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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 41st edition of the President News Digest.



As you are aware, the BOT has approved a new committee structure in the University, which will become operational from this coming academic year. All committees' chairs at University level are responsible to schedule their committee meetings with proper agenda and minutes. The agenda should cover strategic as well as operational issues and should address relevant university businesses including new programme approval, progression of students amongst many others. Committees at College and Department levels are the responsibility of the Deans and HODs. This is a major requirement for accreditation and the accreditation panel will ask for minutes of meetings, actions and closing the loops. At the beginning of the year we will create more awareness about how the new committee should operate and I can assure you that this activity will be audited on a regular basis. If you need any clarification about the committees and how they operate please do not hesitate to contact Ms Monia.

Our work on accreditation and change management is progressing according to plans. Please keep visiting the accreditation portal in order to have access to relevant documents, presentations, policies and bylaws.

On the 10th of August, the President visited Dr Mona Al Balooshi, Acting Secretary General of the HEC, Dr Imad Thabet, Advisor to the Minister for Education, and Dr Farzana Al Maraghi, Director of Scientific Research to discuss issues related to the development of the University.



On the 7th of September, an induction day for new staff and welcome back to returning staff will be held. This is a must attend event for all staff except divisions which deal with students recruitment. The induction day will help you get to know the newly hired staff and to make them feel welcome. In addition, the induction day will remind you about the University's directions, course portfolios and support you can get from the various administrative units including HR, finance, IT, etc.

We have many opportunities and challenges ahead of us next year. We need the drive, leadership, professionalism, loyalty and commitment to achieve institutional accreditation, launch our new programmes with LSBU and Cardiff Met and to turn our limited confidence programmes into full confidence. Through team working and high work ethics and working with love we can achieve more and help transform our university.

COURSE PORTFOLIOS

The production of course portfolios should be seen as an elegant process to document course specifications, assessment, course expectations and reflections that help students achieve their learning outcomes. This is vital from a quality assurance and accreditation perspectives. It is a relatively simple process, but it should be done with care, dedication and professionalism. At the end of the day, we are talking about our students' futures.

This is to remind you that all course portfolios should be updated and to the highest standards for every semester. This is a major requirement for accreditation. Soon, we will be conducting random checking on course portfolios. Believe me, colleagues, this is a basic requirement in all universities and we rely on your consciences to do a good job instead of bringing the University into disrepute, if it is not done properly.

The QAAC devised the 'Minimum Standard' for all university course portfolios in 2012 when introducing the concept of course portfolios to the university which also was supported by staff development activities. Furthermore, the QAAC in supporting the rollout of the course portfolio practice provided each course within each programme across all colleges with a pre-prepared format and template for the production of the portfolio contained within a file.

Please look at the following checklist and make sure that your course portfolios meet all the requirements in the checklist.

COURSE PORTFOLIO CONTENT CHECKLIST

محتويات ملف المقرر الدراسي

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| 1. Course Specification
مواصفات المقرر | ? |
| 2. Teaching Materials (Samples)
عينات من المادة التعليمية | ? |
| 3. Assessment Criteria and Rubrics
معايير التقييم وتوزيع الدرجات | ? |
| 4. Assessment Setting Report
تقرير تقييم الإمتحانات | ? |
| A. Internal Examiner Report
تقرير ممتحن داخلي | ? |
| B. External Examiner Report
تقرير ممتحن خارجي | ? |
| 5. Students' Assessed Work (Samples) including Feedback Sheets, where applicable
عينات من أعمال الطلبة المقيمة ومن ضمنها إستمارة التغذية الراجعة | ? |
| A. Home Work
الواجبات المكتوبة | ? |
| B. Individual or Group Tasks/Projects
مشاريع فردية أو جماعية | ? |
| C. Quizzes
امتحانات قصيرة | ? |
| D. Midterm Exam Papers
أسئلة إمتحان المنتصف | ? |
| E. Final Exam Papers
أسئلة الإمتحان النهائي | ? |
| 6. Internal Moderation Report
تقرير الإعتدال الداخلي (دقة وعدالة عملية التقييم) | ? |
| 7. Course Evaluation
تقييم المقرر | ? |
| A. Student Survey with Analysis & Feedback
إستبانات الطلبة مع التحليل والتغذية الراجعة | ? |
| B. Course Evaluation Report with Learning Outcome Assessment
تقرير تقييم المقرر مع نموذج تقييم مخرجات التعلم | ? |
| 8. Additional Course Materials
أي مستندات أخرى للمقر | ? |

PROF GHASSAN FEATURED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE CIOB CONSTRUCTION MANAGER MAGAZINE 8TH OF AUGUST 2016

Professor Ghassan Aouad, Past President of CIOB, has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Technology from Loughborough University for his services to the construction industry.



