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## Commencement of Summer Semester and Scholarship for Faculty Members

The Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has announced the commencement of the summer semester in all colleges and departments, starting from Saturday, April 20th, 2024.

In a related context and in conjunction with the preparations preceding the summer semester, Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, published a picture of an official administrative decision issued by the office of the university's Chancellor, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami. The decision grants a scholarship to a family member (son, daughter, spouse) of a faculty member at the university.

The decision, bearing the official university seal and the signature of Dr. Al-Maqrami, outlines seven conditions that must be met by a faculty member to be eligible for this scholarship. Among the conditions, the first requirement is for the member to be actively engaged in the university for four consecutive or intermittent academic semesters, excluding the summer semester. The second requirement is for the member to maintain active involvement in university work for two academic semesters.

It is worth mentioning that the decision was made in cooperation between the university administration, represented by the Chancellor of the University, and the Faculty Affairs Deanship, as stated in its opening paragraph.

## University Peer-Reviewed Scientific Journal Releases Fifth Issue



The quarterly peer-reviewed scientific journal, "Minnesota International Journal of Academic Studies," affiliated with Islamic University of Minnesota, has released its fifth issue (March 2024), showcasing the diversity of research and international collaboration within the university.

The new issue features ten peer-reviewed scientific papers, with fourteen papers published in Arabic and two in English. The topics covered in these papers span various fields, including business administration, economics, Islamic studies, social studies, legal studies, as well as artificial intelligence and cybersecurity studies.

It is worth mentioning that the issue includes contributions from thirteen researchers from different nationalities. Four researchers are from Jordan, two from both Iraq and Palestine, and one researcher each from the United Kingdom, Senegal, Sudan, Yemen, and the United Arab Emirates. This global diversity highlights the university's commitment to promoting academic collaboration and knowledge exchange in diverse fields.

The issue encompasses rich content spread over 380 pages, and readers can download it by visiting the following link:

<https://site.ium.edu.so/center/journal>



## Official Statistics: Virtual Activities Witness Significant Growth

An official statistical report has been presented by the Statistics and Data Unit, affiliated with the Media Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, highlighting the activities of the virtual educational and audiovisual rooms during the second semester. The statistics reveal a range of figures that reflect the nature and scale of the educational process at the university.

According to the report, the number of primary rooms where the educational process was conducted during the semester reached 325 rooms. Additionally, there were 3,200 recorded video lectures, 3,200 audio lectures, and 3,100 attendance sheets.

Furthermore, 35 links were created for meetings organized by departments, colleges, and some units during the semester. There were 28 public sessions held to discuss doctoral and master's theses, as well as research plan seminars, with a similar number of recorded discussions and seminar sessions. The Language and Translation Center had 25 links.

Regarding training, development, and community programs, 45 links were organized for training courses, with 28 video courses recorded, in addition to 25 links for the Language and Translation Center.

Finally, the report indicates that the Room Unit uploaded 9,600 files during the second semester of the academic year 2024-2023, and 1,025 links were created during the same semester.

## University Strengthens International Relations: Radio Interview and Training Agreement



Dr. Ali El-Shboul, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, conducted a radio interview in Spanish through the terrestrial station of Creatividad International Radio "Radio Creatividad International". The interview was broadcasted from Miami, the capital of Florida in the United States.

In a statement by Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, Director of External Relations and International Cooperation, Dr. El-Shboul discussed various topics related to the university during the interview, such as its colleges, departments, and achievements, as well as international relations and major agreements. He also spoke about the Academic Studies Center project and its Latin American Studies Unit, along with the tasks associated with this unit, in addition to other future programs.

It is worth noting that Dr. El-Shboul was appointed by the University's Department of External Relations and International Cooperation to conduct this interview as a member of the administration and ambassador for external relations.

In a related context, Dr. Hanan Mukhtar announced that the Islamic University of Minnesota and Taheri Mohammed-Bechar University in Algeria have reached an agreement to hold a joint training course in the field of employing artificial intelligence in scientific research.

Dr. Hanan explained that the training course will target professors and researchers from both sides, and highlighted special privileges for researchers who participated in the scientific conference "Artificial Intelligence: Between Reality, Aspiration, and its Legal Applications" organized by the two universities in February last year.



## Language Center Announces French Course and Continues Spanish Course

The Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has made two important announcements regarding language courses. The first announcement is about the launch of a French course at the preliminary level, coinciding with the start of the summer semester on April 20th, 2024. The course will be comprised of six lectures delivered by Dr. Taha Al-Jawhari. It is worth noting that the course will be free, but a small fee of 20\$ will be required for those who wish to obtain a course completion certificate.

In the second announcement, the Language and Translation Center informed that the registration for the Level 3 Spanish course (B1) is still open. The course is scheduled to begin after the blessed Eid al-Fitr, with the permission of Allah Almighty. Dr. Ali El-Shboul, a distinguished lecturer, will be conducting the course.



## Dean of Faculty Affairs Welcomes New Faculty Members

A new constellation of professors and doctors has joined the Islamic University in Minnesota, where Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs, welcomed these new members at the university's main campus. These members represent various specializations and departments within the university.

In the College of Islamic Studies, six doctors joined, specifically Dr. Ayman Mus'ed, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Amir, and Associate Prof. Dr. Afaf Makkawi, who joined the Department of the Holy Qur'an and its Sciences. Dr. Ahmed Abdulsattar joined the Department of Jurisprudence and its Principles, Dr. Majed Al-Salmi joined the Department of Creed and Contemporary Schools of Thought, and Dr. Eid Harahsha joined the Department of Prophetic Tradition.

In the Department of Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, and Networking in the College of Computer Science and Information Systems, four members joined, namely Dia'a Al-Haq Khalifa, Dr. Hani Mohammed Hassan Al-Houbi, Dr. Samah Mohammed Othman Hassan, and Dr. Mish'al Al-Salman.

In the College of Economics and Business Administration, Dr. Fairouz Bahlaq joined the Department of Islamic Economics, and Associate Prof. Dr. Manal Adam joined the Department of Business Administration.

There is also one doctor who joined the College of Sharia and Law, which is Associate

Prof. Dr. Al-Bashir from Tunisia, who joined the Department of Law.

The new members expressed their happiness and pride in joining the Islamic University in Minnesota through posts on the main faculty members' WhatsApp group. All academic members of the university also welcomed the new doctors through similar posts in the same group.

Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs, emphasized the importance of including new doctors as part of the academic development plan adopted by the university's leadership.

In another context, a meeting was held between the Dean of Faculty Affairs and the heads of departments in the College of Media at the university. During the meeting, the most important challenges facing the educational process in the college and the problems encountered by faculty members were discussed. The best ways to develop work in the college by overcoming these challenges and problems were also discussed.

Several key figures in the university attended the meeting, including the college dean, vice dean, head of the graduate studies department, deputy head of the graduate studies department, and head of the media department at the undergraduate level. A representative from the Dean's Office of Faculty Affairs also attended.



