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Director, QAA Unit

**Welcome note from the Director of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Unit**

The decision to pursue education is one that is made with a subconscious yearning to make a difference, to leave a mark, and in that way to become 'immortal'. It is obvious why. Not being armed with the crucial tool of education, making a difference will prove to be extremely herculean. You have made a choice to study at RUW. You have made a choice to learn more, understand more, and eventually become a better, more informed citizen. The path you have chosen to take is not an easy one. That's why they say: "Really important things in life are usually not easy"! There will be many sleepless nights of study, numerous assignments to submit, a range of obstacles to overcome, and an infinite ocean of knowledge to be explored.

There is however an upside! You will become a better you! You will find yourself, so to speak. You will form informed opinions, be armed with knowledge, further shape your personality, make life-long friendships, learn to question and to not be satisfied with good enough and always aim for better. In an era when education is becoming more and more accessible, it is simple to become educated and forget about the task of giving to others. Make it a priority in your life to touch other people's hearts, make them feel better in this world, help them learn something new, help them learn how to learn and help them become what they want to be. There is indescribable reward in possessing the ability to share knowledge and to touch other people's lives.

The fortress of 'immortality' is built on the shoulders of titans who spent their lives giving to the society and making the world a better place for others. I wish you success, the power and the will to make a difference.

Mr. Parsa Zoqaqi

**RUW VISION**

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

**RUW MISSION**

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

**Academic Programmes Offered at RUW**

- Centre for General Studies
  - English for Academic Success
- College of Art and Design
  - Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
  - Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
  - Bachelor of Architecture in Architectural Design
  - Master of Arts in Design Management
  - Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting
- College of Business and Financial Sciences
  - Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
  - Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
  - Bachelor of Business in International Business
  - Bachelor of Business in Marketing
- College of Information Technology
  - Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
- College of Law
  - Bachelor of Law

**Faculty of the month: Dr. Shweta Kinra Kalra: Faculty of Art and Design HOD – Assistant Professor, Fashion Design**



Dr. Shweta Kinra Kalra

Dr. Shweta Kinra Kalra, joined RUW in the year 2012. Presently, Dr. Shweta is the Head of the Department for Design, at the faculty of Art and Design. She is teaching both undergraduate and post graduate students. She accomplished her Doctoral and postgraduate degree in Textiles and Clothing from the University of Delhi and an additional graduate and postgraduate degree in Education. Courses are also done by her in illustration and computer aided designing from one of the reputed institutes from Delhi-India. Ph.D was on flat floor coverings of Rajasthan (State in India) – its contemporary perspectives. Based on her work, she has presented papers at national and international conferences. She also developed a design software for the same industry, introducing CAD/CAM in this field. Before joining RUW, she had a teaching experience of fourteen years, in the field of textile/fashion design, apparel and education at prestigious colleges of University of Delhi. During these years she also gained experience in working as a research associate in projects associated with design development and information technology. She was a member of core curriculum committees at NIOS (National institute of open schooling) and CBSE (Central board of Secondary education) developing learning material for the vocational courses in textiles and in adapting and adopting curriculum changes in the field of textiles and clothing. She was actively involved in organizing workshops, seminars and fashion shows. Working as guest lecturer, as examiner and paper setter with various colleges and institutions and exposure to the electronic media (presenting shows in field of textiles and apparel), amazing experience and further strengthened her professional skills. Dr. Shweta believes in self learning and continuing education. Her interest lies in drawing, painting and creating handicrafts. Her hobbies include, music, photography and cooking.



FBFS invites a Visiting Professor from La Rochelle

As part of RUW's initiative to promote MoUs and faculty exchanges with leading institutions of higher learning, FBFS invited a visiting faculty from La Rochelle Business School, France, during the period from April 12 to April 16. Dr. Majdi Karmani, Assistant Professor at the La Rochelle Business School taught three courses in Banking and Finance, participated as a lead speaker in the Banking & Finance forum held on April 12 and participated in the research forum. The three courses taught by Dr. Majdi were Introduction to Finance (BUS221) for section 1 & 2, Financial Accounting II (BUS 216) for section 1 & 2 and Financial Economics (BUS446). Dr. Majdi also reviewed a number of course folders and provided his valuable suggestions. A networking lunch was organized to provide opportunities for FBFS faculty to interact with Dr. Majdi.



