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University Provost Welcomes University President and Delegation in Ankara



On Monday, May 2024 ,27, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Provost of the Islamic University of Minnesota, welcomed Dr. Walid Al-Menisi, President of the university, and his accompanying delegation to the university's office in Ankara, Turkey.

The delegation included Mr. Mohammed Arab, Executive Director of the University's Endowment and Human Development Fund (HDF), Mr. Abdulrahman Kariye, Head of the Relief Projects Department at the HDF, and Engineer Yousef Ali.

The meeting discussed several university-related matters, including coordination mechanisms and the university's ongoing efforts to obtain accreditation from the YOK Higher Education Council. The discussion also explored potential support for these endeavors.

Dr. Mustafa Alton Kaya, Head of the Turkish Branch (a Turkish-language branch of the university), and Mr. Mustafa Nurhan, Head of Technical Affairs at the branch, were present at the meeting.

Earlier, on Thursday, May 2024 ,23, Dr. Al-Maqrami visited Mr. Vasip Sahin, Governor of Ankara, accompanied by Professor Al-Menisi and Professor Mustafa Kaya. They held a meeting with the Governor in his office, attended by the Provost of the University Accreditation Institution in Turkey (YOK) and several graduates of the Islamic University of Minnesota. Governor Sahin expressed his willingness to cooperate with the university in its efforts to obtain YOK accreditation for degree equivalency and praised a doctoral thesis by one of the university's graduates.

It is worth noting that Professor Al-Menisi, President of the university, arrived in Ankara, Turkey, from Minnesota, USA, on May 2024 ,22, to participate in a workshop held on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, in collaboration between the Islamic University of Minnesota, Inonu University, Ankara University of Science and Technology, and the Çankaya Municipality of Ankara.



Islamic University of Minnesota Opens Computer Science Department

On Monday, May 2024 ,13, the Islamic University of Minnesota announced the opening of a new Computer Science department in the College of Computing and Information Technology, as the university opens registration for the new academic year 1446H/2025-2024.

The launch of this department represents a qualitative addition to the fields of education, research, and innovation in information technology, with the aim of graduating the best competencies in the field of computer science and providing them with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the global job market.

The university's media center distributed an electronic brochure containing details of the new department, including an overview, its vision and mission, program objectives, and admission requirements, as well as the general duties and specifications of graduates and the academic nature of the specialization and the graduate's career paths.

The brochure explained that Computer Science graduates will be able to work in a wide range of fields, such as software development, information security, data

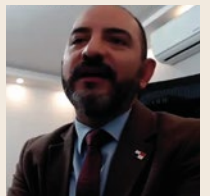
analysis, networks and communications, and technological research and development.

The University has announced the admission requirements for its new program. The applicant must be a holder of a high school certificate in the scientific field or its equivalent, and the period since their high school graduation must not exceed five years, with the possibility of an exception if there are convincing reasons.

The applicant must also successfully pass any exam or personal interview deemed necessary by the College Council. They must not have been previously dismissed from the Islamic University of Minnesota or any other university for disciplinary or academic reasons.

The university stated that the applicant must fulfill any other conditions set by the College Council, and pay %20 of the total tuition fees for the bachelor's degree program upon application. The university emphasized the importance of providing accurate information during the application process, as providing false information will result in the cancellation of the admission.

Islamic University of Minnesota Opens Center for Academic Studies



In a ceremonial celebration sponsored by the leadership of the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Campus, the College of Arts and Humanities inaugurated the Center for Academic Studies on Monday, May ,20 2024.

The celebration featured speeches by Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, University Provost and Head of the Main Center, and Dr. Ismail Hamed, the new Center Director, as well as participation from the Panamanian Ambassador to Jordan, José Ulises Lescure, Dr. Mohammed Al-Ma'atawi from the University of Madrid, Dr. Adel bin Othman from the University of Carthage, and José Daniels from Colombia.

Dr. Abdulkhalik Al-Najmi from Spain apologized for not delivering his speech due to a health issue. The event concluded with a speech by Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit at the Center. The statement issued by the University

Media Center outlined the organizational structure of the new Center, headed by Dr. Ismail Hamed as the director of the center, followed by Dr. Mohammed Tawfiq as the deputy director, then Dr. Ali El-Shboul as the head of the Latin American Studies Unit, Dr. Khaled Mohammed Atiya as the head of the Political Studies Unit, Dr. Khaled Mohamed Ali as the head of the African Studies Unit, Dr. Sulaf Faidhallah Al-Jazaeri as the head of the Historical and Archaeological Studies Unit, Nour Saad as a member of the Latin American Studies Unit, Dr. Baha'a Abdrabou as a member of the Political Studies Unit, Dr. Shaima'a Khatib as a member of the African Studies Unit, Dr. Wala'a Mohammed as a member of the Historical and Archaeological Studies Unit, Dr. Zainab Basiouni as the secretary and the financial and administrative director, and Mr. Taher Mohammed Alwan as the secretary and general coordinator.

University Publishes Academic Calendar for the Academic Year 1446H - 2025/2024

The Media Center at the university has published the academic calendar for the academic year 1446H - 2025/2024 through its affiliated Media Center.

The new calendar includes four main sections that provide important information about the first semester, second semester, and summer semester, in addition to registration dates for the new academic year.

According to this calendar, actual classes will begin in the first semester on Saturday, 7th of Muharram 1446H, corresponding to July 13th, 2024, and will continue until the conclusion of examinations on Wednesday, 27th of Rabi' al-Thani 1446H, corresponding to October 30th, 2024. As for the second semester, it will commence on Saturday, 14th of Jumada al-Awwal 1446H, corresponding to November 16th, 2024, and examinations will end on Thursday, 28th of Sha'ban 1446H, corresponding to February 27th, 2025. The summer session will start on Saturday, 7th of Shawwal 1446H, corresponding to April 5th, 2025, and its examinations will conclude on Wednesday, 1st of Dhul-Hijjah 1446H, corresponding to May 28th, 2025.

It is worth mentioning that the registration for the first semester of the new academic year has already opened, starting from Saturday, 25th of Shawwal 1445H, corresponding to May 4th, 2024, and will continue until Friday, 27th of Muharram 1446H, corresponding to August 2nd, 2024.

Al-Mustafa Appointed Head of Promotion Committee and Extraordinary Committee Meeting



A decision has been issued by His Excellency, the Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, appointing Dr. Muzahem Tareq Al-Mustafa as the Head of the Promotion Committee.

Dr. Muzahem Al-Mustafa currently serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Sharia at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota. He is a Professor of Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) and its Principles in the Faculty. He hails from the province of Al-Bukamal in Syria and was born in 1971. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Sharia from the Faculty of Sharia at Damascus University in 1997. He also obtained a Diploma in Educational Qualification from the Faculty of Education at Damascus University in 2016. Furthermore, he earned a Master's degree in Islamic Studies from Al-Imam Al-Ouzai College in Beirut (equivalent to a degree from Damascus University) in 2005, and a Ph.D. in Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles from the Faculty of Sharia at Damascus University in 2010.

Dr. Muzahem Al-Mustafa has numerous published research papers and books, some of which are currently in print. He possesses extensive academic and practical experience in both academic and non-academic domains.

An extraordinary meeting of the Scientific Promotions Committee was held under the auspices of the Vice President and Head of the Main Center, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, on May 2024, 6. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Muzahem bin

Tareq Al-Mustafa, Chairman of the Scientific Promotions Committee, Dr. Fayza Khattab, Vice Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Saniya Salama Al-Sheikh, Secretary and Administrative Affairs Officer, and Mr. Abdullah Noaman, Head of the Translation Department, in addition to preparing the letters of the arbitrators and decisions of the Promotion Committee.

The committee discussed the proposed appropriate criteria for applicants seeking promotion and discussed proposals to modify some of the existing criteria in the previous promotions regulations.

Dr. Saniya Al-Sheikh, secretary and administrative officer at the promotion committee, said the meeting welcomed the new committee members and distributed tasks after a fruitful discussion. She added that the committee discussed the proposals put forward regarding the appropriate criteria for applicants for promotion, and it was proposed to change some of the criteria in the previous list of promotions.

This meeting is an important step towards developing the scientific promotion system at the Islamic University of Minnesota and strengthening its position as an advanced educational institution that places quality and innovation in its academic priorities.



Appointment of Dr. Fayza Khattab as Director of the Research Unit

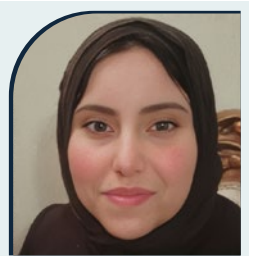
Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the Deputy of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, has issued a decision appointing Dr. Fayza Mohamed Mahmoud Khattab as the Director of the Research Unit. Dr. Fayza holds a Ph.D. in Arts from the Faculty of Arts at Ain Shams University, specializing in modern and contemporary history and international relations. She graduated with honors and received the highest recommendation for her thesis from Egyptian universities.

Dr. Fayza has extensive experience in scientific research. She participated in preparing the first strategic report for the Middle East region for the years 2021-2020, focusing on political and Iranian studies. She also contributed to the preparation of research projects at the Middle East Research Center and Future Studies at Ain Shams University. She has been involved in preparing scientific publications for the Research Department at the center, as well as the Historical and Political Studies Division.

