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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 9th issue of the 4th year of the President's News Digest.

In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “Learning Spaces and Emerging Technologies”



Informal learning spaces are essential requirements of modern learning. These informal spaces should be supported by enabling technologies.. While teaching in the classrooms is important, it is equally important to provide information learning spaces as students spend a substantial amount of time between classes and their interactions in a well designed space could enhance their learning experiences.

The design of the library is also important by providing spaces, which enable exciting and innovative learning. State of the art technologies should also be made available in order to support such learning.

Digital technologies and pedagogy should be an integral element of all universities strategies for teaching and learning, and digital skills must be given enough attention in a changing world. Digital spaces are becoming the norm and the generation of social media is requesting such spaces.

The adoption of emerging technologies by faculty across campus is essential to embrace a culture of innovation. Sharing of good practices and innovative ideas is essential in this modern age of technological advances.

A University-wide e-learning strategy should take into account the design of formal and informal learning spaces, the proper use of technologies in the library and classrooms and should incorporate KPIs related to the proper use of technologies and the use of formal and informal learning spaces. The use of Moodle remains the most important technology in promoting an e-learning environment and its use should be evaluated on regular basis.

## NASS HORSE RACING DAY

On Friday 28 December, the President attended the Nass Racing Day held at Rashid Equestrian & Horseracing Club and handed on behalf of the Chairman of the BOTs, Professor Waheeb Alkhaja, a trophy to the winner of the ASU sponsored race. The race was attended by HH Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, Mr Fawzi Nass, and many dignitaries.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HELD ITS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – 1ST SEMESTER 2018/2019



On Monday, 24 Dec 2018, the Computer Science Department held its advisory board meeting at ASU. Prof Ayman AlDmoor - Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Dr Moaiad Khder – HoD of Computer Science, Dr Jamal Sultan – CS Program Coordinator attended as members, while Prof Hilal AlBayatti, Prof Yazeed AlSbou, Dr Samer Shorman and Ms Eman AlSadeq from ASU attended as invited guests. External members from the industrial field: Mr. Nizar Ma'roof, Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman, and Ms. Maha AlBanki have attended the Computer Science Department advisory board meeting.

The meeting started by welcoming the audience, and electing Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman as the new chair for CS advisory board. Ms. Eman AlSadeq- Head of Governance and Strategic Planning Unit presented the University's strategic plan for the advisory board and discussed the strategic objectives and KPIs, the Seven Strategic Pillars, Development Implementation and Monitoring, and the role of advisory board in the strategic plan. Dr. Moaiad and Dr. Jamal presented the progress of CS programme since last advisory meeting, and they showed the improvement plan based on advisory board, external reviewer report and BQA review report feedback and comments. Prof. Ayman, Prof. Yazeed, and Prof. Hilal took place in discussion with advisory board about the demand for computer science

## INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Alaa Mohammad Ahmad

Position: Administrator for MIS Department and Training and Internship Unit

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

I was born in Bahrain, I am married with two pretty girls. I obtained my BSc Degree in Law in 2015 from Al-Bayt University.

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

I assist the students in providing them with tools and resources to help them find an internship; in addition to my admin work in the MIS Department.

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

I hope ASU continues to develop and succeed, and open new programmes to become an international University.

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

Dealing with students and assist them in getting internship jobs is a joy for me.

### 5. Tell us about your hobbies

Swimming and sports.

program and its usefulness for Bahraini market. Mr. Nizar Ma'roof, Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman, and Ms. Maha AlBanki highlighted how to take advantage of NGO, scientific societies and increase the cooperation between governmental, NGO, scientific societies and ASU, in addition they highlighted some ways to strengthen the relationships between the department and the industry.

## INTERVIEW WITH ALUMNUS



Name:	Noora Mohammed Albuainani
Workplace:	Recently graduated, currently unemployed
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Political Sciences
Do you intend to pursue further Higher Education? What Major?	Yes, Masters in Political Sciences.
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	ASU degree is highly attractive to employers, ASU offers its' students a high-quality, research-led education, and enhance its global reputation by recruiting the best academics.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	I had many friends that I am still in touch with.
In your Opinion, What are the improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	ASU continually invest in new and existing facilities and technology.
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	Coming to the University has been one of the defining moments of my life. The program allowed a great deal of flexibility and I have been able to fully explore my interests in different subjects.
Final words	I love ASU

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

### 6. Tell us about your favourite food

Chinese food and Italian food.

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

I like to read health books in general.

### 8. Final words

I wish ASU all the best and success.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Concision in style, precision in thought, decision in life.”*

**Victor Hugo**

*Happy Reading!*