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Dean of College of Arts and Humanities Visits Morocco

Professor Dr. Ismail Hamed Ismail Ali, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota, undertook a scholarly trip to the Kingdom of Morocco during November 2024. The visit included a variety of academic activities.

The activities carried out by the dean included participating in the discussion of a doctoral thesis and delivering several lectures for doctoral and master's students at the College of Arts and Humanities at Mohammed V University in Rabat, as well as at other academic institutions in Morocco.

As part of these activities, Dr. Ismail Hamed delivered a lecture titled "The Moroccan Sahara: New Approaches" at the International Center for Heritage Studies and the Master's program in Arabic Literature and Cultural Exchange at Mohammed V University on Tuesday, November 2024, 4. He also presented another lecture at the same center on November 2024, 12, titled "Moroccan-Egyptian Spiritual Relations: Roots and Constants."

In addition, the dean was requested by Mohammed V University to evaluate a doctoral thesis entitled "Contemporary Islamic Thought and Community and Environmental Issues in the Mediterranean World."

Following his evaluation report, he was invited to participate as an expert in the thesis defense committee on November 2024, 11.

Among the notable activities Dr. Ismail Hamed participated in was a roundtable discussion titled "The Moroccan Sahara: New Approaches," organized by the College of Arts and Humanities and the International Center for Saharan Studies in collaboration with the Master's programs in Arabic Literature and Cultural Exchange and Linguistics and Language Disorders. The roundtable featured prominent Moroccan academics, including Dr. Mohammed Adwan, former Vice President of Al-Qarawiyyin University, Dr. Mohammed Joudat, head of the Center for Saharan Studies, Dr. Mohammed Taqi, a linguistics professor at Mohammed V University, and Dr. Fatiha Belabbas, a professor at the same university. Some Moroccan newspapers reported on the proceedings of the roundtable with articles published on their websites.

It is worth mentioning that this trip for the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota is part of his ongoing participation in various official invitations from prestigious Arab and international centers and universities, due to his prominence as a scholar in the field of African studies.



First Issue of Sharia and Law Journal is Released



The College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota has released the first issue of the peer-reviewed scientific journal (Sharia and Law Journal) on Sunday, November 2024, 3.

The issue consists of 300 pages, including 15 pages dedicated to the editorial board and advisory board lists, as well as the journal's vision, mission, goals, and areas of interest. The issue also contains a description of the language of publication, publication conditions, specifications for submitted research, guidelines for copying research, documentation standards, and the mechanism for submitting, receiving, and reviewing papers.

Regarding the research articles, the issue includes six peer-reviewed studies, preceded by a table of contents and an editorial written by the editor-in-chief. In this editorial, the importance of knowledge and its status in Islam is discussed, along with the role of scientific research in finding solutions to contemporary problems and the vital role of universities in this regard. The articles address various contemporary issues, including:

- 1.The Aggravating Circumstances Changing the Description of Crime in Islamic Jurisprudence - A Comparative Study with Positive Law by Dr. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Wardi.
- 2.The Legal Framework for Protecting Sports Rights during the Qatar 2022 World Cup in Light of Upholding National Identity by Dr. Hamza Abdulhafeedh Mursi Barakat.
- 3.The Service of the Wife to Her Husband - A Comparative Jurisprudential Study by Dr. Mohammed Abdul Hamid Al-Shaqaldi.

- 4.The Adequacy of International Protection for Cultural Heritage in Light of the Russian-Ukrainian War by Dr. Hamza Abdulhafeez Mursi Barakat.

- 5.Contemporary Applications of the Inheritance Principle that No Inheritance is Established by Dr. Salah Ahmed Farraj.

- 6.Same-Sex Marriage - Its Rulings and Impacts by Dr. Ali Imran.

The journal describes itself as a peer-reviewed scientific publication focused on jurisprudential and legal research and studies. Its aim is to become a leader in publishing rigorous scientific research in the fields of Islamic jurisprudence, judiciary, Sharia politics, and law, and to be classified among globally recognized peer-reviewed journals. Its mission focuses on publishing outstanding scientific research that serves the Islamic community and promotes thought and creativity through rigorous scientific research adhering to international quality standards.

The editorial board consists of nine members, chaired by the Dean of the College, Dr. Mazahim Tariq Al-Mustafa, with Dr. Asma Fakhri Suwaileh as the managing editor and Dr. Omar Mohammed Jabbari as the editorial secretary, in addition to six other members. The journal also has an advisory board composed of seven scholars.

It is noteworthy that this issue follows the release of the first issue of the (Islamic Studies Journal) and the first issue of the (Economics and Business Administration Journal). Further issues from other colleges are expected, reflecting the university administration's special attention to scientific research.



Deputy of the University Emphasizes Importance of Diligence in Studying



الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا
Islamic University of Minnesota

The Deputy of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, urged both new and returning students to make the most of their valuable study period by working diligently and seriously. He emphasized that this phase is precious and unique. His remarks were made during a welcoming ceremony for new students held on Thursday, November 2024, 13.

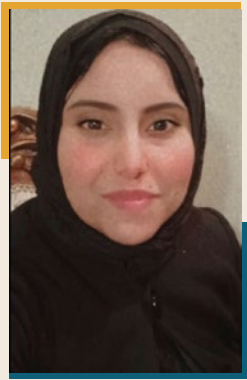
At the beginning of his speech, Dr. Al-Maqrami recited the verse {Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge by degrees}, welcoming the attendees from the academic and administrative staff, as well as the students. He addressed the students with the theme "A Talk from Heart to Heart," stressing the importance of sincerity in seeking knowledge, which he believes leads to genuine benefits from education.

The Deputy discussed the university's educational system, detailing the number of years, terms, and credit hours. He encouraged faculty members to utilize practical hours to enrich the academic content in diverse ways. He also praised

the research capabilities offered by the university, encouraging graduate students to engage with the Graduate Studies Deanship to ensure they acquire essential research skills.

He spoke about the educational environment provided by the university, including the online portal and applications, which help students compete with those in global universities. He mentioned testimonials from students who transferred from other universities, noting their appreciation for the significant difference in educational quality.

In conclusion, the Deputy called on students to attend lectures regularly and focus on their studies, emphasizing the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities available in the educational environment. He affirmed that the university overcomes challenges and emerges stronger each time, ending his remarks with a call for students to be ambassadors for the university, carrying the torch of knowledge everywhere.



Islamic University of Minnesota welcomes new students

Dr. Zeinab Ali Basyouni, Deputy Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, stressed during the reception ceremony for new students on Thursday, November 2024, 13, that the university administration and its academic staff are fully aware of their responsibility in promoting the university's identity and culture. She pointed out the importance of working as a team to achieve this goal, saying: "We believe in your abilities and endeavor to provide a stimulating learning environment that supports your excellence and innovation."

Dr. Basyouni expressed her hope that everyone who works at the university will be a key building block in building the university's educational edifice. She praised the importance of effort and diligence in achieving success, stressing that every challenge facing students is an opportunity to learn.

She also prayed that the semester will be distinguished, stressing the need to

start it with a spirit of optimism and determination to achieve the desired goals. She encouraged students to take advantage of the activities and scientific courses offered by the university, noting their role in honing skills and opening new horizons for science and knowledge.

The Deputy Vice President emphasized that the Islamic University of Minnesota is considered one of the most prestigious international universities, and offers students not only information, but also the necessary skills to achieve lifelong knowledge.

At the end of her speech, Dr. Basyouni called on students to take responsibility as part of the educational process, stressing the need to have values and morals that reflect their scientific status. She thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them success.



Meeting of Scientific Promotions Committee



كلية الإعلام
الجامعة الإسلامية بنينسوتا

The Scientific Promotions Committee at the College of Media at the Islamic University of Minnesota held its first meeting, chaired by Professor Abdulsalam Said Al-Wahati, with the presence of committee members: Dr. Hanan Sobhi Obaid (Vice Chair), Dr. Insaf Al-Moumani, Dr. Badia Ali Abdul Qader (Committee Secretary), and Dr. Yusra Mahmoud Subaih.

During the meeting, several important topics were discussed, including reviewing the new regulations and conditions for scientific promotions at the university, defining the roles of the Scientific Promotions Committee at the College of Media, and determining the committee's entitlements.

The meeting resulted in several recommendations, including the necessity for the majority of the members of the scientific promotions committees to hold the rank of Professor, with the option to include Associate Professors as long as they do not exceed %50 of the committee's composition. This allows them to examine, assess, and evaluate candidates for the ranks of Professor and Associate Professor. The committee was also emphasized to be an official body with the authority to issue decisions, while the university's higher

promotions committee acts as a court of cassation to review the compliance of college committee decisions with promotion conditions.

