

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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President's Message



As per the United Nations, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals serve as the framework for attaining an improved and enduring future for the global community. The global challenges are listed in the attached figure. Higher education institutions are the primary means of disseminating knowledge through pedagogy and generating novel knowledge through scholarly inquiry. These factors render universities pivotal in attaining Sustainable Development Goals. Higher Education Institutions align with the objectives and focal points of the fourth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) about Quality Education. This SDG advocates for education that is inclusive, equitable, and of high quality. Through innovative approaches to pedagogy and scholarship and by fostering the active engagement of all academic community members (including faculty and students engaged in teaching and research), Kingdom University encompassing the overarching objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in its current strategy .

What measures can be taken to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals? I have included the following concepts for you to consider. It is recommended that the university curricula encompass all facets of the Sustainable Development Goals to equip students with the requisite knowledge, skills, and scientific understanding to effectively tackle the complex challenges of sustainable development in their professional pursuits. Besides, universities create, modify, and execute curricula that align with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is recommended that university governing bodies establish policies and execute strategic measures to

address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) effectively. In conjunction with pursuing excellence in academic and research endeavours, institutional policies must prioritise effective environmental stewardship within the campus premises. It includes a concerted effort towards achieving carbon neutrality, fostering collaborative partnerships with communities to advance sustainable objectives, and cultivating a conscientious consumption and production culture. The global population inhabits a worldwide setting encompassing various physical, economic, cultural, and technological domains. The phenomenon of globalisation necessitates the need for collaborative efforts on an international level, not just limited to academic institutions but also encompassing national and transnational organisations, corporations, enterprises, and local communities in a broader spectrum. We must proactively impart training and hone professional competencies in developing nations to address SDGs effectively. The attainment of global leadership in the transformation of universities can only be achieved through collaborative efforts that involve individuals from diverse countries, cultures, disciplines, and skill sets.

Kingdom University is dedicated to pursuing these objectives as a component of its responsibility in the Kingdom of Bahrain, thereby assuming a crucial role in collaborating with other entities to accomplish them.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
Kingdom University

DERASAT Discussion Session



Dr. Sherif Elwageeh, the esteemed Chairman of the Interior Design department, recently engaged in a discussion session centered around the pertinent topic of “Opportunities and Challenges facing sustainable production and consumption in the GCC.” The session was organized by DERASAT and led by Dr. Sumaya Yusuf, Chairperson of the Department of Natural Resources at Arabian Gulf University. Numerous engaging facts and subjects were deliberated, encompassing the strategic plans and initiatives implemented in GCC countries pertaining to sustainable production, sustainable consumption, recycling technologies, and the distinctions between linear economy and circular economy models.

Participation as External Jurors in Gulf University Graduation project for the Interior Design Engineering program at the Bahraini Engineers Society



The Department of Interior Design Engineering at Gulf University has extended an invitation to Dr. Ibtisam AlHoutary. Dr. AlHoutary attended the event alongside with Dr. Raeda Alalawi, president of the Bahraini Engineer's Society, and Prof. Muhannad Al-Mashhadani, President of Gulf University.

The Interior Design Program at Kingdom University is the first program in the Kingdom of Bahrain to receive British International Accreditation from the British and International Interior Design Association



The Bachelor of Interior Design program at Kingdom University has obtained accreditation from the Society of British and International Interior Design Association (SBID) as the first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab world. Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, President of the University, stated that obtaining such accreditation is in line with the university's vision to provide high-quality and distinguished education, and to raise the level of higher education in Bahrain and the region. He also pointed out that this accreditation meets the growing needs of the labor market for distinguished graduates in the field of interior design, and they can compete for job opportunities in the local and global market. He assured that the university will continue to develop its programs and improve the quality of Education provided to students, in cooperation with the competent international authorities in the field of education and academic accreditation. Dr. Ashraf Suleiman, Dean of the College, stated that the program obtained accreditation for a period of five years, and that Kingdom University is the first international university from outside the United Kingdom to obtain this accreditation. Dr. Sherif Al-Wajeeh, Head of the Interior Design Department, said that such accreditation gives current students in the program a membership of the association and will benefit from all events, seminars and exhibitions held by it. Also, this accreditation enables graduates to obtain a free professional membership for a year. After 3 years of employment, graduates can obtain full memberships as professional interior designers which allow them to work in the UK.

College of Business participation in the intellectual dialogue on the opportunities and challenges for sustainable production

The College of Business Administration made a substantial contribution to the conference entitled "Sustainable Innovations in Management in the Digital Transformation Era," which took place on May 2nd and 3rd. The research paper entitled "Teaching Entrepreneurship in University Curricula in Bahrain" was presented by Prof. Saad Darwish, with the active involvement of the college's Dean, Dr. Abdelrahman Meero.



