

# President's News Digest



## Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the 6<sup>th</sup> volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Aouad , President of the University will address the subject of " Green Metric Rankings"

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من روائع الشعر العربي

## Message from the President Green Metric Rankings

It is really pleasing to see our new position in the recently published Green Metric Rankings. We have been ranked by the Greenmetric (2020 Universities Worldwide Ranking) 484 out of 911 participating universities from around the world for this year compared to 780 participating universities last year, as for the Arab region, we are ranked 37 out of 106 participating Arab universities for this year which is an improvement compared to last year Arab region rank. With this ranking, we are the only private university in Bahrain that participated in this ranking, as for the University of Bahrain was ranked 430 in the World and 33 in the Arab region. You may view the ranking for this year on <http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/overall-rankings-2020/>



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Ranking	2018	2018 ASU Rank	2019	2019 ASU Rank	2020	2020 ASU Rank
Number of Participating Universities Worldwide	719	692	780	636	911	484
Number of Participating Universities in the Arab Region	36	36	81	45	106	37

Based on the details in the table above, we have improved by 152 places compared to last year in the worldwide ranking, this improvement came along with an increase of 131 participating university compared to last year. We also improved by 8 places in the Arab region ranking, this improvement also came along with an increase of 25 participating Arab universities compared to last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Prof Waheeb for this achievement and his vision and continuous support. In addition, I would like to thank Dr Mohamed Yousif and his team for the endless efforts to keep us progressing in the international league tables. Your efforts are very much appreciated. The drive of Dr Mohamed Yousif to progress us in the International League Tables is exceptional and unstoppable.

Congratulations to all and please keep up the good work. We will celebrate this achievement soon.

## Book Review: Exploring Entrepreneurship (2017)

Today I would like to share with you the textbook of one of my MBA courses at Strathclyde University, which is "Exploring Entrepreneurship", 2nd Edition, 2017 (the course being "Entrepreneurship and Leadership Management"). The book is authored by Professor Richard Blundel (The Open University), Professor Nigel Lockett (University of Strathclyde) and Professor Catherine Wang (Brunel University London) and published by Sage Publishing.

What makes this textbook special is that it covers both the theoretical and practical aspects of entrepreneurship with plenty of case studies, examples and interviews with real life entrepreneurs. It is split into 2 parts: PART I Entrepreneurship in Practice, and PART II Perspectives on Entrepreneurship. Together, they enable students to understand the theoretical perspectives of entrepreneurship, and how these can be applied to practice.

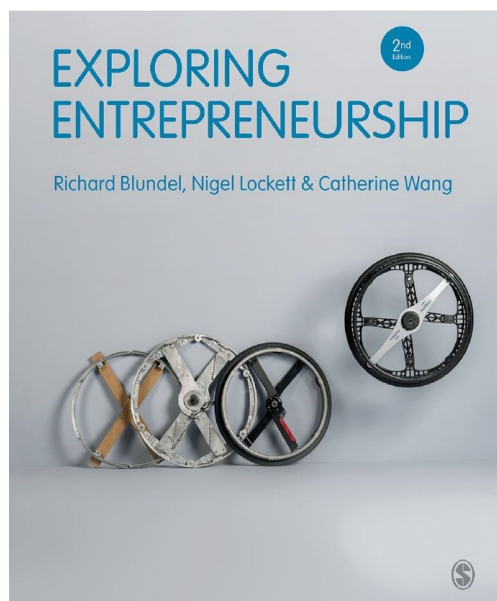
In a nutshell, this textbook is your personal guide to the entrepreneurial journey, helping you tackle key practical challenges and encouraging a deeper appreciation of the people and places you encounter along the way.

On a deeper level, it really examines the nature of entrepreneurial activity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and aims to help students develop the skills and knowledge required by commercial and social entrepreneurs. It offers a fresh and contemporary approach to this popular subject area, combining academic rigor and critical reflection with practical relevance.

I personally enjoyed reading and using this textbook because it really gives me the pros and cons of each entrepreneurial decision/situation and allows me as a reader to evaluate my options and look for the right trade-offs whenever possible. It constantly challenges my preconceived beliefs about entrepreneurship, teaches me through action, and always invites me to do reflective thinking and learning to profit from my actions and exercises. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I highly recommend it for anyone who is interested in learning or teaching the subject of entrepreneurship. The textbook is supported by an extensive Online Resource Centre.