Additionally, the committee recommended that if the majority of the scientific promotions committee members in the colleges are not Associate Professors, it should be called the "Initial Review Committee for Promotion Applications." If the majority is even lower, it should be called the "Promotion Application Reception Committee," and it would not have the right to evaluate or issue decisions, with the university's higher promotions committee assuming all responsibilities.

The attendees also recommended distributing the entitlements of the scientific committees, derived from the fees due from the promoted individuals for their evaluation and assessment, among the accredited scientific promotions committee at the college, the university administration, and the higher promotions committee. The College of Media's Promotions Committee requested that the university administration publish a statement outlining the responsibilities of the accredited promotions committees in the colleges to enable them to perform their roles effectively.



Virtual Room Unit Transforms Course Schedule Organization

Engineer Mohammed Abdeljawad, Director of the Virtual Room and Recording Unit, reported that the unit utilized Google tools to prepare the course schedules. Initial schedules were sent to department heads via Google Sheets, with a dedicated sheet for each college, allowing only the department head to modify their subjects. Access was also granted to the college dean and administrative affairs in case of issues with the department head, using collaborative schedules that are automatically submitted to the unit without the need to upload and send files.

Abdeljawad added that schedules were prepared on Google Drive, and links were provided to department heads for review and approval, consolidating departments and stages into a single PDF file for easier review. After the schedules were approved, links for course materials on Zoom were set up, with a continuous link for each subject until the end of the first semester. The schedules were divided and sent to the secretaries for matching with the provided links.

He pointed out that the unit created automatic statistics to indicate available times in the rooms, which helped reduce inquiries about room availability. A collaborative file was also

created with secretaries for daily schedules, and a modification request survey was provided to department heads to simplify the submission of modification requests.

Regarding the playlists, Abdeljawad mentioned that 70 links were prepared for video playlists and 70 links for audio playlists, along with 546 Zoom links for each subject. Additionally, a Zoom room was approved for practical courses in the College of Computer Science and Information Technology, allowing lectures to be uploaded in various formats.

The unit has also added new rooms that accommodate 300 students instead of 100, along with new departments, including the Department of Quranic Studies and its Sciences and the Department of Disasters and Crises. At the end of his remarks, Abdeljawad stated that the number of lectures reached 396 during the week, with the unit studying available artificial intelligence tools on Zoom to enhance the educational process.

The Virtual Room Unit is committed to continuous development to facilitate education within the university, contributing to an improved learning experience for students.



Conference and Seminar Unit Completes Scheduling Activities

Doctor Hanan Mukhtar, Director of the Conference and Seminar Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota, announced that her administration has completed the scheduling of activities until the end of 2025, contributing to the university's widespread presence in academic and educational circles.

Dr. Hanan noted that this plan was implemented in response to the requests of various colleges that sought to include their conferences in the administration's schedule. She expressed her gratitude to the department heads and faculty members who have enriched the university with their ideas and knowledge.

She also praised the university's achievements in organizing more than fifteen events over the past year, in collaboration with multiple universities and university departments, including Ain Shams University, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, the Scowler Foundation, Taheri Mohammed University – Béchar in Algeria, Al-Jarada University in Jordan, the International City University, and the Global Islamic Center for Tolerance in Brazil, among other international institutions.

This was stated in written remarks shared by Dr. Hanan in major community groups on the WhatsApp platform on Wednesday, November 2024, 27.

University Administration Thanks Faculty Members



In a special post shared in the faculty members' group on WhatsApp, the administration of the Islamic University of Minnesota, main campus, expressed "sincere thanks and deep gratitude" to the faculty members on the occasion of the conclusion of the first semester of the 2025-2024 academic year / 1446 AH.

The post described the faculty members as "the true pillars of knowledge and learning," praising their efforts and commitment to advancing the university's mission and achieving excellence.

Additionally, the post included a link to what was termed "The Joyful and Hopeful Harvest Moment," inviting faculty members to collect their certificates of appreciation, which were distributed via Google Drive.



Honoring Winners of "Ideal Secretary" Award

The Academic and Educational Affairs Deanship at the Islamic University of Minnesota – Main Center organized a ceremony to honor the winners of the "Ideal Secretary" award from the university's department secretaries on Monday, November 2024, 11. The event was hosted by media personality Iman Abdulaziz, the Secretary of the College of Media, who presented the ceremony with a unique style, using heartfelt words and expressive meanings, along with audio recordings and textual posts.

The ceremony began with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by student Muhyiddin Fakhr, followed by an opening speech delivered by Ms. Duha Al-Malqi, the Secretary of the College of Economics, who welcomed the attendees. The university's deputy, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, then gave a speech in which he praised the secretaries, describing them as the vigilant eyes overseeing the educational process, emphasizing that they are the stars illuminating the university's sky, and urged everyone to prepare for the upcoming academic semester with dedication and enthusiasm.

The event featured a video prepared by the editing department of the media center, honoring the efforts of the college and department secretaries. Dr. Zainab Basyouni, the Deputy University Vice President, also delivered a speech commending the dedication and commitment of the secretaries, noting that collaboration and teamwork were fundamental to achieving excellence during the first semester.

In his remarks, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awf, Dean of Academic Affairs, expressed his pride in celebrating the secretaries, calling them "the makers of success." He explained that the ceremony was a gesture of gratitude and appreciation for their efforts throughout the semester, concluding his speech by elaborating on the meanings of the word "ideal" and encouraging everyone to embody those qualities.

The names of the winners of the "Ideal Secretary" award from various colleges were announced, including: Ms. Khaloud Hassan Ali Mohsen from the College of Economics, Ms. Iman Sabri Ibrahim from the College of Media, Ms. Rawaan Nabeel Jad Al-Haq from the College of Arts and Humanities, and other secretaries who received certificates of appreciation and official congratulatory cards.

The ceremony also recognized the college secretaries who supervise the administrative aspects of the secretaries and those collaborating with the Educational Affairs Unit team. In her closing remarks, Dr. Jumana Al-Kharashi, Director of Educational Affairs, emphasized the importance of integrity and responsibility, praising the secretaries' efforts and wishing them success.

The event concluded with an exchange of congratulatory messages among the secretaries and honorees, in a celebratory atmosphere reflecting the spirit of collaboration and teamwork at the Islamic University of Minnesota.



Welcome Ceremony for New Students and Faculty Members

Minnesota, November 2024 ,13 - The Islamic University of Minnesota held a welcome ceremony for new students and faculty members to celebrate the beginning of the second semester of the academic year 2025-2024.

The ceremony was opened by the media personality Iman Abdulaziz, followed by Sheikh Izzat Sabri reciting verses from the Holy Quran. This was followed by a poem recited by Yemeni poet Mohammed Al-Mahdi, which was written specifically for this occasion. Dr. Omar Al-Maqarmi, the university's vice president and head of the main center, delivered a keynote speech in which he addressed the importance of the role of faculty members in shaping future generations.

Dr. Marwan Zaid Bataineh, Dean of Faculty Affairs, emphasized the importance of new students and the university's role in providing an exceptional educational environment that encourages critical thinking and innovation. He stressed that education should go beyond

merely receiving information to applying it in practical life.

Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, also gave a speech welcoming the new students, expressing his hope that this year would be filled with excellence and achievements.

The ceremony also included a video presentation by the Academic Affairs Deanery to introduce new students to the educational units and opportunities available to them. The event concluded with a musical performance by the singer Fouad Abdulrahman, before Iman Abdulaziz thanked the attendees and closed the activities.

This event reflects the Islamic University of Minnesota's commitment to providing an outstanding educational environment that supports the values of knowledge, research, and learning.



Heba Abu Eyada Participates in Two International Conferences



Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Eyada, Head of the Department of Educational Administration at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, participated in the Ninth International Conference on the Arabic Language, held under the theme "Creativity and Innovation in Teaching Arabic." The conference took place on Saturday, November 9, 2024, organized by the Arabic Literature Department at Malang State University. Dr. Heba was selected as the keynote speaker for the main session of the conference, sharing the stage with three other researchers specializing in the field of Arabic language education.

In another context, Dr. Heba Tawfiq Abu Eyada and Dr. Anas Odheibat, Assistant Professor at the Islamic University of Minnesota, participated in the Seventh International Scientific Conference titled "Youth in a Changing World," held at Mu'tah University in Karak, Jordan, on November 5 and 6, 2024.

Their participation included a joint research paper entitled "A Future Vision for Empowering Contemporary Youth in Universities," aligning with the conference's goal of highlighting the reality of Muslim youth within international and Islamic legislation and laws, emphasizing their participation in society, and examining the impact of international conditions on their situations.

These participations reflect the efforts of the Islamic University of Minnesota in promoting education and scientific research across various fields.

