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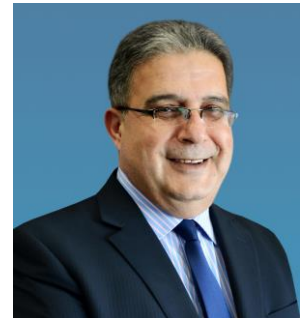
  
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 39th issue of the 4th volume of the President's News Digest. In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “**Evaluation of Teaching Performance**”.



Informal evaluation of teaching which is a vital part of the educational process dates back to the fifteenth century, when students at the University of Bologna paid instructors according to their teaching abilities. Many research studies have since then been conducted especially in the last century about student evaluation of lecturers/instructors, but no definitive answers have been reached regarding the effectiveness of this approach.

The evaluation of universities lecturers by students on a semester basis is widely practiced by many universities across the globe. The outcomes from such evaluation are useful in developing staff development strategies as an aid to staff performance improvement and to address any shortcomings or weaknesses identified by the students.

The instrument used to gather information about a lecturer’s teaching performance is usually a questionnaire survey that it is distributed (usually available online) and filled in by the students of the lecturer/instructor being evaluated. The content and timing of the survey are important parts of this evaluation. This should be supplemented by other means like peer review of teaching and evaluation of course portfolios amongst many others. Reliance on just one instrument is questionable as research has shown that students tend to praise lecturers who awarded them good grades.

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“TAKE” 2019 CONFERENCE THEORY AND APPLICATIONS IN THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY – 3-5 JULY 2019 VIENNA, AUSTRIA.



Dr Radwan Kharabsheh from the Department of Business Administration at ASU participated in the “TAKE 2019 Conference” which was held in Vienna, Austria. The conference was hosted by the Institute for Applied Research on Skilled Crafts and Trades (IAGF), based in the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ), and co-organized by the WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Research Group Knowledge-Based Management.



TAKE is an international scientific conference devoted to the multidisciplinary study of the knowledge economy. In particular, it intends to analyze the relation and the gap between theories and practices in the knowledge economy of the 21st century, thus, bringing together researchers, practitioners, and industry experts to discuss, advance, and shape the future of the knowledge economy.

The conference received more than 200 academic papers and had 70 accepted and presented in the conference that was delivered on 5 tracks. Dr Kharabsheh presented a paper titled “The mediating effect of learning orientation, proactive market orientation and absorptive capacity on the relationship between entrepreneurial orientation and organizational performance” and chaired numerous sessions in the conference.

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Dr. Abdullah K. Shehabat

Position: Acting Head of Department of General Studies/ College of Arts and Science

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

I am a self-made person. Married to Manar Balas, M.A. in Environmental Sciences, with three boys and one lovely girl. I always have had high and promising ambitions. I lived a very challenging yet amazing life! I was the littlest among 9 brothers and 6 sisters with a great Dad and an amazing patient Mom who used to milk 500 sheep before the sunrise!! A job that may require 5 machines to achieve in a timely-manner.

I always helped my father taking care of sheep and goats and cleaning up. I had never ever felt shy of doing so, which always made me the closest to dad’s heart. Working and studying had been an exercise of torture but made me self-sufficient.

I finished my high school in Al Sarieh, Irbid, in 1991 and joined Yarmouk University in 1992, majoring in English Language and Literature. After graduating in 1996, I had earned a Master’s degree in Translation studies at Yarmouk University in 2001.

Dr Kharabsheh also announced the release of a new journal in KM called “Journal of Knowledge Management Application and Practice” of which he is the chief editor and is published in New York, USA. The journal was also sponsored on the conference webpage as a venue for publication for participants of the conference.

The conference had numerous keynotes and attendees including: the secretary general of UNICEF for Austria, the Head of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce in Vienna and leading researchers in the KM and related fields including Alexander Kaiser from WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria, Aino Kianto from LUT University in Finland, Susanne Durst from University of Skövde in Sweden, Johann Kinghorn from Stellenbosch University in South Africa, Peter Sharp from Regent’s University London in the United Kingdom and many more.