Student Activity "Writing Skills as an Important Aspect of Study Skills" Business Management Department/College of Business

On June 13th at 2:00 pm, an educational activity was conducted by Drs. Zaina and Dunya, esteemed professors of English Language within the College of Business Administration/Business Management Department. The event was attended by students from the business and engineering disciplines. This practice enhances students' academic skills, specifically in the area of writing. The presenters provide a comprehensive definition of "study skills" and proceed to educate students on effective time management and the development of learning strategies. They also instruct students on the proper methods for preparing reports and projects, taking notes, constructing, and presenting bibliographies, enhancing spelling and grammar, delivering presentations, and effectively preparing for and taking exams. During the subsequent session, the instructors discussed the topic of "Effective Paper Writing," encompassing various aspects such as topic selection, data collection, incorporation of novel ideas, revision, and proofreading. Following the completion of the exercise, students engaged in two to three writing paper outline and reference entry assignments. Dr. Venus Del Rosario, the esteemed head of the Business Management Department, attended the event and graciously offered her support.



Honoring practical training students at the Institute of Political Development

Kingdom University, represented by the Dean of the College of Law, Dr. Nidal Yassin Hamo, attended and awarded a number of students who participated in the activities of the field training program held by the Institute of Political Development starting from February 26 until April 26, 2023, including Kingdom University students.



Importance and role of students' elections Process in consolidating democratic values in the Kingdom of Bahrain

On Sunday, 11/06/2023, legal clinic students, in cooperation with the Department of Private Law at the College of Law and the Community Engagement Unit at the university, organized a lecture entitled "Importance and role of students' elections in consolidating democratic values in the Kingdom of Bahrain". The aim of the lecture is to provide students with knowledge related to student elections within the university and their procedures, and to explain their role and importance in consolidating the values of democracy.

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**الانتخابات الطلابية أهميتها
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Publication of the second volume of the Journal of Contemporary Legal Studies at the College of Law

The first and second issues of the second volume of the Journal of Contemporary Legal Studies were issued by the College of Law. Each issue contained five research in the various fields and branches of law for professors and instructors from inside and outside the Kingdom of Bahrain.



The Art of Dialogue

The College of Law, in cooperation with Bahrain Debate, organized a number of workshops for Legal Clinic students starting from Sunday 18/06/2023 until Wednesday 21/06/2023. The aim of this workshop is to develop and enhance students' skills of communication, discussion and dialogue in addition to practical and applied skills



Meeting with Tamkeen Officials

As part of KU's efforts to promote the World Renewable Energy Congress WREC-23, WREC – Bahrain, Prof Nader Al-Bastaki, VP, Prof Saad Darwish, HCECEU, and Abdulla Sharifi met with Tamkeen officials on 21st to 26th April to discuss future collaborations and sponsorship for the congress.



Training on Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)

Prof Saad Darwish HCECEU, Dr. Ashraf Suleiman, and Mr. Tamer Salama attended a five-day workshop at the Arab Gulf University. This is known as IBM SPSS Statistics, a software package used to analyze statistical data. Its uses have expanded into other data markets. SPSS is commonly used in healthcare, marketing, and educational research. The types of data analyzed using SPSS are widely varied. Familiar sources include survey results, organization customer databases.



Meetings |Regarding Virtual Youth Forum for Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing- Ministry of Interior

Prof Saad Darwish, on 22nd June 2023 represented Kingdom University in this meeting at the Ministry of Interior. Prof Mohamed presided over the first meeting with the Ministry of Interior. Officers from the ministry's Human Resources Department attended, as did one Major senior officer - the Head of the Police Academy. The guests came from various industries interested in AI and cloud computing. Amazon is the primary partner since it supplies the platform for this event, which will take place from July 17th until July 27th. The Amazon platform will be accessible for a month to assist youth with AI and cloud computing issues. The intended audience is aged 14 to 22. Many Arab nations are likely to join; ten countries participated in the previous year.