Dr. Fayza has authored several scientific publications, including a book titled "Arab Unity Experiments and International and Regional Positions, 1989-1958" and another book titled "The Suez Canal: Its Political and Social Impact Locally and Internationally, 1967-1956." She also contributed to a book titled "The Suez Canal: Past, Present, and Future, 2019-1869."

In response to her appointment, Dr. Fayza Khattab expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the Deputy of the University, for the trust placed in her and his kind words. She pledged to always meet his expectations, work efficiently, and dedicate her scientific efforts to the university and its members, praying that her work would be accepted.

Appointment of Zainab Basyouni as Deputy to the University's Vice President



In a significant step towards developing the administrative and academic sectors at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the University Vice President and Head of the Main Center, issued a decision to appoint Dr. Zainab Ali Basyouni as his deputy at the Main Center.

This decision received wide support from university officials and faculty members, who expressed their happiness and support for Dr. Zainab's appointment to this position. Dr. Ismail Hamed, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, praised the decision and congratulated Dr. Zainab, affirming that she deserves this trust and appreciation.

Dr. Zainab received congratulations and well-wishes from several individuals at the university, including Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Head of Faculty Affairs, who described her as a suitable person in the right place and expressed his support for her. Dr. Ali El-Shboul, member of the External Relations Council and the university's ambassador to Jordan, also congratulated Dr. Zainab, expressing his appreciation and respect for her efforts and contributions to the university.

On her part, Dr. Zainab expressed her gratitude and appreciation for the trust placed in her by Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami and the university members, and she expressed her commitment to achieving the university's vision of becoming a leader in distance education.

This appointment is part of Dr. Al-Maqrami's efforts to improve the administrative and academic sectors at the university, with the aim of achieving the highest levels of effectiveness and efficiency in delivering distance education.



Islamic University Announces Readiness for Summer Semester Final Exams

On Saturday, June 2024, 1, the Islamic University of Minnesota announced the start of final exams for the summer semester across all its faculties, colleges, and departments, which are expected to last for a week.

Dr. Zainab Bassiouni, the Deputy Provost and Dean of Students Affairs, had given the signal of preparedness for these exams in an expanded meeting held on Sunday, May 2024, 18. The meeting was attended by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, the Dean of Academic and Educational Affairs, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, the Director of the Educational Affairs Unit, Dr. Faiza Khattab, the Director of the Scientific Research Unit, Dr. Nourhan Salama, the Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit in the colleges, Engineer Amat Al-Rahman Mohammed Al-Maqrami, the Director of the

Control Unit, and Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, the Director of the Media Center.

During the meeting, it was emphasized that it is necessary to prepare two models for each exam: a basic model and a reserve model, so that it can be used in case of a complementary round. A special control team was also discussed to assist the Control Unit Director in managing the exam process in a harmonious manner, starting from the next semester of the new academic year 2025-2024.

At the end of the meeting, the Deputy Provost praised the interaction of the attendees and their constructive contributions.



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Islamic Studies College Holds Important Meetings

The Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, held an extensive meeting with the students of the college on May 2024, 10, to guide students on a number of issues related to their studies.

The Dean welcomed all the students and urged graduate students to pay attention and prepare in advance for submitting their thesis, and to search for topics to submit when assigning supervisors to help them prepare the research for both tracks. He also stressed the importance of attending lectures on time and emphasized the need to submit any problems encountered by students first to the department secretary, then to the head of the department to maintain the administrative sequence. If the problem is not solved, they should contact the dean directly.

Within the framework of the College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English, held a meeting with the faculty members of the department to discuss a number of issues of concern to the department, on Tuesday, May 2024, 7.

The Head of the Department began the meeting with greetings and welcoming and thanking the professors for their seriousness and efforts, then proceeded to raise some of the problems faced by the department, especially those related to the sudden apology from those who received one of the courses and apologized without prior notice. Dr. Manal also warned against repeating it, and encouraged the professors to exert more efforts despite the difficulties and obstacles. She stressed the need for the educational process in the university to continue in the required manner with sincerity and honesty with God Almighty in order to raise the department and college to the desired excellence.

Dr. Manal also stressed the need to adhere to the deadlines for completing the descriptions and preparing the exams upon urgent request, and to pay attention to preparing them early and sending them to the responsible party by providing two models, as a precaution and to avoid choosing essay questions as much as possible due to the problems of correction and uploading to the electronic portal and adopting the available

formula for the exam of the subject available in its file prepared by the administration. She also stressed the need for all members to participate in teaching the courses in the coming semesters for those who have apologized for two seasons and have not submitted any participation in the current summer semester, due to the department's need for all members of the teaching staff, and the need to adhere to giving the lecture on time, and not postponing it, and adhering to the curriculum chosen by the committees and completing its content and finishing it within the specified period for the summer semester, and she confirmed the doctor's commitment to giving the lecture on time despite the absences and non-attendance of all students. Dr. Manal called on the university administration to solve the problem of frequent absences without providing excuses.

On a third level, but not far from the College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Taha Al-Jubouri, Acting Head of the Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture, held a meeting with the faculty members to discuss the explanation of the summer semester work, which will be "remote" for the first time.

Dr. Al-Jubouri began the meeting by greeting and welcoming the doctors, where he introduced himself to the faculty members, before the mutual acquaintance of the doctors among themselves, then thanked Al-Jubouri for the efforts made by the professors in the previous semester, which relied on self-study for the master's stage, before the transfer to the regular study.

After that, Al-Jubouri entered the heart of the subject for which the meeting was held, which is the mechanism of the regular study system "remotely", where he explained everything related to this system, whether in terms of lectures or in terms of exams.

At the end of the three meetings, the discussion was opened to the doctors to listen to their inquiries and opinions, before the meetings were concluded by renewing thanks to all the doctors for their kind efforts.



Dean of the Faculty of Education Sciences Meets Department Heads and Discusses Ways to Enhance Education and Research in the College

On Wednesday, May 2024, 1, His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Abdulnabi, the Dean of the Faculty of Education Sciences, met with the department heads in the college. Several topics were discussed during the meeting, which pertained to the college, including the transition to self-study in the departments, monitoring student numbers, mechanisms for compensatory lectures, and seminars on postgraduate study plans in the departments. Dr. Abdulnabi commended the seminar held by the Department of Educational Administration, presided over by Dr. Heba Abu Eyada, the department head. He encouraged the department heads in the college to attend any upcoming seminars in any department.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education Sciences presented several proposals that were discussed with the department heads, including the suggestion to hold a conference specific to the college and the proposal to appoint a "supervisor" for graduate students during the preparation of their research plans before approval by Dr. Mohamed Hassani, the head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department. Dr. Marwan Zaid Batayneh, the head of the Educational Sciences Department, expressed support for this proposal, stating in a later statement, "An assistant supervisor for interdisciplinary studies, a system implemented in many countries around the world and in top-ranked international universities."

In addition to the Dean, the meeting was attended by the head of the Educational Psychology Department, Dr. Anas Nawafleh, the head of the Curriculum and Teaching Methods Department, Dr. Mohamed Hassani, the head of the Educational Sciences Department, Dr. Marwan Zaid Batayneh, the head of the Educational Administration Department, Dr. Heba Abu Eyada, and the Administrative Affairs Officer of the college, Dr. Nourhan Salama.



Graduate Studies Department in the Faculty of Mass Communication Holds Meeting

Professor Hanan Sobhi Abdullah Obeid, the head of the Graduate Studies Department at the Faculty of Mass Communication, held a meeting on Saturday, May 2024, 18, with the active faculty members in the department to prepare for the upcoming summer semester.

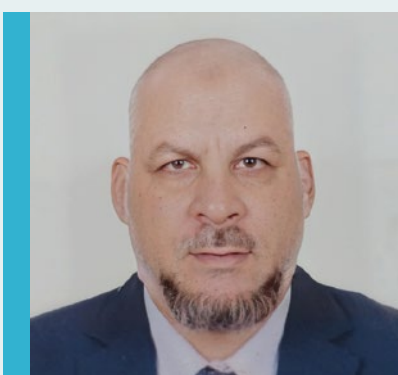
At the beginning of the meeting, Professor Obeid welcomed the attendees before opening the discussion on several important topics, including preparation for the final exams, student costs and how to deal with them, finalizing course descriptions, and submitting the exams to the department head and their deputy before May 23 to be handed over to the examination control room.

Professor Obeid emphasized the importance of recording the costs' grades before the final exam, and the presence of the course instructors on the day of the exam to answer students' inquiries. She also stressed the necessity of providing an alternative exam in case of any technical emergencies.

Regarding the distribution of grades, the attendees agreed that the final exam would account for 60 points, coursework and assignments for 20 points, and attendance and absence for 20 points. They also agreed on the format of the exam and the student's answer method.

The meeting witnessed an interactive participation from the attendees, who provided suggestions regarding students' costs on the electronic portal to avoid the difficulties they faced in the previous semester.

In addition to the department head, the meeting was attended by the head of the Bachelor's department, the deputy head of the department, several faculty members, and the Graduate Studies department secretary.



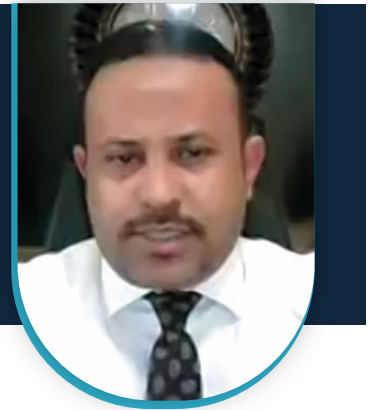
Department of Jurisprudence Holds Extensive Meeting

Dr. Salah Ahmed Faraj, the Chair of the Department of Jurisprudence and Principles of Jurisprudence at the College of Sharia and Law at the university, held an extensive meeting with the faculty members of the department on Friday, May 2024, 17.

