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From the Desk of the Dean



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Advantages of the University Ranking

It is well established that for economic development a national system of higher education is a must that educates all its students, foster research and links the country with the rest of the world. A nation's economic development is crucially dependent on the presence of an educated and skilled workforce combined with technological improvements that raise productivity. The higher education sector contributes to both these needs: It educates and trains, and undertakes pure and applied research. Appropriate levels of resources for both teaching and research are a prerequisite to achieving high performance. An important aim of the university ranking system is to facilitate benchmarking not only against the best systems, but against countries at similar levels of economic development. The world ranking of educational institutions is done through using many innovative tools. Several assessments are summed into one to achieve a bona fide outcome about an institution's worth to fit into specific categories. Such systems evolve over time and the provision of annual updates allows for constructive performance monitoring. The Gulf States have used two different approaches in advancing higher education. One approach is exemplified by Qatar, which invited a number of American and British institutions to set up branches on its territory. Saudi Arabia has followed another approach of building up its own universities, but

still often relying heavily initially on foreign academics and consultants. Arab universities have made some limited progress in moving from a purely teaching role to become producers of knowledge. In the newly established universities, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (PMU) appears in the world rankings, however not in top 5000. But its system of education and efforts for the best in a short time period is a motivation for others. In the most recent rankings, PMU is placed at the 32nd position within Saudi Arabian universities. It is worth mentioning that PMU stays higher in position as compared to University of Dammam, Effat University, Jubail University, Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University and Dar Ululoom University. Prince Mohammad University focuses on imparting modern education through most advanced curricula to help young generations achieve individual goals for their collective nation-building roles. It makes PMU a university with the assorted approach. Recent initiatives taken by PMU management towards boosting research would pave the way towards improvement in its ranking. Days are not too far when PMU would represent KSA for its ranking in the Asian region by ensuring educational boom

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From the Desk of the Chair



Dr. Siddiqua Aamir

(Associate Chair - Core Humanities and Social Sciences)

Welcome back to the dynamic Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (DHSS) and a start of new Fall Semester 2015-2016; in fact the start was not very smooth because of the unannounced departure of two senior faculty members but still our department managed with the help of the teamwork which is the hallmark of DHSS. Our Department emphasizes the development of a strong relationship, common interests and diversity which is truly reflected in our faculty; our faculty members are intellectual leaders in their respective fields and students have a great opportunity to work with them while advancing the frontiers of knowledge. In addition, to academics this semester our focus is on creating a stimulating environment for the development and exchange of ideas for conducting quality researches, particularly in areas of interdisciplinary research.

Moreover, we are proud of the DHSS's significance and well-established tradition of preparing students with the skills most needed in the interpersonal interactions and workplace ethics. Furthermore, DHSS is enthusiastically involved and plays a pivotal role in the accreditation process of all major degree programs offered on campus. Finally, We are delighted to be part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's most progressive and dynamic University, located in the heart of its most diverse Eastern Province.

Teaching, Learning Outcome Assessment I course this semester made me practically realized the importance of the inculcation of the of six core competencies of PMU. All Core courses are devised to ingrain methodical & systematic written and oral communication skills which are vital for success in any sphere of life. Moreover, these courses also instill deep rooted critical thinking skills in our students that help them to question arguments and conclusions they are exposed to in everyday life and then make logical judgements and decisions to solve day to day problems. Furthermore, our curriculum equip students with knack to evolve teamwork capabilities, leadership flair and professional proficiency and expertise.

BREAKING NEWS

Dr. Huda Al Mulhem received her PhD in Islamic Studies / Education from Al-Imam Al-Ouzai University in Beirut, Lebanon on July 11, 2015. Her dissertation topic was The Developmental Characteristics of Children in the name of the Islamic Educational Thought.

Faculty News

Dr. Adele Madikoma Mavuso

- Adele Mavuso attended the 20th Annual Conference at the Arab-US Association for Communication Educators (AUSACE) on “Global Trends and Prospects in Mass Communication” at Qatar University. She presented a “Cross Cultural Encounters with Globalization: Communication in Today’s multicultural Classroom” on October 24-26, 2015

Dr. Lalla Khadija Fritsch El Alaoui

- Dr Khadija presented: “*Can I teach? My Teaching Experiences in Three Continents*” at Qatar University It was part of a panel on “Cross-Cultural Encounters with globalization: How a Global Design Resides in Today’s Classroom?” at the 20th Annual AUSACE Conference on October 24-26, 2015.

Dr. Runna Al Ghazo

- Dr Runna co-authored and published the following articles:

Alghazo, Y., & Alghazo, R. (2015). The effect of parental involvement and socioeconomic status on elementary students’ mathematics achievement. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, (1)5. [In Press]

Alghazo, Y., & Alghazo, R. (2015). The relationship among parental involvement, socioeconomic status, and mathematics achievement in Jordan. *International Journal of Science and Research*, (4)10. (pp.1306-1311)

Fouzia Latif

- She attended and presented her poetry at the Urdu Toast Masters Club in the Eastern Province.

Dr. Jorg Muth - Male Campus



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“On the occasion of his book *COMMAND CULTURE* being with great success published in Japanese Dr. Jorg was in Summer 2014 invited to speak at the National Defense Academy and the National Institute of Defense Studies – both of the Japanese Army. In addition he presented at a World War I seminar at the Kyoto University.”

In November last year Dr. Jörg was invited to speak at a leadership conference at the Estonian National Defense College (ENDC) in Tartu, Estonia. His presentation was considered so successful that he received an invitation for an interview by the commandant of the college and he was asked to repeat his presentation twice – once for the faculty of the ENDC and once for the whole NATO staff officers course of the Baltic Defense College.”