## Al-Sharida Appointed as Head of Educational Technology Department

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the Vice President and Head of the Main Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, issued a decision appointing Dr. Intisar Saleh Al-Sharida to this position.

Dr. Intisar Al-Sharida holds a Ph.D. degree in Curriculum and Teaching Methods, specializing in Philosophy, with a distinction in 2019 from the University of Jordan. She also earned a Master's degree in General Curriculum from the University of Jordan in 2015, a Higher Diploma in Education from Mutah University in Jordan in 1999, and a Bachelor's degree in General Management, with a major in General Administration, from Yarmouk University in Jordan in 1990 (English language program).

Al-Sharida has a vast experience in education, having served as a principal in both secondary and elementary government schools for 22 years in various directorates of the Jordanian Ministry of Education, including Amman, Ma'an, and Karak. Since 2023, she has been serving as an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Technology at the College of Education, University of Minnesota. Additionally, she has been a part-time lecturer in the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department at the College of Education, teaching Classroom Management since 2022. She is a certified trainer in performance management and institutional excellence from the Institute of Public Administration in Jordan. She is also a certified trainer at Oxford Academy and a certified trainer at the University of Minnesota for curriculum redesign, performance management, and institutional excellence for the years 2023 and 2024. Furthermore, she holds a certified trainer certificate from the Ministry of Education in professional development for employees and data analysis for decision-making.

## Head of Department of Creed Holds Official Meeting



Minnesota - As part of the preparations for the summer semester, Dr. Imad Abdu Al-Ojaili, the head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects at the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held an official meeting with faculty members in the department at the main center. Several important topics were discussed during the meeting.

Firstly, Al-Ojaili welcomed the attending faculty members and expressed his gratitude for their efforts in the department. He then began discussing the timing of lectures in the summer semester, including scheduling and the appropriate distribution of time for lectures and discussions.

Al-Ojaili also addressed the issue of supervising scientific dissertations and emphasized the importance of distributing supervision equally among all faculty members in the department, based on a decision by the College Council. Additionally, a plan was discussed to organize seminars related to the department and enhance participation in the preparation of training courses, lectures, and workshops, and to collaborate with the Community Training and Development Center.

In the context of development, proposals were discussed to enhance the Department of Creed and Contemporary Sects, whether through updating the used references, changing the department's name, or expanding the available resources for the material taught in the department.

At the end of the meeting, Al-Ojaili provided an opportunity for faculty members to raise any additional issues or inquiries.

## Grand Ceremony Honors Department and Faculty Heads



Under the auspices of the administration of the University, a grand ceremonial event was organized to honor department and faculty heads and their assistants, under the theme of "Makers of Success." The event took place at the university's main center on Monday, 15th of Ramadan 1445 AH, corresponding to March 25th, 2024, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

Dr. Iman Abdulaziz, the event's presenter, opened the ceremony and welcomed all attendees, giving special recognition to the participating department and college heads. Then, His Excellency the Deputy Rector of the university, Dr. Omar bin Ahmed Al-Maqrami, delivered a speech in which he praised the heads and assistants, acknowledging their pivotal role as the key pillars of the educational process.

During the ceremony, Prof. Ismail Hamed, the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, delivered a speech on behalf of the deans, while Dr. Osama Abdulrahman gave a speech representing the Deanship of Academic Affairs. Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi also delivered a speech on behalf of the Educational Affairs Unit.

Furthermore, Dr. Zainab Besyouni delivered a speech on behalf of the faculty members, while Mr. Suleiman Maqboul gave a speech representing the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit. Dr. Iman Abdulaziz, once again, delivered a speech on behalf of the college heads.

The speeches during the ceremony focused on extending greetings, appreciation, and gratitude to the department and college heads, acknowledging their tremendous efforts in ensuring the continuity and effective management of the educational process to achieve the set goals.



## General Meeting for New Students

The Deanship of Student Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, held a general meeting on Thursday evening, March 2024, 21 for new undergraduate and graduate students.

In this meeting, the Director of the Deanship, Dr. Zainab Basiouni, gave a welcoming speech to the new students, and she and Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of Graduate Student Affairs, answered all the students' inquiries.

The Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, Mr. Suleiman Maqboul, also discussed the new students on various issues related to the university, such as introducing them to the faculties and their number, the study system, the number of semesters and years, the postponement, change and withdrawal system, studying via Zoom, the electronic portal, the electronic application, the university's WhatsApp groups, the curriculum, the examination system, the absence system, accreditations, activities, honors, arranging student affairs responsibilities, and university ethics.

This meeting aims to give new students a comprehensive understanding of the university and provide them with the necessary information.



## Graduate Affairs Deanship Achieves Tangible Accomplishments

Dr. Hind Saif Al-Nasr Ashmawi, the Dean of Graduate Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota's main campus, announced a series of accomplishments achieved by the deanship in a short period of time, despite its recent establishment.

Dr. Ashmawi confirmed that the deanship has successfully carried out several assigned tasks. Among these tasks was holding a meeting to form the administrative structure, in addition to issuing 95 documents from branch offices and 20 documents from the main campus. The deanship also sent 22 documents for accreditation, raised 23 names of graduates on the website, and issued 16 congratulatory messages to the graduates.

Furthermore, Dr. Ashmawi stated that the deanship prepared the first training portfolio, which lasted for three weeks and included six training courses. The deanship also prepared several images for social media platforms and created a number of congratulatory videos for the graduates on the occasion of the blessed month of Ramadan. The first Ramadan competition was launched as well.

It is worth mentioning that the first Ramadan competition was supervised by Dr. Hind Ashmawi, the Dean of Graduate Affairs, and was open to all those interested in participating. The competition took place throughout the days of Ramadan, and one or more winners were selected daily. The participation method involved extracting a verse from the Holy Quran that caught the participant's attention in the daily portion, and then deducing the benefits derived from it and citing them from Sunni interpretation books, while avoiding repetition and direct copying of other participants' contributions. The winner was chosen based on the quality and deduction of their participation.

The participants in the competition were awarded certificates of appreciation, and the best contributions were published in the Graduate Affairs Deanship magazine. The winner also had the opportunity to participate in a training course offered by the university as part of the Language Center programs.



## Meeting between Director of External Relations and Chair of Political Science Department

On Thursday, March 2024, 21, Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, Director of External Relations and International Cooperation at the Islamic University of Minnesota, met with Dr. Fayza Khattab, Chair of the Political Science Department at the College of Arts and Humanities at the university.

According to Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, they discussed the details of a training course that is being planned in collaboration between the two parties, namely the External Relations Department and the Political Science Department. The main topics of the course will cover skills of ambassadors and diplomatic representation, including the presentation of diplomatic initiatives, ideas, and visions, alternative files, and other related subjects.

It should be noted that the date and registration process for the training course will be determined after presenting the course plan to the Training and Development Center and Community Programs Management at the university. The appropriate date will be set, and the necessary approvals will be obtained for the accreditation of training certificates at the international level.

