

Welcome Note from the Dean of the College of Art & Design



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Happy February to all!

Welcome to the beginning of a new semester here at RUW! Hope semester 2 will be an energetic and fruitful semester full of great achievements and outstanding work for you all.

For the College of Art and Design this academic year has been very busy and active so far. During semester 1 CAD was part of many projects. First of all 4 of CAD's programs were reviewed by QAA. In late December 2017 the CAD Edexcel Foundation program was chosen as part of the pilot program by NQF for mapping of foreign programs. We are in the process of Periodic Review of all our Bachelor and Master's programs as per RUW Periodic Program Review Policy. In December a number of our Alumnae had the honour of meeting HRH Sh. Sabeeqa Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa as part of the RUW delegation who met HRH on the occasion of RUW's 10th anniversary. The Architecture program continues to grow and we are currently in year three of the five year program. All our programs continue to attract enthusiastic students from Bahrain and abroad. Our Masters programs are growing and flourishing. A number of our DMT students have submitted their theses at the end of sem. 1 and they are awaiting Viva, and we are expecting our first group of Master of Drawing and Painting to complete their theses by the end of Sem 2. Many other activities are being scheduled to take place for CAD in sem2 as well.

The main activity I would like to highlight here is our Program reviews. In Sem. 2, 2015-16 four of the CAD programs, namely the BA programs in Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Fashion Design and the Master of Design Management program all went through the Program-Within-College review, a program required by the Quality Assurance Authority of Bahrain (QAA). In preparation for this review the CAD team went through a rigorous process which included writing a Self-Evaluation reports (SER) for each of the four programs. These were completed in June 2016 and sent to QAA for delegation and review. This was followed by a site visit of the review teams which happened during the period from October 31-November 2, during which two review panels overseen by directors from QAA visited RUW. A total of 15 people who were part of these panels interviewed senior RUW management personnel, CAD faculty members, College Advisory Committee members, CAD students, alumnae, employers, external examiners, and other stake holders. They visited our facilities and examined our students' works and all. This was a tremendously rigorous activity which required support from so many parties throughout RUW. In this process everyone involved beginning from senior management and our esteemed faculty members, all the way to all our wonderful students and alumnae, showed an outstanding state of commitment, loyalty and support. Our faculty members spend long hours, way past their work hours at RUW in preparation for this. Despite their huge work load and teaching obligations they did everything in their capacity to ensure that the review activity went as best as it could.

During the site visits our lovely students showed enormous support whether by attending the interview panels, assisting in setting up exhibits, escorting the teams during visits, and others. Actually, all our CAD students showed their best support by simply being there attending to their classes on time ensuring that as best as possible the classes took place as normal as possible during the visit period. The program review was a huge effort, but never-the-less it has been an activity that has brought us all so much closer together as a team at CAD and within RUW. We received some very positive oral feedback from the review panels, and we are still waiting to receive our final results from QAA very soon. We look forward to hopefully having some very good news to share with you all soon. At this point I need to extend a very very warm thank you to each and every person whether, Senior Management, Faculty member, Admin, students, alumnae, employer, examiner, or any other person who supported CAD in this process. You are all our champions and to you all I would like to extend my warmest words of appreciation.

May Allah bless you all, and may we all continue to create great achievements together.
Thank you all and have a great semester 2, 2016-17.
Way to go RUW!

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Ms. Bridget Hansen, Fulbright Scholar,
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Ms. Bridget Hansen

Bridget Hansen is a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant for the 2016-2017 school year and is assisting the Royal University for Women's Center for General Studies in the English for Academic Success Program. She graduated in 2016 with two bachelor's degrees (summa cum laude) in anthropology and classical studies from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Bridget loves the Arabic language, cultures, and Islam, and her classical studies degree focused on the Middle East.

As an undergraduate, she studied abroad in Oman with the US State Department's Critical Language Scholarship program and in Jordan with the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. She also conducted original ethnographic research to complete an honors anthropology thesis. Bridget has deferred her Ph.D. admission to Emory University in Atlanta, USA to accept a Fulbright scholarship to help teach English at RUW, where she is also learning about Bahraini life and culture. Her doctoral research will explore the role of Islam in psychiatry and mental health treatment within the Arabian Gulf countries, particularly Oman and Bahrain.