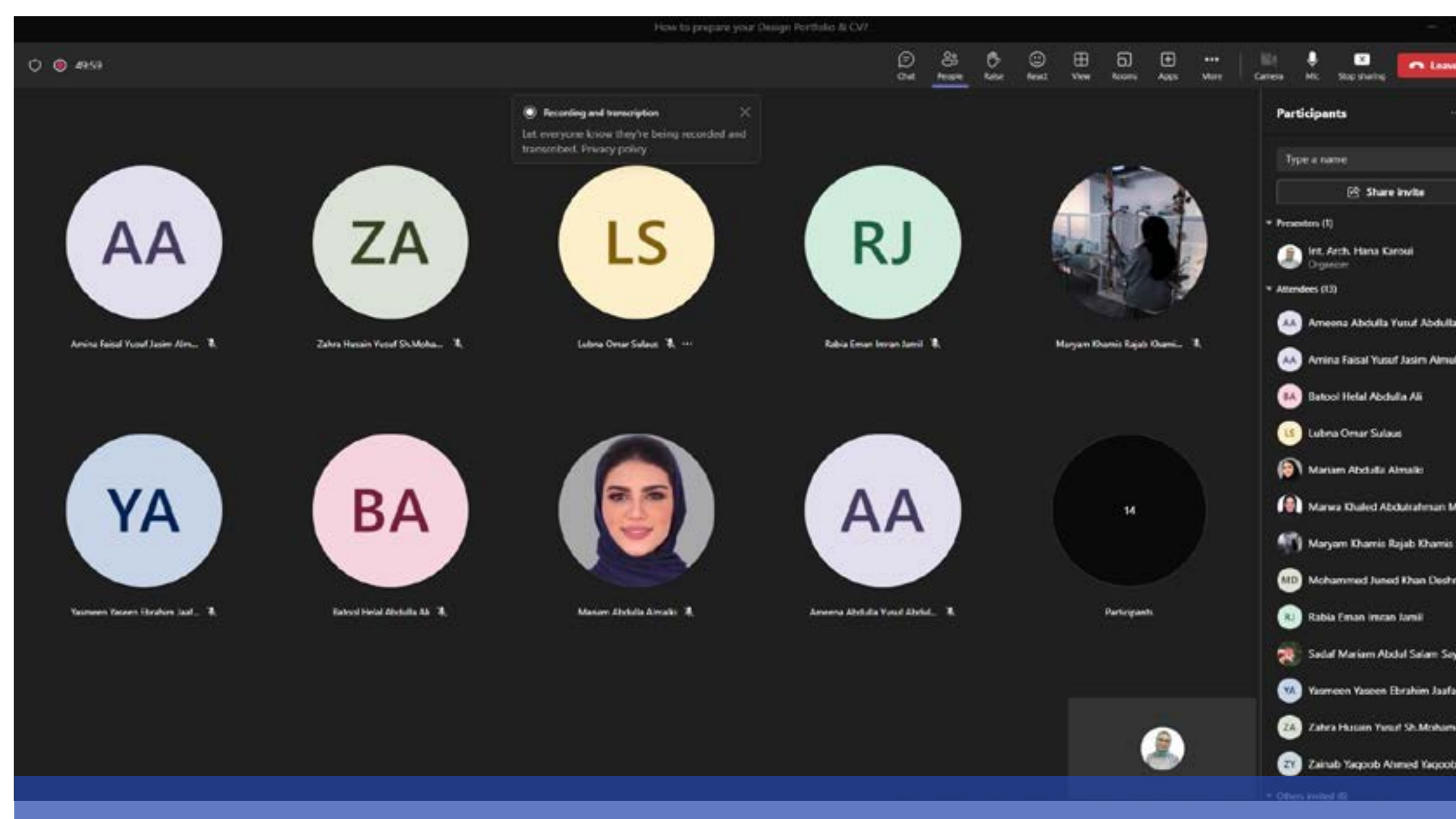


Prof Saad Darwish delivers a workshop on Government Policies in the Bahrain Institute for Political Development

The objective of this workshop is to present a comprehensive summary of the influence policies implemented by the government. The workshop took place on June 12th, 2023, and was attended by a total of 35 participants who were head of departments-civil servants from the public sector. The participants were from a diverse range of governmental offices located in Bahrain. It centered on the effects of governmental policies on performance. The impact of diverse policies on the public, such as taxation, healthcare, education, and social welfare, was deliberated by the participants. The discourse was moderated by Professor Saad Darwish, a specialist in the realm of public policy. The workshop effectively enhanced the comprehension of attendees regarding the influence of governmental policies on the general populace. During the process of policy development, the participants expressed a heightened sense of knowledge and agency regarding their personal lives and the lives of their peers. Additionally, they reported experiencing a sense of affiliation with the government and its policies. The workshop additionally afforded attendees the chance to engage in professional networking with peers operating within the realm of public policy. This facilitated their learning process through active engagement with one another and fostered the formation of potentially advantageous relationships. In general, the workshop proved to be efficacious in imparting to the attendees an enhanced comprehension of the influence of governmental policies, increasing their awareness of their own knowledge in policy formulation and development.