In another context, Dr. Hanan also met with Engineer Ali Mustafa, the Technical Affairs Officer of the official university website, to discuss the development of its dedicated page. This step aims to make the page more interactive with the public and relevant entities, facilitate service provision and response to inquiries, and highlight the work and achievements of the administration in a manner that reflects the university's vision and modernity.

According to Dr. Hanan, this meeting is part of the preparations of the External Relations Department for several upcoming events that are being planned.



## Official Report: Achievements of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit

The news management obtained a copy of an official report prepared by the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit, which is part of the Deanship of Students Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota's main center. The report highlights the accomplishments of the unit during the second semester of the academic year 2024-2023.

The -21page report consists of six different sections that cover statistics, preparations, internal organizational structure, collaboration with other units, strategies for attendance and disciplinary actions, exam scheduling, and the effectiveness of recognition programs.

The first section is the most significant, as it provides valuable statistics and information that shed light on a portion of the educational process at the university through numerical data. According to the report, the number of courses offered in the undergraduate program during the second semester was 159, with 137 active faculty members in this stage. The total number of registered students in active coursework was 1308, including 220 students in their final year or graduation semester.

The report also mentioned that nine students were dismissed due to excessive absences, and 84 warning letters were sent to absent students over a three-week period. These numbers reflect the nature of the educational process at the university as a whole.

In addition to the mentioned figures, the first section also includes a set of other statistics that highlight the significant efforts made by the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit team, led by the unit's director, Mr. Suleiman Maqbool.



## Statistical Overview of Graduate Studies Deanship Activities

The Statistics and Data Unit of the Media Center has released a statistical report on the activities of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center, during the second semester of the academic year 2024-2023.

According to the statistics, the deanship held fifteen public sessions to discuss scientific dissertations within the framework of master's and doctoral studies. This included five sessions for both the College of Islamic Studies and the College of Economics and Business Administration, two sessions for both the College of Education Sciences and the College of Sharia and Law, and one session each for the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Media.

The statistics also indicated that the deanship organized nineteen seminar sessions to discuss research proposals submitted by graduate students. This comprised six sessions for the College of Sharia and Law, four sessions for both the College of Economics and Business Administration and the College of Education Sciences, three sessions for the College of Arts and Humanities, and two sessions for the College of Islamic Studies.

It is worth mentioning that the statistics included a statistical column for the number of research proposals received by the deanship during the second semester, which amounted to 24 research plans.



## Special Ceremony Held at the Department of Arabic

Special Ceremony Held at the Department of Arabic Language, College of Arts and Humanities, Islamic University of Minnesota, to Celebrate the End of the Second Semester.

During the ceremony, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, the department's chairperson, delivered a speech and honored the faculty members with well-deserved certificates of appreciation.

The ceremony witnessed the distinguished presence of the esteemed supervisor, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the university's vice president. It was also sponsored and attended by the honorable dean of the college, Dr. Ismail Hamid, and the deputy dean, Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq.

## Researcher AbdulKarim Fadhain Earns Ph.D



Researcher Abdulkarim Ali Fadhain has obtained a Ph.D. degree in Islamic Political Science after defending his dissertation titled "The Role of the Ummah in Regulating Authority in the Islamic System" before a scientific committee chaired by Dr. Alaa Husni Musa.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center, College of Sharia and Law - Department of Judiciary and Sharia Policy, held a public session to discuss the thesis on Saturday, March 2024, 16, at eleven pm Makkah time.

The examining committee consisted of Dr. Alaa Husni Musa, Head of the Department of Sharia Judiciary and Politics at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as Chairman, Dr. Anas Ezzeddin Jrab, Faculty Member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as supervisor, Dr. Omar Mohammed Jabah Ji, Faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal Examiner, and Dr. Mahmoud Al-Nafar, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Theology, Van Yüzüncü Yıl Üniversitesi in Van, Turkey, as an external Examiner.

# Decisive Meetings of College Councils Set the Stage for Preparedness

The main campus of the Islamic University in Minnesota witnessed a series of meetings prior to the start of the summer semester, aimed at ensuring the preparedness and smooth operation of the educational process with high quality and effective performance towards the defined goals and expected outcomes. This report provides a summary of the discussions that took place in those meetings at the level of the colleges within the academic institution and some of its departments.

## College of Islamic Studies:

Dr. Abdulrazzeq Al-Bakri, the Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, held an official meeting on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, which included the members of the college council. The meeting focused on discussing the preparations for the summer semester.

The dean opened the meeting with an introduction, welcoming everyone and expressing gratitude for their attendance and the efforts they have put in the previous terms, which had fruitful results in the success of the educational process at the college and the Islamic University as a whole. The dean emphasized the responsibility that lies on the faculty members.

During the meeting, the dean discussed the agenda items, which included the summer semester system, adherence to lecture scheduling, the necessity of developing two models for final exams in the summer semester and future exams, sticking to the curriculum without deviation, providing valid excuses for postponement or absence in coordination with the department secretary, compensating for missed lectures within the same week if possible, following the administrative hierarchy and monitoring, benefiting from promotions and participating in the college's journal, collaborating with the department chair, attending courses and obtaining certificates in the name of the university, supervising theses, self-study, disseminating instructions by the administrative affairs unit, participating in college activities in agreement with department heads, and adhering to group dynamics and cooperating with the administration while complying with the published instructions.

In addition to the college council members, a significant number of faculty members attended the meeting.

## College of Media:

A comprehensive meeting was held for the faculty members of the College of Media, chaired by the College's Vice Dean, Mr. Abdulsalam Al Wahati, on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Several issues were discussed during the meeting, including preparations for the summer semester and its system and benefits. Emphasis was placed on faculty members' attendance in lectures and the need for their timely completion. The curricula, formed by Ms. Hanan Obaid and Dr. Badeea Abdulqader, were described, and problems related to the absence of graduate students and compensating for missed lectures were addressed. Other topics discussed included course distribution, teaching quality, the use of modern teaching methods, the commitment to using PowerPoint presentations, and compensating for missed lectures within the same week.

The meeting was chaired by Ms. Hanan Obeid, who welcomed all attendees before discussing the agenda and presenting solutions and proposals by Mr. Abdul Salam Al Wahati, Dr. Badeea, and Dr. Ibrahim.

Present at the meeting were the Head of the Graduate Studies Department, Ms. Hanan Sabhi Obeid, and the Head of the Undergraduate Department, Dr. Badeea Abdulqader.

## College of Economics and Business Administration:

A similar meeting was held at the College of Economics

and Business Administration, chaired by the Dean of the College, Dr. Sherine Mamoun, on Thursday, April 2024, 18. The meeting was attended by department heads, their deputies, and faculty members of the college. Various issues related to preparations for the summer semester, the college's operations, and the departments were discussed. The meeting also covered curriculum delivery and promotion matters.