RUW Mission

To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

RUW Vision

"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

Centre for General Studies

- English for Academic Success

College of Business and Financial Sciences

- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
- Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
- Bachelor of Business in International Business
- Bachelor of Business in Marketing

College of Information Technology

- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

College of Law

- Bachelor of Law

College of Art and Design

- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
- Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design
- Master of Arts in Design Management
- Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting

WVU Health Sciences Delegation visits RUW Campus



From January 11-15, 2017, a delegation from WVU Health Sciences led by Dr. Clay B. Marsh, MD, Vice President and Executive Dean, WVU Health Sciences visited RUW. The delegation was composed of Dr. Christopher Martin, MD, MSC, Director, Global Engagement Office, Health Sciences Center, Dr. David Stewart, Associate Vice-President for Global Strategy and International Affairs and Prof. Radhey Sharma, Associate Vice-President for Global Strategy and International Affairs. The goal of the visit was to explore academic degrees offerings and training opportunities in the medical field following the request of HRH Princess Sebke and some interests from the health sector in Bahrain. The delegation met with The Minister of Health, H.E. Ms. Faeqa bint Saeed Al-Saleh, The Chairman of the Supreme Council for Health, H.E. Lieutenant General Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the CEO of Venture Capital Bank, owner of the Royal Hospital for Women, Mr. Abdulatif Janahi. Both teams also followed up on the progress of the preparation of the Bachelor of Civil Engineering, a RUW student trip to WVU January 19-27, 2017 and a RUW BOT EXCO delegation visit to WVU April 9-13, 2017 and the Workshop on Cybersecurity from April 23 to 25.

Representative from the European Union Delegation visits RUW



On January 23, Ms. Lucia Manrique Escudero, Counselor Political Affairs from the European Union delegation based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia visited Royal University for Women. The Riyadh delegation office is in charge of the EU relations with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman. Ms. Lucia met with Prof. Mazin Jumaah, RUW President and Dr. Vivien Exartier, International Affairs Officer to discuss possible cooperation initiatives. In 2013, The EU in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation had chosen RUW to host a lecture on Women empowerment as part of the Sharaka Lecture Series, aiming at promoting ties between the EU and the GCC.

Royal University for Women and the Northern Municipal Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Conducting Scientific Research



Royal University for Women and the Northern Municipal Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) through which the Northern Municipal Council will benefit from the research capabilities and expertise of the students and professors and use it as a means to conduct research of interest to the local community and as a way to study solutions and developments that will benefit the local community and the Kingdom of Bahrain. The MoU was signed at the Royal University for Women campus in Riffa by the President of the Royal University for Women Prof. Mazin Jumaah and Northern Municipal Council Chairman Mr. Mohammed Buhamoud. The vision of the Northern Municipal Council for the northern region is to preserve the resources available, and use them optimally. They have collaborated with RUW to conduct collaborative research to make accurate and realistic decisions for the benefit and service of the kingdom. Research projects will be conducted in College of Business and Financial Sciences, College of Art & Design and College of Law in the theme proposed by Northern Municipality. This will facilitate RUW to link with the industry in collaborative researches.

CAD participates in the 43rd Bahrain Fine Arts Exhibition



As part of Bahrain contemporary and future Art vision, Bahrain held The 43rd Bahrain Fine Arts Exhibition. This year was the first time that the administration responsible for organizing the exhibition decided to allow non-Bahraini Artists to participate in this event on the condition that they maintain a residency in Bahrain. Dr. Hanaa Malallah, Associate Professor, College of Art & Design, and Dr Hisham Al-Azzawi, Head of Department of Architectural Design, College of Art and Design, participated in the exhibition and decided to create a team work combining an Artist and an Architect, which is probably the first time for this type of collaboration to happen in Bahrain. The project is titled "Drone and Ziggurat of UR". It consists of three parts of related artwork; A projection Photo, A Three-Minute Movie and a Hologram Installation.

RUW Cultural Exchange Student Trip to West Virginia University, USA



During the inter-semester break, 7 RUW students from the College of Art & Design, College of Business & Financial Science and College of Law, and Dr. Maria Casoria from the College of Law, took part in the Exchange Programme to USA organized from 19th to 27th January 2017 by the Centre for General Studies (CGS) in collaboration with our strategic partner West Virginia University. The educational trip started with the visit to the city of Morgantown and WVU campus, where the students attended classes, participated in excursions to the countryside and in other educational activities, like bowls painting for charity purposes, and had the opportunity to make new friends and compare their university experience with that of the American colleagues.

RUW Cultural Exchange Student Trip to West Virginia University, USA



After a tour to the University of Pittsburg, the group moved to Washington D.C. The stay included sightseeing of the most important monuments, such as Capitol Hill, US Supreme Court, WWII Memorial, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Iwo Jima Corps Memorials, and Smithsonian Museum of American History, and tour in Georgetown University. The visit to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the meeting with H.E. Shaik Abdullah Bin Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Khalifa, who welcomed the delegation and shared his experience as ambassador in a country and culture which are completely different from Bahrain and the Middle-East, was an added value of the trip.

Alumna of the Month



Background Information

Name: Ms. Bashaer Bazuhair

Graduation Year: 2015

Professional Occupation:
Business System Analyst at Saudi Aramco

Involvement at RUW:
Graduated from the College of Information Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with High Distinction

Her Words:

“Life is a journey and it has so many stops. Every day there is something to learn. One of the things I have learned from RUW is to challenge myself and to contribute to something larger than me, and this is the key of my success. Working as a Business system analyst with an IT background was a challenge. But nothing is hard if you have the ability and want to learn.”