RUW visits top governmental schools as part of Ministry of Education Initiative

Royal University for Women accepted the initiative from the Ministry of Education (MOE) in Bahrain to generate awareness of the universities available in the Kingdom of Bahrain to governmental high school girls students by visiting four pre-selected governmental schools by the ministry. The RUW PR team as well as representatives from the FBFS and FAD departments visited the schools and presented about the RUW programs on offer, the facilities and the admission requirements. The four schools identified by the MOE and subsequently visited by RUW are Al Wafa Girls School on April 22; Al Estqjal Girls School on April 23; Al Maarifa Girls School on April 29; Al Hoora Girls School on April 27. The attendance to the presentation and enquirers at each school was very high.

**Royal University for Women hosts a Workshop on Family Business in cooperation with West Virginia University, USA**



The Royal University for Women in collaboration with its strategic partner West Virginia University hosted a two day workshop on Family Business on 28 and 29 April. The workshop was organized by the Faculty of Business and Financial Sciences. The workshop was focusing on family business and covering topics such as family succession, transition and leading examples of successful family businesses witnessed the participation of leading figures from the Bahraini and Saudi business sectors. The concluding ceremony started with a speech from the President of the Royal University for Women. Professor Mazin M.A. Jumah, describing his pride in hosting such high caliber workshops in association with West Virginia University. Professor Mazin addressed the participants who he described as leaders in the field of Family Businesses in the region as shining examples of how to run traditional long lasting family businesses that boost the local economy as well as the country as a whole. Dr. Miles Zachary, researcher at the management department at West Virginia University, and workshop speaker at the two day workshop, thanked the Royal University for Women for their endeavor and described the workshop as covering "vital topics that aid in smoothing the process of family business transition" while adding that the participants all of whom come from strong family businesses in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia were cooperative, enthusiastic and had a passion for the subject matter that truly reflect the success they have achieved in the field. He also encouraged the university to hold such high quality courses regularly. The ceremony then continued with the participants being awarded certificates issued by West Virginia University and the Royal University for Women. Reflecting on the event, Mr. Talal T Al Moayed, managing director at Al Moayed W.L.L., described the opportunity to study such a relevant topic and in such an in depth manner as a golden opportunity and added that the addition of including a local expert from The Bahrain Family Business Association as an added benefit that added a regional perspective to the course. The workshop facilitator, Dr. Miles Zachary, who published extensively on the topic, spent over 15 years working for his own family's contracting business in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. The initiative is part of a strategic partnership between Royal University for Women and West Virginia University.



FIT and FL host a Guest Speaker on Information Security and Legal Issues

On April 6, the Faculty of IT and the Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Central Informatics Organization (CIO), Kingdom of Bahrain, organized an invited guest lecture on "Information Security and Legal Issues". The speaker, Mr. Ahmed Jaber Aldoseri, Information Security Advisor, introduced the students to the latest security and related legal issues at Bahrain level. The session was interactive and informative. Most of Faculty of IT students and a high number from Faculty of Law students participated and enjoyed the session together with their supervisors. Faculty of IT Advisory members and RUW colleagues were also invited to attend the lecture.



OSA organizes mood board creation activity with FAD faculty representatives

On April 21, third year FAD IDN students organized an activity titled "Creating a living room collage moodboard". Six groups from different majors participated in the activity.