## College of Education Sciences:

Dean Abdullah Abdulnabi chaired a similar meeting for department heads at the College of Education Sciences on Wednesday, April 2024, 17. Dr. Nourhan Salama, the Administrative Affairs Manager at the college, managed the meeting, which addressed topics related to organizing the summer semester, identifying and distributing proposed courses to students, and preparing for the upcoming academic semester. The meeting also focused on ensuring teaching quality, improving academic performance, discussing scientific research issues, and providing guidance to students in their graduation projects.

## College of Computer Science and Information Technology

The College of Computer Science and Information Technology held a meeting on April 2024, 18. The meeting was attended by faculty members from the three departments: Networks and Cybersecurity, Management Information Systems, and Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Salah Alawi Al-Sharafi, the dean of the college.

After welcoming the attendees, the agenda items were discussed. Emphasis was placed on adopting a clear methodology for the teaching process in the summer semester, covering all the topics of the prescribed courses. The mechanism for distributing grades in the summer semester was also discussed, including elements such as exams, costs, and attendance. It was emphasized that the deadlines for inputting grades and costs should be strictly followed.

The progress of the curriculum committee and the need to adopt clear and comprehensive references for future semesters were discussed. The doctoral courses and their distribution were also discussed, with faculty members expressing great cooperation in this regard.

The importance of complying with all the requirements and arrangements to achieve the specified goals and ensure the smooth completion of the teaching process in the summer semester was emphasized.

## College of Arts and Humanities:

The dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Ismail Hamid Ismail, held a regular meeting of the college council on April 2024, 19. The meeting was attended by the dean of the college, department heads, and the administrative affairs officer.

A report on the activities and developments that took place in the previous semester was discussed, as well as setting a vision for the upcoming semester. The latest achievements and challenges faced by the college in the previous semester were identified and discussed in detail. The focus was on analyzing the results and drawing lessons from those challenges to improve the educational process in the future.

Planning and arrangements for the summer semester were made, including identifying the courses to be taught and delivering the necessary curricula to the professors. The need to ensure the availability of necessary resources and technical preparations to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of the teaching process in the summer semester was discussed.

Proposed research and scientific activities for the summer semester were discussed, and agreement was reached on enhancing collaboration between departments and encouraging faculty members to participate in local and international conferences and symposiums.

The importance of adhering to timetables and specific tasks, as well as providing support to students and faculty, was emphasized to achieve the specified goals in the summer semester.

In conclusion, the importance of continuous communication and collaboration between all faculty members and administration was emphasized to achieve the set vision and goals and improve the quality of the educational process in the college.

## College of Sharia and Law:

The College of Sharia and Law held a council meeting on March 2024, 24, chaired by Dr. Muzahem Tariq Al-Mustafa, the dean of the college. In the meeting, Dr. Muzahem thanked the faculty members and administrators for their efforts in the previous two semesters before opening the floor for discussion regarding the educational process and its progress in the three departments: Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles, Law, and Judicial and Legal Policy. The meeting discussed the upcoming periods concerning the ongoing educational process, including the preparations for the faculty members, curricula, and plans for the upcoming summer semester, as well as the distribution of grades and important notifications. The department heads were also directed to encourage faculty members to participate in college events such as contributing to the scientific journal and other activities like public lectures and the university's newsletter. The dean urged the department heads to meet with faculty members and new students to familiarize them with the university's educational system and procedures.

In addition to the dean, the meeting was attended by other members of the college council, including Dr. Ala'a Husseini, the college's deputy dean and head of the Judicial and Legal Policy department, Dr. Salah Faraj, head of the Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles department, and Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, head of the Law department. Deputies of the department heads and the head of administrative affairs in the college, Ms. Mariam Al-Maqrami, along with other council members, were also present.

## Other Meetings:

The Department of Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles held a meeting chaired by Dr. Salah Faraj, the department head. Several issues related to the summer semester were discussed, including costs, final examination system, lecture delivery and material presentation, curriculum descriptions, and monitoring students' progress in their scientific research.

Similarly, the Department of Arabic Language held a similar meeting chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf. The latest preparations for the summer semester were discussed, with the honorable presence of Dr. Hind Saif Al-Nasr Al-Ashmawi, Dr. Saleh Al-Reyashi, and Dr. Ibrahim bin Salem.

## Finally:

As this report is being written, department meetings are still ongoing, and many of them have not been covered. The Dean of Academic Affairs mentioned in a post expressing his hope that the summer semester would be distinguished due to these efforts.

## Researcher Reema Al-Talhi Earns Master's Degree



Researcher Reema Ali Al-Talhi has obtained a Master's degree in the Holy Quran and its Sciences after successfully defending her thesis in a public session. The session took place on April 2024, 25, at the College of Islamic Studies, Department of the Holy Quran and its Sciences, under the organization of the Graduate Studies Deanship.

Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Youssef Mahmoud, a faculty member at the Islamic University in Minnesota, supervised Reema's research. Her thesis was titled "The Methodology of the Holy Quran in Establishing Gender Identity and Preventing Sexual Deviation - An Objective Exegetical Study of the Story of the People of Lut, peace be upon him, as a Model."

The defense committee was chaired by Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, the Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University in Minnesota. The committee also included other faculty members, with Dr. Yousef Mohammed Hameed Ahmed, a faculty member at the Islamic University in Minnesota, serving as the internal examiner, and Dr. Ayman Sobhi Sadeq, a professor of Tafsir (Quranic Exegesis) and Quranic Sciences at Al-Azhar University, as the external examiner.

Reema Al-Talhi's achievement of a Master's degree reflects her abilities and efforts in the field of the Holy Quran and its Sciences. She hopes that her studies will contribute to a better understanding of the methodology of the Holy Quran and its applications in important issues such as establishing gender identity and preventing sexual deviation.



## Researcher Karima Al-Saadi awarded Master's degree in Digital Media

Researcher Karima Kazem Hussein Al-Saadi has been awarded a Master's degree in Digital Media by a scientific committee chaired by Professor Hanan Subhi Obaid. The public defense of her thesis titled "The Role of Digital Media in Shaping Environmental Awareness among University Students in the United Arab Emirates" took place at the Department of Digital Media in the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The session was held on Saturday, March 2024, 2, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, with the presence of the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The supervisory scientific committee consisted of Professor Abdulsalam Saeed Mohammed Al-Wahati, Vice Dean of the College of Media and Professor of Journalism and Digital Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the supervisor; Professor Hanan Subhi Obaid, Head of the Graduate Studies Department in the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the committee chair; Professor Abdulkareem Abduljalil Al-Wazzan, Dean of the College of Media and Professor of Journalism at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Dr. Mustafa Abdulwahhab, Professor of Media and



## Talal Al-Mulaiki Earns Doctorate Degree in Business Administration

Researcher Talal bin Ahmed Al-Mulaiki has successfully obtained a doctoral degree from the Department of Business Administration at the College of Economics and Business Administration, Islamic University of Minnesota. The degree was awarded after a public session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship. The dissertation titled "The Impact of Governance Implementation on the Performance of Nonprofit Institutions: A Field Study on Selected Charitable Associations in Riyadh" was discussed during the session. The defense took place on Friday, March 2024, 1, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

The examination committee consisted of Dr. Mohammed Fathi Mohammed, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the supervisor; Dr. Mohammed Younis Hameeda, Head of the Department of Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the committee chair; Dr. Mohammed Khalid Abu Al-Qasem, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Dr. Abdulrahim bin Abdulsalam bin Hizam Al-Shamiri, a faculty member at Umm Al-Qura University and advisor to the Office of the Governor of Makkah, as the external examiner.



