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WELCOME

Welcome to the 12th ASU President News Digest. In this weekly digest which will keep you abreast about activities in the University, we will cover stories related to the kick-off meeting for accreditation and Change Management, Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami Participating In ICSIC 2016, The Journal of Applied Science University. In the reminder of the week, we will be reminding you about the Accreditation Standards, Area 1.

Please keep Ms Tania Kashou and Ms Ayat Nass informed about activities or events that you would like to include in the news digest.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was really pleasing to see more than 140 academic and administrative staff attending the kick-off meeting for accreditation and change management, in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja. The event was reported in most of the Bahraini daily newspapers.

The event started with a presentation about our preparation for accreditation and the kicking off of the change management group. The presentation covered the 8 areas of accreditation, 31 standards and 243 key indicators and our self assessment of where we are in this area. Following this, the 13 change managements projects were described and their champions identified. Professor Saad presented project 1 on committees structure and Mr Mohammed Yousif presented Project 2 on organizational structure and RACI. The 2 hours sessions concluded with a Q/A sessions delivered by Dr Assem, Prof Saad, Mr Mohammed, Dr Ahmed Azzam, Dr Yasser and Ms Monia, facilitated by the President. We received very positive feedback from staff who found the event very informative and engaging.

Accreditation is a very important activity over the next few months, and I expect all staff to become well versed in this area by reading thoroughly the HEC accreditation handbook.

THE JOURNAL OF APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY

The Higher Education Council has formally approved the publication of The Journal of applied Science University (ISSN 1764-2210). The first issue is now in press and dedicated to topics in Computing.

The Journal publishes papers covering all aspects of Applied Sciences and in particular, those core disciplines of the University. All articles (full length/short papers) should include a validation of the idea presented, e.g. through case studies, experiments, or systematic comparisons with other approaches already in practice.

All papers are refereed through a double-blind process. Submitted articles should not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Conference papers may only be submitted if the paper has been completely re-written (taken to mean more than 50%) and the author has cleared any necessary permissions with the copyright owner if it has been previously copyrighted.

The journal welcomes state-of-the-art surveys and reports of practical experience for all the topics of interest.

DR. MOHAMMAD AL-HAMAMI PARTICIPATING IN ICSIC 2016

Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami, Assistant professor in Management Information Systems Department, participated in the International Computer Sciences and Informatics Conference (ICSIC 2016) by submitting and presenting a scientific paper titled "Enhance Mobile Phones Privacy Based on Steganography". The conference was organized by Amman Arab University, Amman, Jordan on 12 & 13 January 2016.

STUDENTS AFFAIRS MEETING WITH VP ACADEMIC & DEVELOPMENT

The deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies organised an important communication meeting between members of the Students Council, the Vice President of Academic Affairs & Development, and the Deans of the Colleges on 21 January 2016.

The three hours meeting was held in order to discuss the students related matters of the past semester and provide future recommendations for a smooth run of the next upcoming semester.

Issues discussed: Feedback on final Examination, registration, academic advising and other pressing issues.

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The community Engagement Office in collaboration with College of Law, coordinated an event with Malik Bin Anas Society" Nadwat AlSoroor". Dr Murad Al Jababi faculty member of College of Law administered this event in celebrating the birth of Prophet Mohammed (Peace be upon him). Members of ASU staff attended this celebration. A group of Ulama'a from Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Iraq and Bahrain gave speeches about the lessons to be learned from our Prophet and and the meaning of his

birth to humanity. Prof Saad Darwish, Prof Hilal Al Bayati, Dr Jamal Alsultan and Dr Amjad Mansoor attended this distinguished celebration.

INDUCTION DAY FOR THE FIRST ASU'S ALUMNI CLUB COUNCIL

The Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organized an Induction Day for the first ASU's Alumni Club Council on Saturday 23 January 2016. The President of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad explained the importance of the Alumni Club and its crucial role in the University's strategic planning, and future development.

REMINDER OF THE WEEK

THE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

AREA 1: Governance, Strategy and Financial Management (3 Standards)

1. The institution must be effectively and responsibly governed (11 KIs)

1.1. The organizational structure, including the role and extent of authority of any owners, directors or Board of Trustees, must be clearly defined, documented and understood by stakeholders including students.

1.2. The President, Vice-President, directors, board members and other relevant persons must be suitably qualified and experienced, understand their specific responsibilities and be effective in carrying them out.

1.3. Policies, procedures and systems linking governance and management must be well documented and effectively disseminated across the institution.

1.4. The institution must engage in appropriate risk management planning, which is administered and monitored by named individuals.

1.5. The governing body must conduct regular risk assessment exercises in all areas of the institution's provision.

1.6. The governing body must have systems for regularly reviewing its own performance.

1.7. Any partnership or cross-border collaboration must contain a risk-management strategy to protect students should there be any dispute.

1.8. There must be a clear separation of ownership and responsibility for financial matters from academic decision making.

1.9. All relationships with other educational institutions and organizations must be defined formally and be fully transparent, with institutions compliant with partner or parent institutions' requirements, where applicable.

1.10. The institution must have a clear vision, mission and values which must be disseminated to all stakeholders.

1.11. The vision, mission and values must underpin the institution's strategy and be in line with national and global educational objectives.

2. The institution must have a clear and achievable strategy (5 KIs)

2.1. The institution must have a clear strategy for the development of its higher education provision which must be supported by appropriate financial management and be in line with the HEC National Strategy for Higher Education in the Kingdom and the 2030 vision of a knowledge economy.

2.2. There must be provision for stakeholder, including students and employers, input to inform the strategic direction of the institution.

2.3. The strategy must be well communicated to all stakeholders including students, within and outside the institution.

2.4. Accurate data must be collected and collated systematically in order to provide a reliable measure of success against key performance indicators.

2.5. The governing body and senior management must conduct regular and systematic reviews of their own and the institution's overall performance and measure this performance against strategic targets.

3. **Financial management must be open, honest and effective (5 KIs)**

3.1. The institution must conduct its financial matters transparently and with appropriate probity.

3.2. The institution's finances must be subject to regular independent external audit.

3.3. The institution must have robust and comprehensive budgetary procedures which ensure that its resources are sufficient and which demonstrate it is capable of utilizing its financial resources efficiently and responsibly.

3.4. The institution must have a clear line of responsibility and authority for budgeting and resource allocation that takes into account the specific needs of each department.

3.5. Academic program managers must be given sufficient autonomy to allocate resources appropriately to achieve the program objectives and to maintain high standards.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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