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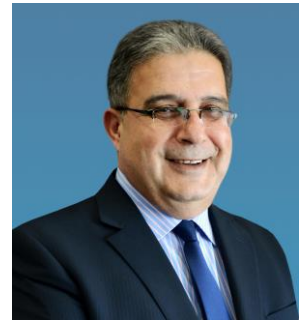
  
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 47th issue of the 4th volume of the President's News Digest. In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of **“Bahrain as a Knowledge Hub”**.



The Kingdom of Bahrain has all the ingredients to become a serious knowledge hub in the GCC region. The leadership has recognised for a long time that knowledge is an asset and the human capital is the most important resource. An analysis of the World Economic Forum competitiveness reports over the last five years demonstrate the advancements of the Kingdom in areas like infrastructure, education and health, and innovation and technology readiness. The Kingdom has moved from an efficiency to an innovation driven economy according to these reports. The following is a summary of evidences that support the argument that Bahrain could become a serious regional knowledge hub:

1. Clear directions from the top leadership articulated in vision 2030.
2. The government approach to diversify the economy.
3. State of the art Higher Education and Research Strategies developed by the Higher Education Council.
4. 50% or more of universities are now accredited by the Higher Education Council and it is expected that most universities will be accredited by the end of the year.
5. The BQA work in institutional and programme reviews and NQF institutional listing and placement of academic programmes.

6. The excellent work by the Economic Development Board in identifying priority sectors.
7. The excellent work by the education committee of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry to promote educational tourism.
8. The performance of local universities in regional and international rankings.
9. The rapid presence of many foreign institutions in the Kingdom.
10. The central location of the Kingdom and its open approach to foreign investments.
11. The big demand for universities courses in the Gulf Region and beyond

It is clear from the above reasons that the Kingdom of Bahrain could become a serious regional knowledge hub. Putting the systems in place and building the capabilities through international links will ensure that the knowledge hub idea could become a reality sooner than expected. Lessons learnt from the Dubai experience could be very useful. A very final word “people and knowledge are the true assets of a nation and Bahrain have both”.

NQF SCORECARDS WORKSHOP AT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

The College of Arts and Science in collaboration with the QAAC conducted an awareness session titled "**NQF Scorecards Preparation**" last Monday 16th Sep, 2019. The session was delivered by Dr. Mohammad AlAghbari, Head of QAAC Academic Affairs Unit.

The aim of the session was to guide the Arts and Science academic staff regarding the processes of preparing for the NQF scorecards in order to place the college programs in NQF.

A good discussion took place, where Prof. Ayman Aldmoor Acting Dean of the College and Prof. Hilal AlBayatti Director of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre emphasized on the importance of the NQF process and how a good preparation of scorecards will help to place the programmes on the right track to achieve NQF. In addition to that, Dr. Odai AlJboory Vice Dean and the Head of Quality Assurance at the College highlighted some important issues within the same topic.



Written by Dr. Moaiad Khader

STARTUP MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020



On Tuesday, 17th September 2019 the Deanship of the College of Arts and Science arranged a startup meeting for the academic year 2019/2020 to all staff .

Prof. Ayman AlDmoor Acting Dean of the College started the meeting by welcoming all staff followed by special welcome to our new members of the team who have joined us this year Dr. Waleed Nabil and Dr. Mahmood Morad, then he thanked all staff for last year efforts and excellent work.

Prof. Ayman discussed the important actions for this academic year which include:

- Academic Calendar.
- Institutional Review visit
- NQF process
- New staff Induction day
- New student Orientation day
- Academic Advising
- Use of E-Learning systems
- Preparing Course Portfolios



In addition to that, the College Committees formed according to the University Policies.

Written by Dr. Moaiad Khader

INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Ahmed Ali Yusuf
Workplace:	
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Management Information System
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	It was an amazing experience and the environment of the University was really interesting for student's life. The teaching methods were very modern and easy to access via ASU student portal.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	I have enjoyed being a part of the ASU family and I am very pleased and grateful for our well experienced and educated lecturers who were always there to support us.



Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.

After my graduation , I have set some goals in my life in order to develop. Therefore, I am planning to continue my Masters study at ASU.

In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?

Open more branches of the University and open more Masters classes.

Final words

Thank you ASU for being an extraordinary University.

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others”.

John Locke

Happy Reading!