## Hamed Mohammed Qasim Earns a PhD in Creed

Hamed Mohammed bin Mohammed Qasim has been awarded a PhD in Creed following the defense of his scientific dissertation titled "The Approach of Sheikh Jamal al-Din al-Qasimi in Responding to the Beliefs of Christians through his Interpretation 'Mahasin al-Ta'wil'."

The Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, specifically the College of Islamic Studies - Department of Creed and Contemporary Schools of Thought, held a public session to discuss the student's dissertation on Saturday, April 2024, 20, at 9:00 PM Mecca Time.

The defense committee consisted of Dr. Mohammed Abdulmonem Ahmed Al-Ghandour, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the supervisor. Professor Dr. Emad Al-Deen Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Schools of Thought at the Islamic University of Minnesota, chaired the committee. Dr. Amer Saleem Al-Mashhrawi, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, participated as the internal examiner. Dr. Khalaf Mohammed Matwally, Assistant Professor of Creed and Contemporary Schools of Thought at Khatam Al-Mursalin University, served as the external examiner.



## Ishaq Al-Balushi Earns Ph.D. in Quranic Studies

Researcher Ishaq Khair Mohammed Al-Balushi has achieved a Ph.D. degree in Quranic Studies and Sciences after successfully defending his dissertation titled "Jibril (Gabriel) in Light of the Quran and Sunnah: An Objective Analytical Study."

The dissertation defense took place in a session organized by the Graduate Studies Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, specifically at the main College of Islamic Studies - Quranic Studies and Sciences Department, on Monday, March 2024, 25, at 11:00 PM Mecca Time.

The examination committee consisted of Professor Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the committee chair. Dr. Khaled Al-Naanea, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, acted as the supervisor, while Dr. Babaker Mahmoud Mohammed, a faculty member at the Islamic

University of Minnesota, served as the internal examiner. Dr. Amna Hamed Musa, a professor of Tafsir (Quranic exegesis) and Quranic Sciences at King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia, participated as an external examiner.

## Ghareeb Allah Earns Doctorate Degree in Business Administration



Youssef Hafiz Ghareeb Allah has achieved his doctorate degree in Business Administration following the public defense of his dissertation titled "The Impact of Social Media Platforms on E-Marketing and Enhancing Customer Mental Image: A Case Study in the Ikram Aber Assabeel Association (Makarem) in Riyadh Region."

The dissertation defense took place in a session organized by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the University of Minnesota, in the College of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Business Administration, on Thursday, March 2024, 21, at 11:00 PM Mecca Standard Time.

The dissertation committee consisted of Dr. Mohammed Younis Hameedah Younis, Head of the Department of Business Administration at the University of Minnesota, who served as the supervisor and committee chair, Dr. Mohammed Fathi Hasan, faculty member at the University of Minnesota, who participated as an internal examiner, and Dr. Mohammed Fahmi Awwaf, lecturer at the Institute of Public Administration and the Qatar Academy for Financial and Business Studies, who served as an external examiner.

## Sulaiman Abdulbaqi Awarded Ph.D. in Teaching Methods



Researcher Sulaiman Abdulbaqi has been awarded a Ph.D. in Teaching Methods following the public defense of his dissertation titled "The Role of Modern Teaching Strategies in Activating the Educational Process and Developing Creative Thinking Skills among Arab Secondary School Students in Bamako from the Perspective of Teachers."

The defense session was held by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center of the College of Education Sciences - Department of Curriculum and Teaching Methods, on Saturday, March 2024, 23, at 11:00 PM Mecca Time.

The defense committee consisted of Dr. Hilal Mohammed Ali Al-Sufiani, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota and the dissertation supervisor, Dr. Mohammed Husni Musa, Head of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching Methods at the Islamic University of Minnesota and the committee chair, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Abdulnabi, General Supervisor of the Higher Institute of Design Compatibility in Al-Madinah and an external examiner, and Dr. Anas Odaibat, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota and an internal examiner.



## Abdullah Abdi Omar Earns PhD in Law

In a public session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Abdullah Abdi Omar has successfully obtained a PhD in Law. His dissertation titled "The Independence of the Judiciary in the Federal System - Somalia as a Case Study" was examined.

The defense committee was composed of Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, Head of the Law Department and Director of Legal Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the committee chair. Dr. Mouayad Zidan, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, acted as the supervisor, while Dr. Ala'a Ahmed bin Ahmed Sabah, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, served as the internal examiner. Dr. Salah Rajab, an appointed member from the Faculty of Law at Helwan University, participated as the external examiner.

## Scientific Committee Approves Research Plans for Ph.D. Students



The scientific committee, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Yunis Hamida, announced its approval of the research plans submitted by Ph.D. students Ali Mohammed Sheikh Al-Attas and Ahmed Muallem Hersi in the field of Business Administration at the University of Minnesota.

Ali Mohammed Sheikh Al-Attas' research plan focuses on "Leadership and Strategic Planning in Organizations - A Study on Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia". The study aims to understand the impact of leadership and strategic planning on the performance and success of small and medium-sized organizations in Saudi Arabia.

Ahmed Muallem Hersi's research plan centers around "The Impact of Organizational Learning Characteristics on Achieving Organizational Excellence - An Applied Study on the Peace, Training, and Consulting Center in Djibouti." The study aims to examine how the implementation of organizational learning characteristics in the mentioned center can contribute to achieving organizational excellence and sustainable development.

A seminar session was held at the Graduate Studies Dean's Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota, in collaboration with the College of Economics and Business Administration, Department of Business Administration, to discuss the two research plans. The committee approved the plans on Tuesday, April 2024, 23, at 7:00 PM Mecca Standard Time.

## Scientific Committee Approves Research Plan for Mohammed Ismail



The Scientific Committee, chaired by Dr. Rufaida Qamar Al-Dawlah, has approved the research plan prepared by student Mohammed Ismail Abdulqader Ali for obtaining a doctoral degree in the Accounting Department at the College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center.

The approval came after a seminar session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the university to discuss the plan, which the researcher titled "The Impact of Creative Accounting on the Accuracy of Financial Statements in the Absence of International Accounting Standards". The seminar took place on Saturday, March 2024, 9, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

The seminar committee, chaired by Dr. Rufaida, the head of the Accounting Department, consisted of Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Shihab Al-Din, Dr. Alaa Al-Din Ahmed Mohammed Ali, and Dr. Ahmed Yasin Basbous.