Vice President Expresses Happiness Over Launch of Weekly News Bulletin Page

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, expressed his happiness with the new achievement accomplished by the IT Department team, which is the launch of a dedicated page for the weekly news bulletin on the official university website's main page.

He praised the efforts of the news bulletin editorial team, commending their professionalism in producing and broadcasting the bulletin, which showcases its results every Friday night at 9 PM Mecca time. He emphasized the importance of placing these bulletins on the website's main page to reflect the university's weekly contributions.

Additionally, he highlighted the initiative of the IT team in creating a harmonious collaboration between two creative teams within the university. He noted that the idea of the weekly news bulletin, which he proposed, has grown into a fruitful tree that bears fruit every week, attracting noticeable attention from both within and outside the university.



عمادة تقنية المعلومات
الجامعة الإسلامية بمنيسوتا



Deanship of Information Technology Announces Completion of Curriculum Plans Page on Electronic Portal

As part of its efforts to design a new electronic portal for the academic system, the Deanship of Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota has announced the completion of the curriculum plans page for all colleges and departments.

In a post shared with faculty members on the WhatsApp platform on Tuesday, November 2024 ,5, the deanship stated that the page features easy navigation and browsing through its content and services, and it is linked to the new electronic portal.

The deanship explained that this achievement followed the completion of uploading all course titles and codes to the new electronic system, which

includes approximately 1,400 courses for all colleges and departments. Additionally, all updated curriculum plan files have been uploaded after being reviewed and formatted in PDF, with the option to download these files from the curriculum plans page on the university's official website.

The deanship affirmed that this step is significant among the many initiatives being undertaken by the university, in collaboration with its technical team in the IT deanship, to complete the launch of the new electronic system, which aims to be one of the most efficient educational electronic systems at the global university level.

The deanship also noted that the Curriculum and Study Plans Unit is working in coordination with internal curriculum committees in the colleges and departments to complete the course descriptions, which is considered an important step that will have a positive impact in this area.

In conclusion, the deanship expressed gratitude to its technical team of skilled engineers for their extensive efforts in enhancing the university's electronic system. It also thanked the councils of the colleges and departments, as well as the teaching staff who have been reviewing and continuously updating the curriculum plans.



Friendly Enlightening Meeting for Students

Under the patronage of Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awaf, the Department of Arabic Language and Literature at the College of Arts and Humanities at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a friendly enlightening meeting for graduate students on Thursday, November 7, 2024.

The meeting was opened by the Deputy Head of the Department, Dr. Ali El-Shboul, who welcomed all participants and then handed the floor to the Head of the Department, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awaf. Dr. Awaf expressed his welcome to the faculty members present, including Dr. Sahar Al-Samadhi, Dr. Al-Nasser Zahri, and Dr. Abdurrahman Al-Rousan, as well as the doctoral students and lecturers in the department, Mr. Saeed Mohammed and Mr. Muslim Al-Maliki. He also thanked Ms. Samira Al-Sagheer, the administrative affairs officer at the College of Arts, for her attendance.

The meeting included a presentation by Dr. Imad Ali Al-Khateeb, a faculty member in the

department, on how to prepare a scientific research paper for both master's and doctoral degrees. The presentation covered the differences between the research paths approved by the university and the department, and explained the steps for preparing research, starting from topic selection and title formulation to plan preparation.

At the end of the presentation, Dr. Imad answered students' questions, and Dr. Osama Abdulrahman Awaf joined him in addressing inquiries related to administrative conditions, application processes, and the stages leading to the discussion and obtaining the degree.

The meeting lasted about two and a half hours, during which students expressed their gratitude and happiness with the topics discussed, indicating that the meeting reflected the department's interest in their concerns. Finally, Dr. Ali El-Shboul concluded the meeting by thanking the attending faculty members and students, as well as Dr. Imad Al-Khateeb for his excellent presentation, wishing graduate students success in their academic journey.



Faisal Lamhan Earns PhD in Fiqh and Its Principles

November 2024, 18 - Researcher Bandar bin Aidh bin Sunaitan Al-Otaibi has been awarded a PhD from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles at the College of Sharia and Law, following a public defense of his thesis titled "The Shafi'i Grants in the Vocabulary of Imam Ahmed's School by Imam Mansour Al-Buhuti (1000 AH - 1051 AH) - Study and Verification from the First Chapter on Stone and Philosophy to the End of the Book of Inheritance and Legacies."

The session was held by the Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the main center of the Islamic University of Minnesota on Monday, starting at 4 PM Mecca time. The discussion committee was chaired by Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles at the Islamic University of Minnesota. The committee also included Dr. Hamad Al-Mazrouei, Professor of Jurisprudence at Kuwait University, as the supervisor and rapporteur; Dr. Imad Qudri Al-Iyadi, Head of the Manuscripts Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the internal examiner; and Dr. Ahmed Ma'abed Issa, a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the external examiner.



Abu Bakr Hussein Earns PhD in Jurisprudence

Researcher Faisal Ahmad Hussein Lamhan has earned his PhD from the Department of Fiqh and Its Principles at the Islamic University of Minnesota, following a public defense session held on Monday, November 2024, 11. During this session, his dissertation titled "Al-Menah Al-Shafiyat fi Mufradat Mathhab Al-Imam Ahmed by Imam Mansour Al-Bahuti (1000 AH - 1051 AH) - A Study and Verification from the Issue of Women's Leadership to the Issue of Fasting While Traveling" was discussed.

The discussion committee comprised distinguished academics, with Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Department of Fiqh and Its Principles at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the chair. Dr. Hamad Al-Mazrouei, Professor of Fiqh at Kuwait University, participated as the supervisor and rapporteur. Dr. Imad Qadri Al-Iyadi, Head of the Manuscripts Department at the university, served as an internal examiner, while Dr. Ahmed Ma'abed Issa, a faculty member at the university, acted as an external examiner.

This dissertation represents a valuable contribution to the field of Islamic jurisprudence, shedding light on the opinions and principles of Imam Ahmad's school of thought and addressing contemporary legal issues.



Salem Badahadouh Earns PhD in Business Administration

Researcher Salem Ali Ahmed Badhadouh has earned his PhD in Business Administration from the Islamic University of Minnesota following a public defense of his thesis titled "The Impact of Knowledge Management Standard Applications 30401-2018 on Improving Beneficiary Services in Non-Profit Organizations." The session took place on Saturday, November 2024, 9, at 7 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of prominent academics, with Dr. Mohammed Younis, Head of the Business Administration Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, serving as the chair. Dr. Abdulrahim Abdulsalam Al-Shamiri, faculty member at the university, acted as the supervisor and rapporteur. Dr. Mohammed Fathi participated as an internal discussant, while Prof. Dr. Mamdouh Mustafa Halawa, Executive Director of the Quality Studies Center at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Egypt, served as an external discussant.

This academic achievement highlights the importance of knowledge management applications in enhancing performance within non-profit organizations.

Hawzen Farhan Earns Master's Degree in Jurisprudence



Researcher Hawzen Ali Farhan has earned a Master's degree in Jurisprudence following the public defense held by the Graduate Studies Dean at the Islamic University of Minnesota. Her thesis was titled "The Jurisprudential Differences in the Enjoyable Explanation of Sheikh Ibn Uthaymeen from the Beginning of the Book of Hudud to the End: Collection and Study," and the defense took place on Friday, November 2024, 15, at 6 PM Mecca time.

The discussion committee consisted of Dr. Salah Farraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as the chair; Dr. Su'ad Mohammed Baltaji, faculty member at the university, as the supervisor and rapporteur; Dr. Bassam Al-Rashid, faculty member at the university, as the internal discussant; and Dr. Murad Ouda, associate professor in the Department of Jurisprudence and Legislation at An-Najah National University in Palestine, as the external discussant.

This achievement marks an important milestone in the researcher's academic journey and reflects the efforts dedicated to the field of Islamic jurisprudence.

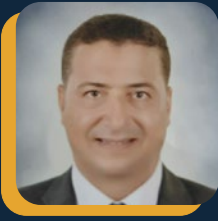


Bandar Al-Otaibi Obtains PhD in Jurisprudence and Its Principles

November 2024, 18 - Researcher Bandar bin Aidh bin Sunaitan Al-Otaibi has been awarded a PhD from the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Principles at the College of Sharia and Law, following a public defense of his thesis titled "The Shafi'i Grants in the Vocabulary of Imam Ahmed's School by Imam Mansour Al-Buhuti (1000 AH - 1051 AH) - Study and Verification from the First Chapter on Stone and Philosophy to the End of the Book of Inheritance and Legacies."

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Dean of College of Islamic Studies Emphasizes Importance of Raising Level of Academic Theses



Minnesota, November 2024, 12 - The Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Abdulrazeq Al-Bakri, emphasized the necessity of raising the level of academic theses during three consecutive meetings. He pointed out the importance of continuous supervision by faculty members over these theses, confirming that the administration has observations regarding the current quality of the theses.

