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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On 22 March, the University took part in the Educational Exhibition (Edutex) as a Gold Sponsor and on 24, the University took part in the Bahrain Book Fair.



On 22 March, we hosted colleagues from QQA to look at the improvements plans for our programs in Administrative Sciences. Over the next few weeks, we will be very busy with the preparation for our Programs Reviews in Arts and Science. The review visit will take place on the 9 May.

PROFESSOR HAMZAH'S NEW APPOINTMENT

It has been announced this week that Professor Riyadh Hamzah is to be appointed as President of University of Bahrain. On behalf of the University, we would like to congratulate Professor Riyadh on this prestigious appointment and wish him well.



PROFESSOR GHASSAN AOUD TO RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE

We are pleased to announce that Professor Ghassan Aouad, President of Applied Science University in the UK has received an invitation on behalf of the Council and Senate of Loughborough University to receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology in recognition of his significant contribution to the construction industry in both UK and the Gulf region.



We all send him our heartiest congratulations.

What's New?





ASU PARTICIPATES IN EDUCATION & TRAINING INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION (EDUTEX BAHRAIN) 2016

ASU participated in Education & Training International Exhibition (EDUTEX Bahrain) 2016 that was held at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre. 52 universities and institutions from 13 Arab and western countries participated in the exhibition.

ASU representatives were in attendance to advise the visitors on ASU programmes and degrees obtained. They also guided new students and answered any questions or concerns they might have had.

Mrs. Ruqaya Mohsen, Marketing and Public Affairs Director at the university, explained that the exhibition gave a chance to the visitors to know the activities of the university. She added that the university's aim is to promote the quality of education, and for this reason, ASU is considered to be one of the best private universities in Bahrain.



ASU HOSTED BH-UK ALUMNI BOARD

ASU hosted BH-UK Alumni Board on the 22 March. The Board was welcomed by Prof Ghassan, Prof Saad and Ustaza Ruqaya. This board is a valuable connection for ASU as it will create a good network for the university and help in building contacts with different bodies in Bahrain. The Alumni community will also be an excellent source for extended support to the university's activities.



ASU LIBRARY LAUNCHED THE LIBQUAL SURVEY

On 20 March, ASU library has launched the LibQual survey campaign. LibQual is a suite of services that libraries use to track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality. The library has conducted daily sessions in the three colleges for staff, and in lectures to approach students and encourage them to participate in the online survey. The survey campaign will be on until 6 April 2016. Academic and administrative staff sessions will be held in the library in order to reach the maximum participation of ASU members to benefit from all opinions to develop ASU library.

Valid Surveys by Position:			
Position	Valid	Percentage	Count
Undergraduate:	311	86.63 %	
Postgraduate:	3	0.84 %	
Academic Staff:	32	8.91 %	
Staff:	13	3.62 %	
Total:	359		



LECTURE ON “ASU RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES STATUS AND DEVELOPMENT”

On Thursday, 24 March, Prof. Siddeeq Yousif Ameen, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies delivered a lecture on “ASU Research and Graduate Studies Status and Development”. The lecture was attended by the University President, VP for Academic Affairs, VP Assistant and consultants, deans and members of staff. In his lecture, Prof. Siddeeq outlined ASU’s research strategy and the ways to strengthen university research capacity via creating an environment for faculty members to perform research and establish sources of research funding for universities. It also showed the approaches to strengthen the integration of Bahrain academic institutions with international research institutions and collaborative research across disciplines.



Prof. Siddeeq also outlined the graduate studies at ASU and how it can be improved via the simplified chart for PG By-laws and procedures. Finally, recommendations on research and graduate studies development were discussed by faculty and staff from the audience.

WORKSHOP TITLED “APPLYING MODERATION PROCESS”

The Academic Staff Development Unit held a workshop titled “Applying Moderation Process” on 20 March 2016 for the the Management Information System Department, College of Administrative Sciences.



This workshop focused on applying the moderation process practically by the MIS programme team, to focus on the consistency of the evaluation of the marking process and the equity of marking for midterm exams for the second semester 2015/2016 .

FIELD VISIT FOR INTERNSHIP IN (BMIS) PROGRAMME

Dr Ghossoon AlSadoon, the Internship Supervisor for the Bachelor Degree in Management Information System (BMIS) programme, has visited one of the intern students in the training site at Oman Air at Bahrain International Airport on 15 March 2016. She also visited another internship student at Southern Area Municipality. The purpose of the visits was a follow up on the students’ progress on site and to make sure that the training is relevant to the field to MIS programme.

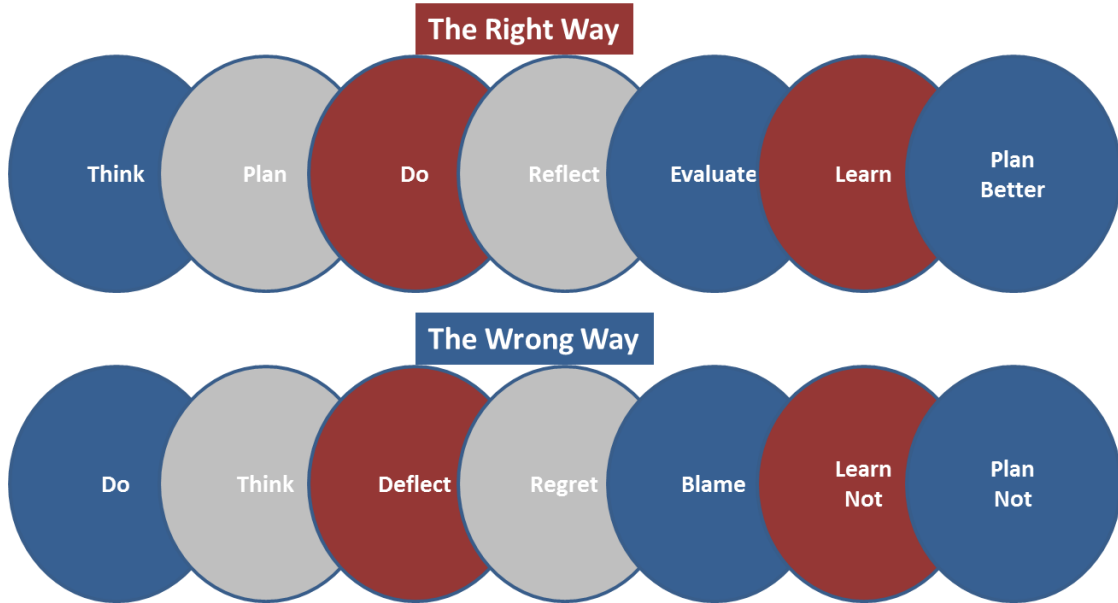


Dr AlSadoon met with Airport Services Executives who confirmed that the students have been trained on advanced technology using new information systems in the different departments.





REMINDER OF THE WEEK



Failing to plan is planning to fail

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Without change there is no innovation, creativity, or incentive for improvement. Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable.

William Pollard



Enjoy Reading