At the beginning of the meeting, the department chair welcomed the attendees, thanking them for responding to his invitation. He then proceeded to discuss the issues on the meeting agenda, the most prominent of which were: preparations for the final exams of the summer semester, student fees and how to deal with them, as well as finalizing the course descriptions for the new academic semester's first term, in addition to the course schedule for this term.

The meeting concluded with specific recommendations for each of the issues raised, tied to timelines and procedures to ensure their timely completion.

Islamic University of Minnesota Celebrates the Opening of the Center for Academic Studies



Distinguished Presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama and a Number of Academic Figures from Different Countries

The Islamic University of Minnesota witnessed a special celebration on the occasion of the inauguration of the Center for Academic Studies, in the presence of a large number of distinguished academic figures from different countries, including His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to Jordan, José Ulises Licore.

The ceremony opened with a welcome speech by Dr. Nour Saad, a member of the faculty of the College of Arts and Humanities, in which she welcomed the distinguished guests, including Professor Dr. Mohammed Al-Mathkouri Al-Maatawi from the University of Autónoma de Madrid - Spain, Professor Dr. Adel bin Othman from the Higher Institute of Specialized Languages, University of Carthage - Tunisia, Professor Dr. Mahdi Masmoudi from the University of Autónoma de Baja California Sur - Mexico, José Daniels, President of the Union of Writers of the City of Cartagena de Indias - Colombia, and Professor Dr. Abdulkhaleq Al-Najmi from the "Lina" Translation House, Granada - Spain.



The university's vice president, the head of the main center, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, gave a speech in which he emphasized the university's commitment to spreading the message of science and knowledge throughout the world, noting that this center is the fifth center to be opened at the university level, and the second at the level of the College of Arts. Al-Maqrami expressed his hope that the Center for Academic Studies will be a

beacon of scientific research, and he thanked the College of Arts for its academic and administrative staff, and all the colleges in the university.

In turn, the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Head of the Center for Languages and Translation, and Head of the Center for Academic Studies, Dr. Ismail Hamed, welcomed the distinguished guests, expressing his hope that the Center for Academic Studies will be a successful scientific platform following in the footsteps of the Center for Languages and Translation. Hamed stressed the importance of the center in spreading the culture of knowledge and disseminating it among students and researchers inside and outside the university.



The Ambassador of the Republic of Panama, José Ulises Licore, gave a speech in English, in which he greeted the university's vice president, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, and the officials there, and thanked Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit, for his kind invitation to attend this ceremony, ending his speech with congratulations on the establishment of this center.

Professor Dr. Mohammed Al-Mathkouri Al-Maatawi from the University of Autónoma de Madrid - Spain emphasized the importance of establishing such centers, not only to spread Islamic culture, but also to enhance dialogue with the other. He pointed out that the Quranic text includes the existence of the other, and that Islam as a religion and civilization contained the vessel of the other.

For his part, Professor Dr. Adel bin Othman from the Higher Institute of Specialized Languages, University of Carthage in Tunisia, stressed the importance of diversity and openness to the other, praising the approach of the Islamic University of Minnesota based on diversity. Bin Othman stressed the keenness on action and the keenness on positive results.

After that, a video presentation of the Center for Academic Studies was shown, which was established to be a tributary of higher education and scientific research, by developing the academic capabilities of students and researchers for distinguished programs and modern curricula in many scientific fields affiliated with the departments of the College of Arts and Humanities.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Head of the Latin American Studies Unit at the Center for Academic Studies, gave a speech in which he thanked the attendees for their participation, and stressed the importance of the unit in strengthening cultural relations between peoples.

The ceremony received distinguished media coverage from a number of local and international media outlets, reflecting the importance of this important scientific and cultural event.



This celebration is an important step in the journey of the Islamic University of Minnesota towards achieving its scientific and research goals, and a confirmation of its commitment to spreading the message of science and knowledge throughout the world.



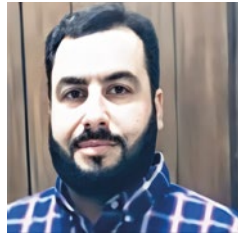
University Student Receives Doctorate Degree in Business Administration

On Friday, May 2024 ,3, the College of Economics and Business Administration at the University of Minnesota announced that student Adam Hussein Adam, from the Department of Business Administration, has been awarded a Doctorate degree in Business Administration. The announcement came after the public defense of his dissertation conducted by the Graduate Studies Dean's Office.

Adam Hussein Adam chose a significant topic for his thesis titled "The Impact of Work Pressures on Job Performance in Islamic Banks: An Applied Study on Africa Salam Bank in the Republic of Djibouti." The dissertation was supervised by Dr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Abdulghani, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota.

The dissertation was evaluated by a scholarly committee, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Yunus Hamida, the Head of the Department of Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The committee also included Dr. Sherien Ma'moun, the Dean of the College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, and Dr. Mamdouh Mustafa Halawa, the Executive Director of the Quality Studies Center at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Egypt, serving as an internal and external examiner respectively.

Scientific Committee Approves Doctoral Plan on the Role of Religious Reform Movements in Political Change



Minnesota, May 2024 ,11 - A scientific committee from the Department of Political Science at the Islamic University of Minnesota, led by Dr. Fayza Mohammed Khattab, has approved the research plan prepared by student Abdulmoein Mohammed Altalafah. The plan aims to conduct a comparative study on the role of religious reform movements in bringing about political change, using Martin Luther and Bediüzzaman Al-Nursi as models.

The approval of the mentioned plan came after a seminar session held by Deanship of the Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center - College of Arts and Humanities, to discuss the plan on Saturday, May ,11 2024, at 9:00 PM Mecca Time.

The examination committee, in addition to the committee chair Dr. Fayza Khattab, consists of the following members: Dr. Khaled Mohammed Ahmed Atiya, Dr. Bahaa El-Din Khalaf Allah, Dr. Essam Nazem Falah, and Dr. Tahani Mahmoud Saleh.



Master's Student Um Hashim Omar Defends Her Thesis on Quranic Interpretation

Researcher Um Hashim Omar Abdullah Al-Badri has earned a Master's degree in Quranic Sciences from the Islamic University of Minnesota after defending her thesis titled "Debate and Dialogue in Surah Al-A'raf, through the Interpretations of Al-Manar and Zahrat Al-Tafseer - A Comparative Study".

The thesis was supervised by Dr. Amna Hamid Musa, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the university held a public session to discuss the thesis on Friday, May 2024 ,24 at 10:00 PM Makkah time.

The defense committee consisted of Dr. Amna Hamid Musa as the supervisor, Prof. Dr. Abdulraziq Al-Bakri as the chairperson, Dr. Khaled Al-Na'ana'a as the internal examiner, and Prof. Dr. Ayman Subhi Siddiq from Al-Azhar University as the external examiner.



Scientific Committee Approves Raya Fayad's Research Plan

A scientific committee, chaired by Dr. Heba Abu Ayada, Head of the Educational Administration Department, has approved the research plan prepared by Raya Youssef Khalil Fayad, a Ph.D. student in the Educational Administration Department. The research plan is titled "Challenges Facing School Principals in the Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools."

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, held a seminar to discuss four research plans, including Raya Fayad's plan, on Monday, April 2024 ,29. The scientific committee that reviewed the four plans consisted of Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada as the chairperson, Dr. Najla Saleh as a member, Dr. Asmaa Al-Jabri as a member, Professor Abdulsalam Al-Hatamleh as a member, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Bahr as a member.

Researcher Hanna Awda Earns Master's Degree in Jurisprudence



On Thursday, May 2024 ,16, researcher Hanna Abdu Ahmed Awda earned her Master's degree in Jurisprudence from the Islamic University of Minnesota, after successfully completing the requirements and defending her thesis.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, College of Sharia and Law - Department of Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals, held a public session to discuss Hanna Awda's thesis, titled "Satirical Programs: A Jurisprudential and Purposive Study." The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Salah Ahmed Faraj, the Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals.

The discussion committee included Dr. Abeer Ata Zahra, the supervisor of the thesis, Dr. Mohamed Al-Shaqaldi, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota who served as an internal examiner, and Dr. Jihan Al-Taher Mohammed, an Associate Professor of Jurisprudence at the Northern Border University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who acted as an external examiner.

At the end of the discussion, researcher Hanna Awda was awarded the Master's degree in Jurisprudence with high distinction from the discussion committee.



Researcher Ibrahim Al-Shenawy Awarded PhD in Prophetic Tradition

On Monday, May 2024 ,27, researcher Ibrahim Al-Ashmawy Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Shenawy was awarded a PhD degree in the sciences of Prophetic Tradition (Sunnah), following the public discussion held by the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota Main Center, College of Islamic Studies - Department of Prophetic Tradition and its Sciences.