Dr Kharabsheh expressed his gratitude for the continuous support to research and researchers at ASU by professor Waheeb Al Khaja and the president professor Ghassan Aouad.

Written by Dr. Radwan Kharabsheh

END OF ACADIMIC YEAR DEAPRTMENT CELEBRATIONS

On 24/7/2019, the Accounting and Finance Department held a ceremony on the occasion of the promotion of Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Hazbar, a faculty member in the Department who has been promoted to an Associate Professor.



During my study period, I was teaching at schools until I was appointed a lecturer at the Hashemite University, Jordan, in 2003

Teaching at university had motivated me to pursue my PhD due to the numerous opportunities it offered, let alone expanding my expertise and knowledge horizons.

It was not until 2007 when I got a full scholarship to pursue my PhD in American Literature from Western Michigan University, USA. I graduated in 2011. Since then, I have been teaching at Tafila Technical University (Currently on a sabbatical leave at ASU).

I held many administrative positions namely, Head of Department (twice), Language Center Director, Writing and Translation Unit Director and eventually the acting head of the Department of General Studies at ASU.

2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I am currently the Head of the Department of General studies, the largest department on campus at ASU. In addition to teaching, I try my best to facilitate the process of making the educational process successful.

I also coordinate the class schedule, organize work among colleagues, distribute tasks, supervise and observe classes for my colleagues, manage and supervise exams and regulate invigilation, coordinate with the College of Arts and Science regarding different committees.

The team and I will be working hard to achieve the noble mission of our lovely University.

3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

In fact, I am fortunate enough because I arrived in a time when great achievements had begun taking place.

Also, the Department celebrated the graduation of Hanan Nabil –Accounting and Finance Department Secretary who have graduated from ASU with a distinction Bachelor degree in Business Administration as well the graduation of Shaima Nabil - Administrator in ICT & Knowledge Management Directorate who graduated from ASU with a Bachelor degree in Accounting.

To conclude this Academic year 2018/2019, the Department held a farewell gathering for some faculty members who will leave ASU and wished them all the best.

Written by Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Hazbar

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to take this opportunity and Congratulate our staff who worked really hard to get their promotion and for those who completed their PhD.

1. Dr. Abdulqawi Ahmed Ghaleb Hezabr- promoted to an Associate Professor
2. Dr. Saeed Hameed Kurdi Al Dulaimi – promoted to an Associate Professor
3. Dr. Siddiq Babaker – Completed his PhD

Congratulations

ASU is going on the right track with its wise administration and academic staff. Honestly, ASU spares no effort to reach the highest levels of progress, distinction and excellence.

Thanks to Prof. Waheeb Al-Khaja for his insightful vision, engineered and executed by Prof. Ghassan Aouad and supervised and managed by Dr. Mohammad Yousif. All in all, I hope to follow the footsteps of our colleagues to make ASU amongst the best.

4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Actually, one enjoys teaching most. Though, administrative work gives you more experience in dealing with people around and puts you under pressure. At the end of the day, you keep learning in every single step you follow.

5. Tell us about your hobbies

Playing chess, Ping-Pong, Billiard, writing poetry, swimming, playing soccer, and, most significantly, walking.

6. Tell us about your favorite food

My favorite food is Maqloobeh, which translates into [upside down], a very common Jordanian dish.

7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

The Magic of Thinking Big by David j. Schwartz.

8. Final words

ASU ROCKS.

INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name	Arafat Hussein khasharmeh
Workplace	Applied Science University
Academic Degree	Masters
Academic Major	Accounting & Finance
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	<p>Amazing, One of the best universities across the Globe to graduate from. It has qualified and excellent academic staff which provide all the educational resources to grasp the knowledge.</p> <p>The way of teaching reflects the excellence and perfection of new ways of teaching and sharing the knowledge..</p>
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	It was interesting the way the academic staff cared about us as students and treated us as family.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU	ASU supported me all the way from the beginning of my study until I graduated.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	Need to add more programs and it would be great if there is a PhD program.
Final words	I wish the best for ASU as it is growing fast and becoming on the top of all private universities and more achievements to come

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Share your knowledge. It is a way to achieve immortality.”

Dalai Lama XIV

Happy Reading!