FAD hosts an Alumnae Guest Speaker

On April 22, Ms Nora Salman AlKhalifa visited RUW as a guest speaker. Ms Nora is one of RUW alumnae. She graduated from Fashion Dept., Faculty of Art and design, and is working in the Fashion industry in Bahrain. Her lecture to fashion students was about Morocco fashion. Some of her current projects were discussed with the students. She also spoke with students about the future of fashion in Bahrain industry and how they can improve their achievement as Fashion students.

FAD organizes a Workshop on "Presenting a project"

On April 27, Faculty of Art and Design organized a short workshop on presenting Interior Design projects in a professional way according to the goal of the project. The workshop was organized by Arch Amina Wahiba Alhariri. The speaker of the workshop was Ms. Sara Mattar.

EAS Orientation Students visit Hawar Island

On April 22, the EAS orientation students from CGS Faculty, accompanied by their lecturers, Ms. Rama Nair and Ms. Norhan Abdulrahman, went on an educational field trip to Hawar Island. It was indeed an enthralling experience for the student affairs office at the university was an opportunity for students to meet and interact with the job market and explored any future employment possibilities. In addition to meeting and talking with employers, attendees learned about training and internship opportunities and attended informative presentations by experts on career progression, work ethics, and CV building. Reflecting on the event, Intisar Al Kurdi, the student affairs manager at Royal University for Women described the event as "a valuable once-a-year opportunity for individuals who are interested in networking with employers, learning more about the industries, and building a career". Adding on her visit to the career fair, third year Banking and Finance student Anwar Al Subaie described the event as "extremely beneficial" that it offered a taste of the job market and the pathways she can take after the completion of her degree. The participating companies totaled a number of twenty six companies from various industries including the banking sector represented by Bahrain Development Bank, Investcorp and National Bank of Bahrain, the law industry by Al Moayed Chambers, airline industry by United Airlines, telecommunication giants VIVA and Zain as well as companies such as Microsoft, Nestle, GPIC and PR firm Obai and Hill. The variety of companies attending and representing different sectors was noted by 4th year IT student Marwa Mohammed who thanked the student affairs for their efforts and described how as an IT future graduate she is looking forward to join the IT department of any of the prestigious companies that were present at the career fair. This is the seventh career fair held by the university and it was well received by both the students and the alumnae's.



FBFS Organizes a Workshop on Family Business: Bahraini Family Business Experience and the Role of Women

On April 30, The Faculty of Business and Financial Sciences in collaboration with its strategic partner West Virginia University (WVU), organized a workshop on Family Business titled "Bahraini Family Business Experience and the Role of Women". The speaker of the workshop was Dr. Miles Zachary of West Virginia University. The workshop was attended by RUW students. The main purpose of the workshop was to explore and explain the status of Family Business in Bahrain. Part of the initiation - since RUW is a women's only University - was to explain the changing role of women in the management and control of Family Business. Women today have been part not only of greater social involvement in Bahrain and the region but of management as well. Dr. Miles reviewed some cases from GCC and expressed his scientific belief that the trend is positive in women's participation on Family Business matters.



Royal University for Women holds Annual Career Fair



On April 15, the Royal University for Women held its annual career fair at its premises in Riffa in an event that drew international companies, local businesses, and alumnae of the Royal University for Women as well as current students. The career fair organized by the student affairs office at the university was an opportunity for students to meet and interact with the job market and explored any future employment possibilities. In addition to meeting and talking with employers, attendees learned about training and internship opportunities and attended informative presentations by experts on career progression, work ethics, and CV building. Reflecting on the event, Intisar Al Kurdi, the student affairs manager at Royal University for Women described the event as "a valuable once-a-year opportunity for individuals who are interested in networking with employers, learning more about the industries, and building a career". Adding on her visit to the career fair, third year Banking and Finance student Anwar Al Subaie described the event as "extremely beneficial" that it offered a taste of the job market and the pathways she can take after the completion of her degree. The participating companies totaled a number of twenty six companies from various industries including the banking sector represented by Bahrain Development Bank, Investcorp and National Bank of Bahrain, the law industry by Al Moayed Chambers, airline industry by United Airlines, telecommunication giants VIVA and Zain as well as companies such as Microsoft, Nestle, GPIC and PR firm Obai and Hill. The variety of companies attending and representing different sectors was noted by 4th year IT student Marwa Mohammed who thanked the student affairs for their efforts and described how as an IT future graduate she is looking forward to join the IT department of any of the prestigious companies that were present at the career fair. This is the seventh career fair held by the university and it was well received by both the students and the alumnae's.





