

# President's News Digest

## Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 36<sup>th</sup> issue of the 5<sup>th</sup> volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue **Prof. Ghassa Aouad**, **President of the University** will address the subject of **\* Forum 4: Sharing "Online Teaching Practices" During (COVID 19)\***.

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## Message from the President

### Forum 4: Sharing "Online Teaching Practices" During (COVID 19)

On the 2nd of July, the Academic Staff Development Unit headed by Dr Faiza, Dr Adel and Mr Almahdi with great support from Prof Khaled organised the **4th Good Teaching Conference under the theme: Forum 4: Sharing "Online Teaching Practices" During (COVID 19)**. This was a unique, original, and creative forum involving colleagues from across the University including VP, Deans, Vice Deans, Heads of Departments, and colleagues from all four colleges. The sharing of good practices in online teaching and assessment was amazing. The forum addressed legal, organisational, technical, and educational issues associated with online teaching and learning. I personally learnt a great deal from colleagues and was impressed with every single presentation. I am sure a detailed report about this forum will be produced by Dr Faiza and Dr Adel and I am confident that Ustaza Ruqaya and her team will create the publicity this event deserves. I gave a presentation at this event which was shared with all of you just in case you couldn't attend. I would like to thank all the session chairs and speakers and those colleagues who attended the forum. In addition, I would like to thank Prof Khaled, Dr Faiza, Dr Adel, Mr Almahdi, Ms Ruqaya, Mr Rifat, Mr Muath, and colleagues from various divisions who helped in making this event a great success.

I strongly believe that a culture of excellence and innovation is becoming the norm in the University, all our events and activities are becoming, unique, original and different and we should all be proud of this.



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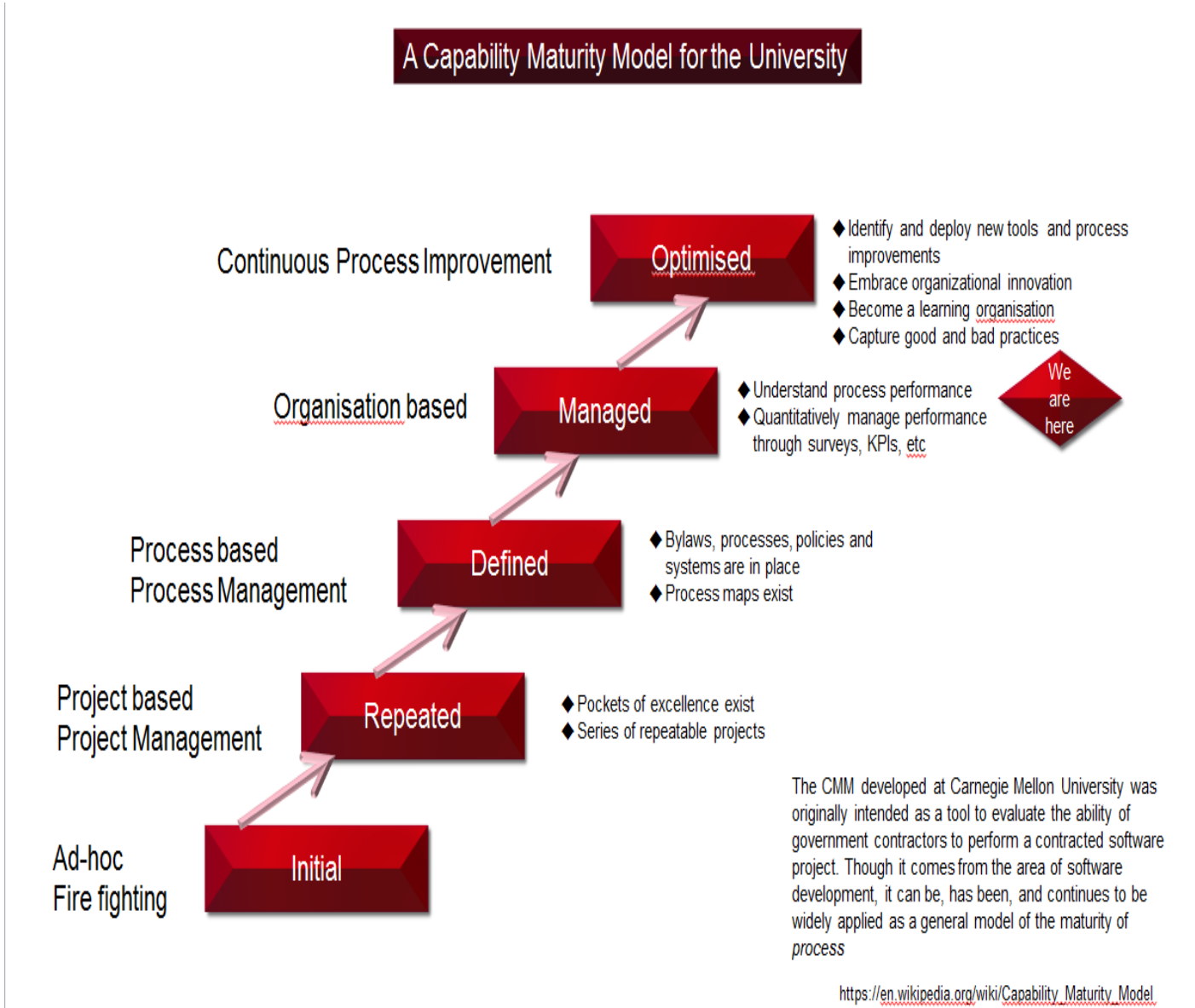
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## A weekly Diagram/Model from the President