The discussion took place at 8:00 PM Mecca time, for the researcher's thesis titled "Ithaf Ahl Al-Islam bi Khususiyat Al-Siyam li Ibn Hajar Al-Haitami" (Enriching the Muslims with the Specifics of Fasting: A Critical Study and Verification) , which was the culmination of the requirements for the academic degree.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Yasser Abdulraouf Mohammed Abu Quta, Professor of Hadith at Umm Al-Qura University, as supervisor and rapporteur, Dr. Akram Radwan Al-Makki, Faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal examiner, and Dr. Ibrahim Abdulati, Professor of Hadith at the University of Sharjah, as an external examiner.

Academic Committee Chaired by Dr. Osama Awf Approves Research Plan for Doctoral Degree



An academic committee chaired by Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Abu Zeid Awf, the head of the Department of Arabic Language and Literature at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has approved the research plan submitted by the researcher Mohammed Fath Al-Rahman Mohammed Ahmed to fulfill the requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota had previously held a seminar session on Saturday, May 2024 ,25, at 10:15 PM Makkah time, to discuss the research plan titled "The Reality of Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers in Islamic Schools in Cambodia - The Union of Educational Institutions in Cambodia as a Model."

The seminar committee, in addition to its chairman Dr. Osama Awf, included Dr. Ali Ibrahim El-Shboul, Dr. Taher Fayz Abdulhamid, Dr. Hisham Ahmed Mohammed Khalidi, and Dr. Alaa Zaid Al-Khalafat.



Mustafa Al-Abbas Receives Master's Degree in Business Administration

Researcher Mustafa Al-Abbas has been awarded a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Islamic University of Minnesota after fulfilling the requirements for the degree. His thesis, titled "The Role of Creative Leadership in Enhancing Empowerment, Innovation, and Driving Change among Engineers at the Munaifh Branch of Saudi Aramco," was supervised by Dr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Abdulghani from the Islamic University of Minnesota.

A public defense session for the thesis was held, chaired by Dr. Mohammad Younis Hamida, Head of the Business Administration Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The defense committee also included Dr. Hibatullah Mukhtar as an internal examiner and Dr. Mohammed Khaled Abu Al-Qasem, a former faculty member at the Workers University - Egypt, as an external examiner.



Scientific Committee Approves Three Research Proposals in Jurisprudence and its Principles



Scientific Committee Chaired by Prof. Hanan Obaid Approves Research Plan for Doctoral Degree

A scientific committee, chaired by Professor Dr. Salah Faraj, has approved three research proposals submitted by three students in the Department of Jurisprudence and its Principles, as part of their requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree. The students who submitted these proposals are Alsayid Saleh Ali Shihab, Mohammed Sulaiman Mohammed Khalaf, and Saqr Sheikh Hassan Abdi.

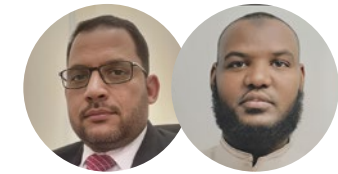
A seminar session was held on Sunday, April 2024, 28, at 9:00 PM Mecca time, at the Islamic University of Minnesota - main center, in the Faculty of Sharia and Law. During this session, the three research proposals were discussed. The discussion began with Alsayid. Saleh Ali Shihab's proposal entitled "Jurisprudential Rules of Repelling Harm and Contemporary Applications in Fetal and Pediatric Medicine - A Medical Jurisprudential Study." This was followed by the discussion of Mohammed Sulaiman Mohammed Khalaf's proposal entitled "Al-Mughni in Abbreviating Al-Tanbih and Presenting its Fatwas." Lastly, Saqr Sheikh Hassan Abdi's proposal entitled "The Best Evidences for Some Issues by Sheikh Muhammad Umar Al-Sindi Al-Hanafi - Authentication and Study" was discussed.

The examination committee was composed of the committee chair, Dr. Salah Faraj, the head of the Department of Jurisprudence and its Principles, along with the committee members: Dr. Muzahem Tariq Al-Mustafa, the Dean of the Faculty of Sharia and Law, Dr. Jihan Al-Taher Mohammed, and Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Ahmed Al-Wardi.

A scientific committee chaired by Professor Hanan Sobhy Obaid, the head of the Graduate Studies Department at the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota - main center, has confirmed the approval of the research plan submitted by researcher Samir Ibrahim Waheed Al-Azawi to fulfill the requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree from the Digital Media Department.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota had previously held a seminar session on Wednesday, May 2024, 22, at 10:00 PM Makkah time, to discuss the research plan titled "The Impact of Employing Artificial Intelligence Technology in Developing the Efficiency of Media Leaders and Journalists: An Analytical Survey Study on Al Jazeera Satellite Channel."

The seminar committee, in addition to its chairperson, Professor Hanan Sobhi Obaid, consisted of the membership of Professor Dr. Abdulsalam Sayed Al-Wahati, the College of Media Dean, as the academic advisor, and Professor Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Mohammed Etbiqa, and Assistant Professor Dr. Abdulmohsen Hamed Aqeela.



Committee Approves Two Research Plans for Law Doctoral Degree

A committee from the Law Department, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, Chairman of the Law Department and Director of Legal Affairs, has approved two research plans submitted by students Karim Hamed Al-Sakhawi and Idris Ahmed Musa, for obtaining a doctoral degree in law.

A seminar session was held at the College of Sharia and Law - Law Department at the University, attended by Dr. Ihab Talaat Abdulkhaleq, Dr. Hassan Al-Hamwi, and Dr. Fouad Ghjati, on Thursday, May 2024, 2, at 9:00 PM Mecca time. Karim Al-Sakhawi's plan, titled "Civil Liability Arising from Misuse of Electronic Press - A Comparative Study between Egyptian and Saudi Legislations," and Idris Ahmed Musa's plan, titled "The Principle of Non-Refoulement in International Law - A Critical Analytical Study," were discussed.

The committee members included Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsoud, Dr. Ihab Talaat Abdulkhaleq, Dr. Hassan Al-Hamwi, and Dr. Fouad Ghjati.



Researcher Mahmoud Fuad Earns Doctorate in Quranic Studies

On Wednesday, May 2024, 29, researcher Mahmoud Fuad Hammouda Abu Sayed Ahmed was awarded a doctorate degree in Quranic Studies and Sciences from the Islamic University of Minnesota, after defending his dissertation titled "Quranic Guidance from Surah Al-Jinn to Surah Al-Mursalat: An Applied Study".

The Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the Islamic University of Minnesota, College of Islamic Studies - Department of the Noble Quran and its Sciences, held a public session to discuss the researcher's dissertation at 8:00 PM Makkah time.

The discussion committee consisted of Prof. Dr. Walid Idris Al-Manisi, President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, as supervisor and rapporteur, Prof. Dr. Abdulfattah Mohammed Khader, Dean of the College of the Holy Quran at Al-Azhar University, as an external examiner, and Prof. Dr. Ziyad Ahmed Al-Haj, Head of the Qira'at (Quranic Recitations) Department at the University of Jinan in Lebanon and a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as an internal examiner.



Academic Committee Chaired by Dr. Salah Faraj Approves Ph.D. Research Plan of Idris Abdulrahman

An academic committee chaired by Dr. Salah Ahmed Faraj, the head of the Department of Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals at the Faculty of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota, has approved the research plan submitted by the researcher Idris Abdulrahman Olamiliken to fulfill the requirements for obtaining a doctoral degree in the Fundamentals of Jurisprudence.

The Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota had previously held a seminar session on Monday, May 2024, 27, at 10:00 PM Makkah time, to discuss Idris' research plan titled "The Fundamental Differences between Juristic Preference (Istihsan) and Unrestricted Public Interest (Al-Maslahah Al-Mursalah) and Their Applications in Inheritance Issues."

The discussion committee, in addition to its chairman Dr. Salah Faraj, included Dr. Mubarak Saud and Dr. Mohammed Amin.



Committee Approves Doctoral Research Plan in Educational Psychology

MINNESOTA, May 2024, 18 - A committee chaired by Dr. Anas Nawafleh, Head of the Department of Educational Psychology, has approved the research plan submitted by researcher Noha Ahmed Mustafa as part of the requirements for the doctoral degree.

The approval came after a seminar session held by the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, Faculty of Educational Sciences - Department of Educational Psychology, to discuss the proposal titled "The Effectiveness of a Proposed Training Program Based on Group Play Activities in Developing Social Skills in a Sample of Children with Autism."

The discussion session was held on Saturday, May 2024, 18, at 10:00 PM Makkah time.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Anas Nawafleh as chair, and members Dr. Bayan Araydheh and Dr. Mohammed Ta'amneh.

Committee Approves Doctoral Dissertation Plan in Islamic Economics



As part of the ongoing efforts of the Islamic University of Minnesota to develop scientific research and raise the level of graduate studies, a scientific committee from the Department of Islamic Economics has approved the doctoral dissertation plan of Taiseer Mohammed Hassan Sultan.

The scientific committee that discussed the proposal was chaired by Dr. Hiam Al-Zuabi, Head of the Department, and included Dr. Abay Al-Shanqiti, Dr. Mohammed Dasuqi, Dr. Raed Bani Issa, and Dr. Zayed Al-Duwairi. This came after a seminar session held by the Deanship of Graduate Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota at 10:00 PM on Wednesday, May, 15 2024.

The approved dissertation proposal was titled "The Juristic Adaptation of External Financial Transfers and their Impact on the National Economy - The Syrian Economy as a Model".



Approval of Samia Al-Hamidi's Master's Degree Plan

The approval has been granted for Sumaya Al-Humaidi's plan to obtain a master's degree in the field of public relations under the supervision of Professor Hanan Subhi Obaid.