## Alumna of the month



Name: Ms. Zeina Kassis

Graduation year: 2012

Professional Occupation:  
Software Engineer at National Cash Register (NCR)

Involvement at RUW:  
Graduated from the Faculty of Information Technology in the Academic Year 2011 -2012 with High Distinction

Her words:

"It is worth to say that the 4 years in university flew by faster than I imagined. For me the education was only a small part of what I got to take out from my years in RUW. I got to meet great people enjoying many extracurricular activities such as participating in conferences, seminars, competitions and much more. Being a hard worker got me awards and recognitions but most importantly enabled me to get an internship in Zain Telecom Bahrain, a place where I always dreamt about working at. For three months I enjoyed learning and proving myself to talented experts and the big news was being offered a position there but unfortunately for personal reasons I was unable to accept the offer. After working for a small business as a web developer for few months, I got an opportunity to be a software engineer in NCR Hospitality, an international company I quit my first job and accepted the new offer hoping to find a place where I can improve myself and my knowledge. Here I am almost 2 years later working with an impressively talented team. The position is demanding since we are always battling crazy deadlines, working on demanding projects and trying to accomplish technically challenging tasks. All this makes the job hard and yet very existing, with every problem I see a new challenge and with every challenge I see a new opportunity. I still have a long way ahead to achieve my career goals but it feels great to be on the right track."

Achievements:

- Developed and implemented sophisticated web systems (CRM, online ordering systems).
- Planned and supervised an online ordering project for a major customer.
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.



Ms. Maryam Khawaja



MS. Mariam ALHaji

### RUW Alumnae participate in AINukbha Youth Empowerment Program

Al Nukbha Youth Empowerment Programm was organized by the Capital Governorate. The event took place on the 17th of February. Fifty RUW Alumnae participated in this competition. On April 2015, the results were announced. Two RUW Alumnae, MS. Mariam ALHaji & Ms. Maryam Rashid Khawaja from FBFS, Banking & Finance, were chosen to participate in the program after passing the required exams. They will be offered training through Tamkeen and Batelco to be recognized by employers.



### Question and Answer Session with the President

The Question and Answer session with the president was held on April 7. During the meeting, the president explained the possibility of communicating with him any enquiries, complaints or even suggestions. The president discussed with the students the A credit Policy and procedures and confirmed with them that all their inquiries were discussed through all the departments and faculties at RUW. At the end the president thanked all the students for sharing their enquiries with him and promised them to follow up with all faculties and departments.



### Annual Banking and Finance Forum organized by FBFS

The Faculty of Business & Financial Sciences launched its annual event – Banking and Finance forum on 12th April, 2015. The forum involved a panel discussion by leading Banking and Finance professionals and academics as well as distinguished alumnae, on selected topics of relevance to students and academics in the area of banking & finance. The forum is part of Royal University for Women's initiative to forge closer ties between the Industry and RUW's academic community and students. The forum included presentations by an industry expert Mr.Riyad Alsaai, Board of Director at Tadhmon Capital BSC, Kingdom of Bahrain and Board Member at Eskan Bank, Bahrain, Dr. Majdi Karmani - Visiting Professor from LA Rochelle Business School, France and Ms. Noora Alnemah – a distinguished RUW alumnae from the faculty of Business and Financial Sciences who is currently working with a financial institution. The objective of this event is to provide the market with well-trained women through an education that develops the overall personality of students, value excellence and is focused on a career path.