In the meeting held on Friday, November 8, the dean dedicated time to discuss the college's preparation for the upcoming second semester. He urged department heads to fully deliver the curricula to faculty members and stressed the need to follow up with students to ensure they do not lose motivation.

The dean reviewed the importance of attendance, emphasizing that lectures should not be recorded for absent students except in extreme cases. He also assigned Dr. Ghada Al-Bahansi to oversee make-up lectures and report on them.

In the second meeting, the dean clarified that a daily report is submitted to the administration regarding the progress of the educational process. He reiterated the necessity of adhering to the curricula and refraining from discussing political or partisan topics in lectures, noting that the quality of academic theses reflects the seriousness of supervision.

Dr. Imad Al-Din Al-Ajili, Head of the Department of Creed and Contemporary Schools, addressed students in a meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, warning against absenteeism and stressing the importance of regular attendance. He also called for students to purify their intentions in seeking knowledge and to respect their lecturers.

These meetings are part of Dean Al-Bakri's plan to ensure the college is prepared for the second semester, reflecting the college's commitment to achieving high standards in education and academic research.



Meeting of Head of Department of Da'wah with Faculty Members

Doctor Taha Al-Jawhari, Head of the Department of Da'wah and Islamic Culture at the Islamic University of Minnesota, directed faculty members not to address politically-related topics or controversial issues that could lead to discussions consuming class time.

This guidance was given during a meeting held on Sunday, November 2024, 17, to discuss preparations for the start of the second semester, including the submission of course plans and syllabi, discussions on assignments, exams, and necessary procedures for facilitating the educational process according to regulations and policies.

The meeting lasted for one hour, during which Dr. Al-Jawhari thanked the faculty members, the department secretary, and the administrative officer for their efforts in ensuring the success of the educational process in the previous semester. He encouraged them to commit to attendance and to conduct all scheduled classes (12 classes), emphasizing that absences should only occur in emergencies and that any missed class should be compensated as soon as possible.

Dr. Al-Jawhari also called for adherence to the prescribed curriculum, emphasizing it as the primary source. He urged faculty to prepare exam questions that are of an intermediate level, suitable for all students, and highlighted the importance of assignments that enrich students' knowledge. He urged thesis supervisors to follow up closely with their students and not to leave them without guidance.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Al-Jawhari opened the floor for inquiries, responding to all questions raised by faculty members.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ammar Al-Dale'in, Dr. Saad Tarahib Al-Hamadi, Dr. Al-Sayed Al-Bayoumi, Dr. Iyad Hamdan, Dr. Lutfi Koki, Ms. Anisa Al-Zekri (Administrative Officer of the College of Islamic Studies), and Ms. Zohoor Al-Zakri (College Secretary).



Meeting of Department of Islamic Studies in English

November 2024, 16 – Dr. Manal Mustafa, Head of the Department of Islamic Studies in English, emphasized the department's commitment to fair criteria for selecting supervisors for academic theses during a meeting with faculty members. She highlighted the importance of allowing everyone to participate in supervision, stressing the need to consider criteria such as specialties and thesis topics to ensure equal opportunities for all faculty members.

The meeting, held on Saturday at 4 PM Mecca time, began with Dr. Manal welcoming the attendees, especially the new faculty members, and expressing gratitude for their ongoing support in achieving departmental excellence. She presented a series of important instructions for the second academic semester, including the need to adhere to attendance and lecture schedules and to facilitate courses through the use of presentation slides.

The department head explained that evaluations of faculty performance would be conducted and encouraged them to keep up with educational groups and participate in external activities such as scientific conferences and articles in the college journal. She also urged them to be attentive to students' well-being and inquire about the reasons for any absences, while emphasizing the importance of adhering to lecture times and delivering the instructional material in a concise and objective manner.

At the conclusion of the meeting, which lasted for one hour and forty minutes, faculty members were given the opportunity to ask questions, and Dr. Manal responded to all inquiries before thanking everyone for their attendance and participation.

Attendees included Dr. Ahmed Issa Al-Khalidi, Dr. Naeem Mohiyddin, Dr. Najima Al-Ridwani, Dr. Mohammed Al-Khalidi, and Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zakri, the administrative affairs officer of the college.



Fatima Al-Wahsh Emphasizes Importance of Class Schedules

Doctor Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Head of the Islamic Studies Department, held a meeting with faculty members of the department on Wednesday, November, 13 2024, at 10:00 PM Mecca time. The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming second semester, during which Dr. Al-Wahsh welcomed the attendees, especially the new members.

During the meeting, Dr. Al-Wahsh stressed the necessity for faculty members to adhere to their scheduled classes, emphasizing that postponements should only occur in extreme cases, and that she should be informed in advance. She also highlighted the importance of conducting makeup classes and not delaying them by more than a week.

Dr. Al-Wahsh addressed several topics related to the educational process, including the submission of course materials according to the provided template and dividing the curriculum into 12 lectures for each semester. She encouraged the use of modern methods in presenting material and the importance of responding to all student inquiries.

Regarding the grading system, Dr. Al-Wahsh explained that the grades would be

distributed as follows: 20 for the midterm exam, 20 for attendance, 20 for assignments, and 40 for the final exam. She noted that tracking attendance and absences is the responsibility of the department secretary and course assistants, not the faculty members.

Additionally, Dr. Al-Wahsh emphasized the need to alleviate the burden on students regarding assignments, suggesting that they should consist of post-lecture questions or research submissions due before February 2024, 13. She also indicated that exams should be comprehensive and balanced to accommodate all students.

In closing, Dr. Al-Wahsh reiterated the importance of avoiding direct communication with students and insisted that all communication should go through the department head or the department secretary.

The meeting was attended by faculty members of the department, as well as the department secretary, Mr. Adam Amadou Sal, and the Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Islamic Studies, Ms. Anisa Ahmed Othman Al-Zakri.



Meeting of Dean of Computer College and Information Technology



Doctor Muneer Abdulbari Abdulfattah, Dean of the College of Computers and Information Technology at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a joint meeting with the college council and some faculty members, attended by the Vice Dean and administrative affairs, on Sunday, November 2024, 17, at 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The dean opened the meeting by welcoming everyone before addressing the topics on the agenda, with a focus on organizing schedules. Discussions included the systems used for self-study and scheduling, as well as the college council's decision regarding schedule organization based on student numbers. Challenges faced by Dr. Mohammed Al-Samkari and Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi regarding student registration in courses with low enrollment were also discussed.

One of the prominent topics covered was the details of the educational process. The dean explained these details to all members and assigned tasks. He emphasized the importance of effective communication with new students, proper guidance, and maintaining patience when dealing with student issues. He noted the need to consider geographical circumstances that affect student attendance and stressed the importance of follow-up and support for students facing challenges in their specializations or personal situations, highlighting the necessity of continuous support through weekly and monthly reports.

The discussion also addressed supporting graduate students, particularly the challenges faced by students from various disciplines such as pharmacy and Islamic studies in adapting to the college's specializations. Solutions proposed included offering foundation courses to prepare new students and a high diploma program as a preliminary step before pursuing a master's degree.

Regarding schedule organization and curriculum, the dean directed the establishment of a clear plan to ensure that course materials align with student needs, calling for the adoption of suitable curricula and references to enhance the quality of education. Suggestions were made to regularly update educational resources, encourage collaboration between faculty and students through interactive workshops, and periodically review and evaluate the

educational process to ensure continuous improvement.

Additionally, the College of Computers and Information Technology council held another meeting on Saturday, November 2024, 16, at 10:00 PM to launch the second semester, which began on the same day. The meeting discussed the current situation in the college, including the number of students and faculty members, and addressed issues that caused delays in preparing the semester schedules, emphasizing the need to assign schedule preparation to department heads without interference from administrative and technical units.

At the end of the meeting, the formation of four internal committees was approved to facilitate and integrate tasks within the college:

1. Daily Monitoring Committee for the Educational Process, chaired by Dr. Salah Al-Sharafi and Dr. Samar Yamani.
2. Curriculum Update and Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Mohammed Al-Samkari and Dr. Yasser Al-Malik.
3. Examination Preparation and Monitoring Committee, chaired by Dr. Yasser Al-Malik and Dr. Mohammed Al-Samkari.
4. Schedule Preparation and Monitoring Committee, chaired by Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi and his assistants.
5. The meeting was attended by Dr. Salah Alawi (Vice Dean and Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department), Associate Professor Mohammed Habib Al-Samkari (Head of the Artificial Intelligence Department), Dr. Saleh Al-Riyashi (Head of the Management Information Systems Department), Dr. Samar Yamani Al-Salman (Vice Head of the Networks and Cybersecurity Department), Dr. Yasser Malik Ahmed Sulaiman (Head of the Computer Science Department), Dr. Najla Mohammed Al-Danasouri (Vice Head of the Computer Science Department), and Ms. Hanadi Abdullah (Administrative Officer of the College).