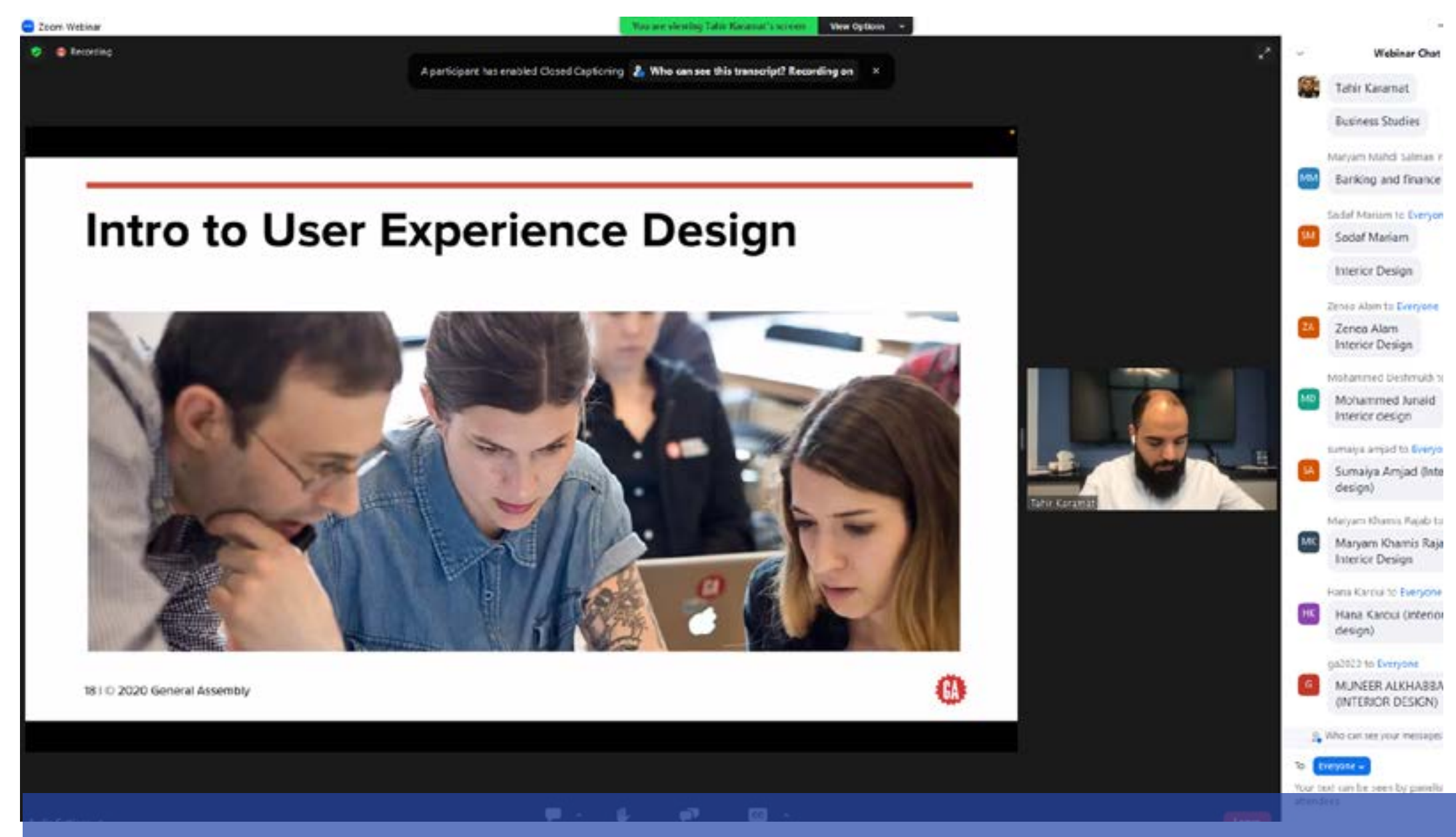


Internship, Alumni Affairs & Career Guidance Unit, organized a webinar on Microsoft Teams entitled "CV and Portfolio Preparation".



The head of Internship, Alumni Affairs & Career Guidance Unit has presented the "CV and Portfolio Preparation" webinar to KU students who are expected to enroll in Internship Course and for senior students expected to graduate to prepare them for Job Interview and Internship placement.

Internship, Alumni Affairs & Career Guidance Unit have organized a virtual webinar presented by "General Assembly" training company entitled "Soft Skills & Career Coaching" on Zoom



The webinar presented by "General Assembly" training company aims to enhance students' soft skills and introduce them to potential professional fields. It also directs them to the best career path. In this workshop, the presenter emphasized the importance of enhancing students' skills during their studies and improving them constantly.