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# Computer Science Programme Held Its Advisory Board Meeting for the 1st Semester 2020/2021

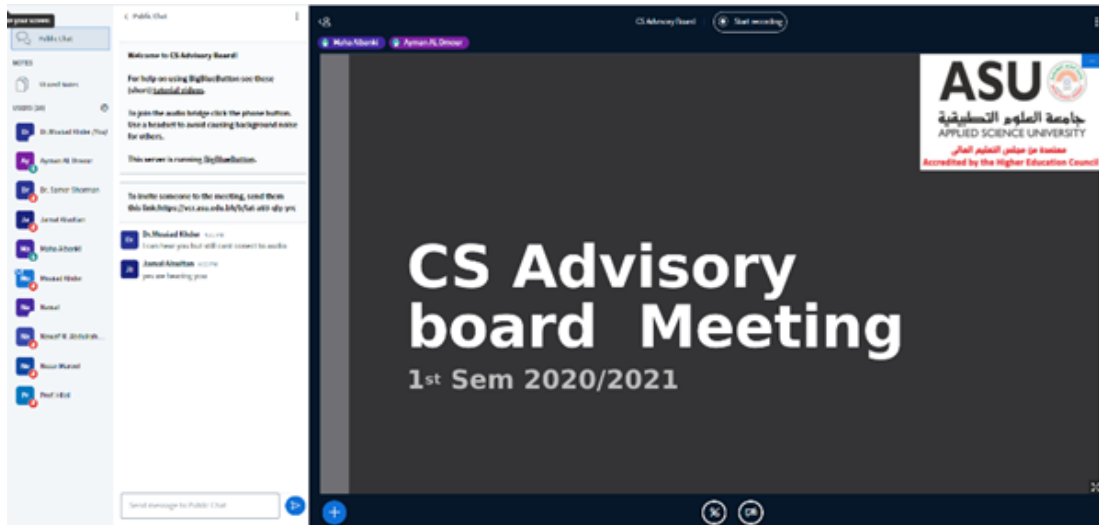
On Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, the Computer Science Department held its advisory board meeting using the virtual meeting room. Prof. Ayman AIDmooor - Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Dr. Moaiad Khder – Head of Department of Computer Science, Dr. Jamal Sultan – CS Program leader attended as members, while Prof. Hilal AIBayatti - Director of QAAC attended as invited guest. External members from the industrial field: Mr. Nizar Ma'roof, Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman, Mrs. Maha AIBanki have attended as well.



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The Chair of the CS advisory board Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman started the meeting by welcoming the audience. Followed by a presentation presented by Dr. Moaiad and Dr. Jamal where they focused on several aspects which were the progress of the CS programme since the last meeting, the improvement plan based on the advisory board meetings during the academic year 2019/2020, external reviewer report 2018/2019 feedback and comments, the results of the Annual Program Review Report (APRR) / 2019- 2020, feedback about BQA visit for CS Cycle2 and GDQ visit for placing CS programme on the National Qualification Frame (NQF). In addition, they presented different surveys results and the next periodic review process.

The CS members and invited guests had a discussion with the advisory board about the demand for Computer Science programme and its usefulness for Bahraini market. Mr. Nizar Ma'roof, Mr. Nawaf AbdulRahman, and Mrs. Maha AIBanki highlighted on how to take advantage of the different IT sectors in Bahrain and the methods to strengthen the relationships between the department and the industry as well as offering internship opportunities and delivering some IT seminars.



## An Introductory meeting of Student Council for its 14th cycle with ASU's Senior Management



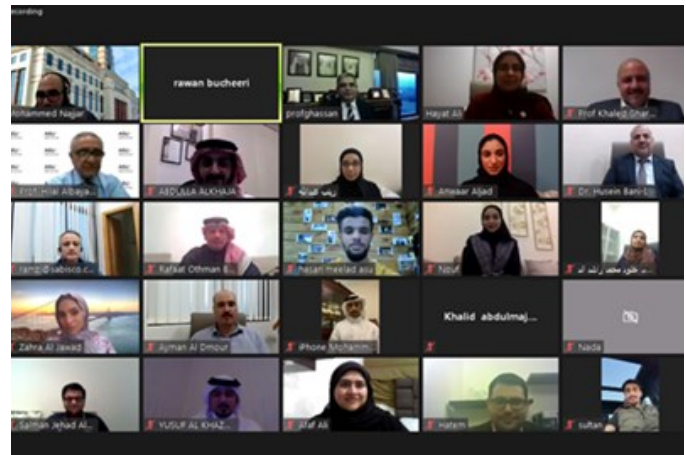
On 7th December 2020, the newly elected student council members for its 14th cycle had the first introductory meeting with the Senior Management chaired by Professor Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University. The meeting started by officially introducing the members of student's council to the senior management. Prof. Ghassan expressed his optimism toward the new elected student's council and their upcoming achievements. The President of the University and the other senior management members stressed on their full support to the students to fulfil their needs to assure a successful educational journey for ASU students.