A seminar session was held on April 2024, 30, at the College of Media, Department of Public Relations, at the Islamic University of Minnesota, where the research plan prepared by Sumaya Al-Humaidi was discussed. The plan is titled "The Role of Social Media Platforms in Covering Humanitarian Actions in the Republic of Yemen - A Survey and Analytical Study."

The scientific committee that discussed and approved the plan consisted of Professor Hanan Subhi Obaid, the Head of the Graduate Studies Department at the College of Media, in addition to participating professors Dr. Abdullah Adwi, Dr. Mohammed Sharaf, and Dr. Naeem Ibrahim Abdulfattah.



Scientific Symposium Explores Muslim Individual's Response to Western Secularism and Atheism



The Training, Development, and Community Programs Center, in collaboration with the Department of Islamic Studies in English at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a scientific seminar entitled "The Behavior of the Individual Muslim in the face of Western Secularism and Atheism."

The seminar was conducted via the ZOOM platform by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, the Technical Director of the Training, Development, and Community Programs Center. The seminar was attended by a group of distinguished scholars. Dr. Manal Mustafa, the Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English, began by delivering an introduction on atheism and Western secularism, their methods of dissemination in the Arab world, and how to counter the intellectual attacks (atheism and secularism) that target vulnerable individuals.

Then, Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqeeri, a faculty member in the Department of Islamic Studies in English, delivered a lecture on the objectives of atheistic and Western secular ideas in influencing the Muslim society. Dr. Ayed Awadh Al-Juboor, the Mufti of the Hashemite Authority in Jordan, spoke about the effects of atheistic and Western secular ideas on the individual, as well as on the Islamic, Arab, and Western societies.

At the end of the seminar, Mr. Mu'tasem Faez, the General Manager of the Training, Development, and Community Programs Center, read out the seminar's recommendations. The seminar lasted for two hours, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024.

It is worth mentioning that the Training Center records its events and publishes them on its dedicated platform on the official website of the university, as well as on its Facebook page and the university's YouTube channel.

Student Affairs Deanship Organizes Workshop on Self-Management



The Student Affairs Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota hosted a noteworthy workshop titled "The Art of Self-Management." The workshop took place on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024, at the main center, starting at 9:00 AM Mecca Time.

The distinguished Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman delivered the workshop, which primarily targeted university students with the aim of equipping them with a set of knowledge and skills to better manage themselves. The workshop covered four main topics: the essence of self, the concept of self-management, the five T's of self-management, and practical applications.

In a statement to the news administration, Ms. Mariam Mohammed Amr, the director of the Guidance and Counseling Unit, mentioned that the workshop's main goal was to empower students with self-management skills that would help them achieve personal and academic success. The Guidance and Counseling Unit is one of the units under the Student Affairs Deanship, along with the Bachelor's Student Affairs and Graduate Student Affairs units.

This workshop is part of the university's ongoing efforts to develop and enhance the capabilities of its students and provide them with the necessary support in their academic journey. The appointment of Ms. Mariam Mohammed Amr as the director of the Guidance and Counseling Unit reflects the university's commitment to offering the best services and caring for the well-being of its students.

It is expected that this workshop will have several positive effects on the students, as it will assist them in developing self-leadership skills and achieving a balance between academic and personal life. This step demonstrates the university's commitment to supporting students' personal growth and achieving excellence.



International Relations Administration Announces Political Training Course

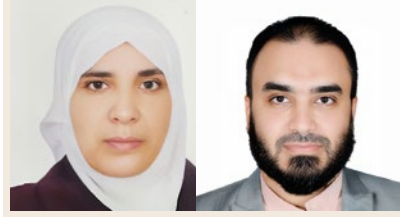
The International Relations and Cooperation Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota - main center, has announced the organization of an important training course titled "Political Qualification," in collaboration with the Department of Political Science at the College of Arts and Political Science.

A source in the International Relations and Cooperation Administration stated that the course will be highly beneficial for those aspiring to work in politics. It will also be useful for university leaders, professors, researchers, individuals seeking to join parliament, those interested in passing foreign ministry exams in any country, and those interested in representing their university on the international stage, in addition to anyone interested in diplomatic affairs.

The source added that the course will even be valuable for those wishing to change their career path, as it will assist them in achieving distinct professional development in this direction. The source emphasized that this training course will be among the most powerful global courses and will be accredited by international bodies. Internationally renowned trainers, including ministers and ambassadors, will be conducting the course.

It is worth mentioning that the announcement of the course includes an invitation for interested participants to register by filling out the registration form available at the following link:

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Interactive Lecture on Methods of Learning Tajweed and Quranic Recitations

The Development and Quality Unit, in coordination with the Department of the Quran and its Sciences at the College of Islamic Studies, organized an interactive lecture on the methods of learning the science of Tajweed (Quranic recitation rules) and Quranic recitations.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Abdulrazzaq Al-Bakri, and was presented by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wuhush, the Director of the Development and Quality Unit.

Dr. Al-Bakri began the lecture by explaining the concept of the science of Tajweed and Quranic recitations, then he addressed the methods of learning, explaining the ways in which the Quran is recited, and that the student should first choose the Jazariyyah system.

Al-Bakri touched on the explanations of the Jazariyyah, the most important of which are "Al-Hawashi Al-Mufhimah" and "Al-Manah wal-Fawa'id", and he provided alerts on the Jazariyyah system. He also discussed the Salsabil Al-Shafi system by Sheikh Othman Murad, and recommended studying the Tuhfat Al-Samnudi by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Samnudi.

Dr. Al-Bakri pointed out the importance of choosing the additional parts for memorization, and explained the memorization approaches in order. He then presented the methods of learning the science of Quranic recitations with their detailed stages, supported by advice and guidance.

Al-Bakri concluded the lecture by providing guidance and instructions for beginner and advanced students, emphasizing that the science of Tajweed is an important gateway to the care of the Quran in terms of contemplation and reflection.



Training Center Holds Training Course on Google Applications for Office and Academic Work

As part of its efforts to develop the digital skills of its staff, the Training, Development and Community Programs Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a training course titled "Google Applications for Office and Academic Work". This course was delivered over three different days, starting from Sunday, May 2024, 12 until Thursday, May 2024, 16.

The course included three training workshops presented by Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari, Head of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department in the College of Computing and Information Technology at the University. This course targeted the administrative units, faculty, and students both within and outside the university.

Participants who attended the full course received certified certificates from the Training Center, which were distributed through the university's official platform. The course videos were also uploaded to the Center's platform to provide an opportunity for those who could not attend.



Center for Training Organizes Workshop on Economic Feasibility Studies

As part of its efforts to promote community development and enhance the practical skills of its students and community members, the Center for Training, Development, and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a training workshop titled "Practical Steps for Conducting Economic Feasibility Studies."

The workshop was presented by Dr. Mohammed Fathi, a faculty member from the College of Economics and Business Administration at the university. The event took place on Sunday, May 2024, 19, during the evening hours from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM (Mecca time).

The workshop targeted students from within the university as well as from the broader community, in addition to all those interested in this field. Certified certificates were distributed to the attendees through the training center's platform on the university's official website, using a link that was published for this purpose.

Department of Legal Affairs Issues University Ethics Code and Inaugurates Legal Clinic

The Department of Legal Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has issued a "University Ethics Code," signed by its Director, Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsood. The code aims to strengthen trust among university members, including professors, students, and administrative bodies.

The ten-page code is divided into several sections, including an introduction that highlights the importance of the code for the university's mission, its objectives, and a definition of the ethical code for university students. It then addresses general university ethics through five subheadings, followed by the core of the code, which is divided into three sections dealing with the rights and duties of faculty members, administrative staff, and students.

The code emphasizes the need to respect the university campus and ensure that interactions among members of the university family are characterized by high ethical standards and professionalism, guaranteeing the smooth running of the educational process according to correct academic standards. It also emphasizes respect for freedom of opinion and creativity, while stressing the importance of respecting others and expressing opinions within the limits of Islamic law and regulations.

The code also stipulates the need for academic integrity, which requires all university members to observe ethical and academic honesty and avoid conflicts of interest. It also emphasizes the need for responsibility and competence, stating that educational services should be provided by qualified professors who strive to enhance students' independence and prepare them for future professional work, and that this should be done with a sense of responsibility and credibility.

The core of the ethical code is then divided into three sections: the first on the rights and duties of faculty members, the second on the rights and duties of administrative staff, and the third on the rights and duties of students. The code outlines the rights of faculty members in seven points and their duties in nine points. It also outlines, in the second section, the rights of administrative staff in four points and their obligations in seven points. Finally, in the third section, the code outlines the rights of students in eight points and their obligations in thirteen points.

On a related note, the Department of Law and Legal Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Campus, announced the establishment of a legal clinic on Friday, April 2024, 26.

This announcement came following a meeting of the Legal Affairs Department chaired by the Director of the Department, Dr. Muhammad Shuaib Abdulmaqsood, where the requirements for establishing the clinic and its specific literature were agreed upon.

The announcement of the clinic's establishment was accompanied by the publication of a brochure titled "The Legal Clinic," which included an introductory overview, general objectives, educational objectives, intellectual background, and the most important services provided by the legal clinic.

The legal clinic is one of the important projects for cooperation between the Department of Law and Legal Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Campus, which contributes to achieving community participation by raising legal awareness. The legal clinic is also one of the mechanisms that contribute to achieving the university's strategic goal of preparing qualified individuals capable of competing in the labor market and serving society. Legal clinics are one of the newly developed teaching methods that are based on interactive legal education, where theoretical education is combined with practical training.

