



PRESIDENT'S NEWS DIGEST

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first ASU President's News Digest. This weekly digest will keep you abreast about activities in the University. Please keep Ms Tania Kashou and Ms Ayat Nass informed about activities or events that you want to be reported. Our preparations for NQF Institutional Listing, Accreditation, and Program Reviews for Programs in the College of Art and Sciences are underway. I am pleased to share with you some important events that took place in the last few weeks.

LAW PROGRAM FULL CONFIDENCE

Our Law Program has achieved full confidence by the NAQQAET. This is an excellent achievement and will be celebrated in due course. The President would like to congratulate Prof Waheeb Alkhaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dean Khaldoun Qtaishat, Vice Dean Dr Hussein Bani Issa, and all colleagues in the College of Law and across the University. This is another step in our way to excellence. Many thanks to all those colleagues who contributed to this success, especially our colleagues in the QAAC and the senior leadership team, and our colleagues in Law.

VISIT TO JORDAN

On the 24th of October, the University received recognition for its contribution to scientific research by the International Standards Organization and the Association of Arab Universities in Jordan. In addition, the President and the Dean of Administrative Sciences, Dr Ziad Zuraigat, visited Yarmouk University to explore opportunities for collaboration.

QUALITY DAY

The University hosted its first ever quality day on 7th November. After a welcoming speech by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Alkhaja, the President gave a presentation about the importance of quality in the University. This was followed by presentations about Accreditation by Dr Assem Al Hajj, Strategic Planning by Mr Vinny Pareek and Programs Validation, Monitoring and Reviews by Dr David Allison. The event was organized by the Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development and attended by 120 staff members and members of the University Student Council.

BAHRAIN STATISTICAL SOCIETY

The University hosted on the 7th of November a mini conference organized by the Bahrain Statistical Society to promote the use of statistics amongst its 40+ members. Professor Saad Znad Darwish gave an excellent presentation about the use of statistics by ASU.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The University hosted on the 12th and 13th of October a workshop on Research Leadership and Creating Capacity in Research.

This workshop on Research Leadership and Creating Capacity of Research aimed at issues to increase the level of understanding of research and its management. These included: How to create a strong research culture in universities in the Arab world and how to become a research leader. The workshop was targeted to senior and middle managers who are dealing with research planning and management in Arab Universities and other organizations that have a research budget and research aspirations.

Under the patronage of Prof. Riyadh Y. Hamzah (the Secretary General of the Higher Education Council – Kingdom of Bahrain), the programme was delivered under the auspices of the Arab European Leadership Network in Higher Education (ARELEN) in association with the Association of Arab Universities (Jordan); Applied Science University (Kingdom of Bahrain) and Cardiff Metropolitan University (UK).

The Workshop was attended by some 50 people from local universities and HEC with a strong presence by the media including Bahrain TV.

The Workshop was opened with excellent welcoming speeches by Professor Waheeb Al Khaja (Chairman of the Board of Trustees), Professor Sultan Abu Orabi (Secretary General of AArU) and Mr Lloyd Powell (Head of Partnerships at Cardiff Met University).

Professor Riyadh Y. Hamza gave an excellent keynote address in which he outlined the HEC Research Strategy and the status of research in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It was a very informative and superbly analytical keynote. It was extensively supported by evidence and comparative analysis with other members of the GCC and the rest of the world, which contextualizes the Kingdom's current position.

The rest of the workshop was a series of lectures and workshops given by the President and Professor Hussein Zedan (Assistant Vice President – Academic Affairs and Development). Topics included: The Art and Science of Doing Research; Creating Research Capacities and Strategies; Research Publication and PhD Supervision. In addition to, The Impact of Doing Research; Funding and Costing of Research; Building a Teaching-Research Partnership and Research Ethics.

In the evening of the first day, Professor Sultan gave an excellent presentation on Higher education and scientific research in the Arab World and how it evolved, with critical analysis supported by solid evidence. The presentation was also attended by Professor Riyadh Hamzah.





REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Vision:

“The vision of Applied Science University is to be one of the leading private universities supporting practical learning and scientific research in Bahrain and the Gulf”.

Mission:

“ASU is committed to offering an education that is accessible to academically competent students of Bahrain, the Gulf and beyond, and to deliver academic programmes of quality that graduate students equipped with knowledge and skills relevant locally and regionally. ASU is further dedicated to the promotion of a culture of learning and scientific research for its students, staff and faculty regionally and globally to engage meaningfully with the community at large”.

The aims of the University are summarized as follows:

1. To assume social responsibility and to serve the local and regional community.
2. To further enhance scientific research standards in the fields of knowledge.
3. To offer new specializations to meet the market demands.
4. To keep abreast of scientific developments and to provide all the means of academic success.

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