Dean of the College of Development Studies Holds Meetings to Discuss Preparations for the Second Semester

Minnesota, October 2024, 29 - The Dean of the College of Development Studies at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Eider Ghaniyat, held a meeting with the college's Vice Dean, Dr. Abdullah Al-Wazzan, and members of the college council and faculty on Tuesday, October 29, as part of the college's preparations for the second semester of the 2025-2024 academic year.

The meeting began with the dean and vice dean welcoming the attendees before the dean opened the floor for discussion on the topics listed in the meeting agenda. Key topics included the college's courses, their descriptions, distribution among departments and faculty members, as well as promotions and the establishment of a new department.

Opinions were exchanged regarding the proposed topics, and specific agreements were reached for each item. The dean emphasized the importance of attracting as many students as possible to the college and noted that the university administration has allocated rewards for certain departments at the end of each semester.

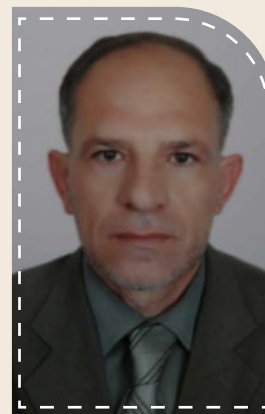
In addition to the dean and vice dean, the meeting was attended by Dr. Ilham Al-Bashir, Head of the Department of Disasters and Crisis Management, Dr. Musab Al-Hashimi, Deputy Head of the Department, and faculty members Dr. Yusuf Bani Younis, Dr. Mohammed Shaddad, Dr. Riham Naseer, and Administrative Affairs Officer Ms. Khadija Radman.

Later, an extraordinary meeting was held on Monday, November 2024, 25, at 8 PM Mecca time, chaired by the dean and attended by the vice dean, department heads, their deputies, and several faculty members. This meeting was dedicated to discussing urgent issues affecting the educational process at the college and finding appropriate solutions.

Problems were raised and discussed in detail, and the solutions proposed by the dean were agreed upon. The dean confirmed that communication would be established with other colleges outside the university to elevate the college's status and attract more students.

During the meeting, Vice Dean Dr. Abdullah Al-Wazzan welcomed the attendees and praised the solutions proposed by the dean for the discussed issues, stressing the need for collaboration to advance the college. Dr. Iman Al-Jundi also volunteered her time to assist the dean in addressing one of the urgent problems, while Dr. Riham Fayyad, Deputy Head of the Development Studies Department, expressed her gratitude to the dean for his efforts despite his busy schedule with other conferences.

Attendees of the meeting included Dr. Yusuf Bani Younis, Head of the Development Studies Department, Dr. Riham Fayyad, Deputy Head of the Development Studies Department, Dr. Musab Al-Hashimi, Deputy Head of the Department of Disasters and Crisis Management, Dr. Riham Naseer, Dr. Iman Al-Jundi, and Administrative Affairs Officer Ms. Khadija Radman.



Council of College of Sharia Holds Meeting

The Council of the College of Sharia and Law at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a meeting chaired by Dr. Muzahim Tarek Al-Mustafa, Dean of the College, on Wednesday, November 2024, 13. The meeting aimed to discuss the preparations for the upcoming second semester.

During the meeting, several proposals were approved for discussion, including the addition of new courses at the doctoral level that are suitable for the current stage, and the renaming of some courses to better reflect their content. Additionally, the proposal by Deputy Dean Dr. Zainab Basyouni was discussed, which involves establishing a Master's program in Law for graduates or qualified individuals, focusing on practical professional training rather than academic study. The proposed name for the program is "Judiciary and Advocacy," in collaboration with the Department of Judiciary and Sharia Politics. The Dean stated that this proposal will be submitted to higher administration for approval before finalization.

The council also addressed issues that arose in the curriculum plan of the Law Department. The council listened to a report from the department head, Dr. Muayyad Zidan, who confirmed that he had resolved these issues in consultation with the Dean, who expressed his gratitude for these efforts.

The Dean took the opportunity to invite Dr. Asma Suwaileh, the editor of the College of Sharia and Law Journal, to encourage department heads to contribute research from academic theses to the journal after peer review.

The meeting was attended by several academic figures, including Dr. Salah Ahmed Farraj, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence and Its Fundamentals; Dr. Muayyad Zidan, Head of the Law Department; Dr. Alaa Hosni Moussa, Head of the Department of Judiciary and Sharia Politics; Dr. Asma Suwaileh; Dr. Mohammed Al-Shaqldi; Dr. Nourhan Salama, Director of Administrative Affairs for the Colleges; and Ms. Mariam Mohammed Abdulrahman, Administrative Affairs Officer for the Colleges.



College of Educational Sciences Approves Launch of Scientific Peer-Reviewed Journal

The College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota has approved a project to launch a scientific peer-reviewed journal starting January 2025. This decision was made during a regular meeting chaired by Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, Dean of the College, on Wednesday, November 2025, 6.

During the meeting, the proposed journal was discussed and received the approval of the majority of council members after being put to a vote. The council also addressed several agenda items, including a proposal for self-evaluation within each department, aimed at ensuring continuous monitoring with the involvement of students according to specific guidelines, to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of faculty members.

Additionally, the topic of the college's scientific conference was raised, with Dr. Tahani Bannat, Deputy Head of the Educational Administration Department, emphasizing the importance of holding the conference. A previous decision had been made to host it in Jordan, but Dean Abdulnabi decided to postpone the event due to the current circumstances in Palestine.

Dr. Dua Qatnani, recently appointed as the head of the Educational Sciences Department, expressed her gratitude to the dean for his support and acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Marwan Bataineh, former Dean of Faculty Affairs. She also requested the university administration to issue "facilitation" letters for students to complete their practical education requirements in their home countries, to which the dean confirmed that he had already prepared such letters.

In a related matter, Dr. Nabila Masoud, Head of the Early Childhood Department, called for cooperation agreements with schools and universities, revealing that she had successfully established an agreement on behalf of the university, which will be announced soon.

Dr. Khitam Tawaleba, recently appointed as Deputy Head of the Early Childhood Department, expressed her admiration for the proposals made by her colleagues. Meanwhile, Dr. Mohammed Husni, Head of the Curriculum and Instruction Department, raised the issue of securing financial entitlements for faculty members, and the dean promised to follow up on this matter with the university administration.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Marwan Bataineh thanked everyone and congratulated Dr. Dua'a Qatnani on her appointment as head of the Educational Sciences Department, pledging to support her and urging colleagues to assist her. Dean Abdul Nabi also highlighted the necessity of rotating administrative staff to provide opportunities for other colleagues and requested Dr. Nourhan Salama, head of administrative affairs, to find a deputy for Dr. Dua'a.

Attendees included: Dean of the College, Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi; Dr. Dua'a Qatnani; Dr. Mohammed Hosni; Dr. Nabila Masoud; Dr. Khitam Tawaleba; Dr. Tahani Bannat; Dr. Ali Dawahda; and Dr. Nourhan Salama.



Dua Qatnani Holds First Meeting with Faculty Members in Educational Sciences Department

Doctor Dua Bassam Qatnani, Head of the Educational Sciences Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held her first meeting with faculty members after taking on her role as department head on Thursday, November 2024, 14, in the presence of the college dean, Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi.

The hour-long meeting began with Dr. Qatnani welcoming the dean and faculty members, especially the new members, and each member introduced themselves. In his remarks, Dean Abdullah Abdulnabi welcomed everyone and announced the appointment of Dr. Safaa Mushaqabah as Deputy Head of the Educational Sciences Department, emphasizing the importance of faculty participation in the peer-reviewed journal.

The attendees discussed the goals and future plans for the upcoming semester, focusing on increasing student engagement and participation, as well as developing their skills through open communication. Dr. Manara Mohammed proposed adopting a single assignment instead of multiple ones for students, to which Dr. Qatnani agreed, stating that there is no specific rule for determining assignments and noting that many instructors prefer a single assignment to reduce the burden on students.

Dr. Ola Al-Haroub suggested dividing students into groups to summarize parts of the material, while Dr. Nasser Mohammed spoke about various methods to help students compensate for any decline in their performance. After discussions, it was agreed that assignments should be set early, no later than the third week of the semester, to allow students to prepare in advance. Dr. Samira Al-Zyoud proposed dedicating time at the beginning of each lecture to discuss assignments with students, which was well received by the faculty; however, due to time constraints, it was agreed that discussions would take place in the course group.