It is worth noting that the legal clinic is an intellectual extension of the role of the College of Sharia and Law at the university. In this context, the Dean of the College of Sharia and Law, Dr. Muzahem Tariq Al-Mustafa, expressed his thanks and appreciation to Dr. Mohammed Shuaib Abdulmaqsood for establishing the legal clinic, and "the positive interaction and impact that this activity has had on the students, its contribution to achieving community participation and raising legal awareness among students, and preparing qualified individuals capable of competing in the labor market and serving society."

The Dean emphasized that "the student is the university's first ambassador, and caring for them and working to build their academic, psychological, and professional personalities establishes the pillars of our university with ease and proves that we are worthy of the trust of our students."



Language and Translation Center Launches First Arabic Language Courses for Non-Native Speakers

Under the slogan "Training for Coexistence...the ultimate goal for spreading Arabic," the Language and Translation Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, main center launched the first Arabic language courses for non-native speakers on Sunday, May 2024, 5.

The first course witnessed the participation of 40 trainees, in line with the center's vision to be the most suitable program for preparing graduates with more knowledge in linguistic, literary, educational, and cultural media fields. The course aims to qualify graduates to continue their studies and prepare them for the labor market, while aligning with the requirements of the content creation, publishing, media, editing, and writing industries.

The course objectives are to transfer knowledge related to the four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) to each beneficiary, to bring the beneficiaries to a satisfactory level in the assessments of each level (from the first to the fourth), to qualify the beneficiaries to integrate them with native Arabic speakers, and to connect the beneficiaries with their procedural inclinations in the work related to the Arabic language, whether editing, translation, publishing, or otherwise.

To achieve these objectives, several measures will be taken, including: Conducting

a placement test for the beneficiaries' levels, distributing the beneficiaries to levels including introductory/first – advanced/fourth, distributing the program's level requirements, providing the beneficiaries with the qualified knowledge through teaching and training, implementing field training that suits the beneficiary's level, holding face-to-face workshops between students of the levels, holding feedback meetings in the time period specified for each level, creating test programs, written and oral, for each level, authoring the lessons to be implemented effectively and efficiently, using appropriate teaching methods for each skill in the levels, using the most appropriate educational technologies for teaching Arabic to non-native speakers, and diversifying assessment methods.

The course will be implemented within a comprehensive training plan, with credit hours for each program, and a total of 256 hours for all courses, over 64 training days, at a rate of 4 hours per day, for levels from introductory/first – fourth/advanced.

Each beneficiary will receive a certificate of merit for success, stamped and signed, indicating that the trainers rely on high-level digital technologies, a daily worksheet, a notebook for the trainee, and digital audio recordings.

In conclusion, it is worth noting that the Language Center had announced on May 4) 2024, 1 days before the start of the first lecture of the first course of Arabic language courses for non-native speakers) the conclusion of the introductory level courses for teaching the French language, which were presented by Dr. Taha Hussein Al-Jawhari, with preparations continuing to launch the third-level course of the Spanish language, presented by Dr. Ali El-Shboul.



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Structural Changes in the College of Computing and Information Technology

The Islamic University of Minnesota has announced structural changes in the College of Computing and Information Technology at the university, following the inauguration of the new department of Computer Science, which has appointed Dr. Dhiya'a Al-Haq Issa Hamed as its head.

The changes included the appointment of Dr. Salah Alawi Hussain Al-Sharafi as the deputy dean of the College of Computing and Information Technology, in addition to his responsibility as the head of the Department of Networks and Cyber Security, while Dr. Mohammed Habib Al-Sumkari was appointed as the new head of the Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.

The university confirmed that the position of the dean remained under the stewardship of Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, and the chairmanship of the College of Information Technology was retained by Dr. Saleh Masaad Al-Riyashi, while Mr. Hanadi Abdullah was appointed as the administrator in charge of the college's administrative affairs.

These changes come within the framework of developing and updating the college, especially after the inauguration of the new Computer Science department, which has witnessed an increasing influx of students, reflecting the importance of the College of Computing and Information Technology at the university.



Ismail Hamed Participates in Scientific Events at Mohammed V University in Rabat

Prof. Ismail Hamed participates in scientific events at Mohammed V University in Rabat, where he was hosted as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota. His participation included an open discussion titled "Civilizational Communication between Morocco and Sub-Saharan Africa throughout History." He also delivered lectures to graduate students at the college on the same topic. Additionally, he participated in a scientific conference titled "The Creativity of the Desert for Interdisciplinary Critique Readings," organized by the college.

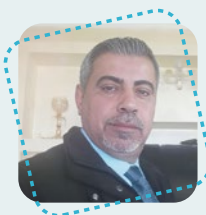
Prof. Ismail Hamed was invited by three parties, namely the International Center for Heritage Studies, the International Center for Saharan (Studies, and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Mohammed V University. His scientific participation received praise from the directors of the two international centers, describing him as a modest scholar with a rich scientific output. He has written over sixty books, including twenty books about the desert. His participation serves as an exemplary model for students interested in interdisciplinary studies and the activation of cultural exchange in scientific research. Prof. Ismail Hamed is known for his love for Moroccan and Sahrawi culture, and his presence in Morocco is considered a valuable asset as he works diligently and humbly as an outstanding researcher on Sahrawi culture and its heritage.

According to Rabat News website, Prof. Ismail Hamed delivered a lecture at Mohammed V University in Rabat, where he expressed his appreciation for the

invitation from the International Center for Heritage Studies, the International Center for Sahara Studies, and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. The lecture focused on the importance of Morocco as a country with a rich history of knowledge, literature, and culture. He emphasized that the desert reflects a rich history in the architectural engineering of mosques in African countries. He also discussed the historical trade between the northern and southern parts of the Sahara, highlighting the salt-for-gold trade as a model for deep connections between the two sides. He presented illustrative images of this architectural influence in Timbuktu and other cities. He also touched upon the impact of trade on social and cultural relationships, as some Moroccan workers migrated and settled in African countries, leading to strengthened social ties between the two cultures.

The news was also covered and published on several Moroccan websites and newspapers, including Al-Masaa 24, Al-Mushahid, Al-Khabaria, ChoufTV, Al-Mizan Magazine for Jurisprudence and Law, and Al-Umma newspaper, among others.

Prof. Ismail Hamed also posted a video on his personal Facebook page, showing his participation in the scientific conference titled "The Creativity of the Desert for Interdisciplinary Critique Readings," organized by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Mohammed V University. In the video, he presented a research paper that discussed the influence of the desert on architectural creativity in ancient heritage cities.



Islamic University of Minnesota Welcomes Five New Scholars and Congratulates Four Faculty Members on Research Publications

Dr. Marwan Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced the addition of five prominent scholars from the Islamic world to the university's faculty.

The new scholars are; Dr. Ayed Al-Jubour (Jordan): Joined the Department of Da'wah, College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Hatem Al-Tibsawi (Tunisia): Joined the Department of Accounting, College of Economics and Business Administration, Dr. Fadia Rizq Abdunabi (Egypt): Joined the Department of Educational Psychology, College of Education, specializing in special education and mental health, Dr. Ali Awda (Jordan): Joined the Department of Arabic Studies, College of Islamic Studies, and Dr. Saad Hassan (Egypt): Joined the Department of Arabic Language.

In other news, Dean Bataineh congratulated four faculty members on the publication of their research in peer-reviewed journals. They are; Dr. Hadi Mohammed Hussein (Department of Political Science): Published a study titled "Resistance and Terrorism in Public International Law" in the journal "Sh'oun Al-Awsat.", Dr. Imad El-Din Hussein Bahar El-Din Abdullah: Published a research paper in the "Journal of Strategic and Military Studies" of the Arab Democratic Center in Germany, Dr. Mohammed Shoaib Abdel-Maqsood: Participated in the 12th National Scientific Conference of the College of Law, University of Basra, with a research paper titled "Legal Controls for Contracts Regulating the Creation, Sale, and Use of Artificial Intelligence Technology and Modern Electronic Technologies.", and Dr. Laith Ibrahim Al-Zawahira: Participated with a research paper in the "Al-Hikma Journal for Studies and Research" published by the University and Institute of Justice and Wisdom in America, in the special issue of the 4th International Conference on Theoretical and Applied Studies and Research in Scientific and Human Sciences.

Dean Bataineh commended the contributions of these faculty members in enriching and disseminating scientific research and wished them continued success.



Eman Khalaf Participates in the University of Sharjah International Conference

In a special event, Dr. Eman Essam Khalaf, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota's main center, was honored at the Sharjah Arab Creativity Award ceremony, first edition, 27th cycle, held in the Arab Republic of Egypt on April 23rd-24th, 2024. She received an official invitation from the Cultural Affairs Administration of the Sharjah Government's Department of Culture to attend this prestigious event.

Additionally, Dr. Eman Khalaf participated in the inaugural University of Sharjah International Conference titled "Digital Transformation and Sustainability." She presented her research titled "Digital Literature: Static Mechanisms and Dynamic Transformations" as an associate professor in the College of Arts and Humanities, Department of Arabic Language.

The Islamic University of Minnesota congratulates Dr. Eman Essam Khalaf on this academic and cultural accomplishment and considers it an honor for the university, given her distinguished position as a faculty member.

