

# President's News Digest

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## Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the 5<sup>th</sup> volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue **Prof. Jafar Elmughrabi** will address the subject of "Human Rights Day".

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## Message from a Colleague Human Rights Day

The world celebrated the International Human Rights Day, on the 10th of December. This date also marks a new international achievement for the Kingdom of Bahrain, as Bahrain was elected as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council for the period 2019-2021, after receiving 165 out of 192 votes.

The Human Rights Council is made of 47 Member States, which are elected by the majority of members of the General Assembly of the United Nations through direct and secret ballot. It is no secret to anyone that this victory is a new achievement added to the record of the Kingdom's high level achievements and the great progress achieved in the field of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain the cradle of many civilizations that extends throughout history and its human heritage is a forum for coexistence.

The reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, launched since 2001, affirmed that the approach to respect for human rights is a strategy pursued by the Kingdom of Bahrain in strengthening the state of institutions and cooperation. The national legislation came to reflect respect for rights and freedoms, for example, legislation related to freedom of opinion and belief, and ensuring the rights of national and foreign workers and criminalizing human trafficking. In addition to the Kingdom of Bahrain joining many regional and international agreements that promote respect for human rights and the need to respect the rule of law.

It is worth noting that the National Institution for Human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain is an independent institution dedicated to the promotion, development and protection of human rights. It also works to receive complaints related to human rights, study and investigate them, and then transfer them to the competent authorities with effective follow-up and then inform the concerned parties of the procedures to be followed and help settle them with the relevant authorities.



Professor Jafar Elmughrabi

### Acting Dean of the College of Law

Professor Jafar Elmughrabi is the Acting Dean of the College of Law at ASU. In 2000, he received his PhD degree in Law from Ain Shamas University, Egypt and became a Professor in 2011 in Mu'tah University in Law, Jordan. Professor Jafar is an active member of the Arab Bar Association and a lawyer since 2007 till date. He has published 2 books one titled "Civil liability for assaulting the right to a photo by mobile phone: and the other is "Explanation the provision of labor law"

## Scenario Planning

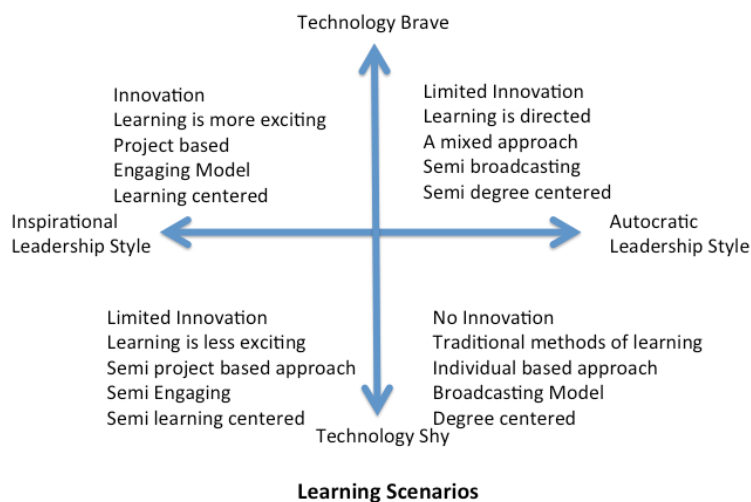
Scenario planning (sometimes called “scenario and contingency planning”) is a structured way for organisations to think about the future. A number of scenarios, usually around three to four, could be developed in order to be well prepared for an unpredictable future. This is not a forecasting technique but one that could help organisations be prepared for the future. For instance, a university can look at various scenarios because of the trends in evolving national strategies or impact of introducing new technologies like AI, Internet of Things, or any others. The steps to develop scenarios include:

- Identify the driving forces
- Identify the critical uncertainties
- Develop a range of plausible scenarios
- Discuss the implications



Written by  
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The President of Applied  
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An illustration of various scenarios about learning is included below; this is used only to illustrate how scenario planning works.