Achievements:

Working in an oil company expand my knowledge in many things. I joined the company as a business system analyst in the downstream business. Then, got the chance to have an assignment with the chemicals business for more than a year. During this time, I had the opportunity to understand the company performance from a financial perspective. As well as having a clear idea about the chemicals products. In such work place, there will be a new challenge every day and a new opportunities to learn something new.

RUW Students gear up for the Second Semester of AY 2016-17



The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) at Royal University for Women (RUW) held its annual Student Orientation Programme on 29th January 2017. RUW President Prof. Mazin Jumaah welcomed new students, and wished them every success in their university life. In his message to new students and their families Prof. Jumaah emphasised the world-class educational services that are provided by RUW to all students which help them become well-rounded, mature, leading individuals. Prof. Jumaah reiterated to students and parents that RUW offers an environment where students can excel in academia and on an individual basis due to the holistic approach of the University.

Royal University for Women signs an agreement with BENEFIT



Royal University for Women has signed an agreement with BENEFIT paving the way for its students to process online transactions and payments through all the retail banks in Bahrain through FAWATEER service. This agreement coincided with the start of the online registration for the second semester of the academic year 2016/2017. Reflecting on this agreement, President of the Royal University for Women Professor Mazin Jumaah stated “We at Royal University for Women always aspire to keep pace with technological developments and measures that aid the student experience. The university has taken all necessary procedures and preparations to facilitate the electronic system, and will ultimately ease the daily transactions and academic registration for the students”

CBFS Field trip to the Bahrain Bourse

On December 01, 2016, A field trip to the Bahrain Bourse was organized by Dr. Kasi and Dr. Elizabeth to provide students of BNF315 and BNF406 a practical understanding of the following concepts of Bahrain's financial market, evolution and growth of Bahrain Bourse, role & contribution of Bahrain Bourse as well as the number of listed companies on Bahrain Bourse and the types of securities traded in Bahrain Bourse. The PR officer of the Bahrain Bourse briefed the students on the mentioned topics. Students were also taken to the trading area and were given a brief about how security trading takes place and how they are reported.



QAAU ISO 9001:2015 Awareness Workshop by AJA Registrars Bahrain



In preparation for the planned transition of RUW Quality Management System from ISO 9001:2008 to the new ISO 9001:2015 standard, QAAU hosted a workshop in collaboration with AJA Registrars Bahrain on 22nd January 2017. The workshop was attended by Managers and representative staff from the Administrative Departments operating under the scope of the ISO standards. In this regard, RUW is anticipating to fully implement the ISO 9001:2015 standard by the end of the current Academic Year 2016-17, and this workshop was one of the initial footsteps taken to undergo the comprehensive transition process.

VIVA presentation of Ms. Aisha Al Bin Jassim for her Master of Design Management Thesis



On December 29, 2016, Ms. Aisha Jassim Al Bin Jassim presented her Master of Design Management thesis entitled “The Impact of Effective Induction Program on Employees’ Job Satisfaction”. The Viva panel was formed of: Dr. Kasi from CBFS, Dr. Ralla Mohammed from UOB and Dr. Nehal Elnaggar, supervisor. The Viva began with the students presenting a summary of her thesis and findings. This was followed by the discussion of the Viva panel and concluded with the deliberation of the Viva panel’s decision. The Viva was also attended by CAD Dean, CAD and RUW Faculty members, Master program students and others.

Health and Wellness Workshop by Sofitel Spa



On January 31, RUW Community Education Committee organized the health and wellness workshop with courtesy of Sofitel Hotel – Thalassa Sea & Spa. Students were invited to attend this session. They learnt about the benefits of health & wellness: improve sleep, promote blood circulation, eliminate fatigue, relieve stress and promote metabolism. Every Mondays, RUW students and staff would receive special discounts on the health & wellbeing treatments at Thalassa Sea & Spa.

College of IT participates in External Examination of Final Year Projects at the College of IT, University of Bahrain (UoB)



Dr. Mahmoud Jassar, Dean of College of IT at Royal University for Women has been nominated as External Examiner for CIT Senior Projects at University of Bahrain. Dr. Jassar Participated as external examiner and honored during the senior year project exhibition at the College of IT, University of Bahrain on Jan 12, 2017.

CAD External Examiners examine Final Projects – Semester 1 AY 2016-17

During the final term examination, Semester 1, AY 2016-17, CAD External Examiners and Verifiers examined Final Projects in general design, Interior Design and Architecture. The examiners gave critical comments/ feedback on students work and also verified the courses by looking at the folders prepared for each course. Examiners appreciated the work and interacted with the students to get the feedback regarding the courses at the University. It was lovely interacting with the examiners and get a suggestive feedback.