Kingdom University Showcases its Success in Adopting Technology at Digital Transformation Exhibition in Bahrain

As part of CECEU's strategy in engaging with the community and in collaboration with the Bahrain Society for Voluntary Work, the above-mentioned event was conducted. We showed our remarkable accomplishments in digital transformation and the advancement of Artificial Intelligence at Kingdom University's ICT. We unveiled our pioneering projects and initiatives that have revolutionized various aspects of the institution. From advanced learning management systems to data analytics tools, the university has leveraged the power of technology to enhance student experiences, streamline administrative processes, and foster a digitally driven environment. Kingdom University, renowned for its commitment to innovation and cutting-edge technology, seized this opportunity to showcase its significant contributions to digital transformation. Kingdom University continues to prioritize technological innovation; it remains committed to harnessing the power of digital transformation to shape the future of education and contribute to advancing Bahrain's private sector. The exhibition has further reinforced the universities to explore new horizons in technology and artificial intelligence, focusing on delivering transformative solutions that empower students, faculty, and the wider community. The event was held under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Mr. Osama bin Ahmed Al-Asfour, Minister of Social Development, bringing together over 40 private organizations from Bahrain and distinguished guests from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Turkey. The exhibition, held at a Crown Plaza Hotel in Bahrain, served as a platform for organizations to demonstrate their pivotal roles in implementing digital transformation systems and harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence. Ms. Marwa Assim, Ms. Noora Alrowaiei from the ICT Department, and Mr. Ali Sameer from Public Relations and Marketing department participated in the exhibition.



Kingdom University students' election of the Student Council."

Ten male and female students representing the university's four colleges (Business Administration, Law, Architectural Engineering and Design, and Information Technology) have won the 15th Student Council election at Kingdom University. Law College seats were won by students Riyadh Al-Amin, Mohammed Al-Sheikh, Kamal Al-Jarrah, and Amal Al-Tayari, as determined by the university's election committee. In addition, students Ali Mohammed, Ahmed Al-Ghanim, and Abdulrahman Thani won seats at the College of Business Administration, while students Maryam Al-Amir and Maram Matar won seats at the College of Architectural Engineering and Design. Masraa Mufaq won a seat in the Information Technology College by unanimous vote. The elections were conducted according to the election regulations, and the student electoral experience was successful and uncomplicated, thanks to the cooperation of all students and candidates in adhering to the administrative election regulations and implementing the electoral process according to the regulations and plan established for it. Elections for the Student Council aim to promote the democratic ethos among students and encourage their participation in university and student activities. This conforms to the democratic approach of the Kingdom of Bahrain, whose rules and foundations were established by the beloved country's king, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.



Health Counselor Workshop

The Ministry of Health, in cooperation with Kingdom University, held a training workshop entitled "Health Advisor" at Kingdom University. The objective of this workshop is to focus on training and preparing health counselors from youth category so that they will be able to spread health awareness with high efficiency in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The workshop was held under the supervision of trainers from the Ministry of Health at Kingdom University in the presence of several employees, who are members of the University Health Committee in addition to a number of students. The workshop lasted 4 days. The participants were trained on the most important skills of self-confidence, planning and decision-making, in addition to giving an overview of the health situation in the Kingdom of Bahrain and introducing the most important communicable diseases. At the end of the workshop, participants were evaluated through offers that meet the standards required to address the public. The course will be annual to move to higher and more comprehensive levels.



Prof Saad Darwish receives a letter of appreciation from the Minister of Labor for the valuable contribution to the national platform for Bahrain Experts

The National Platform for Bahraini Experts is an official national initiative overseen by the Ministry of Labor. The national platform, also known as Khobraa, is a long-term, sustainable program that consists of a national portal and a database of Bahraini experts and specialists in a variety of scientific and technical fields both inside and outside of Bahrain. Its goal is to elevate the country's citizens and highlight their exceptional human competencies so that they can draw from their experiences and be enriched by efficient means of knowledge transfer.



Meeting of KU President with the College of Architecture and Interior Design

The President of the KU hold a meeting with the Vice President, the Dean of the College, the Head of the Interior Design Department and the staff of the College of Engineering and Design to congratulate them on all the efforts that have been made, which contributed to the College obtaining the British accreditation in international interior design SBID. The President of the University also stressed the importance of this accreditation which will help graduate of the department to obtain suitable jobs and work in the United Kingdom. The President of the University also urged the college to make more efforts to achieve other international accreditations..