The meeting also addressed academic priorities, notably improving faculty performance and the importance of professional development. It was suggested that colleagues attend each other's lectures to provide positive feedback. Dr. Qatnani stressed the importance of student support and internal communication and discussed some challenges faced by faculty members, such as phone security breaches, emphasizing the need for alternative communication methods in emergency situations.

Dr. Dua Qatnani concluded the meeting by thanking the attendees for their ongoing efforts and engagement with the topics discussed.

Attendees included: Professor Abdullah Abdulnabi, Dr. Dua Qatnani, Dr. Safaa Mashaqabah, Dr. Atheer Al-Kouri, Dr. Ola Al-Haroub, Dr. Manara Mohammed, Dr. Nasser Mohammed, Dr. Sarah Osama, Dr. Samira Al-Zyoud, and the Administrative Affairs Officer for the college, Dr. Nourhan Salama.



Congratulations Meeting for Faculty Members

Doctor Heba Tawfiq Abu Ayada, Head of the Educational Administration Department at the College of Educational Sciences at the Islamic University of Minnesota, held a meeting for faculty members on Thursday, November 2024, 7, to celebrate the end of the first academic semester.

Dr. Heba opened the meeting by thanking the faculty members for their efforts during the first semester, highlighting the importance of their work in providing excellent educational services to students. She also received a link to the certified appreciation certificates from the university administration from the Administrative Affairs Officer, Dr. Nourhan Salama, and presented the certificates one by one, praising each member's accomplishments.

During the meeting, faculty members were given the opportunity to share their thoughts on the evaluation of the first semester. Everyone expressed their

gratitude to the university administration, the dean of the college, the head of the department, the administrative affairs team, and the department secretaries for their efforts in supporting the educational process.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Heba reiterated her thanks to the faculty members and especially commended Dr. Nourhan Salama for her contributions, emphasizing the importance of her role in enhancing the academic work environment.

Attendees included Dr. Tahani Benat, Deputy Head of the Department, and faculty members: Dr. Aya Al-Momani, Dr. Amani Al-Khatlan, Dr. Aya Al-Muhayina, Dr. Hamid Al-Rashidi, Dr. Abdulsalam Hatamleh, Dr. Iftikhar Abu Hamidan, Dr. Najla Saleh, and Dr. Lameya Al-Khalayleh.



College of Economics Holds Second Meeting

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The College of Economics and Business held its second meeting chaired by Dean Dr. Sherin Mamoun, with the attendance of the college council and faculty members. The meeting focused on the college's preparations for the second semester of the 2025-2024 academic year.

The meeting began with a welcoming speech from the dean, who welcomed the Deputy Vice President of the university, Dr. Zainab Ali, and thanked her for attending. The dean also read an apology letter from the Dean of Faculty Affairs, Dr. Marwan Batayneh, who was unable to attend.

The meeting addressed several topics, including the college's vision, goals, and the roles of faculty members. The dean also discussed the duties of department heads and the responsibilities of the promotions committee.

Several department heads spoke during the meeting, confirming their departments' readiness for the upcoming semester. At the conclusion of the meeting, the dean opened the floor for questions before adjourning the session, expressing her gratitude to all attendees.



Al-Khateeb Appointed Director of Conferences and Scientific Seminars Unit

The Deputy of Minnesota Islamic University and Head of the Main Center, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, has issued a decision to appoint Dr. Imad Ali Al-Khateeb as the Director of the Conferences and Scientific Seminars Unit, succeeding Dr. Hanan Mukhtar.

Dr. Imad Ali Saleem Ahmed Al-Khateeb was born in 1972 and earned his PhD from Yarmouk University in 2001, in addition to holding a Master's degree in Arabic Language Arts from the same university in 1996, and a Bachelor's degree in Arabic Language Arts in 1993.

Dr. Al-Khateeb has several scientific publications, including the book "The Symbolic Image in the Poetry of Khalid Saud Al-Zaid: A Semiotic Semantic Study," the book "The Discourse of the Poetic Image as a Linguistic Address: An Applied Study of the Poem 'The Blind Prostitute' by Badr Shakir Al-Sayyab," the book "Semiotics of the Argument of Heritage Indicators Linguistically: This is My Path and My Days of Ahmed Namir Al-Khateeb as a Model," and the book "The Name of God Between Precedence and Delay in the Holy Quran: A Study in Linguistic Miraculousness."

In terms of academic and research experience, Dr. Al-Khateeb has worked in several academic institutions, serving as a professor at Minnesota Islamic University, a president at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global Digital University in Jordan, acting dean at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation in Jordan, a publishing and editing officer at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Group in Jordan, and an associate professor at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia and the World Islamic Sciences University in Jordan.

In response to the congratulations he received, Dr. Al-Khateeb said: "I thank you for your kind words and feelings. We all complement each other and complete our circle. May God assist us all in raising our university's name in international rankings in research and knowledge, and together we will succeed."

Deputy of the university, Dr. Al-Maqrami, expressed gratitude to the former director, Dr. Hanan Mukhtar, and congratulated the new director, Dr. Al-Khateeb, in a post stating: "I extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the esteemed Dr. Hanan, who has made significant and distinguished efforts starting with external relations, conferences, and other scientific and research activities. We ask God for success for Dr. Imad Al-Khateeb in his upcoming duties."

It is noteworthy that Dr. Hanan received an official certificate of appreciation from the university administration for her achievements and efforts in establishing the foundations of work in the Department of External Relations and the Conferences and Seminars Unit.

Head of Economics Department Holds First Meeting



The Head of the Department of Economics and Islamic Banking at the College of Economics and Business Administration at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Hiyam Al-Zou'bi, held the first departmental meeting on Monday, November 2024 ,18. The meeting aimed to discuss the department's preparations for the second semester of the 2025-2024 academic year.

At the beginning of the meeting, Dr. Hiyam welcomed the faculty members, especially the newcomers, and expressed her gratitude to the veteran members for their efforts during the first semester. She addressed several important points related to introducing the department and the study system, the necessity of adhering to lecture schedules, compensating for missed lectures when needed, as well as the importance of preparing summaries for courses and enhancing research among graduate students.

Dr. Hiyam also emphasized the department's readiness to welcome the second semester and opened the floor for faculty members to present their proposals and discuss inquiries. The meeting concluded with a reiteration of thanks to attendees, highlighting the importance of collaboration and participation in supporting the educational journey.

Meeting of Administrative Affairs Unit of Colleges



Under the chairmanship of Dr. Nourhan Salama, the Director of the Administrative Affairs Unit of the Colleges at the Islamic University of Minnesota, a meeting was held on Tuesday, November 2024 ,19, at 10 PM Mecca time, with the attendance of all unit members.

The meeting lasted for an hour and a half, during which Dr. Nourhan addressed topics related to the core responsibilities of the unit, expressing her gratitude to the team members for their efforts during the previous semesters.

Dr. Nourhan discussed the role of the college director in coordinating with the dean, department heads, and the college secretary, emphasizing the importance of responding to inquiries from faculty members and students, and guiding them to their respective college and department secretaries to ensure their well-being.

She stressed the importance of monitoring college and faculty members' groups to stay informed, as well as ensuring the presence of the college secretary daily and following up on the progress of lectures. Furthermore, she highlighted the necessity of submitting requests for meetings at least one day in advance during official working hours to facilitate proper arrangements.

Dr. Nourhan also reviewed the status of the archive on the drive, pointing out specific observations related to updating the college's databases, department files, and faculty members' records, including those for the new portal. She addressed the need to inventory appointment decisions requiring renewal and the issuance of experience certificates, coordinating this with the Dean of Faculty Affairs, Associate Professor Marwan Zaid Batayneh.

She encouraged members to follow up with department heads regarding their management of self-learning groups with students, as well as to maintain administrative oversight of the Dean of Academic and Educational Affairs, Dr. Osama Abdulrahman, in his follow-up with department heads concerning self-learning management groups.

The director listened to the members as they discussed their respective colleges regarding schedules and departments with self-learning programs. They reviewed all of their observations and inquiries regarding shared courses, seconded faculty members, and the status of their records, including the departure and reinstatement of faculty members in the groups, distinguishing between course withdrawal and resignation, among other matters. The director noted the awareness, seriousness, and commitment demonstrated by all members.

Attending the meeting were: Dr. Badia Abdulqader, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Media; Ms. Hanadi Abdullah, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Computer Science and Information Technology; Ms. Anisa Al-Zekri, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Islamic Studies; Ms. Samira Al-Saghir, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Arts and Humanities; Ms. Maryam Mohammed Abdulrahman, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Sharia and Law; Ms. Banan Saif, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Economics and Business Administration; and Ms. Khadija Redman, Administrative Affairs Officer for the College of Development Studies.