The research plan was approved after a thorough evaluation by the scientific committee, paving the way for Mohammed Ismail Abdulqader Ali to commence research activities and conduct the necessary studies to fulfill the requirements of the doctoral degree. We look forward to further progress and success for the researcher in his academic career.

## Scientific Committee Approves Two Research Plans for Graduate Students



A scientific committee, led by Dr. Mohammed Younis Hamida, has approved two research plans for graduate students at the College of Economics and Business Administration, Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, to obtain their doctoral degrees in the Department of Business Administration.

The first plan, titled "Artificial Intelligence: Applications and Solutions in Business Administration - An Analytical Study," was prepared by student Ahmed Mohammed Saadawi. The second plan, titled "The Role of Governance in Combating Corruption in Public Institutions in Northern and Eastern Syria," was prepared by student Ashraf Ra'fat Mahmoud.

The approval of the two plans came after a seminar session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship to discuss them on Thursday, 7th March 2024, at 9:00 PM Mecca Time. The committee, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Younis Hamida, Head of the Department of Business Administration, consisted of Dr. Abdulrahim Al-Shamiri and Dr. Mohammed Khaled Abu Al-Qasim.

## Academic Committee Approves Research Plan in Literature and Criticism



The research proposal submitted by researcher Muslim bin Salim Al-Maliki for a doctoral degree in literature and criticism has been approved by an academic committee led by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, Head of the Department of Arabic Language and Literature at the College of Arts and Humanities, Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center.

The proposal titled "Rhythm in the Purpose of Praise and Glory in Al-Mutanabbi's Works" was discussed and endorsed during a seminar session held by the Graduate Studies Department on Tuesday, March 2024, 26, at 4:00 PM Mecca Time. The aforementioned committee attended the session to evaluate the proposal.

The committee, in addition to its chairman, consists of Dr. Mahmoud Farghali Ali, Dr. Suhair Sayed Al-Khalil, and Dr. Imad Ali Salim.

This decision reflects recognition of the research efforts of Muslim bin Salim Al-Maliki and further enhances his academic career in the field of literature and criticism. We wish him success in his studies and completion of the program.

## Scientific Committee Approves Ph.D Research Plan



In a session held by the Graduate Studies Deanship, a scientific committee chaired by Dr. Talat Mohammed Aldardir has approved the research plan prepared by Ph.D. candidate Mohamed Mustafa Abdulaleem Mohammed to obtain a doctoral degree in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching Methods at the College of Education Sciences, Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center.

The session, which took place on Tuesday, March 2024, 5, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, was a seminar to discuss the plan titled "Effectiveness of a Brain-Based Learning Theory Program in Developing Oral Reading Skills among Students with Academic Learning Difficulties."

The seminar committee comprised Dr. Talat Mohammed Aldardir, Vice Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching Methods, as the committee chair; Dr. Marwan Zaid Bataineh, committee member; Dr. Hilal Al-Sufiani, committee member; and Dr. Mahrous Suleiman, committee member.

## Approval of Research Plan in Shariah Policy for Obtaining Doctoral Degree



A scientific committee, chaired by Dr. Alaa Husni, has approved the research plan prepared by the graduate student Adam Abdu Touré for the purpose of obtaining a doctoral degree in Shariah policy. The research plan is titled "Protecting Human Rights within the Five Necessities: A Comparative Study between Shariah Policy and International Law."

The session was held at the Graduate Studies Deanship of the Islamic University in Minnesota, the main center for the College of Shariah and Law - Department of Judiciary and Shariah Policy, on Sunday, March 2024, 24, at 4:00 PM Mecca Time.

The examination committee, in addition to Dr. Alaa Husni as the chair, included Professor Dr. Fouad Abdu Al-Soufi, Dr. Hossam Al-Banawi, and Associate Professor Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud.

## Research Plan on Application of Shari'a Policy in Jihad Rulings



The doctoral research plan prepared by researcher Hatem Mustafa Ismail has been approved under the title "The Application of Shari'a Policy in Jihad Rulings: A Comparative Study between Islamic Law and International Humanitarian Law - 'The War on Gaza: Tofan Al-Aqsa' 2023 as a Case Study." The approval was granted by the scientific committee, chaired by Dr. Anas Jarab.

A seminar session was held at the College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University in Minnesota, as part of the Graduate Studies Deanship. The research proposal was discussed in this session on Wednesday, March 2024, 20, at 4:00 PM Mecca time.

The examination committee consists of the committee chairman, Dr. Anas Jarab, who also serves as the Deputy Head of the Department of Judiciary and Shari'a Policy. The other members include Dr. Najwa Qaraqish, Dr. Mohammed Jamal Abu Sinina, and Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqaldi.



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## Committee Approves Research Plan in Educational Technology

A committee, chaired by Dr. Intisar Saleh, has approved the research plan submitted by student Fatima Al-Zahra'a Mahmoud Yakoub for the purpose of obtaining a Ph.D. degree in Educational Technology. The plan focuses on the impact of the intelligent agent avatar through the Second Life platform on the development of virtual reality skills for students in educational technology at the College of Education.

The Graduate Studies Dean's Office at the Islamic University of Minnesota, in collaboration with the College of Education, Department of Educational Technology, conducted a seminar session to discuss the plan on Wednesday, April 2024, 24, at 9:00 PM Mecca Standard Time.

The examination committee consisted of Dr. Intisar Saleh, the Head of the Educational Technology Department, Dr. Yousef Ayadat as a member, and Dr. Yousef Alawna as another member.



## Training Course on "Scientific Research: Developing Research Skills - Realities and Challenges"

The Training and Development Center for Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a major training course titled "Scientific Research: Developing Research Skills - Realities and Challenges." The lecturers included Dr. Anas Ridhwan, the Director of Quranic Studies Center in Dubai and an International Judge in Quran Memorization Competition, Professor Dr. Mohammed Al-Sharbeeni Saqr from Sultan Ahmad Shah University in Malaysia, and Professor Dr. Mohammed Ali Ismail, the Director of the Scientific Research Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center.

The first lecture, delivered by Dr. Anas Ridhwan, was titled "Scientific Research: Methodology and Preparation". It took place on Thursday, February 2024, 15, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. The lecture covered the definition of scientific research, its characteristics and motivations, research ethics, research methods, steps and planning, data collection from various sources, and research writing according to the methodology and research formulation.

The second lecture, held on Thursday, February 2024, 22, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time, was titled "Issues Related to Scientific Research" and was presented by Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Saqr, Professor at Sultan Ahmad Shah University in Malaysia. The lecture discussed several issues such as the difference between scientific research and authorship, the importance of choosing a research topic, dealing with texts in scientific

research, common mistakes in scientific research writing, and the expert and creative researcher.

The third and final lecture, titled "Scientific Gap and Scientific Contribution," was delivered by Dr. Mohammed Ali Ismail, the Director of the Scientific Research Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota. It was held on Thursday, March 2024, 1, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time. The lecture addressed the scientific gap, its importance in scientific research, how to identify and discover it, as well as scientific contribution through research and innovation. The significance of original research and creativity in promoting scientific and societal progress was highlighted.