Ms. Nabeala Fiaz

- Ms. Nabeala is a professional lawyer and she joined PMU in October 2015. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Law, a postgraduate diploma in Legal Practice and a Masters degree. She currently teaches Comparative Commercial Law, Comparative Family Law, Oral Communication, and Professional Development.

“Approved Internal Research Grants”

Dr. Julie Ann Nash & Dr. Siddiqua Aamir

- Critical Thinking and the Arab College Student: A Quantitative Study in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Najma Saleem (Core Mathematics)

- Entropy generation minimization analysis of the flow inside constricted channels

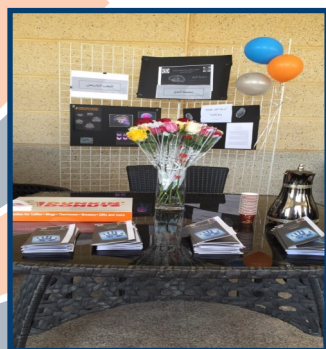
Student Activities



Fourth Law Fair

“To be right! know your rights”

At the end of each semester law, students prepare law fair to spread the legal culture in campus under the supervision of Dr. Samia Hassan. It's vision was to explore the importance of the regulation and legislation to preserved the rights and perform the duties. The mission of this was to promote awareness of legal knowledge culture as legal ambassadors. One of the main goals is to prepare students to have a good talent and leadership skills. Also, it aims to promote the students with the value of justice, truth and equity. In fall 2015, law fair contains booths : Human rights, rights of working women, patients rights, children rights, family rights, intellectual property rights, consumer protection, electronic crimes, firms law, criminal law, commercial law, law of contract, the protection against crime of money laundering, forensic medicine, cheating crime, how to respect the rule of law, leaders legal women changing the law history, violence against women and children, and legal Internship. Each booth prepared a charity's idea that related to their booth such as blood charity in patients' rights booth. Also, there was a booth that defined “Onsur Akhak” or “support your brother” initiative, it is comprising of a set of lawyers, and law students in KSA. This initiative is a social circle between widows, divorcees, low-income rate, and those who has special cases with lawyers.

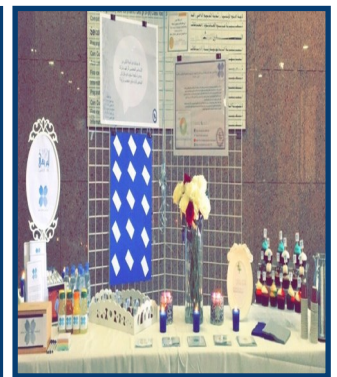


“Islamic Project”

- Ms. Fouzia Latif & Ms. Reem Al Ghaslan

In Fall 2015, there is a new idea in Islamic project organized by Ms. Fouzia Latif which is the students made a water bottle bin and paper recycle bin.

The another idea is “Alkiswa” for winter season, the students guide students and instructors of the charities that receive “Alkiswa”.



Islamic Studies 3 Projects organized by Mrs. Reem Fahad Alghaslan from Sunday November 29th until Wednesday December 2nd:

More than 250 PMU students from different colleges participated in displaying a number of 38 projects in a couple of locations on campus. These projects were designed to encourage research and learning environments through teamwork while emphasizing on the development of the six core competencies . The projects this semester were an extension of last semester theme under the name:

Let's prosper and Rise (2): Prospering and rising in our community is a responsibility for us all

The topics chosen in these projects showcased the importance of social responsibility by either **creating awareness** about these different topics or **correcting the perception** of some of these topics in community. These topics, mostly important, were addressed from an Islamic perspective as well.

Distinguished Guest



Ms. Rania Sinno –Director of International Recruitment

She studied living from a very protected environment, and they were languages, with a guided throughout their lives. So it was kind of hard major in translation for the students at the start. However, after she got to and teaching French, know these students a lot more, she discovered that English, and Arabic. they became more confident after being involved with She has worked in their classes and activities. They were not shy to education since she graduated from university. She express their feelings,/ and their problems to the joined PMU in early 2006, PMU then was a very university. They adapted to college life,/ and were small team and the campus wasn't ready at the time, prepared for their field of study. Some have applied so we began in Fallak Tower, and afterwards moved for internships, and she saw them growing everyday. to the present campus. I have been working at PMU Some of the girls who she interviewed in 2006 were since the start before it became developed university. I transformed. They are fighting for their rights,/ and started PMU as an admission counselor, my job was to speak up about it. Their English became a lot better, and I saw so many girls transform into stronger people. What confirms the change in students is that to issue acceptance letters and interview students in the registration office. the employers will contact PMU to inform them about the good job the students have been doing.

Afterwards, I worked with the Rector on different projects. I helped to manage media at the time since they were starting out. I also helped to start the newsletter, and then I was put in charged of the records and information of the university. In 2009, I worked in the Registration office, since more students were applying. In early 2013, I moved to International recruitment, which means I recruit international faculty, and communicate with international universities.

When we asked Ms. Rania about PMU's competencies, she answered that "the students were very weak in English or too shy to speak comfortably in an interview". She added that the students came

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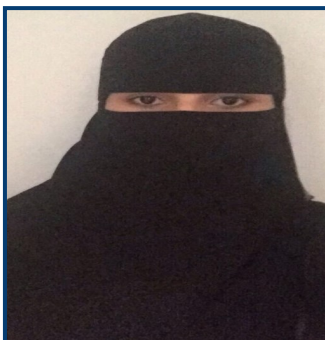
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