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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The University was buzzing last week with many activities and celebrations. On 14 April, the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organised a great event to celebrate the achievement of our Basketball team for winning the championship of Bahraini Universities in Basketball. On 13 and 14 April, we hosted Professor Loutfi of Cardiff Metropolitan University to strengthen our collaboration with our UK partner. On 13 April, our students in Arts and Science were recognised by Nass Corporation for designing the cover of their magazine and what a nice design they have produced. Many thanks are due to Dr Belal, Dr Jamal, Professor Samya, Dr Yasser and our students who have made us proud.



On 14 April, Dr Mohamed Al Aghbari gave a noteworthy seminar on E-training in the Ministry of Education in Bahrain. The seminar was the 6th one in the research seminar series being organised by Dr Ramzi. Between the 9 and 12 April, the president attended the 49th meeting of the Association of Arab universities at United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain, UAE. He also attended the executive council meeting of the Association as a representative of Bahraini Universities. Finally, I would like to inform you that our application to become a member of AACSB has been successful, we will put a plan now to achieve accreditation of the College of Administrative Sciences in 5 years time. I am grateful to the great effort by Dr Assem, Prof Zedan, Dr Ziad and Dr Ramzi for achieving this. This is fantastic news for us and a step in the right direction to transform our University.

The University has successfully compiled staff CVs to a standard template, and has completed observation of all academic staff as a major fulfillment for accreditation requirement. Thank you Dr Assem and Diana for your effort.

What's New?





SIXTH RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES AT THE COLLEGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES

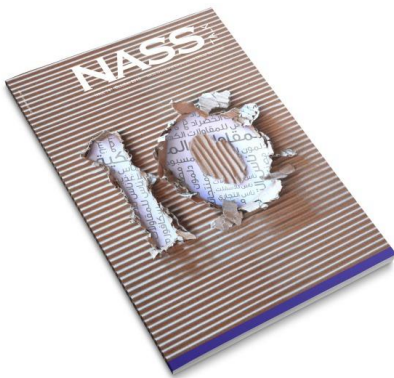
The College of Administrative Sciences has organised its sixth research seminar series on 14 April 2016. A presentation was delivered by Dr Mohammad Al Aghbari, a faculty member at the department of Business Administration and chaired by the Vice Dean of the College of Administrative Sciences Dr Ramzi Nekhili, over a research topic titled “E-training and Employees’ Performance: A Practical Study on the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain”.



The research topic emanates from a recently published paper jointly written with a Master student in human resources and Dr Atteia. The research benefited from the affiliation of one researcher to the ministry of education and where e-training has been prioritized over the traditional training adopted long ago. In order to identify the impact of e-training on employees’ performance, the research has undertaken an analytical descriptive approach upon a questionnaire distributed to 194 employees working at the Ministry of Education.

The findings of the research concluded that there is a significant positive relationship between e-training and employees’ performance with a significant correlation coefficient of 58.6%. Further, the results indicated that there are statistical differences in terms of demographic variables such as (qualification, and job experience).

ARTS & SCIENCE STUDENTS DESIGNING COVER PAGE FOR NASS GROUP



The ASU students at the Department of Design and Arts have taken the challenge on their shoulders to enter the competition that is organised internally by Mrs. Tania and launched by the NASS Group and cooperation for designing the NASS Talk newsletter cover page. A team which is supervised by Prof. Samya EL Shenawi and consisted of two students: Njood AL Buainain and Ahmed AL Shams, have won the competition and designed a wonderful cover page that shows the quality of creativities that ASU students gain from their professional lecturers.

The President Prof. Ghassan and the Vice President Dr. Assem have praised the work of all students who joined the competition.

Mr. Abdalrahman and Ms. Alaa from NASS Group and cooperation have honored the winners with a certificates.





CELEBRATING THE WINNING OF ASU BASKETBALL TEAM

On 14 April, the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organised an event to celebrate the achievement of our Basketball team for winning the championship of Bahraini Universities in Basketball. The celebration was attended by Professor Waheeb Alkhaja, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Mohamed Loutfi, Pro Vice Chancellor of Cardiff Metropolitan University, and members of the University's senior team and members of the Students' Council.



Appreciation must go to our winning team for this great achievement and to Dr Faiza Zaitouni, Mr Mohammed Najjar, our coach Abdallah Jaber, and the the Students Council for their commitment and hard work.

BRITISH ALUMNI GALA

The British Council hosted its Annual UK Alumni Gala Dinner as part of the BH-UK 200 Celebration and British Council's Alumni Programme at Four Season Hotel. The event aimed to strengthen ties between UK alumni in Bahrain for both seasoned and fresh UK graduates, and remain connected with the UK.



The British Ambassador HE Simon Martin, and Dr. Dahfer Al Omran undersecretary for GCC, addressed the audience and gave summary of the relations between Bahrain and UK.

Colleagues from ASU, Prof Saad Darwish, Prof Hilal Yousif, Prof Siddiq Ameen and Dr. Ahmed Arbab attended the Gala dinner.

BROADCAST FOR GOODWILL CAMPAIGN

Part of outreaching the community, on behalf of the Community Engagement Office, Dr. Moahammed Alhamami, initiated with his students of Management Information Systems Department a campaign called “#انشر_للخير” (Broadcast for Goodwill) for three days from 7-10 April 2016 on Twitter and Instagram platforms.



The campaign included the publication of content within the following themes: Awareness content (moral, health, science, social), content contributes to the deployment of the spirit of love and tolerance in society, content supports and encourages charity and volunteerism, content rooted societal values.



COLLEGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE MEMBER OF ARAB SOCIETY OF FACULTIES OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC & POLITICAL SCIENCES

The College of Administrative Science has recently become a member of Arab Society of Faculties of Business, Economic & Political Sciences which is hosting annual conference on “Crediting Business Schools: A Necessity or a Trend” jointly with the European Foundation for management development (EFMD). This an important membership aims to enhance collaboration with accredited Business schools.

WORKSHOP ON SME'S FINANCE

As part of ASU commitment to Entrepreneurship, Prof Saad Darwish Presidents' Advisor for Special Projects attended a workshop on SME's Finance delivered by Mr Khalid Shehab from Strathclyde University. The event was sponsored by SME's Society in Bahrain. The talk was about funding during business life cycle and the types of funding. The speaker covered all types of funding (Seed funding, startup financing, early growth financing, expansion financing, and replacement financing). He explained to the audience how to deal with the stages of equity financing and the problems associated with it. It was stimulating and well received by businessmen and researchers who attended the lecture. Discussions concentrated on future economic challenges affecting financing different projects. We anticipate next event which will be hosted by ASU.



MIS DEPARTMENT MEETING

On 14 April 2016, Dr Adeb Hamdoon, Head of the MIS Department, and two academic staff from the department, Dr Mohamed Alhamami, and Dr Ghossoon Alsadoon held a meeting with a number of the students of the MIS Department to discuss the teaching process during the second semester 2015/2016, where the students shared their issues and concerns in order to resolve them.



OUTLOOK 365 TIPS

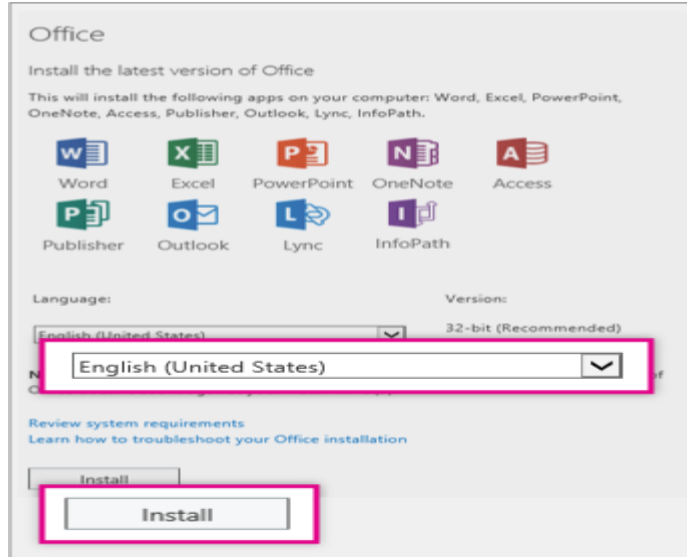
As part of the agreement between Applied Science University (ASU) and Outlook 365 for business, staff and students of the University are allowed to download and install the latest Microsoft Office for Mac and Windows operating System for free.

All you need is to get your email and password for the Information and Communication Technology and Knowledge Management Unit (ICTKM) in the University and follow the following steps below:

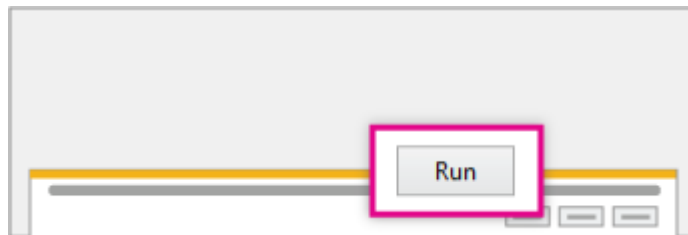
1. Sign in to Office 365, at <http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx>.
2. On the Office page, select a Language, and then choose Install to install the 32-bit version.



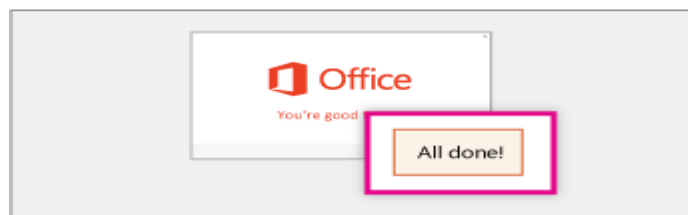
NOTE: To install the 64-bit version, choose 64-bit in the Version section before you choose Install.



3. At the bottom of the screen, select Run.



4. Follow the prompts and accept the license agreement.
5. When you see "You're good to go," select All done.



REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Our Priorities

1. provide top quality education through admissions, delivery and examination.
2. State of the art preparation for our Arts and Sciences reviews to achieve full confidence.
3. Turning our limited confidence programs into full confidence
4. Rigorous and well planned preparation for accreditation and NQF mapping of our programs
5. Adhering to the university's and HEC bylaws



6. Getting ready for the launch of our new programs with British Universities once we get the go ahead from HEC
7. Delivering top quality Masters theses supervision and examination
8. Good preparation for the summer semester
9. Students recruitment and achievements
10. All course portfolios should be up to date.
11. All university handbooks and programs handbooks should be up to date and produced on time.
12. It is important to keep publishing (academic colleagues) as this is a requirement for accreditation and program reviews.
13. Our new web site will be launched soon, watch the space.
14. Class observations of teaching.
15. The implementation of our new committees structure.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.

Elbert Hubbard



Enjoy Reading
