student Council members attending the event and who have produced a nice video on Instagram of the event. The welcoming speech by Prof Waheeb Alkhaja was very encouraging and touching. We are all grateful for his vision and continuous support. Many thanks go to Ruqaya for the very creative cake and for remembering our colleagues, Tania, Ayat and Diana with some gifts and flowers.





Tania, who worked so hard on the News Digest, sent a link to all staff to provide feedback of how to improve the News Digest, please respond with good suggestions. We need to include more stories about our students work. I would like and on your behalf to thank Tania for her dedication, commitment, and creativity.

Many thanks to all those who contributed in the past, but this year we want to see more new faces. This newsletter will help us immensely with accreditation through better communication and engagement with various stakeholders.



On the afternoon of Sunday, 30 October 2016, the Chairman of the BOT, the President, some colleagues, and a large number of our students attended the opening ceremony of Manama Week on Entrepreneurship and Youth Empowerment organised by the Capital Governorate, under the patronage of HE Sheikh Hicham Bin AbdulRahman Al-Khalifa, the Capital Governor. ASU is a gold sponsor of this event and we received a trophy as recognition of this support from Sheikh Hicham. The President appeared on Bahrain

TV to talk about the event. Many thanks go to Mr Yusuf Lori and Ms Noora Al-Haddad for getting us involved in this major event.



The keynote speaker at the event was Ms Nina Vaca, an American entrepreneur with a vast experience. Her speech was inspirational and perhaps she is amongst the best presenters on this subject in the World.

The University luckily hosted Ms Nina Vaca on 31 October 2016 where more than a 100 staff, students and guests listened to such an inspirational leader. The



event was held at the Abdulla Nass Auditorium followed by a dinner at the Dome Home to welcome our exceptional guest to our University.

On the same day, the President attended the AIESEC gala dinner for its 10 year anniversary and the University was recognised for hosting their youth speak conference at ASU.

On Monday, 31 October, Dr. Simon Galpin, Managing Director, Bahrain Economic Development Board and Ms Tala Fakhro visited the University and an overview of ASU was given by the President at the Dome Hall attended by members of the senior management group.



On 1 November, the President and other colleagues attended a Reception Dinner at the Residence of the British Council which was hosted by the Director of the British Council to welcome 26 British Universities who were exhibiting their programmes in Bahrain.



On 4 November, the University hosted a workshop on how to enhance your memory, exponentially & effortlessly presented by Mr Hemant Joshi. The President was the chief guest and Mr Abdulla Alkhaja was the guest of honour.

On 5 November, Dr Mohammad Al-Hamami, Director of the Community Engagement Office at the University organised the graduation ceremony for the training programme run by the Social Media Club. More than 150 graduates attended this event.



Last week, the accreditation and change management groups and university management committee met to move the accreditation efforts forward and to address some important academic and administrative issues. The course portfolios group also met to scrutinize course specifications and course portfolios.

This week, we will be hosting the signing ceremony of our Memorandum of Cooperation with LSBU. Please put Monday, 7 November at 12:00 noon in your diary (venue: Abdulla Nass Auditorium)

### GUEST SPEAKER FOR MASTER OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE (MAF) PROGRAMME

In a step to support MAF Programme, Dr. Hussein Khasharmeh as an instructor of Managerial Accounting course invited Mr. Tariq Fahad Al-Atwaan from LMRA to present his experiences on the effects of administrative decisions on investments and economic development in Bahrain. Mr. Al-Atwaan indicated that investment decisions are subject to a series of consultations before reaching the most appropriate recommendations for economic developments.



### SAVING AND SUPPORTING SCIENTIFIC HUMAN CAPITAL UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

On behalf of Applied Science University, Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami, the Director of Community Engagement Office, Dr. Hooreya AlDeeb and Miss Hana Dowaisan members of the CE Office, and a number of the University students participated in “Saving and Supporting Scientific Human Capital Under Exceptional Circumstances” conference.



The conference was organised by the Islamic Funds in cooperation with the Arab Scientific Community Organization at ART Rotana Hotel on Sunday 30 October 2016.

A number of experts and recognised speakers from different Arab countries participated in this event. This conference for the first time addressed the scientific human capital and how to maintain it in countries experiencing wars and conflicts.

### DEANSHIP OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND EVENING STUDIES AND ALUMNI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 5TH MEETING



The Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies held the 5th meeting with the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club for its 1st cycle on Saturday 5 November 2016 chaired by Mrs. Noora Musalam, Manager of Career Development & Alumni Affairs Office. The achievements of the alumni club, in its 1st cycle were reviewed. Upcoming events were discussed and an evaluation of the 1st alumni club was performed. ASU

Management thanked the alumni club board of directors for their hard work and great performance throughout the cycle.

### LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL DATABASES WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE STAFF

ASU library has conducted a workshop for academic staff on Monday, 31 October 2016. The workshop aimed to introduce staff to the international databases the library provides, and to train them on the different ways of searching and citing information extracted from these databases.



Mr. Ahmad Almasry, the representative of TechKnowledge Company focused in his presentation on the recently subscribed databases which are ACM Digital Library and EBSCO host, two international databases that cover a wide range of engineering and administrative sciences topics.

### DR. MURAD ALJANABI AWARDED BY THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Dr. Murad Abdulah AlJanabi, the Associate Professor in the College of Law has been awarded by the Islamic Society in Kingdom of Bahrain for his effective role in raising awareness and serving the Bahraini Community during the Haj season for the Hijri year 1437.



### “IMAGES OF LOVE AMONG MUSLIMS” LECTURE

As part of Applied Science University’s activities in supporting the community, Dr. Murad Abdulah AlJanabi, the Associate Professor in the College of Law delivered a lecture titled “Images of Love among Muslims” at the Holy Koran complex for Indian community in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 29 October 2016.



## “SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND INFORMATION SHARING FOR BETTER HUMANITARIAN ACTION”

Miss Hana Dowaisan, a member of the Community Engagement Office with a number of the University students participated in the “Seventh Annual Conference for Effective Partnerships and Information Sharing for Better Humanitarian Action” on Monday, 31 October 2016.

The event was held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, in collaboration with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Humanitarian Funds and the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO).

More than 250 officials working in the humanitarian field and charity and relief organisations from various countries of the world participated in the event.



## GULF UNION WORKSHOP



A group of eleven students with Dr Khaleel Ibrahim Ahmad from the Political Science Department have participated in the Gulf Union workshop organised by the National Unity Association in Shaikh Isa cultural center on Saturday, 5 November 2016. Important issues concerning, security, economic and political situations in the region have been discussed. Dr Khaleel has contributed into two important interventions in the discussion, targeting the future of the GCC and the region where he focused on

the strategic plans that have to be adopted by Arab Nations.

## SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME GRADUATION CEREMONY



Under the patronage of the President of Applied Science University, Professor Ghassan Aouad, the University hosted the graduation Ceremony of “Social Media for Professionals Programme” that have been organised by the Social Media Club in collaboration with the Community Engagement Office at the University.

The president said in his speech: “On behalf of the University it’s our pleasure to collaborate with the Club in running this programme for around two years, a lot of efforts have been exerted in organising the workshops by the Club and the Community Engagement Office. ASU supports social media and believes it is an important subject. Congratulations to all graduates”.

The event took place on Saturday 5 November 2016.



## REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Signing ceremony of our Memorandum of Cooperation with LSBU, 7 November at 12:00 noon (venue: Abdulla Nass Auditorium)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Leadership requires five ingredients--brains, energy, determination, trust, and ethics. The key challenges today are in terms of the last two--trust and ethics."*

***Fred Hilmer***



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