Appointment of Dr. Youssef Bani Younes as Head of Development Studies Department

The Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, has issued a decision appointing Dr. Youssef Mohammed Bani Younes as the Head of the Development Studies Department at the College of Development Studies, succeeding Dr. Mohammed Ali Abdulaziz. This decision was made on Saturday, November 2024, 16.

Dr. Youssef Bani Younes holds an equivalency certificate for his PhD from the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education (Philosophy in History, 2012), as well as a PhD in Philosophy in History from Al-Zaeem Al-Azhari University in Khartoum, with honors (2011). His thesis was titled "Jordan's Philosophy in Containing and Resolving the Iraqi Refugee Crisis (2007-2003)." He also obtained a Master's degree in Philosophy of Modern and Contemporary History from St. Clements University (2005) and another Master's degree from Yarmouk University in Irbid, Jordan (2008).

Dr. Youssef Bani Younes has taught at the Royal Police Academy in collaboration with Al-Mutah University from 2010 to 2014, covering subjects such as Philosophy of Human Rights and National Education Philosophy. He has also taught at the German-Arab University of Science and Technology online.

Among his notable works is "The Historical Encyclopedia of the Russo-Ukrainian War," consisting of 17 volumes, registered in the Jordanian National Library, and the book "The Philosophy of Jordan's Role in Containing and Solving the Iraqi Refugee Crisis," published by Noor Publishing in Germany.

In a related context, former department head Dr. Mohammed Ali Abdulaziz congratulated Dr. Youssef Bani Younes, praising his initiatives and efforts. The university administration also awarded Dr. Abdulaziz a certificate of appreciation for his exceptional contributions and efforts in enhancing the department and ensuring the success of the educational process.



Shihab El-Din Appointed Head of Accounting Department

Minnesota, USA - The Vice President of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, has announced the appointment of Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Shihab El-Din as the new head of the Accounting Department in the College of Economics and Business Administration, effective Sunday, November 2024, 3. This appointment follows Dr. Rafeeda Qamar Al-Dawla.

Dr. Mohammed Shihab El-Din holds a Ph.D. in Strategic Management Accounting, Performance Evaluation, and Digital Governance. He has supervised and participated in the defense of ten doctoral and master's theses. In terms of scientific publishing, he has completed seven publications and published a reference book on the topic of digital transformation for e-government, released in Gulf countries and the Arab world by the Arab Organization for Administrative Development, affiliated with the Arab League.

Dr. Mohammed is a faculty member, writer, certified international trainer, financial and administrative training consultant, and business developer. He is also an accredited trainer in IFRS, DBA, and MBA programs. He completed a certified human development course at the Canadian Center for Human Development, previously managed by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Faqi, may he rest in peace. He has extensive experience in cost management and reduction, feasibility studies, and is an expert in corporate governance and IT governance (design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation), as well as in predicting financial failure and recovery from losses.

It is noteworthy that the university administration awarded Dr. Rafeeda Qamar Al-Dawla a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding contributions and significant efforts during her tenure as head of the Accounting Department, which greatly contributed to establishing the foundations of the department and the success of the educational process.



Appointment of Dr. Yasser Al-Malek as Head of Computer Science Department

Minnesota, USA - The Islamic University of Minnesota, under the leadership of the university's vice president, has announced the appointment of Dr. Yasser Al-Malek Ahmed Suleiman as the new head of the Computer Science Department in the College of Computers and Information Technology, effective Sunday, November 3, 2024. This appointment follows Dr. Diyaa Al-Haq Issa Hamid.

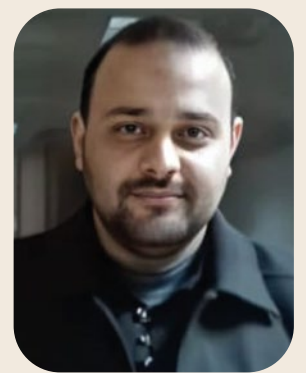
Dr. Yasser, born in 1981, holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science with honors from Omdurman Islamic University (October 2014). He also earned a Master's degree in Information Systems from Al-Ribat National University (2012), as well as a Professional Master's degree with honors from Newcastle University in the United States (2012). He completed his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science with honors from the Open University of Sudan (2010) and a diploma from the University of Science and Technology with a very good grade (2004).

Currently, Dr. Yasser serves as an Assistant Professor at the Islamic University of Minnesota and has held several academic positions, including Assistant Professor at the Technological University in Sudan and Dean of the Information Center (2022), Assistant Professor at Bisha University in Saudi Arabia for four years, Assistant Professor at East Nile University for three years, and Assistant Professor at Al-Ribat National University for six years. Additionally, he has worked as a lecturer at British Cambridge centers for four years.

In terms of academic committees and positions, Dr. Yasser is a member of the Promotions Committee and the Deputy Head of the Management Information Systems Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota (2024). He also serves as the Dean of the Information Center at the Sudanese Technological University (2022) and is a member of the Examinations and Results Committee and the Emergency Committee at the Technological University.

It is noteworthy that the university administration awarded Dr. Diyaa Al-Haq Issa Hamid a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding contributions and significant efforts during his tenure as head of the Computer Science Department, which greatly contributed to establishing the foundations of the department and the success of the educational process.

Ahmed El-Sayed Head of Political Science Department



The Deputy of the Islamic University of Minnesota issued a decision appointing Dr. Ahmed Lotfy El-Sayed as the Head of the Political Science Department in the College of Arts and Humanities, succeeding Dr. Faiza Khattab, on Saturday, November 2024, 16.

Dr. Ahmed Lotfy El-Sayed Mohammed, born in 1985, holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Zagazig University (2006) with a general grade of Good. He also obtained a Diploma in Islamic Sharia from the Faculty of Law at Zagazig University in 2007, with a general grade of Good, and a Master's degree in Islamic Sharia from Mansoura University in 2015, also with a general grade of Good. He earned a Ph.D. in Islamic Sharia from Zagazig University with a general grade of Very Good, and a Diploma in Manuscript Studies from the Arab Manuscripts Institute affiliated with the Arab League with a general grade of Very Good.

Dr. Ahmed Lotfy currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at the Islamic University of Minnesota, as well as the Director of Ahmed Lotfy El-Sayed Company for Online Marketing (a limited liability company registered with the Egyptian Investment Authority), and a contracted researcher at the Arab Manuscripts Institute. He is also a member of the Egyptian Bar Association – High Court and State Council (non-practicing).

Dr. Ahmed Lotfy has authored several books, including "The Evolution of Political Theories in Islamic Jurisprudence" (Dar Al-Kalima, Cairo 2024), "Delighting the Readers - A Notebook of History, Literature, and Conduct" (Al-Noor Publishing and Distribution, Cairo 2023), and "My Memoirs - By Professor Abdulrahman Al-Rafie" (Study and Commentary by Ahmed Lotfy El-Sayed, Ishraq Publishing, Cairo 2021).

It is noteworthy that the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities awarded Dr. Faiza Khattab, the former head of the department, a certificate of appreciation for her "outstanding contributions and great efforts in leading the Political Science Department, which significantly contributed to establishing the foundations of the department and the success of the educational process within it," as stated in the certificate.



Dr. Dua Qatnani Appointed Head of Educational Sciences Department

Dr. Omar Al-Maqrami, the vice president of the Islamic University of Minnesota and Head of the Main Center, issued a decision appointing Dr. Dua Bassam Mahmoud Qatnani as the Head of the Educational Sciences Department at the College of Educational Sciences on Tuesday, November 2024, 5.

Dr. Dua Qatnani, born in 1989, has an impressive academic background. She earned her Ph.D. in Special Education with a "Very Good" rating from the University of Jordan in 2019. She also holds a Master's degree in Special Education with an "Excellent" rating from the same university in 2013, and a Bachelor's degree in Special Education with an "Excellent" rating (first in her class) from Al-Hussein Bin Talal University in 2010.

In terms of research, Dr. Qatnani completed a comparative study on anxiety among students with learning difficulties and their peers, as well as another research titled "The Effectiveness of a Training Program to Improve Phonological Awareness in Reducing Expressive Language Problems."

Dr. Qatnani has been a faculty member at the Islamic University of Minnesota since June 2022, 13. She previously worked as a diagnostic and evaluation specialist at Princess Taghreed Institute in 2023, and taught and assessed various categories, including learning difficulties, slow learning, intellectual disabilities, and autism at Dar Al-Arqam Schools from 2013 to 2017. Additionally, she worked at KidZania Kindergarten in 2017 focusing on behavior modification, and served as a special education teacher (university training) at Ma'an Public School in 2010.

We wish Dr. Dua Qatnani success in her new role as the head of the Educational Sciences Department.



