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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 17th issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest. In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “Emotional Intelligence as part of the employability of graduates”.



Emotional Intelligence plays an important role in the area of graduate employability. Emotional Intelligence is concerned with the ability to perceive, understand and manage emotion, both in ourselves and others. It is therefore important to enable our students and graduates to be emotionally intelligent in order to cope with a fast developing and complex market market place. Our graduates will become one-day future leaders in industry and government, and we should equip them with emotional intelligence skills.

The skills and techniques for emotional intelligence may be developed throughout someone's life as part of lifelong learning and would form the foundation for a balanced lifestyle. Students and graduates should, however, be taught about emotional intelligence in order to cope with stresses in their personal and career lives. The curriculum should include parts about emotional intelligence and our students should be exposed to some training in this area.

Academic leaders are challenged on a daily basis to ensure that they are delivering a second to none student experience to their students. In addition, they are expected to improve the quality of teaching and research and they are facing varying demands from staff and students and external bodies. These challenges will often require a different set of skills and emotions. As a result, they are becoming aware that working in an emotion-filled context requires a special set of skills, and have recognized the importance of Emotional Intelligence (EI) for leading their people. These skills should be passed to our graduates in order to enable them to become capable graduates who can meet the complexity of real life and working environments.

<https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/news-and-views/why-we%20need-emotional-intelligence-in-higher-education>

<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1134442.pdf>

<https://sunysail.org/2017/10/20/using-emotional-intelligence-to-lead-in-higher-education/>

## THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES

### Applied Science University Visited Shura Council



On Sunday, 17 February 2019, the Community Engagement Office in cooperation with the College of Law and the Department of Political Science organised a visit to Shura Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

A number of academic and administrative staff and students took part in the visit and attended one part of the weekly council session. A brief lecture was given to them explaining the origins and mechanisms of legislative work and the legislative relationship between the Shura and the House of Representatives, and



how the proposals of laws and projects shall be subject to the laws and the legislative mechanism for discussion. A tour to the Council library took place, in addition to attending a management session to learn about the mechanism for preparing session moderators.



### Applied Science University Visited the Council of Representatives

On Tuesday, 19 February 2019 the Community Engagement Office in cooperation with the College of Law and the Department of Political Science organised a visit to the Council of Representatives in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

A number of academic and administrative staff and students took part in the visit. They were briefed about the progress of the parliamentary life in the Parliament, as part of a program to spread the parliamentary culture of the youth, and youth categories, which is carried out by the General Secretariat of the House of Representatives.

## INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Laila Saleh Salman Ebrahim

Position: Administrator in the Department of Political science.

### 1. Tell us about yourself: (Your childhood, academic background)

I was born in Al Muharraq, and live with my family.

I am very kind and friendly in my relations with others.

I graduated from University of Bahrain with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. Also, I achieved a Certificate in Executive Secretary.

### 2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I am now working as an Administrator in the Department of Political Science.

I joined ASU in 2015. My first job at ASU was in the training department at the College of Administrative Sciences, and then I moved to the Political Science Department.

I enjoy working with my colleagues.

### 3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

I'm so proud of ASU, because it is the University that is growing step by step, as recently ranked 45th in the QS Arab Region University Rankings 2019, and heading towards getting the Accreditation certification.

ASU delegation also toured the departments of the General Secretariat of the Council for a closer look at the mechanism of dealing with the various decisions and legislations submitted by the deputies.



The delegation attended the tenth ordinary session of the Council of Representatives and were also given a series of valuable cultural and parliamentary publications.



### The Community Engagement Office organised a meeting about Autism

On Tuesday, 19th February 2019, the Community Engagement Office at ASU received and met with the International Organization for Child Protection (INOCPT) and a number of associations, with a specialty in the field of autism and early intervention centers and international organizations and those interested in autism, where they discussed cooperation frameworks and finding ways to raise awareness about Autism.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“When awareness is brought to an emotion, power is brought to your life.” – Tara Meyer Robson*

#### 4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the teamwork within the College staff & the academics; I consider them my second family.

#### 5. Tell us about your hobbies

I like reading and writing poetry.

#### 6. Tell us about your favourite food

Italian Food

#### 7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

“The 7 habits of highly effective people” by Stephen Covey

#### 8. Final words

Finally, I’m so proud of our ASU, and I wish our University more improvement and success.

Working for ASU has been an incredible experience. Being part of this University, and being able to contribute to it in some way, has been a great privilege.



## INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



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| Name:   | Jehad Dawood Almerbati   |
| Workplace:  | Nafaes & GPR   |
| Academic Degree   | Bachelor   |
| Academic Major  | Graphic design   |
| Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods. | <p>A great experience, I gained the knowledge and skills that prepared me to be successful at work and life, it was one of the most important stations in my educational journey. In this occasion I would like to spread my thanks to Dr. Mohammed Yasser and Prof. Samia Elshenawi who did not hesitate to provide assistance and did not spare to give their time, advice and practical implementation when I sought consultation even when they were not teaching me any course.</p> <p>The University library also had a role in developing the scientific research aspects through leading us as students to the required resources and books in addition to the continuous development in the library holdings and the assistance provided by the library staff. The University has also given us the space to enhance our self-confidence and provide advice in the fields of life skills. Dr. Faiza Zitouni enhanced my self-confidence and developed my life skills. The public relations Department gave me the necessary expertise to deal professionally with people, thanks to Mr. Abdul Hamid Baqi.</p>   |
| What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?                                   | I was blessed to have all the support from the Faculty and colleagues, ASU was as a second family to me. Mr. Mohammed Al-Najjar has played a major role in encouraging students to achieve success through activities; I had lots of fun in volunteering activities that contributed in developing my character traits and helped in building my confidence and courage.   |
| Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.  | <p>At the beginning, I faced opposition to study Graphic Design, where some had the idea that GD was nothing but a waste of time and effort, but as I insisted, I got my parents blessings as I was passionate about arts and drawing since I was a kid, also Uncle Harun and Uncle Raed encouraged me so I had the chance to correct this misconception. The Graphic designer creates visual concepts to communicate ideas that inspires or captivates people, develops the overall layout and production design. It combines science, artistic skill and taste. It was not easy at all but thanks to God I achieved many successes before graduation, I participated in the Higher Art Exhibition as a painter, supervised to design and produce a book in full by my own which needed the work of a whole team of designers, also I designed many projects in Bahrain and abroad.</p> <p>ASU had a significant impact on my career life; it gave me all the required skills to efficiently enter the labor market before graduation. Prior to graduation, I was the design and general coordinator of auctions at Nafaes. After graduation, I worked as a design and media officer at GPR, as well as media coordinator at Life Park.</p> |
| In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future? | Continuous communication with Alumni and integrating them into activities organized by ASU.  |
| Final words   | Special thanks to my Parents who did not hesitate for a moment to support and encourage me. My appreciation and gratitude goes to my pioneer, my uncle, Raed Almerbati, whom I draw my strength to achieve the successes, Also my uncle Haroon Alsoofi who had a great impact in the development of my drawing and design hobby, who leaves his work to discuss with me art and what I paint. I would like also to extend my heartfelt thanks to all ASU members (Faculty and staff) especially the President; Prof. Ghassan Aouad who are always steadfast in supporting students, and finally to my dear sister Maheera for giving me this opportunity to express my feelings.   |

Interviewed By: Maheera Faisal, Alumni Affairs Committee Chair; ASU Alumni Club

*Happy Reading!*