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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 3rd issue of the 2nd year of the President's News Digest.

I would like to start this edition by re-emphasizing the importance of quality of teaching, which is the backbone of any good university. The change management group in collaboration with academic staff development is running weekly workshops to cover issues related to learning and teaching in order to enhance the students' experience. Quality should be a daily activity and it should be embedded in all our activities as it is part of our value system.



Last week, the President had his first meeting with the newly elected Students Council in the presence of Dr Faiza Zitouni, Mr Mohamed Najjar, and Ms Hadeel Bucheerei. This was followed by a meeting with the VP Academic Affairs and Deans to explore ways of working together for the benefits of the students. The female students' common was opened last week to provide a rest area for our female students.

On Monday, 14 November, we were visited by the HEC to check our readiness to re-open the MBA programme for admissions. We are optimistic about the outcome of this visit.

On the evening of that day, the President and a large group of staff attended the Palestinian Independence Day event held at the Gulf Hotel.



On the morning of 16 November, the President and Ms Ruqaya Mohsin and Mr Bahaa Karaimah attended the opening ceremony of the Arab Gulf Forum on political media organized by the Bahrain Institute of Political Development.



On 17 November, the President together with colleagues from PR attended the Sheikh Nasser Institute for Vocational Training and Education's Open Day and Universities Exhibition.

On the 19 November, four events took place; the Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies and in collaboration with the Alumni Club organized the annual alumni event at the National Museum. More than 100 Alumni attended this event.

On the same day, Ms Monia Mensi conducted a workshop on Academic Misconduct. Also NQF advanced training took place, where 25 academic staff actively participated. Last but not least, more than 30 of our students were engaged in the international competition 48hours from the college of Art and Science.

THE GULF UNION CONFERENCE

On 13 November 2016, the Royal Court's Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received the participants of the second "Gulf Union Conference" held under the kind auspices of His Majesty the King with the slogan "The Gulf Union: Future and Destiny" and attended by a host of politicians and intellectuals from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.



The minister welcomed the participants praising their good efforts to achieve the aspired goals of this conference for the interest and the welfare of GCC countries and peoples.

Many ideas and suggestions were tabled for discussion during the conference which aimed to serve the aspirations and to achieve more integration and cohesion among the member states in all fields to reach the ultimate goal of unity, affirming that the Gulf Union is the goal sought by all.

Prof Saad Darwish, Dr. Khalil Al Samarraee, Ms Ruqaya Mohsin and Ms Hana Dowaisan attended the conference.

FIRST OFFICIAL MEETINGS CALLED BY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

On 16 November 2016, the newly elected student council members had their first official meeting with the President, Prof. Ghassan Aouad to introduce their vision, goals and aspirations towards their pivotal role in representing the students at the Applied Science University.



Another meeting was also held on the same day, with the Vice President of Academic Affairs & Development, all Colleges Deans,

and the Director of Admissions and Registration, to introduce themselves and discuss some of the most pertinent issues and challenges the students are facing. The meetings were very fruitful, all parties were very pleased with the in place taken decisions and the agreed future plan.





PALESTINIAN EMBASSY CELEBRATION

On 14 November 2016, the Palestinian Embassy celebrated the anniversary of the declaration of independence of Palestine. The President and representatives from ASU, joined the Palestinian Ambassador in celebrating the event.



BAHRAIN SMES SOCIETY WORKSHOP

On 15 November 2016, Applied Science University with the coordination of Prof Saad Darwish, the President's Advisor for Special Projects, hosted a lecture entitled "The Impact of Technology on the Labor Market" presented by Dr. Chris Coutts. The Lecture was organised by Bahrain SMEs Society as part of the continuous collaboration with professional bodies & business community.



ALUMNI REUNION

The Alumni Club Board of Directors and Ms Noora Musalam, the Manager of the Office of Career Development and Alumni Affairs organized the Alumni Yearly Reunion event on Saturday, 19 November 2016 in Bahrain National Museum.

