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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 50th issue of the 6th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue **Prof. Ghassan Aouad**, the **President of Applied Science University** will address the subject of "QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022".

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QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022

The University has been ranked in the top 500 universities in the QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022, the only university to be ranked in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The QS Graduate Employability Rankings is designed to provide a comparison between universities' performance in terms of graduate employability outcomes and prospects. Each institution's score is comprised of five carefully chosen indicators.

- Employer reputation (30%)
- Alumni outcomes (25%)

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- Partnerships with Employers per Faculty (25%)
- Employer/Student Connections (10%)
- Graduate employment rate (10%)

On the 26th of September a celebration took place to mark this big achievement. Speeches were made by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, the President of the University, Dr Ashwin Fernandes, QS Regional Director – Middle East, Africa & South Asia, Mr Mohamed Janahi, President of the Alumni Club with contributions from various alumni and students. The MC of the ceremony was the one and only Ms Ruqaya Mohsen.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Waheeb and to thank him for his vision and support and all colleagues and staff and students and alumni and to also thank Dr Mohamed Yousif and his team for the tireless efforts and great leadership. The list of Arab Universities ranked is shown below, only 17 Arab Universities are ranked and ASU is one of them Alhamdullilah:

73 American University of Beirut (AUB)

201-250 The American University in Cairo

251-300 King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals

251-300 Lebanese American University

301-500 Ain Shams University

301-500 American University of Sharjah

301-500 King Abdulaziz University (KAU)

301-500 Kuwait University

301-500 Lebanese University

301-500 Qatar University



Written By Prof. Ghassan Aouad The President of Applied Science University 301-500 Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ)

- 301-500 United Arab Emirates University
- 301-500 University of Baghdad
- 301-500 University of Jordan
- 501+ American University in Dubai

501+ Applied Science University – Bahrain

- 501+ Khalifa University
- 501+ Sultan Qaboos University

Please Keep up the good work and let ASU shine as usual.

"The Role of Turnitin in Research Authenticity and Academic Integrity" Workshop

On October 5th, 2021, the Academic Staff Development Unit (ASDU) in collaboration with the Library and Information Services Directorate held a workshop for the College of Arts and Science and other colleges. The aim of the workshop was to focus on how to expand the usage of plagiarism detection tool (Turnitin).

This workshop came to expand the use of the Turnitin tool features and services and to emphasize on the role of turnitin in research authenticity and academic integrity, as there will be another workshop on how to use the analytics dashboard and plugin for the various results and statistics that can be extracted.



Written By: Dr. Moaiad Khder Head of Computer Science Department



Students and Employees "Stay Safe"

Students and employees safety is the priority of Applied Science University. Therefore, the University set out the safety and precautionary measures across all the campus.

These safety precautions were set as we are emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic and with a densely populated campus; it is in all our best interests to keep each other safe. ASU recommend everyone in the campus to be compliance with these safety measures for their own health and safety:



Monitor Your Daily Health

Students and employees will be expected to self-monitor their health on a daily basis for symptoms including temperature, cough, loss of smell or taste, difficulty breathing, fatigue and more. The Health Unit nurse monitors your daily temperature as a part of COVID-19 symptom screening.



Wear a mask

All staff, students and visitors are required to wear a face mask when entering the university regardless of vaccination status.



Don' skip your vaccination

Getting vaccinated is the safest and quickest way to protect your own health and that of your family and friends .



Practice Hygiene Etiquette

• Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash or disinfect hands.

 Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing the nose, coughing or sneezing or use an ethyl alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60%-95% alcohol.

ASU has placed numbers of sanitizer stations throughout campus.



Practice safe distancing

Social distancing, or physical distancing, is the practice of allowing enough space between individuals to reduce the spread of disease.

Finally, we all have to play our part in stopping the spread of the virus, even as restrictions are largely removed. Transmission of coronavirus is most strongly associated with close and prolonged contact in indoor places. The highest risks are in crowded and poorly ventilated spaces over extended periods





College of Engineering Orientation Day

On October 7, 2021, the College of Engineering conducted an orientation day for newly enrolled Level S students for the 2021-2022 academic year. The purpose of the orientation day was to introduce students to all staff members in the College and guests from London South Bank University, as well as acquainting them with the regulations and expectations of the College.

Mr. Noel Lavin, Director of Foundation Year, began the event by welcoming students and thanking them for their presence. College staff, associated staff and guests from LSBU then greeted the students and took a few moments to introduce themselves and talk about their respective roles within the College and University.

Dr. Mohamed Salama, Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, took some time to brief the students about the College of Engineering and affirmed that all students would be fully supported during their academic journey. This was followed by Dr. Marwan Aouad, Acting Vice Dean of the College of Engineering, who echoed Dr. Salama sentiments and shared an overview of the College's mission, vision and goals. Dr. Mandy Maidment, Academic Dean, LSBU Global at London South Bank University, followed this by talking about the strong and collaborative partnership between ASU and LSBU.

Mr. Lavin then took some time to go over key aspects of university life such as attendance and participation, the importance of reviewing module study guides, differences between UK and US marking schemes, assessment structures, and the requirements for progression to Level 4 of the students' chosen degree programmes.

Following that, Mr. Lavin was joined by Mr. Mohamed Najjar, Office Manager, Student Services Office, who welcomed the students and spoke about the various support mechanisms and staff within the Deanship of Student Affairs. Mr. Najjar also provided the students with the University's communication channels and some useful advice for their academic life.

The event concluded with a question and answer session in which the students were asked to voice concerns or questions, and to share their opinions.





Quote of the Week

"I invite everyone to choose forgiveness rather than division, teamwork over personal ambition."

- Jean-Francois Cope

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