It is worth noting that Dr. Eman Khalaf previously won the 26th edition of the Sharjah Arab Creativity Award, held in Amman, Jordan. She was awarded first place in the field of criticism for her study titled "Arabic Poetry and Digital Transformations in the Light of Technological Acceleration."

The Islamic University of Minnesota is committed to encouraging its faculty members to achieve success and excellence in academic and cultural arenas, aiming to enhance its position in the academic and cultural community.



El-Shboul Participates in Global Cultural Day in Jordan

Dr. Ali El-Shboul, Professor of Arabic and Spanish Languages and Member of the International Relations and Cooperation Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota - Main Center, has announced his participation in the first Global Cultural Day organized by the Language Center at Jadara University in Jordan. The event took place on Monday, May 6th, 2024, on the center of Jadara University.

The Director of International Relations and Cooperation at the university stated that the activities included a lecture by the university's ambassador in Jordan, highlighting the Islamic University of Minnesota's colleges, programs, and important agreements with international universities, as well as the academic excellence of its students and professors.

Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Abdulraouf Al-Rawabdeh, the former Prime Minister of Jordan, several embassies and cultural attachés from different countries participated in the event, including Panama, Mexico, Turkey, Germany, France, and Russia, in addition to some Arab embassies. The event witnessed performances by students studying the languages offered at the center, including Spanish, French, Turkish, German, and Russian. A charity bazaar was also held during the ceremony.

It is worth mentioning that Dr. Ali El-Shboul is one of the appointed ambassadors of the university to represent it in their respective countries, as part of the activities of the International Relations and Cooperation Department.



Deanship of Student Affairs Honors Outstanding Students

In an effort by the Deanship of Student Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota to motivate and encourage students to excel and achieve distinction, the Deanship organized a special event to honor outstanding students for the 2024-2023 academic year. The event was held on Saturday, May 2024, 18.

Sponsored by the Deputy Provost of the University and Director of the Deanship of Student Affairs, Dr. Zainab Basiouni, and under the direct supervision of the Director of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit, Mr. Sulaiman Maqboul, and with the participation of the Graduate Student Affairs Unit administration, represented by Ms. Umayma Adel and Professor Fottouh Al-Shamiri, and in the presence of the Director of the Educational Affairs Unit at the Deanship of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, and all the deans of colleges and departments.

In their opening remarks, Mr. Sulaiman and the Director of the Graduate Student Affairs Unit, Ms Umayma Adel, emphasized that this recognition comes within the framework of motivating and encouraging students to excel and achieve distinction, and urging them to redouble their efforts and instill a spirit of positive competition among the university's students.

A special report on the event indicated that the objective of the recognition is to achieve a sense of satisfaction with their studies among the outstanding students, to apply the principle of academic reward by honoring the outstanding students to encourage them to redouble their efforts, and to motivate others to emulate them

and instill a spirit of positive competition among the university's students.

During the ceremony, several academic and administrative leaders expressed their pride and happiness at this remarkable achievement of the students. In a speech by the Deputy Dean of the University and Director of the Deanship of Student Affairs, Dr. Zainab Basiouni, she congratulated the outstanding students and wished them further distinction and success in their academic careers.

The Dean of Academic and Educational Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, praised the efforts made by the outstanding students that resulted in these commendable results. The Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Marwan Bataineh, also congratulated the students by name on their distinction and excellence.

A number of academic and administrative leaders, including department heads and directors, participated in the congratulations, expressing their pride in this prominent achievement of the university's students.

At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Sulaiman Maqboul thanked all who contributed to the success of this distinguished event, wishing the students who did not have the opportunity this semester further success and excellence in the future.

It is worth mentioning that the recognition included 280 male and female students from all academic levels, including 174 from the undergraduate level, 79 from the master's level, and 27 from the doctoral level.



Dar Almandumah Publishes Two Scientific Theses of Two Graduate Students



Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit Adopts New Approach to Document Daily Activities

Statements have been issued by Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada, the head of the Educational Administration Department at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, commending the publication of two scientific theses by graduate students at the university.

Abu Ayada confirmed that Dar Almandumah, a specialized platform for research and academic publishing, has published the two scientific theses for the graduates. The first thesis is a doctoral dissertation by Dr. Musa Moshado Shawari, which discusses "A Proposed Concept for Developing Communication Methods in the Educational Supervision Process in Islamic Colleges in Kenya." Abu Ayada pointed out that she supervised Dr. Musa in preparing this thesis.

The second thesis is a master's research by researcher Mohammed Falah Issa Aldamour, titled "The Impact of Using Educational Technologies in Teaching the Arabic Language on the Achievement of Secondary School Students in the United Arab Emirates." Dr. Anas Adnan Odaibat supervised the preparation of this research.

Abu Ayada congratulated the researchers on this achievement, affirming that the Islamic University of Minnesota is a scientific incubator for students in all practical educational steps. She emphasized that the university provides support and guidance to students from the moment they join the university until after graduation, and it strives to solve problems and provide training, psychological support, and moral support. She added that the university is characterized by comprehensive quality management and student monitoring to ensure the achievement of their academic aspirations.

It is worth mentioning that Dar Almandumah is a Saudi company specialized in building and developing specialized scientific databases in research and academic fields and has achieved an excellent reputation in the field of information and services it provides.

The Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit at the university is implementing a new method that highlights all academic and non-academic activities taking place daily within virtual rooms. This is done through the publication of a daily schedule that includes important data related to those activities and their execution times.

The schedule is meticulously and artistically arranged, starting with the week number, day name, Hijri and Gregorian dates, and the semester name. The schedule also includes a vertical column with headings such as the sequential activity number, the department or center where the activity takes place, the required code to access the virtual room, and the activity title, such as the lecture name or academic subject. Additional information such as the lecturer's name, if applicable, the activity start time, the name of the hosting room, and a column for notes are also included in the schedule.

During the inauguration of this new approach, Mohammed Abduljawad, the Virtual Rooms engineer, expressed his satisfaction and emphasized that the Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit will begin publishing the daily schedule for all its activities at the university. He confirmed that this schedule will include lectures, meetings, training courses, seminars, and conferences, with the aim of highlighting the activities that take place daily within the virtual rooms at the university.

Most activities at the university are conducted in virtual rooms affiliated with the global platform ZOOM, within a comprehensive system aimed at providing alternatives and necessary measures to ensure the students' rights are fully met.



Meeting to Explore Students' Concerns and Needs

The Islamic University of Minnesota held a Zoom meeting that brought together the Deanship of Student Affairs, the Student Guidance and Counseling Unit, and students from various colleges and levels.

His Excellency the University Vice-President, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, and his Deputy, Dr. Zainab Bassiouni, emphasized the importance of assisting, educating, and guiding students. Dr. Zainab Bassiouni moderated this meeting, which lasted about an hour.

The meeting included a speech by the Director of the Guidance and Counseling Unit, Mr. Mariam Mohammed Amr, followed by a flood of questions, inquiries, and verbal and textual interventions from the students. Dr. Zainab Bassiouni and Mr. Sulaiman Maqboul, the Director of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Unit, responded comprehensively to all the inquiries.

At the end of the meeting, the university officials pledged to address all student problems, work to solve them, and submit a report to the University Vice-President and the concerned parties on the proposals of the students who attended the meeting, which include preparing samples of previous exams and developing the quality of the old curricula, among other things.



Meeting of the College Administrative Affairs Unit Manager with Team Members

An important meeting was held on Monday, April 2024, 29. The meeting was attended by Dr. Norhan Salama, the manager of the Administrative Affairs Unit, and Dr. Marwan Bataineh, the Dean of Faculty Affairs.

During the meeting, each administrative officer from different colleges presented updates on the administrative work accomplished in their respective colleges. This was followed by discussions on proposed training courses to be organized by the Training and Development Unit.

Dr. Bataineh praised the tremendous efforts made by the administrative officers in the various colleges and expressed appreciation for the significant achievements presented in the monthly report.

The meeting was also attended by administrative officers from different colleges, namely Amal Qasem from the College of Islamic Studies, Badiah Abdulqader from the College of Media, Zainab Ali Basyouni from the College of Arts and Humanities, Hanadi Abdullah from the College of Computers, Bnan Saif from the College of Economics and Business Administration, and Maryam Al Maqrami from the College of Sharia and Law. Dr. Norhan Salama was responsible for preparing the meeting minutes.

It is worth mentioning that a previous meeting of the College Administrative Affairs

Unit members was held on Wednesday, April 2024, 24. During the previous meeting, the progress of administrative work in the colleges was reviewed, and related issues were discussed, including archiving and updating the database, publishing regulations, procedures for dealing with faculty members' resignations or appointments, and cases of secondment and transfer.

The College Administrative Affairs Unit serves as a backbone for the university, providing administrative support to the colleges and other units. It handles financial files, human resources, contracts, reports, and other administrative tasks. The unit aims to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in college management and provide an organized and coordinated work environment.

At the end of the meeting, the importance of continuous cooperation and coordination between the Administrative Affairs Unit and the colleges was emphasized, along with the necessity of information and resource exchange to achieve the university's objectives.

This meeting serves as an important opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge and strengthen collaboration among team members. It will contribute to improving and developing administrative work in the colleges and enhancing academic excellence within the university.

Islamic University of Minnesota Launches Official LinkedIn Page to Enhance Student Communication

LinkedIn



The Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the launch of a new official page on the LinkedIn platform aimed at enhancing communication with its students and providing job opportunities.