Professor Ghassan Aouad, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, and other members of the senior management team welcomed the Alumni members in this memorable reunion event. The reunion allowed the Alumni members to get an update on the University's latest achievements and its future plans. In addition, Professor Ghassan Aouad highlighted the



important role of Alumni members in shaping the University's future. The event consisted of an initial open discussion, followed by a tour around the museum, buffet lunch and a visit to Abu Maher Fort.

In this event, the Alumni Club board of directors were honoured for serving the first year of the Alumni club and for setting up solid grounds for upcoming Alumni Club Board members.

OPENING OF THE FEMALE STUDENTS' ROOM

The President of the University, Prof. Ghassan Aouad and the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies celebrated the opening of the "Female Students' Room" on Tuesday, 15 November 2016.



This facility was provided in response to the female students' requests which shows clearly that the University Management team listens, cares about the welfare and the comfort of the students at ASU.



UNIVERSITY EXPO 2016

On 17 November 2016, Applied Science University participated in the University Expo 2016 at Nasser Vocational Training Centre.

The exhibition was under the patronage of H.H Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al khalifa – Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity works and Youth Affairs, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Nasser Vocational Training Center. It aimed to introduce the programmes and specializations offered by the universities to students and their parents which will help them to choose their career path.

The official opening was inaugurated by Dr. Mustafa Alsayed, the Deputy of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Centre. Prof Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University and Ms. Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing & Public Affairs and members of PR staff attended the event. The University received compliments from the Deputy and all the visitors for its reputation among other private universities and the quality of the programmes provided.



ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AND PLAGIARISM

The past Thursday, a workshop was delivered by Ms Monia Mensi to present the Academic Misconduct, Plagiarism and Examination Policy to the Academic Staff. The workshop was held at Abdallah Nass Auditorium and was well attended by academic staff.

It is important to note that this policy will enhance the quality of assessment and will comply with the HEC Accreditation requirement (“Indicator 11.2 The institution must take appropriate steps to identify and discourage cheating, including plagiarism and other misdemeanours, and to penalize offenders.”)



TWO-DAY ADVANCED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME



Over the weekend, on Friday 18 November and Saturday 19 November 2016, 25 members of ASU academic staff, led by Dr. Assem Al-Hajj, VP Academic Affairs and Development, and supported and coordinated by Ms. Diana El Hageova, actively participated in the two-day advanced capacity building workshop. The participants received a practical in depth working knowledge of developing qualifications which meet NQF requirements and mapping qualifications to appropriate NQF levels, for consideration for placement to the NQF. Participants got to write learning outcomes, devise assessment and map qualifications to the NQF level descriptors.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Ian Morris, a Senior Consultant with Ta'seel in Bahrain. The workshop was well received by ASU staff. Participants received certificates upon completion.

The second batch of ASU Staff will attend this programme next weekend, 25-26 November 2016.



48 HOURS CREATIVITY

The College of Arts and Science has participated in the international competition 48 hours creativity led by Dr. Wassem Ahmad from Interior Design Department and team members consisting of Dr. Udai, Dr. Manaf, and Dr. Farah Jadid with the participation of 28 students.

The competition was organized by the National School for Industrial Systems and Innovation at the University of Lorraine/ France. College students around the world were challenged by major companies in France to generate creative ideas for specific business solutions within a 48 hour deadline. The goal was for students to gain practical skills in the early stages of a project, including research and idea generation, prioritizing ideas under a time constraint, and collaborating with partners in other countries during the development process.



Members of ASU Senior Management Team attended the event represented by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development, Deans of the colleges, the Dean of the students Affairs & Evening Studies, Heads of departments and many lecturers.

ASU students handled some projects among ten projects which were: the future on-line professional training, improving the sleeping experience hospital sector, and conceiving tomorrow's individual air transport.

Dr. Wassim guided ASU students to collaborate with student design teams from universities around the world. Students here spoke with French university students to discuss their ideas in Skype video conferencing sessions via French and English languages. The students received feedback from big name corporate sponsors. Not forgetting that this is the third time where ASU is joining this international competition.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."

Aristotle

Happy Reading

