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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 36th issue of the President's News Digest. Let me start by thanking the 19 colleagues who put their applications for fellowships of the Higher Education Academy in the UK. This is a major achievement and will undoubtedly differentiate us. I wish our colleagues every success in their applications and would like to thank Prof Zedan for his sheer determination in driving this activity forward.



As you are aware the end of the academic year is approaching fast. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment and loyalty to the University and to remind you of our achievements this year and our top priorities for next year. Major achievements are listed below:

1. Full confidence in our Law programme.
2. NQF listing application was successful, we are now working on programmes mapping.
3. Membership of AACSB.
4. We are ranked in the top institutions in Bahrain according to the HEC annual report.
5. Programme reviews in Arts and Sciences, awaiting results.
6. Good progress in the area of institutional accreditation.
7. Plenty of activities, workshops and events for staff and students and community engagement.
8. 10 years on the road to excellence booklet, university magazine in both Arabic and English and weekly President's News Digest, monthly progress reports to the HEC, and student's magazine for the first time.
9. We launched 3 research related publications: AS-U-RAIN, scientific journal and research report.

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10. Hosted successful graduation, Ghabgha for staff and students and national day ceremonies.
11. Our presence in the Arabic press is strong and in the English press is getting stronger.
12. Many innovative developments in the area of HR, Finance, Procurement and IT.
13. We conducted a rigorous and transparent operational planning and budgeting process.
14. 19 colleagues applied for HEA fellowship.
15. For the 2nd year running we won the best decorated building in the Education Area by the Capital Governorate.

The above list is not exhaustive, but a reminder of what we have done in some important areas. You can tell from the above that we have all been working hard, but there are still some challenges facing the university in terms of quality of teaching, especially in the area of course portfolios preparation.

PRIORITIES FOR NEXT YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Course portfolios should always be up to date and prepared to the highest standard.
2. Limited confidence programmes should be turned into full confidence.
3. Launch of new programmes with British Universities.
4. Continue the accreditation preparation supported by the change management program.
5. Continue the programs mapping preparations.
6. 5 colleagues will apply for the HEA senior fellowship.
7. Students recruitment, should be a collective responsibility.
8. Preparation for semester 1 in the new academic year, classes scheduling, etc taking into account parking capacity, etc.
9. Submission of Annual Report by the end of September to the HEC.
10. Launch of new web site.
11. Our updated bylaws and committees structure will become operational from September.
12. Preparation for various events like national day celebration, graduation, etc.
13. LLB in law.
14. Colleagues should continue producing publications as it will affect our ranking by the HEC.
15. Postgraduate supervision and examination should be performed to the highest standard.

We heard this week from the HEC that our programmes with LSBU and Cardiff Met have been approved and we can start recruiting students following a final check by a specialized HEC committee to ensure our readiness to launch these programmes. The committee will check our infrastructures, Labs, Staffing, etc. The NPL committee in the University have been meeting for a year in order to be well prepared for the moment of launching of our programmes. The following have been achieved:

MOAs: memorandum of agreements, completed.

Leaflets, Brochures, HEC permission forms, draft adverts for English Press, draft adverts for KSA are ready for final approval

Check list for admissions and registration including forms, study plans are finalized

Foundation and English arrangement for Year 1 including reading lists

Web site: ready

Staffing requirements, labs technician, class rooms: underway

Communications with LSBU and Cardiff Met.

This week I will be receiving my honorary doctorate from Loughborough University. During my visit to the UK, I will be spending a good amount of time at LSBU and Cardiff Met to finalize our collaboration arrangements.

Professor Newton will be visiting us this week and he has a very busy schedule to help us with various academic issues and urgent matters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof Newton for his dedication and continuous support of me personally and the University as a whole.

EID AL FITR MUBARAK:

Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University, received the academic and administrative staff of the university on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr. They both exchanged felicitations with the staff on this pleasant occasion and wished the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people many happy returns.



STUDENTS GHABGA

The Students Council in the Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies organized a successful Ghabga night under the name “Happy Together” on the 29th of June 2016 at ASU Campus. The event was attended by; more than fifty orphans from the Royal Charity Organization, newly registered students for the academic 2016/2017, ASU Alumni members, ASU staff, of course ASU students, in addition to students from other Universities.

This event presents an excellent marketing opportunity for our University in Bahrain and beyond. Everyone who attended this event truly enjoyed the Ghabga activities, raffle draws gifts and the interactive shows.

The Students Council Members have done an amazing event, by being innovative in the décor and creating an atmosphere where indeed everyone was Happy.

This event was successfully supervised by Mr. Mohamed Najjar and Ms. Hadeel Bucheerei.



APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA CLUB GHABGAH

Under the Patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the University represented by the President, Dr. Faiza Zitouni, the Dean of Student Affairs and Evening Studies, Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, the Director of Community Engagement Office, and Ustaza Hanaa from the Community engagement committee participated in the Social Media Day event organized by the Social Media Club on the 30th of June 2016.

Ali Sabkar, the President of the Social Media Club, thanked the University for being a strategic partner and supporting the different activities and events of the club.

The ceremony at the Capital Club was attended by more than 100 guests including HM the King's advisor for Media Affairs Nabeel bin Yaqoob Al Hamar. Social media influencers in Bahrain have been honored for putting Bahrain on the world map. Twenty social media influencers were chosen in categories of comedy, medical, media, sports, food, gaming, education, society service, coaching, health and fitness, photography, youth, media, entrepreneurship, travel, fashion, media youth and technology.



BOOK "CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS OF MODERN SECURITY METHODS IN THE ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION" BY DR. MOHAMMAD ALAA HUSSAIN AL- HAMAMI



Dr. Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al- Hamami, the Director of Community Engagement Office at the University, dedicated copies of his book "CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS OF MODERN SECURITY METHODS IN THE ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION" to H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa, Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Advisor of H.M. the King for Media Affairs Nabeel bin Yaqoob Al Hamar, during Social Media Day celebration. The celebration was organized by the Social Media Club on the 30th of June 2016. During the event, social media influencers in Bahrain have been awarded by the club for putting Bahrain on the world map.

REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Please keep your course portfolios up to date

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time”.

Thomas A. Edison



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