The Information Technology Dean's Office at the university has created this page to foster stronger connections with current and former students, as well as to expand their presence on professional online platforms.

Through the LinkedIn page, the university aims to provide students with employment and training prospects, showcase its institutional expertise, and facilitate knowledge exchange among members of the academic community.

LinkedIn, being one of the premier professional networking platforms globally, enables the university to engage with current and former students effectively, attract new students, and forge robust relationships with employers and partners.

The benefits anticipated from establishing the university's official LinkedIn page include the ability to share news and events, address student inquiries, and offer

support and guidance. Additionally, students can leverage the platform to showcase their experiences and skills, build compelling profiles, and connect with potential employers.

Moreover, the LinkedIn page serves as a gateway for the university to promote its academic programs and certifications, thereby attracting a more diverse student body. Furthermore, it facilitates relationship building with employers, expands collaboration and training opportunities for students, and contributes to enhancing the university's reputation as a leading educational institution.

This initiative of launching an official LinkedIn page signifies the university's commitment to leveraging professional online platforms for effective student communication and fostering community engagement within the academic sphere. Interested individuals can now visit the university's LinkedIn page through the following link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/iium-usa-online>



Diverse Nationalities Among New Summer Semester Students

MINNESOTA, May 2024, 22 - The Media Center of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, has revealed detailed statistics on the nationalities of new students admitted for the summer semester, totaling 271 students.

The new students represent 36 nationalities from around the world, including 19 African nationalities, 12 Asian nationalities, 2 European nationalities, and 2 North American nationalities.

The statistics confirm the vast geographical reach of the countries from which students at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Main Center, originate. From the Philippines in the far east to Canada in the far west, and from France in the heart of Europe to Cameroon in the heart of Africa, students come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and climates, united in a single space illuminated by the light of knowledge and learning.

This global reach serves as a solid foundation for the university's administration's aspirations to achieve global leadership in the field of distance education.

These statistics were obtained from the Dean of Admissions and Registration, Dr. Khadija Abdulwareth.

Academic Affairs Develops Innovative Electronic System



Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awad, Dean of Academic and Educational Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced that his deanship has developed a new advanced electronic system to monitor and manage the university's self-directed learning programs for students.

The Dean explained that this new system is characterized by accuracy, efficiency, and speed in monitoring, as it is accessed through an electronic link that allows the concerned parties, such as the Deanship of Admission and Registration, the Deanship of Student Affairs, and the heads of the departments responsible for self-directed learning, to add and delete information as needed, under the supervision and follow-up of the Deanship of Academic and Educational Affairs.

Awad praised this new system, stressing that he personally oversaw its development, and that it was the result of the efforts of a team from the Deanship of Academic Affairs, led by Professors Dhuha Al-Muliki, Amal Al-Baha, and Samirah Al-Sagheer.

The Dean emphasized that this new electronic system will greatly contribute to the development and improvement of the university's self-directed learning programs, and enhance the university's ability to effectively and quickly monitor these programs.



College of Computing and Information Technology Council Holds Extraordinary Meeting

The College of Computing and Information Technology Council held an extraordinary meeting chaired by the Dean, Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, on Wednesday, May 2024, 15.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Dean welcomed the attendees, especially the new members of the College Council, before moving on to discuss the agenda items. The most prominent of these was reviewing the preparations for the College's conference and the plan to complete and activate the Computer Science department.

The attendees also discussed the necessary requirements for establishing a training center affiliated with the College, and the training programs that will be implemented for students inside and outside the College. The report evaluating the performance of the department vice-chairpersons for the previous period was discussed, as well as the need for the departments to develop their plans.

The Council approved the appointment of new vice-chairpersons for the departments: Dr. Hani Mohammed Al-Houbi as Vice-Chairman of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department, Dr. Samah Mohamed Hassan as Vice-Chairman of the Computer Science Department, Dr. Abdullah Abdulkarim Al-Warikat as Vice-Chairman of the Information Systems Department, and Dr. Samar Yamani Al-Salman as Vice-Chairman of the Cybersecurity and Networks Department.

The Council also discussed the preparation for completing the summer semester

and the arrangement for the final exams, in addition to the planning for the upcoming first academic semester in terms of schedules and courses, with the aim of avoiding the obstacles faced by the College in previous semesters. The plan for implementing the first technical camp was also reviewed, and new ideas were proposed in this framework.

On Monday, April 2024, 29, a meeting was held between the College Council, chaired by the Dean, Professor Dr. Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, and Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, Director of External Relations and International Cooperation.

The meeting was to discuss the preparations for the first conference of the Faculty of Computers and Information Technology under the slogan "Digital Transformation in the Era of Artificial Intelligence". The conference themes were announced, covering the technical and ethical challenges and risks of artificial intelligence, the reality of digital transformation in the business sector, applications of artificial intelligence in education, the impact of artificial intelligence on digital transformation in the social sciences and humanities, and future trends and threats in the health sciences.

The outcomes of the meeting were also announced, including the distribution of roles to the conference organizing committees and the completion of the necessary official correspondences to finalize the conference proceedings. The meeting was attended by faculty members in addition to the Dean and Dr. Hanan Mukhtar.



Islamic University Participates in International Conference "Role of Scientific Research in the Renaissance of the Nation"

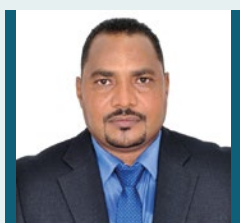
The Islamic University of Minnesota participated in the international conference "The Role of Scientific Research in the Renaissance of the Nation," organized by the Minar al-Islam website in coordination and cooperation with six scientific and academic institutions.

The conference was held over two days, Thursday and Friday, 15/14 Dhul-Qa'dah 1445 AH, corresponding to May 2024, 24/23, morning and evening, with the attendance of a group of doctors and researchers specializing in Islamic and cosmic sciences.

The conference sessions - except for the opening and closing sessions - amounted to nine sessions revolving around seven axes. The first session was dedicated to the axis of the rules and ethics of scientific research, the second session to the axis of the reality of scientific research in the Islamic nation, the third to the axis of scientific research in cosmic sciences, the fourth to the axis of scientific research in history, **تاريخ** and heritage, the fifth and sixth to the axis of scientific research in Islamic sciences, and the seventh to the axis of scientific research in the Arabic language, educational sciences, and geography. As for the eighth session, it was allocated to interventions in foreign languages, and the ninth was allocated to the axis of the future of scientific research.

Three researchers from the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center, participated: Dr. Youssef Mohammed, who participated in the first scientific session with a research paper entitled (Principles, Rules, and Methodologies of Scientific Research - An Inductive Analytical Study), Dr. Naha Musa Al-Atoum, who participated in the second scientific session with a research paper entitled (Obstacles to Scientific Research in Jordanian Higher Education Institutions), and Dr. Samir Fridi, who participated in the seventh scientific session with a research paper entitled (Ethical Educational Thought in Islamic Heritage - Cognitive Discussions between the East and the West).

In addition to Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, who represented the university and delivered a speech on its behalf at the opening session, and Dr. Abdu Nasr, who was the rapporteur for this session, other doctors participated from the Islamic University of Minnesota, the main center, at the organizational level; They are Dr. Imad Ali Al-Khatib, who chaired the seventh session, and Dr. Juma al-Ashram, who was the rapporteur for the same session. In the membership of the scientific committee, we find Dr. Juma al-Ashram, Dr. Mohammed Al-Wardi, Dr. Alaa Husni Musa, Dr. Mohammed al-Shaqaldi, Dr. Imad Ali al-Khatib, and Dr. Majdi Hilal. In the membership of the media committee was Dr. Abdu Nasr al-Silani.



Appointment of Dr. Dhia'a Al-Haq as Head of Computer Department

Minnesota, United States - The Chancellor of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Head of the Main Center, issued a decision appointing Dr. Dhiaa Al-Haq Issa as the head of the Computer Science Department at the new College of Computer Science and Information Technology.

Dr. Dhiaa Al-Haq is a graduate of Kordofan University in Sudan, where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering in 2003 with high honors. He also earned a Master's degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Khartoum in 2009, and completed his Ph.D. at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) in Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea in 2022.

Dhiaa Al-Haq has worked as a teaching assistant and lecturer at Kordofan University from 2003 to 2010, and has also collaborated with several other Sudanese universities. In 2010, he joined the College of Engineering at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, where he held several important administrative positions, including chairing academic and college-specific committees, as well as membership in the Accreditation Board for Engineering Programs (ABET), the Laboratory and Workshop Committee, and the Examinations Committee.

He also served as an assistant professor at the Higher Institute for Energy and Water in 2022 until 2023, and collaborated with several institutes within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He has extensive experience in the areas of academia, quality assurance, and accreditation in higher education, as he is a certified trainer for several training courses inside and outside the Kingdom.

Dr. Dhiaa resume includes more than six published scientific papers in reputable international journals in the field of engineering sciences. His appointment as the Chair of the new Computer Science Department at the Islamic University in Minnesota is an important step towards developing academic programs and promoting scientific research in this advanced field.

Dhiaa Al-Haq is expected to achieve great success in leading the new department, given his excellent academic qualifications and extensive practical experience. He possesses strong managerial skills and proven leadership capabilities in the field of engineering and computer science, and will work diligently to enhance graduate programs and develop curricula that align with modern technological advancements.