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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Forum organized by The Academic Staff Development Unit (ASDU), Academic year 2019-2020



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This fourth forum is part of the annual staff development activities, organized and run by the Academic Staff Development Unit. The main aim of the forum is to share between ASU academics the good teaching practices during the transition to online teaching platform.

Every year the forum is organized in such a way to bring new ideas to the event's brief and to add value to the continuous staff development activities. This year the University, as all Universities around the globe, has experienced unprecedented situation due to the pandemic "Covid 19". Following the social distancing imposed by the Kingdom of Bahrain and in order to pursue the student's education without interruption, ASU has shifted its education to "Online learning teaching and assessment" as an emergency alternative for a safe educational environment. During this emergency shift to new teaching approach, many academics found online teaching, learning and assessment quite challenging and dealt with it in a various ways and means, other academics found it quite fulfilling and developed innovative and creative virtual teaching ideas and used various tools and techniques along with ensuring students interaction , and meeting the intended learning outcomes.

This event was run virtually and set to share the online teaching experience from the top Management; President of the University, the College Deans, The Head of the Department, the Program Coordinators and some volunteers willing to share their online teaching experiences. In addition, to maximize the benefits of the event, the forum was carried out as a series of 4 discussion panels as an online virtual round table, followed by open Q/A sessions, where the chair of the panel, and the staff were invited to participate in the virtual round table discussions and table could ask any questions relevant to the themes of the discussions sessions.

**Opening of the forum session;** The president of the University opened the forum by a very comprehensive presentation on "Online Teaching and Assessment, Challenges and opportunities", showing "the University's live alphabet of success matrix", and highlighted the importance of quality in all our activities, and our students are the centered of all what we do, particularly during this challenging shift to the virtual online learning teaching and assessment platform.



Session (1)

<i>Chair of the panel</i>	<i>Panelists: Deans &amp; Vice Deans</i>	<i>Virtual Discussion focus was on;</i>
<p>Prof. Khaled Gharaibeh VP for Academic Affairs and Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ramzi Nekhili</li> <li>• Prof. Ayman Abed-Alhamid Salem Al-Dmoor</li> <li>• Dr. Adnan Mahmood Abdulla Altamimi</li> <li>• Prof. Ja'Far Mahmoud Ali</li> <li>• Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Hamad Arbab</li> <li>• Dr. Husain Abdulameer Isa Mohamed Mahdi</li> <li>• Dr. Udai Ali Saleh Al-Juboori</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-learning strategy and E-learning policy</li> <li>• HEC requirements</li> <li>• Various dimensions and requirements for quality "online learning, teaching and assessment".</li> </ul>



Session (2)

<i>Chair of the panel</i>	<i>Panelists: Head of Department</i>	<i>Virtual Discussion focus was on;</i>
<p>Dr Faiza Zitouni Assistant VP for Academic Affairs and Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Mohamed Abdeldayem Ahmed Soltan</li> <li>• Dr. Khairi Mohamed Omar</li> <li>• Dr. Abdul Kareem Salem Ali Alalwan</li> <li>• Dr. Ahmad Saleh Ali Shatat</li> <li>• Dr. Islam Mohamed Mahmoud Mohamed Abohela</li> <li>• Dr. Moaiad Ahmad Abdelsalam Khder</li> <li>• Dr. Ramzi Mahmoud Nayef Hilat Ali Mosa Msalam Aldada</li> <li>• Dr. Abdullah Kheirou Awad Shehabat</li> <li>• Dr. Aly Al Dada</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online resources ( IT and facilities)</li> <li>• Online course portfolios</li> <li>• ( e-portfolio), requirements and challenges, and quality</li> <li>• Students feedback on e-learning</li> <li>• Staff feedback on e-learning</li> <li>• challenges and approaches</li> </ul>



Session (3)

<i>Chair of the panel</i>	<i>Panelists: Programme Coordinators</i>	<i>Virtual Discussion focus was on;</i>
<p>Professor Hillal Al Bayatti Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master programme coordinators</li> <li>• British programmes</li> <li>• LSBU</li> <li>• CMU</li> <li>• Director of foundation and English Delivery Service</li> <li>• Applied programme coordinators (Civil and Architecture and Arts &amp; Science)</li> <li>• Dr. Mohamed Abdeldayem Ahmed Soltan</li> <li>• Dr Hussein Kamed Mahgoub</li> <li>• Dr Ahmed Mohamed Abu Olaim</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master programme online delivery</li> <li>• Challenges and approaches at programme levels</li> <li>• Types of delivery models</li> </ul>



Session (4)

<i>Chair of the panel</i>	<i>Panelists: Nominated Academics</i>	<i>Virtual Discussion focus was on;</i>
<p>Professor Yazeed Al Sbou Dean of the Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Diana Elhageova</li> <li>• Dr. Radwan Kharabsheh</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Wael AbdelHameed</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Qais Al Maayteh</b></li> <li>• Dr. Rashed Ahmed Isamail</li> <li>• Dr. Ahmed.almuhamadi</li> <li>• Dr. Samer Shorman</li> <li>• Dr. Mohamad Alhamami</li> <li>• Dr. Ragab Ibrahim</li> <li>• Dr. Mahmoud Morad</li> <li>• Dr. Murad Al Janabi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic experiences, challenges and approaches when shifting to online learning, teaching, and assessment to support our students</li> </ul>



The virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Forum was a great success, it was a vast eye opening event. The Forum allowed the academics across the University from the Top Management to the Academics that implemented the online learning, to share their experiences during the pandemic of (Covid 19). The discussions were mainly on online Learning, Teaching and Assessment viewpoints; focusing mainly on the initial strategic objectives of e-learning strategy and policy, to its design & planning, throughout its implementation, monitoring and enhancements.

Many thanks to all individuals who have contributed in making this event successful, memorable and one of its kinds as a virtual Forum at ASU.

About 100 academics and administrative staff attended the Forum that started from 10:00 till 15:00 on Thursday 02.07. 2020.

Many thanks to Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University for the informative opening presentation, and to all chairs of the virtual panel discussions sessions for their great contributions in adding constructive dimensions to the discussion panel topics, including ; Professor Khaled Gharaibeh (VP for Academic Affairs and Development), Dr Faiza Zitouni (Assistant VP for Academic Affairs and Development), Professor Hillal Al Bayatti (Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre), Professor Yazeed Al Sbou (Dean of the Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies).

Our sincere gratitude goes to our Deans, Vice Deans, Head of Departments, Programme coordinators and all academics for their great support and valuable contribution during the panel discussions at the Virtual Forum, and for sharing their experience on online Learning, Teaching and Assessment during the various planning, implementation and enhancements stages.

Many thanks to the Academic Staff Development Team, Dr Adel Al-Samman for his fantastic support throughout the Forum, and for Mr Mahdi Husain for his timely and effective work in ensuring that the virtual Forum run smoothly. Finally Many thanks to the IT team, Mr Muath and Mr Rifaat for the technical support.

## Applied Science University Organized a Number of Online Lectures

The Training, Development and Continuing Education Centre, and the Community Engagement Office organized a number of lectures that delivered or will be delivered online to all ASU staff, students, alumni, and the local community.

The first lecture with the title "Managing the family budget" was delivered by Dr. Bishr Lutfi on 4/7/2020, the Second lecture with the title "The importance of automating offices to enable remote work in times of crisis" will be delivered by Dr. Ahmad Shatat today 5/7/2020, the third lecture with the title "The future and importance of electronic commerce" will be delivered by Dr. Samer Shorman on 6/7/2020, the fourth lecture with the title "Introduction to Photoshop" will be delivered by Dr. Mohamed Abdeldayem on 7/7/2020, the fifth lecture with the title "The ABCs of Social Media" will be delivered by Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami on 8/7/2020, and the last lecture with the title "The art of self-development" will be delivered by Dr. Ibrahim Abualsondos on 9/7/2020.



