

President's News Digest

Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 45th issue of the 05th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Aouad , President of the University shares a message and a weekly Diagram/Model



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Message from the President



Academic Year 2020/2021

Welcome to the new academic year 2020/2021. I would like to start by welcoming all returning and new staff and wish them well for an exciting year ahead of us. It is true to say that this year is going to be a challenging one because of COVID-19, but we have to cope with this pandemic and perform well as in previous years. Our top priorities for the weeks ahead are summarized as below:

1. A committee will be formed and chaired by the President in order to plan for the new academic year including all health and safety precautions. This is a request by the Ministry of Education.
2. Health and safety measures will be strictly adhered to in order to ensure that all staff, students and other stakeholders are feeling safe while they are at the University. Guidelines regarding this matter will be provided to all staff, students and other stakeholders.
3. All guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health will be strictly adhered to.
4. Students orientation and staff induction events will be virtually organized before the end of September 2020.

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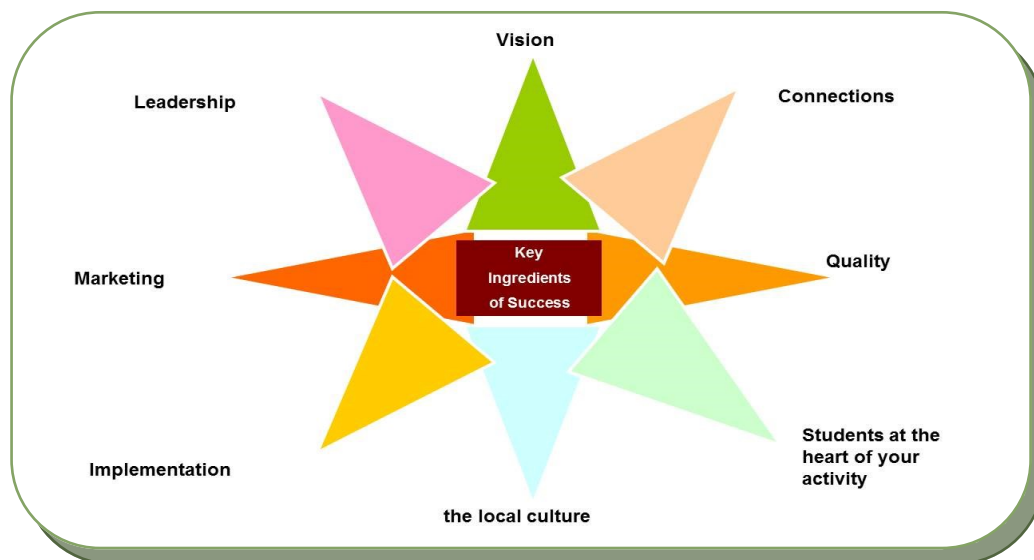
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5. Students will be given special support because of the impact of COVID-19.
6. All staff should be competent in using our online learning and administrative systems.
7. All programme reviews and NQF placements should be performed to the highest standards.
8. British Programmes should be running smoothly as this year we will be producing the first graduates in these programmes.
9. New relevant academic programmes should be developed for a 2021/2022 start.
10. Staff development, especially our Advance HE fellowships and centre should be given strong attention.
11. The Business Incubation Centre should start to create big impact.
12. Academic staff should mainly target Scopus indexed journals when appropriate for the academic discipline.
13. Our position in the international league tables should be sustained and preferably improved.
14. Quality should be at the heart in everything we do including course portfolios, lesson plans, delivery of courses, research, community engagement, infrastructure, processes and procedures and other quality related issues.
15. Strong leadership should be provided at all levels in order to sustain our success. Academic Programme coordinators should play a major role in ensuring top quality for their academic programmes resulting in great successes in programme reviews and NQF placements.
16. We should all be involved in students recruitment and retention as these require collective efforts.
17. The Strategic Plan 2020-2025 needs to be finalized before the end of September 2020.
18. The HEC End of Year Report needs to be submitted by the end of September 2020.
19. The HEC monthly August report should be submitted before the end of this week.

On behalf of Professor Waheeb and myself, this is to wish you a successful academic year 2020-2021

A weekly Diagram/Model from the President

Key Ingredients of Success



Quote of the Week

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

-Michael Altshuler

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