A large number of students, researchers, and academics from various scientific disciplines participated in the training course. The course was well organized, providing a suitable learning environment for the participants. The attendees benefited from valuable information and skills to develop their research capabilities and enhance their understanding of the scientific research process and its challenges.

Such training courses provide valuable opportunities for students and researchers to learn scientific methodologies, develop research skills, and deepen their understanding of the scientific research process. They also contribute to fostering scientific innovation and creativity and advancing scientific communities.



## Conference Titled "Gaza in Eyes"

The College of Sharia and Law organized an important conference titled "Gaza in the Eyes of Jurisprudence and Law" under the patronage of the Vice Rector of University and the Head of the Main Center, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrmi. It was held on Thursday, April 2024, 4. The conference lasted for two hours and addressed four main themes.

The first theme, titled "Gaza in Eyes of the World," examined the current situation in the Gaza Strip and its impact on the population and local community through study and analysis.

The second theme, titled "Jurisprudence of Tofan Al-Aqsa" explored the jurisprudential dimensions of the ongoing conflict in Al-Aqsa Mosque and its effect on the lives of Muslims.

The third theme, titled "The Responsibility of the Ummah towards Palestine," discussed the role of the Islamic Ummah and its responsibility towards the Palestinian cause and the rights of the Palestinian people.

The fourth and final theme, titled "Tofan Al-Aqsa in the Eyes of International Law," focused on the legal aspects of the conflict and the challenges facing the international community in dealing with the events in the region.

A group of professors from the College of Sharia presented the main themes of the conference. Dr. Mahmoud Al-Naffar presented the first theme, while Dr. Salah Faraj addressed the second theme. Dr. Muzahem Tareq Al-Mustafa, the Dean of the College of Sharia and Law, had the honor of presenting the third theme. Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud presented the fourth and final theme.

It is worth mentioning that the Gaza Strip continues to witness one of the most atrocious aggressions in contemporary history, due to the failure of international political and legal institutions to resolve the conflict and find equitable solutions to the crisis.

## Approval of Three Research Plans in the Department of Educational Administration



The Scientific Committee, chaired by Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada, Head of the Department of Educational Administration, has approved three research plans submitted by three graduate students at the College of Education - Department of Educational Administration, Islamic University of Minnesota.

The first research plan was submitted by student Jamal Mohammed Ahmed Al-Sobaihi, aiming to obtain a Master's degree in Educational Administration. The plan is titled "The Application of Quality Standards in Primary Education - Arab Education in the Capital of Djibouti."

The second research plan was submitted by student Mohammed Abdullah Marzouq Al-Shahrani, aiming to obtain a Ph.D. in Educational Administration. The plan is titled "The Effectiveness of a Proposed Training Program Based on Synchronous and Asynchronous E-Learning in Developing Decision-Making Skills in the Leadership Behavior of Government School Principals in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia."

The third research plan was submitted by student Badriyah Abdullah Marzouq Al-Shahrani, also aiming to obtain a Ph.D. in Educational Administration. The plan is titled "A Proposed Training Program to Improve the Performance Quality of Mathematics Teachers in Government Schools in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Light of Educational Technology."

A seminar session was held by the Graduate Studies Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota's main campus to discuss the three research plans on Monday, April, 29 2024, at 9:00 PM Mecca time.

The scientific committee that reviewed the plans consisted of Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada as the chair, Dr. Najla'a Saleh as a member, Dr. Asma'a Al-Jabri as a member, Prof. Dr. Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh as a member, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bahr as a member.



## Media Center Announces its Programs for Holy Month of Ramadan.



Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, the General Manager of the Media Center, stated that the center will implement several programs during the month of Ramadan to promote the sublime Islamic spiritual values. Ramadan is considered an annual milestone on the path of life, with numerous significant stations.

Al-Mansoub highlighted the daily program, "Meditate," which will feature spiritual reflections delivered by university professors. The program will be broadcasted at midnight, according to Mecca's local time. meditate

Additionally, the Media Center proposed a program to the Quranic Reading Center affiliated with the university called "Recite with the University." Distinguished reciters from the center will perform beautiful recitations daily at 5:00 PM, according to Mecca's local time.

Furthermore, the center will shed light on historical events that occurred during Ramadan by publishing relevant designs on its internal and external pages, aiming to commemorate these events and derive lessons and morals from them.

In a related context, Eng. Mu'tasem Faez, the General Manager of the Training, Development, and Community Programs Center, announced that the center will implement a program called "Ramadan Whiffs" during the month of Ramadan. The program will feature renowned scholars in each episode and will be broadcasted twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, at 10:00 PM for one hour.

It is worth mentioning that the university is accustomed to celebrating the nights of Ramadan annually with a series of programs that align with its spirituality as a season for repentance and drawing closer to Allah through righteous deeds.

## Training Workshop Prepares New Faculty Members



Minnesota, April 2024, 16 - The Development and Quality Unit, affiliated with the Training and Development Center and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, organized a training workshop titled "Preparing New Faculty Members."

Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Psychology at the Islamic University of Minnesota, delivered the lecture at the two-hour workshop, held on Tuesday evening, April 2024, 16. This training activity aims to equip new faculty members for the upcoming summer semester, which will commence in a few days.

The workshop is part of the university's preparations for the summer semester, providing support and guidance to new faculty members to help them adapt to the new work environment and enhance their teaching and interactive abilities.

The workshop covers various topics, including the fundamental concepts of university teaching, course design, student communication strategies, and educational performance evaluation. Participants are also given the opportunity to exchange experiences, ideas, ask questions, and seek clarification.

This workshop provides a valuable opportunity for new faculty members to enhance their skills, develop their teaching capabilities, and improve their interaction and effective communication with students. These efforts reflect the university's commitment to providing high-quality education and a rewarding learning experience for students.

It is expected that the university will continue organizing similar training workshops and other activities to support the faculty and enhance education and learning within the institution.