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<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. بيشر محمد</p> <p><b>إدارة الميزانية الأسرية والعائلية</b></p> <p>2020/7/4 3 إلى 4 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>	<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. أحمد شتات</p> <p><b>أهمية أتمتة المكاتب لتمكين العمل عن بعد في وقت الأزمات</b></p> <p>2020/7/5 3 إلى 4 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>	<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. سامر شorman</p> <p><b>مستقبل وأهمية التجارة الإلكترونية</b></p> <p>2020/7/6 3 إلى 4 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>
<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. محمد سلطان</p> <p><b>مقدمة في برنامج الفوتوشوب "Photoshop"</b></p> <p>2020/7/7 3 إلى 4:30 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>	<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. محمد الحمافي</p> <p><b>أبعاديات الاعلام الاجتماعي</b></p> <p>2020/7/8 3 إلى 4 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>	<p>جامعة العلوم التطبيقية APPLIED SCIENCE UNIVERSITY مُعتمدة من مجلس التعليم العالي Accredited by the Higher Education Council</p> <p>محاضرة عبر الاتصال المرئي</p> <p>د. إبراهيم أبو السندس</p> <p><b>فن تطوير الذات</b></p> <p>2020/7/9 3 إلى 4:30 عصراً</p> <p>للتسجيل واتساب 36117050</p>

## مكتب التطوير المهني وشؤون الخريجين ينظم ورشة عمل بعنوان "مهارات 2030 للطلبة والخريجين مقدمة من طموح" بقلم الأستاذة روان بوجيري - موظف إداري في عمادة شؤون الطلبة



أقام مكتب التطوير المهني وشؤون الخريجين في عمادة شؤون الطلبة ورشة عمل بعنوان "مهارات 2030" والتي نظمها مجلس إدارة نادي الخريجين بدورته الرابعة وذلك من تقديم الأستاذ محمد علي من طموح وبدعم من تمكين، حيث حضر عدد من الطلبة والخريجين وقد تناولت الورشة العديد من المحاور التي تنمي من مهارات الفئة المستهدفة وتهيئهم إلى الدخول لسوق العمل بكفاءة عالية وتفتح لهم فرص التوظيف واجتياز المقابلات الشخصية بكل احترافية، حيث أوضح الأستاذ محمد بأن مهارات 2030 تتضمن كل من التفكير التحليلي، الإبداع، التعلم الذاتي، التواصل الشخصي، القيادة، التكيف مع التغيير، الذكاء المتنوع، والعديد من المهارات الأخرى التي تم طرحها، وفي الختام تم فتح باب النقاش والأسئلة وقد أثنى الطلبة على ما تم طرحه من محاور وأوصوا إلى الاستمرار في إعداد هذه السلسلة من الورش التي تزيد جاهزيتهم لسوق العمل.





## Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

The President of ASU , Professor Ghassan Aouad will be chairing a panel discussion tomorrow [on the 6th of July at 4:00 pm](http://www.cli-cks.com/panel-discussion-3-measuring-the-impact-of-emergency-online-teaching-on-the-quality-of-education/) Bahrain time. The event is organised by CLICKS on the Impact of online teaching on the quality of education. Please make every effort to register free for this event. For more information and to please click on the link below :

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**PANEL DISCUSSION 3**

**MEASURING THE IMPACT OF EMERGENCY ONLINE TEACHING ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION**

📅 MONDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020  
🕒 17:00-18:30 UAE TIME (+4 GMT)

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## Interview with Alumnus



Name:	Lubna A.Aziz Isa
Workplace:	Bahrain Sport Association
Academic Degree	Bachelor
Academic Major	Business Management
Tell us about your Experience at ASU in terms of learning environment and teaching methods.	The experience was amazing because I was taught by very well qualified lecturers who used innovative teaching methods to simplify the study contents to the students. My very sincere thanks and appreciation to all the lecturers.
What did you enjoy the most about your experience at ASU?	I enjoyed the lectures and the University activities
Tell us a success story inspired by ASU.	My bachelor degree has always been a dream to me as I faced many challenges from some people who were doubting my capability to achieve it and I am so proud that I have achieved it. Being a player in Bahrain National Shooting Team, It was hard to keep up between work, traveling and studying ,and thanks to Allah I was able to work harder and graduate with 'excellent' grades with the help of ASU staff. My next goal is to continue my Master's degree at ASU.
In your Opinion, What are the Improvement areas you would like to see at ASU in the future?	I hope that there will be car parking building for the students.
Final words	For the current students who are studying there , they should know they are lucky as many other students wish they were studying at ASU, so please don't waste this opportunity, keep learning and remember that knowledge acquisition illuminates human life.



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

## Quote of the Week

*"Make each day your masterpiece."*

– John Wooden

من روائع الشعر العربي

صبراً جميلاً على ما ناب من حدث \*\*\* والصبر ينفع أحياناً إذا صبروا

الصبر أفضل شيء تستعين به \*\*\* على الزمان إذا ما مسك الضرر

– عبد الله بن الأحمس