A common mistake is to develop one particular scenario and assume it will happen and build the strategy around it. It is vital to include scenario planning as part of the development of any strategic plan. However, we should be cautious about adopting a particular scenario.

<https://www.jisc.ac.uk/guides/scenario-planning/building-scenarios>

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## Dentalia Medical Center Visited ASU



On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2019, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Dr. Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Office, received Dentalia Medical Center represented by Ms. Fatima Alsakran, Marketing & Public Relations Manager of the Center. A meeting was held with the presence of Dr. Mohammed Youssif Vice President for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement to discuss ways of cooperation between the two parties.



Written by  
**Dr. Mohammed Al-Hamami**  
**Office Manager of Community Engagement**

## ASU Participated in the “Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards and Conference

The VP for Admin, Finance and community engagement participated in a conference in UK titled with “Wharton - QS Reimagine Education Awards and Conference”, the conference focused on acquiring a comparative insight and knowledge about the best pedagogical practices and educational innovation .



Written by  
**Mr. Mohammed Al-Saleh**  
**Office Manager of the VP Office for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement**



## The management council for Alumni Club held a meeting with ASU Governance and Strategic Planning Unit on Strategic Planning for the period 2021- 2025

On 12 December 2019, the management council for Alumni Club held a meeting in the presence of Ms. Eman Alsadeq, Head of Governance and Strategic Planning Unit. The main goal of the meeting was to discuss the new strategic plan for the upcoming years (2021-2025) including setting a strategic plan, analyzing the plan through SWOT analysis, ASU status in 2025, ASU vision and mission in 2025 and setting sub-plans to achieve ASU vision and mission in 2025. The members presented their visionary perspectives for the ASU in the coming five years to Ms. Eman who emphasized that their perspectives will be considered and reflected into ASU vision 2021-2025.



Written by  
Ms. Rawan Bucheeri  
Administrator In Student Services  
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## ASU celebrated Bahrain National Day and the 20th anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Accession to the Throne.

On 12 December 2019, ASU celebrated Bahrain National Day and the Accession of his majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa. The event took place at ASU campus in the presence of Professor Waheeb Alkhaja; Chairman of the board of Trustees and Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University. The event was organized by the new students' council under the supervision of the students' services office. The event started by several Khaleeji Poets performances that were extremely appreciated by the enthusiastic audience. Then, it was followed by a tour to the food trucks and traditional games. Also, the program included Bahraini traditional dance called "Ardha", and there was a corner for henna that was designed by the women's club. The event concluded by a performance by Mohamed Al-Tamimi, the Bahraini Singer.

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# Happy National Day !



## Interview with Alumnus



Name:	Ahmed Yusif Khalifa Dasmal
Workplace:	Bahrain Defence Force
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Political Science
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	The lecturers at ASU help students overcome difficulties. They are also very helpful in their teaching methods and they do their best to guide the students to follow the proper learning Methods.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	Participating in organizing activities with the students' council and continuing these activities even after graduation. Now I am the secretary of the management council of Alumni Club
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	In spite of all the pressures of life, the University helped me to express my talents in photography. This helped me to achieve much progress in this talent.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	I hope that our University will be one of the best in the world and our graduates to be in a very high positions in the Bahraini society.
Final words	All the best for our University. I encourage all students to pay attention to their studies and to do all the assignments on time. In addition to that to revise the material on regular basis and not to wait for the last minute for the exams. Working in groups is very important to all the students. Learning is a continuous process and the harder the students study, the more success they can achieve.



Interviewed By: Mrs. Noora Musalam, **Manager of Career Development & Alumni Affairs Office, Deanship Of Student Affairs**

## Quote of the Week

*“There can be no peace without development, no development without peace, and no lasting peace or sustainable development without respect for human rights and the rule of law”.*

*- Former UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson*