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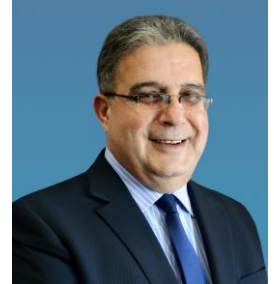
  
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 50th issue of the 4th volume of the President's News Digest. In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “**Leading by Example**”.



Great leaders usually lead by example and ultimately they become the role models of their people. Great leaders show the way instead of giving instructions. Instead of forcing colleagues to publish research work, we should work with them to demonstrate the satisfaction we can get from disseminating our research results to the community at large through research publications. We should mentor them and support them by providing guidelines based on our experiences as established researchers. Of course the same applies to any teaching, community engagement, services and administrative tasks.

Some people are naturally talented to act as leaders and some are good followers and they don't want to change to become leaders. Our duty is to support them as followers by leading by example and walking the walk and talking the talk.

When we looked at the great leaders in history, we soon realised that it was those who led by example in wars, politics, or academia. Let's learn great lessons from those leaders and follow their approach and style of leadership.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE CONDUCTED A SERIES OF BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS FOR NQF MAPPING AND SCORECARDS

The College of Arts and Science started conducting a series of brainstorming sessions for NQF mapping and scorecards. Till now two sessions were held on October 3rd and 10th. The aim of this practice is to map the programme courses to NQF and prepare their scorecards in order to place the college programmes on NQF. A good discussion took place among the staff of the three academic programmes: (Computer Science, Interior design and Graphic design).

Each programme is working together in parallel with other programmes to improve the documents, revise them, enhance and come out with a very good conclusion and deliverables.



Written By Dr. Moaiad Khder

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TRAINING WORKSHOP



On Tuesday 8th October 2019, a group of 16 students from the 4 colleges in the university along with Ms. Diana El Hageova, academic staff in the Department of General Studies, attended a workshop organized by the Scientific Research Directorate at the Higher Education Council in collaboration with the British Council.

The workshop titled “Scientific Research Training”, and delivered by staff from the British Council in the UK introduced students to what research is, gave the students the opportunity to think of their research projects and ended with a peer-review activity.

This workshop was the first stage of three of the national competition on Best Research Project. The second stage consists of students working on their research projects during the first semester in 3 categories: Presentation. Poster. Abstract. The University will then select the best 9 students to represent ASU in the competition. The final stage and the competition will take place in March 2020 where the afore-selected students will present their projects to judging panel competing with various universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

We wish our students all the best!

Written By Ms. Diana El Hageova

THE QUALITY OF LEARNING AND TEACHING WORKSHOP



In preparation for the upcoming Institutional Review inspection panel visit, Prof. Khaled Gharaibeh, Senior Adviser to the President for Academic Affairs and Development delivered a workshop covering Standard 4 of the self-evaluation report. The workshop took place on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at the Dome Hall and was attended by Deans, Vice Deans, Heads of Department and Programme Leaders.

Standard 4 is titled “The Quality of Learning and Teaching” and states the following: “The institution has a comprehensive planning system with a clear management structure and processes in place to ensure the quality of the teaching and learning programmes and their delivery”. Standard 4 includes the following 7 indicators:

- Indicator 13: Management of Teaching and Learning Programmes
- Indicator 14: Admissions
- Indicator 15: Introduction and Review of Programmes
- Indicator 16: Student Assessment and Moderation
- Indicator 17: The Learning Outcomes
- Indicator 18: Recognition of Prior Learning
- Indicator 19: Short Courses

The inspection panel visit will take place next week between 20 and 24 October 2019.

Written By Ms. Diana El Hageova

ALL-STAFF MEETING



On Thursday 10th October 2019, Prof. Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University, conducted an all-staff meeting in A. Nass auditorium to brief academic and administrative staff of ASU about the upcoming visit of the Institutional Review inspection panel which will take place on 20 to 24 October 2019. Students from the Student Council also attended the meeting.

The President covered all 8 areas of the self-evaluation report (SER) highlighting the most important points to remember for each area and stressed the importance of reading the SER for the panel might interview any staff or student at the university during their tour.

The meeting was very well attended.



Written By Ms. Diana El Hageova

COMMUNICATION MEETING



On Thursday 10th October 2019, Prof. Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University, conducted a Communication Meeting in Dome Hall for the Communication Group in the University which consists of senior academic and administrative staff, as well as Heads of Department and Programme Leaders. The meeting covered the following items:

- Preparation for the first Semester
- Marketing Plan & Student Recruitment for the 2nd Semester
- Institutional Review Visit by BQA
- NQF Placement
- Budgeting

The first item covered the number of admitted students for the first semester, the induction day which took place for academic and administrative staff and the orientation day for newly admitted students.

The second item about marketing was delivered by Ms. Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of the Marketing and PR Directorate, and was like a mini brain-storming session where ideas from the audience were shared to strengthen our marketing efforts. The third item



was about the upcoming Institutional Review inspection panel visit which will take place next week on 20 to 24 October 2019. The President stressed the importance of reading the Self-Evaluation Report.

The fourth item was about the status of the placement of ASU programme on the National Qualification Framework (NQF) register. The most recent programmes which applied for placement in September 2010 were Bachelor in Political Science and the Master in Accounting in Finance. The next programmes to apply for placement are the programmes of the College of Arts and Science and will do so in January 2020.

The last item was delivered by Mr. Abdullah Alkhaja, Director of the Finance and Administration Directorate and Mr. Arafat Hussein, Head of Finance Department, explaining the budgeting cycle at the University.

Written By Ms. Diana El Hage

INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	YASEEN QAED GHALEB MANSOOR
Workplace:	-
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Law
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	It was a very wonderful experience and the university refined my personality and made me someone feels important in the community
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	Entertainment and events that contribute to the development of society and connect the community to each other and also the most beautiful moment is when I was waiting for results.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	I intend to study a master's degree which is required for work.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	I want to see the university going higher in the league tables.
Final words	Best Regards to all staff and students of the University.

Interviewed By: Mrs. Noora Musalam, Manager of Career Development & Alumni Affairs Office - Deanship Of Student Affairs



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“To lead people, walk beside them. As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence ... When the best leader’s work is done, the people say, ‘We did it ourselves!’”

Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher

Happy Reading!