Training Course on the Methodology of Learning Tafsir Held

Initiated by Dr. Manal Mustafa, Director of the Dawah Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, a training course titled "Methodology of Learning Tafsir" has been conducted. The course was delivered by Dr. Abdulrazaq Al-Bakri, Dean of the College of Islamic Studies, and moderated by Dr. Mohammed Al-Shuqairi.

The course was conducted in Arabic and aimed at all university students and those interested in the field of Tafsir. It consisted of four lectures held every Thursday from 9 to 10 PM Mecca time, on the following dates: November 21, 14, 7, and 2024, 28.

Participants who attended consistently were awarded accredited certificates from the university, highlighting the significance of this course in enhancing knowledge and skills in the field of Tafsir.

Training Course for New Faculty Members



The Quality and Development Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a training course to prepare new faculty members, led by Dr. Mahrous Sulaiman, a faculty member in the College of Educational Sciences, Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The course included participation from Dr. Nourhan Salama, Deputy Dean for Faculty Affairs and Director of Administrative Affairs at the university, and was managed by Dr. Fatima Jumaa Al-Wahsh, Director of Quality and Development at the university, on Thursday, November 2024, 14.

It is worth noting that this course, which lasted for an hour and a half, was organized in conjunction with the upcoming start of the second semester. The university typically conducts such courses at the beginning of each new semester to enhance the skills of new faculty members and equip them with the knowledge necessary for success in their academic roles.



Training Center Organizes Zoom Training Course



Minnesota, November 2024, 19 - The Training and Development Center and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota held a training course titled "Zoom from Scratch to Proficiency," presented by Engineer Mohamed Abduljawad, Director of the Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit at the university, and managed by Engineer Al-Mu'tasim Faiz, Director of the Training and Development Center.

The course consisted of two lectures, each lasting two hours. The first lecture was held on Tuesday, November 19, and focused on explaining Zoom settings and tools on computers. The second lecture took place on Thursday, November 21, and concentrated on Zoom settings and tools on mobile phones.

The lectures attracted a significant audience, with approximately 300 participants, mostly consisting of new students and faculty members. The center aims to equip them with the skills to effectively use Zoom in the educational process. After each lecture, Engineer Abduljawad answered all questions raised by the attendees.

In a related context, the Educational Affairs Unit in the Academic Affairs Deanship and the Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit held a joint meeting on Sunday, November 10, attended by the directors of both units, Dr. Jumana Al-Khuraishi and Engineer Mohamed Abduljawad. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify various technical matters related to schedules and how secretaries should interact with the Zoom application during the educational process to ensure smooth operations.

During the meeting, Engineer Abduljawad detailed the technical aspects that required clarification or emphasis to avoid problems that could hinder the smoothness of the educational process. He addressed all inquiries posed by Dr. Jumana and the secretaries. Dr. Jumana also indicated that this meeting would be followed by a training course for the secretaries, as is customary before the start of each semester.

Quality and Development Unit Organizes Training Course



November 2024, 23 - The Quality and Development Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota organized a training course titled "Academic Success Skills," presented by international speaker Dr. Adel Mustafa Al-Maghribi, and managed by Dr. Fatima Al-Wahsh, the unit director.

The course, held on Saturday, covered several important topics, including an introduction and objectives of the course, time management, effective study strategies, and effective communication.

The course lasted for two full hours and targeted the university community, including faculty, students, and staff.

Interactive Lecture on "Art of Smart Decisions"



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The Center for Training, Development, and Community Programs at the Islamic University of Minnesota held an interactive lecture titled "The Art of Smart Decisions," presented by Engineer Ahmad Raslan, on Sunday, November 2024, 24, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Mecca time.

The lecture targeted administrative units and students both inside and outside the university, as well as all interested individuals. Participants who were committed to attending received an accredited certificate upon completion of the lecture, which was distributed via the center's platform on the university's official website.

This event is part of the university's efforts to enhance leadership skills and decision-making among participants, contributing to their academic and professional development.



Appointment of Ahmad Shamsan as Editor-in-Chief of "Sada Al-Jami'a"



The Deputy of the Islamic University of Minnesota, Dr. Omar Ahmed Al-Maqrami, issued a decision to modify the structure of the editorial board of the newspaper "Sada Al-Jami'a." The position of Managing Editor was eliminated, and Mr. Ahmad Mohammed Shamsan was appointed as Editor-in-Chief, under the supervision of the Media Center Director, Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub.

Dr. Al-Maqrami congratulated Mr. Shamsan on his appointment, emphasizing that the newspaper has achieved remarkable success. He noted that each of its twenty-three issues surpasses the previous one, expressing appreciation for Shamsan's efforts in editing and monitoring.

In a statement, Shamsan expressed his gratitude to the university administration

for their trust in him, affirming his commitment to presenting an accurate and appealing image of the university, while highlighting the importance of the moderate message it advocates.

This decision coincided with the second anniversary of the establishment of "Sada Al-Jami'a," with the release of the twenty-third issue, which included celebratory materials featuring impressions from several university figures and an interview with the Dean of the College of Media, Professor Abdul Salam Al-Wahati.

It is noteworthy that "Sada Al-Jami'a" has a dedicated platform on the university's official website, featuring all published issues in PDF format with download options.



Media Center Completes 400 Course Profiles

The Director of the Media Center at the Islamic University of Minnesota, Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub, announced that the Design and Graphics Department has completed 400 profiles for 400 courses, which represents the total number of courses for the second semester.

Engineer Abdullah Al-Mansoub expressed his gratitude to the design team, praising their significant efforts in completing this number before the actual start of classes. He also thanked the Virtual Rooms and Recordings Unit and its director, Engineer Mohammed Abdul Jawad, for providing the center with the necessary data to design the profiles according to the published schedules.

The Media Center Director shared samples of these profiles with the news editorial team, highlighting their attractive design and reflecting the skill and precision of the design team. Each college has a shared layout for its course profiles, with each course featuring a unique image within this unified structure.

It is noteworthy that these profiles serve as a dedicated interface for the courses in various contexts and occasions, primarily within the course group in the university's large community on WhatsApp and in the Zoom room designated for teaching the course.

Student Affairs Unit Welcomes 280 New Students

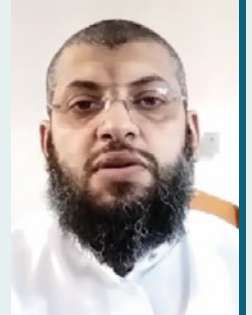


The Student Affairs Unit at the Islamic University of Minnesota has welcomed 280 new students so far. Mr. Sulaiman Maqbool, Director of Undergraduate Student Affairs, confirmed that the registration process is still ongoing, which is expected to increase this number.

Mr. Maqbool noted that the number of students who have commenced their studies in the second semester reached 1,560, distributed across 22 departments. He also mentioned that 178 students have graduated after the first semester, with 200 students in the final stages of graduation, and it is expected that around 250 students will graduate in the upcoming second-semester cohort.

The Cybersecurity and Networking Department has distinguished itself by leading in the number of new students, followed by the Business Administration Department and then the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department. The director expressed confidence that the number of new registrants could reach approximately 320 students, marking a new record for the university.

Graduate Student Arafat Ba'issa Expresses Happiness



Graduate student Arafat Abdulrahman Ba'issa from the College of Islamic Studies at Minnesota Islamic University expressed his great happiness at being accepted to pursue a PhD in the Department of Quran and Its Sciences, thanking the university for providing him with this opportunity starting from this academic year.

Ba'issa, who holds several licenses in Quranic readings, confirmed that he had wished to enroll at the university for some time, specifically after hearing about it through social media. However, he noted that "God's decree and what He wills happened," which prevented him from doing so. He explained that when he studied and received his license from his teacher, Dr. Mohammed bin Futini Al-Zabidi, he intended to register at the university, but circumstances hindered his continued pursuit of knowledge. After stabilizing his situation, he decided to apply for admission to the university and found a wonderful response from the administration.

Ba'issa also called for Minnesota Islamic University to be a model for other Islamic universities around the world.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Mohammed bin Futini Al-Zabidi is a graduate of this university, having earned his PhD with honors from the Department of Quran and Its Sciences in the College of Islamic Studies.



Increase in Graduate Students to 442

Ms. Omaima Adel, Director of Graduate Student Affairs at the Islamic University of Minnesota, reported that the number of students in the second semester of graduate studies has reached 442.

Omaima clarified that among this total, there are 327 students in the master's program, while the number of doctoral students is 114. Regarding gender distribution, she noted that there are 91 female students and 236 male students in the master's program, whereas in the doctoral program, there are 81 female students and 33 male students.

She also highlighted that the graduate students this semester represent 50 nationalities from five continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, and North America.