

PRESIDENT'S NEWS DIGEST

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 11th 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 competition for the best decorated building, the HEA training, Photography competition, Bahrain-UK Alumni Reception, Introduction to Institutional Accreditation workshops and meetings.

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

I am pleased to inform you that our University has won for the second year running the competition for the best decorated building in the educational sector in the Capital that was organised by the Capital Governorate as part of the National Day Celebrations. As a result, we received the award from HE the Governor of the Capital Governorate, Sheikh Hicham Bin Abdul Rahman Bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa. This is a major achievement for the University and reflects the excellent infrastructure we have in place which is the result of the big vision and hard work of Professor Waheeb.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof Waheeb for his continuous support, Dr Assem and Mr Mohammed Yousif, Dr Faiza and Mr Mohammed Najjar and the student services team, Dr Wassem, Ms Ruqaya and her team, Mr Abdulla, Dr Oday and Mr Majed (and I know Goodwin worked hard on this) and their teams and our security, IT and maintenance staff and the Students Council and the students who took part in the Photography Competition where the three winning photos were submitted as part of the application for the competition. This year we didn't hire the equipment, but we bought the lighting which could be used in the future and for other occasions becoming more sustainable.

This once again demonstrates that we mean business in our University and we are determined to transform ASU and make it one of the best in the region. We can only achieve this through your cooperation, hard work and commitment to our University.

Let's keep up the good work and make ASU shines and excels.





UK HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMY (HEA) SECOND TRAINING VISIT

The University has entered a consultancy agreement with the U.K. Higher Education Academy (HEA) to develop, deliver and train members of staff through completion of a Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (CLTHE) which will be aligned to the UKPSF and result in successful participants being awarded Fellowships (FHEA) and Senior Fellowships (SFHEA) of the Academy.

Their second visit was over the period 10 – 14 (Incl.) of January 2016. Five SFHEA and twenty one FHEA applicants were involved in the training. Dr. Adrian Brockett, who is an HEA Senior Fellow led the training.

Central to the training was to guide and advice individual applicants to complete the required application using reflective writing techniques. In addition, there have been a number of specific topics within which every individual candidate was engaged. The specific training topics were:

- Action Research
- Course design
- Assessments criteria and their types

Presentations and reading material are available under the “Resources” section of the staff development web pages.



THE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION IN BAHRAIN

The VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Admin and Finance and Community Engagement, Mr Mohammed Yusuf, Dr Ahmed Azzam the Secretariate for the University Councils and Dr Yasser Attayeb from ASU QAAC, attended a one and a half day Introduction to Institutional Accreditation workshops on the 14 and 16 January. The workshops provided an explanation of the eight Areas, 31 Standards and the 243 Key Indicators listed in the Institutional Accreditation Handbook. The



workshops included an introduction to the institutional accreditation framework and standards, an explanation of the application process and a complete explanation of the self-evaluation report. The programme finished with a session on how to prepare for the inspection visit.

The Applied Science University team who attended the event actively participated in the event and were pleased to notice that ASU preparation for the Accreditation is noticeably ahead of many HEI's in Bahrain.



MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Bachelor of Management Information Systems held its first Advisory Board meeting on 6 January 2016 at Alsafeer Hotel to discuss the operation plan for management information system 2015/2016 and elected Mr. Khalifa Jowder as Director of the Advisory Board of MIS Department. The committee includes the following members:-



1. Khalifa Aljawder, ISACA Bahrain Chapter
2. Nezar Maroof, Director of Strategy & BPR –Bahrain informatics and eGovernment Authority
3. Nawaf M. Abdulrahma, President Bahrain Internet Society
4. Ebrahim Faisal Al-Malki, Media Coordinator Office of the first Deputy Prime Minister
5. Dr Ziad Zurigat, Acting Dean for Administrative Science College – ASU
6. Dr. Adeeb Hamdoon, College of Administrative Sciences – ASU
7. Dr. Ghosson Alsadoon, College of administrative Sciences – ASU
8. Dr. Mohammad Alaa, College of administrative Sciences – ASU

BAHRAIN UK ALUMNI WELCOME RECEPTION

The President and members of ASU attended the launch of the Bahrain UK Alumni Welcome Reception at the Radisson Blu Diplomat on 13 January 2016, as part of the next generation Alumni Program.

The event aims to strengthen ties between UK alumni living in Bahrain and welcome back returning UK graduates, as well as give alumni the opportunity to network with each other and to remain connected to the UK.



AWARD CEREMONY

The Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies held on the 12 January 2016 reward ceremony for the winners and contestants of the competition “My University through My Lenses 2”.





STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The Student Council held a meeting with the Deanship of Registration and Admissions on the 13 January 2016 in order to facilitate the registration for the coming semester.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution.”

Kahlil Gibran

DATES TO REMEMBER

NQF visit on 26 January 2016

Enjoy Reading