## University Honors Its Academic and Administrative Staff



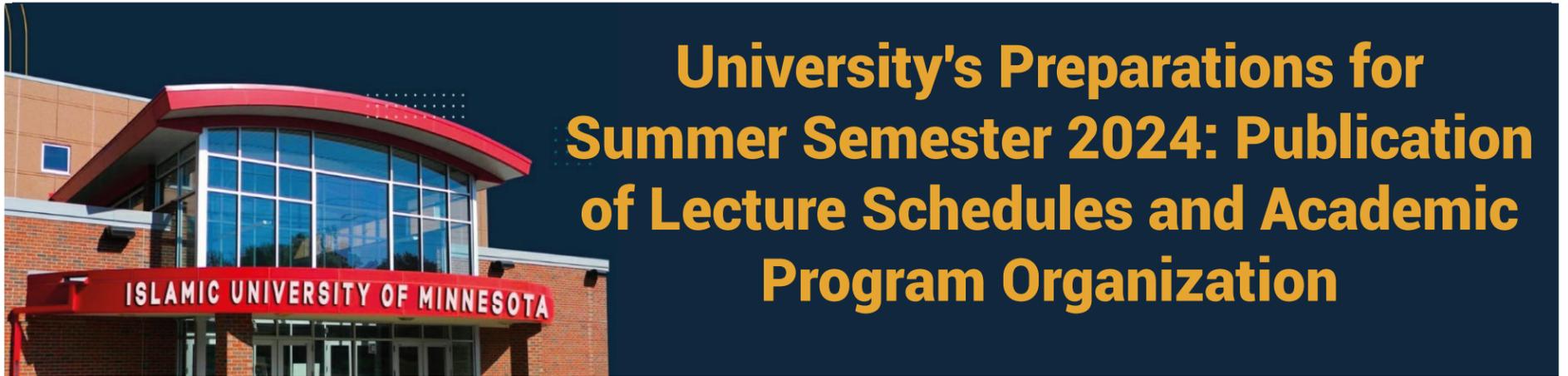
Minnesota, USA - Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, concluded the second semester by honoring all members of its academic and administrative departments affiliated with the university. This recognition came as an appreciation for their dedicated efforts and outstanding contributions to the educational and administrative processes, reaffirming their pivotal role in achieving the university's mission and goals.

In a statement by the media center director, Eng. Abdullah Al-Mansoub, he mentioned that the recognition included college deans, vice deans, department heads and their deputies, faculty members, administrative personnel in the colleges, deans of supporting faculties, their directors and employees, directors of administrative units and their staff, secretaries and their assistants, as well as center officials and employees.

The recognition was represented by the distribution of official certificates of appreciation endorsed by the university administration, with the media center working on preparing diverse designs for these certificates to be suitable in form and content.

This recognition is an annual tradition carried out by the university administration as part of its commitment to its academic and administrative staff, who form the backbone of its academic and administrative apparatus.

The university administration expressed its sincere thanks and appreciation to all its academic and administrative personnel for their exceptional efforts and dedication to their work, affirming that this recognition is a simple expression of its profound gratitude for their esteemed services.



## University's Preparations for Summer Semester 2024: Publication of Lecture Schedules and Academic Program Organization

The summer semester at the main campus of the Islamic University of Minnesota commenced on Saturday, 11th Shawwal 1445 AH, corresponding to 20th April 2024. The Media Center published the lecture schedules for all departments in the seven colleges after comprehensive preparations that took place during the break. The preparations involved preparing lecture schedules, organizing academic programs, and determining study paths. The administrative units and supporting faculties coordinated and prepared to ensure a smooth start to the educational process.

### Registration open until 20th Shawwal:

Around 240 students from various countries registered for the summer semester. They were provided with academic numbers and login credentials for the online portals. Registration remains open until the 20th of Shawwal.

### Appointments and directives:

Several new professors were appointed in various colleges, and directives were issued by the Deanship of Faculty Affairs regarding the supervision of deans and department heads on academic research and the mechanism for appointing faculty members at the university.

### Electronic monitoring system:

An electronic monitoring system was developed for the summer semester lectures, allowing deans and department heads to directly monitor the lectures. A meeting was held for the Council of Department Heads to explain the new system and its benefits in terms of saving effort and time.

### Monitoring, Follow-up, and Verification:

Regarding the fourth supporting deanery, which is the Deanery of Student Affairs, Dr. Zainab Basiouni, the dean, confirmed that the deanery has finalized the schedules for undergraduate and graduate programs and posted them on the electronic portal in coordination with the technical support units. The deanery also distributed the curricula to the concerned faculty members and administrators and facilitated the accommodation of new students in their respective colleges and majors.

Dr. Zainab Basiouni emphasized that the deanery has coordinated with other relevant parties in preparing for the graduate phase, dividing it into two stages: the master's stage and the doctoral stage. She also highlighted the deanery's role in administering complementary exams for failing students and those with valid excuses, and emphasized that the deanery has been continuously verifying student data in the portal, WhatsApp groups, and files.

### Links, Regulations, Coordination, and Verification:

In terms of administrative units, we begin with the Virtual Rooms Unit, where the director, Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad, stated that the unit initially prepared draft schedules and sent them to college deans and department heads to nominate lecturers and determine their timings. These were followed up by department heads in collaboration with the Academic Affairs and administrative staff of the colleges, and they were completed.

Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad added that the doctoral phase, at this stage, was undergoing a plan change through the Curriculum Unit. The new plan was received, and schedules were completed for departments that have courses in the summer semester. These schedules were sent to the colleges for lecturer nominations, and by the grace of Allah,

nominations were successfully completed.

Engineer Mohammed Abduljawad continued, "We have prepared the class schedules after adjusting them for Zoom rooms and preparing lecture links for these courses. The number of links for preparing lectures on Zoom reached 125 links. The schedules were uploaded to Google Drive, and the links were sent to the colleges for review and feedback.

Regarding operational links, we have set up links for starting the Spanish and French language courses, and coordination is underway to start the Western language course.

### Hot Administrative Updates:

The preparations for the summer semester at the university have been monitored by Dr. Norhan Salama, the Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit for Colleges and the Deputy Dean for Faculty Affairs. Salama coordinated the department schedules and ensured the completion of the schedule form, in addition to following up on modifications and coordinating with the Virtual Rooms Unit.

Salama also mentioned that she followed up with the Curriculum and Syllabi Unit in receiving the curricula and delivering them to department heads.

In the context of the Faculty Affairs Deanship, Salama received new faculty members, updated the database, and sent them introductory files. She also followed up on resignations and appointments with the Dean of Faculty Affairs.

### The Secretary-General of the Secretariats:

Regarding the administrative units, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, the Director of the Educational Affairs Unit, confirmed holding a meeting with the director of the Virtual Rooms Unit to coordinate regarding the schedules and arrangement of joint courses. Coordination was also done with Student Affairs regarding the add/drop mechanism and preparing lectures, materials, and students on the electronic portal.

### Success is in the Details:

Various administrative units, such as the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit, Graduate Student Affairs Unit, Technical Support Unit, and others, confirmed that the necessary tasks have been carried out for the start of the summer semester. These tasks included preparing student schedules, identifying equivalencies, uploading lectures to the electronic portal, organizing orientation meetings for new students, determining study paths for graduate studies, and adding lectures and finalizing schedules.

### The University's Vital Cell:

The Media Center plays an important role in meeting the needs of both the academic and administrative sectors in each semester. The successful organization of the summer semester at the university is achieved through the coordination and efforts of various administrative units and administrative staff. Department schedules were monitored, forms were filled, and curricula were delivered to academic departments. New faculty members were also received, the database was updated, and introductory files were sent. Schedules and arrangements were coordinated for joint courses, and coordination was done with Student Affairs regarding the add/drop mechanism and preparing lectures, materials, and students on the electronic portal.