Honorary doctorates of technology are usually awarded to individuals of exceptional and outstanding achievements in their discipline and for their contribution to society and science and technology.

Professor Aouad has been the President of the Applied Science University, Bahrain, since November 2014. The Middle East Economic Digest named him as one of the top ten academic leaders shaping executive education in the Middle East.

Professor Aouad was appointed as Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) in March 2010 and became President in June 2014 for a year. He is the first ever president with a Middle Eastern background. He said: “It is a privilege and an honor to receive this honorary doctorate from a prestigious university which is conducting some of the finest research in the World to improve the quality of the built environment.”

He spent five years in the Department of Civil and Building Engineering of Loughborough University where he obtained his MSc in Construction (1987) and his PhD entitled Integrated Planning Systems for the Construction Industry (1991).

In 1992, Professor Aouad joined the University of Salford as a Research Fellow and progressed through to the role of Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation and Dean of the College of Science & Technology before he left in December 2011.

INTERNSHIPS FROM CAPITAL GOVERNORATE ASSIGNED TO APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS *(written by Ms. Edyta Pryzbyla)*

H.E. Hasan Abdulla Al Madani, Deputy Governor of the Capital Governorate met with a Delegation from Applied Science University headed by Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University on 25th July 2016. Both parties discussed potential ways of future cooperation and agreed on projects and joint programmes. Future plans and activities were taken into consideration as well. This meeting was to a follow up on the Memorandum of Understanding signed last year.



The Deputy Governor confirmed during the meeting that the Capital Governorate will support the plans and programmes which will contribute to upgrading the level of education in the Kingdom of Bahrain, believing that increasing the awareness of the importance of education will create a generation who would help building safe and connected society, hailing the role of Applied Science University in developing the education sector in the Kingdom.

The Deputy Governor added: “The Capital Governorate wants to strengthen the partnerships with the community and work hard to build bridges of cooperation and communication with the private sector in the Kingdom in order to achieve the desired goals”.

Professor Ghasan Aouad spoke about the strategies that the University has in place to strengthen the academic programmes and raise the quality of education of the graduates. Professor Ghassan appreciated and thanked His Excellency Sheikh Hisham Bin AbdulRahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of the Capital Governorate, for his continuous support.

Mr Yusuf Lori, Head of Strategic Planning and Projects Management in the Governorate, presented the joint plans and projects between the Capital Governorate and Applied Science University. Also, in preparation for the research study organized by the Capital Governorate, students from the University will be provided with internship programmes to help conduct this research. Organizing charity and social activities to strengthen the concepts of a community partnership will be a valuable addition to the above.



INTERESTING READING “WORKING WITH LOVE” (*The Prophet: Gibran Khalil Gibran*)

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,
And to know that all the blessed dead
Are standing about you and watching.

Often have I heard you say, as if speaking in sleep, "He who works in marble, and finds the shape of his own soul in the stone, is nobler than he who ploughs the soil.

And he, who seizes the rainbow to lay it on a cloth in the likeness of man, is more than he who makes the sandals for our feet."

But I say, not in sleep but in the over wakefulness of noontide, that the wind speaks not more sweetly to the giant oaks than to the least of all the blades of grass;

And he alone is great who turns the voice of the wind into a song made sweeter by his own loving.
Work is love made visible.

And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half man's hunger.

And if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, your grudge distils a poison in the wine.

And if you sing though as angels, and love not the singing, you muffle man's ears to the voices of the day and the voices of the night.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK: LUNCH OF THE WEEK

Best lunch ever, Bahraini bread, olive oil, salt, and black tea (unfortunately no Zaatar). Perfect for team bonding with Abdulla, Yasser, Maan, Diana and the President



REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Induction of new staff, 7th of September

BOT meeting 8th of September

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

Michaelangelo



Enjoy Reading