Career Guidance Programme Workshop: Interview Skills

On January 30, as part of the Office of Student Affairs Career Guidance Programme, Interview Skills workshop was organized by the Director of Student Affairs, Ms. Doris Martin, for students from College of Information Technology and College of Law. Total of 13 students attended. Ms. Doris Martin Professional & Certified Trainer delivered the interactive workshop. She provided practical step-by-step guidance on winning sharpening one's interview skills. Students gained the necessary information needed to demonstrate a strong professional presence.

Project of the Semester

College of Business and Financial Sciences

Student: Ms. Yara Tariq AlArabi & Ms. Shaikha Abdulla AlNoaimi

Programme: Banking and Finance

Project Title: Growth Challenges of Islamic Banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain

Supervisor: Dr. Arpita Mehrotra

Project Description (Abstract):

This research, “Growth Challenges of Islamic Banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain” aims at determining the growth factors of Islamic banking in the Kingdom of Bahrain, its challenges and the recommended measures to mitigate these as well as its future prospects. Included in this paper is a brief background of Islamic banking, its growth principles, and the challenges. The overall findings of this study revealed that the growth factors for Islamic Banking in the Kingdom of Bahrain are due to good government support by having reputed regulations and legislation, which were the gateway for international banks to have their branches and Islamic windows in Bahrain. The other main factors were economic growth in Bahrain and, recent innovation and product development by Islamic banks as well as increased awareness among the public apart from other minor factors.

Impact on Society (Contribution):

This research focuses on the Islamic banks growth factors in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and analyses what challenges are facing this growth. As well as, this research helps overcoming these challenges with some of the recommendations that are mentioned in it, which will help in the increase of the growth of Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain that will lead to an increase in the growth of the Kingdom of Bahrain's economy.

Project of the Semester

College of Art and Design

Student: Ms. May Majed Sultan Salmeen Bakheet

Programme: Graphic Design

Project Title: 3D Modelling and Animation

Supervisor: Dr. Abuelainin Mohammed Hussain

Project Description (Abstract):

3D scene modelling and animation matching with the outdoor environment "Entertainment Park" with a materials, lighting, simulation, video post-production and project finalizing based on student imagination by using Autodesk 3Ds Max and Adobe Premier software.

Impact on Society (Contribution):

This is the first project of its kind at RUW and will have high impact on NEW students to encourage them for more learning and career development.

Project of the Semester

College of Information Technology

Student: Nayla Dawood Almana

Programme: Computer Science

Project Title: Diabetes Self-Management Mobile Application

Supervisor: Dr. Mahmoud Jassar

Project Description (Abstract):

Diabetes is a lifelong disorder of human's blood sugar level. As such, diabetic patients need to manage their lifestyle in order to stay healthy. Therefore, we have developed a mobile-based application that support diabetic patients such that to support diabetics on how to manage their lifestyle in order to stay in a good health. The proposed App can empower diabetics to have easy management over their diabetes, get immediate help during emergency situations. The app is developed to include all the services a diabetic may need. As such, they will be able to: know their BMI in regular intervals, get information about the food they take and keep track of it, learn good workouts for diabetics, get more educated with the tips and information provided in the application beside watching educational videos, set alarm to take their medicines on time, and finally they can shop online for their needed diabetes products.

Impact on Society (Contribution):

The application has direct impact on the general management of diabetics patients. The proposed app aiming at providing more comfortable, support and easy to control for diabetics lifestyle.

What R U saying?

Your Thoughts Are Your Actions

“Your thoughts become things!” Remember that whatever happens in your life is a reason of your thoughts either it is happiness, sadness, success or even failure. You might not know this but it is so true that whatever you think primarily comes into action in your life! Therefore you should always have positive thoughts and eliminate all the negative thoughts that come in your mind. Believe in yourself, in what you are capable of doing and what you can be in your future. Free your mind from any negative thoughts that might interrupt or disturb your future vision for yourself.

Every one of us faces an obstacle in life and you also get to be in situations under stress and everything around you seems so negative and nothing seems right. But then you think you should give up?! Of course not! Have faith in yourself see how you can solve the issue out and carry on. Nothing in life should let you down or stop you from reaching your dreams.

Moreover you have come across or heard about people who were once told that they will be of no importance in life and that they are big failures. Those people did not let that affect them they worked on themselves and prove themselves. For instance Dr. John F. Demartini, was told that he was learning disabled. Now he is a doctor, philosopher, an author and an international speaker. Why did he succeed? The primary reason is that he convinced himself that he will be something in future.

In conclusion try to always look at the bright side of whatever situation you are facing. Think about good things you want in life and unknowingly you will reach your approach. “You become what you think about most. But you also attract what you think about most.”

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