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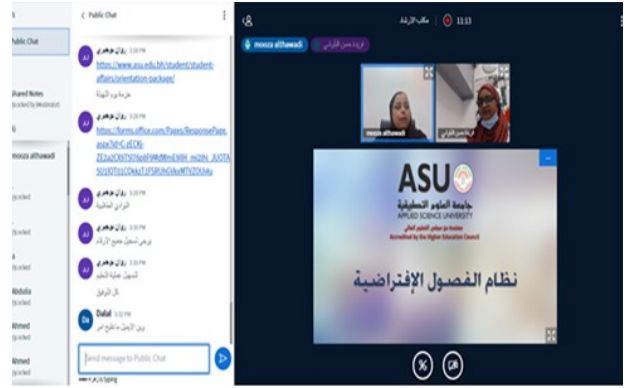
## عمادة شؤون الطلبة تنظم حفل افتراضي للطلبة المتفوقين للفصل الدراسي الثاني 2019-2020 بحلة مميزة بقلم الأستاذة روان بوجيري- إدارية بعمادة شؤون الطلبة

تحت رعاية سعادة الأستاذ الدكتور غسان فؤاد رئيس الجامعة نظم عمادة شؤون الطلبة حفل افتراضي للطلبة المتفوقين للفصل الدراسي الثاني لعام 2019-2020 وذلك يوم الخميس الموافق 2020-12-10 في تمام الساعة الرابعة عصراً، حيث بدأ الحفل بكلمة لسعادة رئيس الجامعة البروفيسور غسان والذي أعرب فيها عن سعادته لوصول عدد المتفوقين لـ 106 متفوق وبارك لهم بهذا الإنجاز وحثهم على مواصلة التميز، ومن ثم ألقى كل من بروفييسور خالد غرابية القائم بأعمال نائب الرئيس للشؤون الأكاديمية والتطوير والدكتور محمد يوسف نائب الرئيس للشؤون الإدارية والمالية وخدمة المجتمع كلمتهم حيث قدموا لهم أجمل التهاني بإنجازهم وتحصيلهم المتميز، ومن ثم أعربت الدكتورة حياة علي، قائم بأعمال عميد شؤون الطلبة عن سعادتها بمثل هذا الإنجاز حيث فاق عدد المتفوقات عدد المتفوقين، كما وحثت المتفوقين على مواصلة البذل والعطاء حتى التخرج، أما كلمة المتفوقين فألقاها الطالب خليل الحمري الأول على الجامعة حيث ألهم فيها الطلبة بقصته في الإصرار والإرادة برغم الظروف الصعبة التي مر بها إلى أن حقق هذا المركز وقدم شكره لكل من ساندته وللجامعة التي قدمت كل سبل الدعم له، ومن ثم قدم الطالب خالد عبدالمجيد مقطوعة موسيقية بهذه المناسبة، ومن ثم تم تكريم الطلبة بشكل مميز حيث ظهرت أسماءهم على دروع الكترونية صممت من قبل قسم العلاقات العامة، وقد أبدى الطلبة سعادتهم لمثل هذا الحفل المتميز الذي أضاف لهم جو من الفخر والتقدير بتميزهم وشجعهم على مواصلة البذل والعطاء نحو طريق التفوق.



## مكتب الإرشاد يقيم اجتماع افتراضي لدعم الطلبة قبل فترة التقييم النهائي بقلم: الأستاذة موزة الذواوي - مديرة مكتب الإرشاد

عقد مكتب الإرشاد بعمادة شؤون الطلبة يوم الأحد الموافق 6 ديسمبر 2020 في تمام الساعة الثالثة مساءً اجتماع افتراضي مع الطلبة قبل فترة التقييم النهائي لتقديم كل الدعم لضمان أداء التقييم النهائي بيسر وسهولة، شاركت في الاجتماع الأستاذة فريدة البلوشي ممرضة في الوحدة الصحية والأستاذة روان بوجيري ادارية بمكتب الخدمات الطلابية، حيث عرفت الأستاذة موزة الذواوي بأهداف مكتب الإرشاد والخدمات التي يقدمها وأوضحت للطلبة بأن تم البت في التقارير المرسلة من قبل الطلبة من خلال لجنة خاصة رفعت توصياتها بمساعدة من هم في حاجة الي المساعدة حسب التقارير الواردة الي الأقسام الأكاديمية وتم اعطاء نصائح للطلبة منها الثقة بالنفس وعدم الخوف والقلق والاستذكار الجيد خلال هذه الفترة ما قبل التقييم النهائي وتم ارشاد الطلبة بكافة الامور الصحية والوقائية من قبل الأستاذة فريدة البلوشي ممرضة الوحدة الصحية كما وضحت الأستاذة روان بوجيري كافة ارقام التواصل لأي استفسار خلال هذه الفترة، وقد تفاعل الطلبة من خلال الاجتماع بطرح الاسئلة التي تم الرد عليها وأعرب الطلبة عن شكرهم لعمادة شؤون الطلبة على التسهيلات المقدمة.



## Quote of the Week

“ There’s no shortage of remarkable ideas, what’s missing is the will to execute them.”

- Seth Godin

## من روائع الشعر العربي

قد شابَ رأسي ورأسَ الحُرِّصِ لم يشبِ

إنَّ الحريصَ على الدنيا أفي تَعَبِ

ما لي أراني إذا حاولتُ منزلةً

فإنَّها طَمَحَتْ نفسي إلى رُتَبِ؟

- أبو العتاهية