### Law students visit the Constitutional Court

On April 28, a delegation of 25 students from the Faculty of Law accompanied by Dr. Amer El Saedi visited the Constitutional Court. They attended a lecture on the last decisions of the court and met the Vice President of the Constitutional Court.

### Law students visit the Trademark and Patent Authority

On April 22, Faculty of Law students accompanied by Mrs. Maria Liasides visited the Trademark and Patent Authority at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. They attended a lecture on the mechanisms of protection of Trademarks and Patents in Bahrain.

### Law students visit the Shura Council

On April 26, a delegation of 20 students from the Faculty of Law along with the Dean of the faculty, Dr. Pasquale Borea, visited the Shura Council. One of the Shura Council Legal Advisors delivered a lecture to the students. The students attended the Shura Council Session and at the end they have been greeted by the Shura Council Chairman.

### Guest speaker addresses students from Intellectual Property Law course

Mr. Moayed Al Moayed, a marketing manager at Kimberly Clark Bahrain, delivered a guest lecture to the students of Law 363 Intellectual Property Law on April 29, 2015. Mr. Moayed discussed with the students some cases of infringement of the intellectual property Law related to trademark protection and unfair competition. The students were requested to provide legal advice on the cases.

### Law students visit the Criminal Court

On April 29, a delegation of twenty five students from the Faculty of Law accompanied by Dr. Amer El Saedi visited the Criminal Court. They attended hearings of the Court.



### RUW Participates in AMA International School Fair

On April 24, Royal University for Women participated in the AMA International School Fair where local and international universities were present. RUW representatives addressed the students of the twelve and eleventh grade at the school and answered questions regarding the university as well as collected interest forms from the prospective students. Reflecting on the event, Ms. Zainab Ahmad the college counselor at AMA International School thanked RUW for participating for the second year in a row and applauded the University for its Continued Excellence in the academic field.

### FBFS hosts Workshop on Mapping

On April 9, Dr. Hala Elias, Dean of FBFS, hosted a workshop for The Faculty of Business and Financial Sciences on NQF mapping. The goal of the workshop was to communicate and align the way faculty will respond to the challenge of mapping under the New NQF framework. Dr. Hala and the faculty went one by one on the parts of the Mapping and a better understanding was a result of FBFS members' interaction. New deadlines on finalizing the allocated courses mapping were arranged. The workshop was a great opportunity in particular for new faculty members to get the guidance from Dr. Hala and the HoDs. At the end all faculty were more confident and ascertained on achieving this important task for the faculty.

### FAD students visit Al Aali Mall Art Exhibition

On April 9, FAD Architectural Design students accompanied by Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi and Arch. Aameena Alhariri visited Al-Aali 4th Art festival as part of the course community-based facilitated activities. Students enjoyed the complete atmosphere of the event and were exposed to an actual Art event with participation of RUW, many other Academic Institutions and individual artists in this event at Al Aali mall complex. In addition to the participation of RUW, students were lucky to perceive different styles of Art displayed all over the corridors and the courts of the main building of the mall. Students also were exposed to various paintings and art works that reflected the use of colour in design which can be directly related to the course of Theory of colour they are already taking in the Architectural Department at RUW.

### FAD participates in Al Aali Art Festival

From April 8 to April 11, the Faculty of Art and Design participated in Al Aali Art Festival held at the Al Aali Shopping Complex. FAD students displayed their work in Graphic, Interior and Fashion Design. This was organized by Dr. M Lopez, Dr. J Kadhim, Dr. S Kinra, Ms V Coetzee and Ms K Saeed. The festival was inaugurated by Dr. Abdul Latif Jassim Kanoo, Founder & Executive Chairman of Bell Al Quaran. The inauguration was attended by Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of FAD, Dr. Hisham Al-Azzawi, HOD Architecture, Dr. Marva Lopez, and Ms. Verdian Coetzee. This year artist, Vilas Nayak performed a live action painting several works to the general audience. This was a very inspiring speed painting. In addition there were daily workshops on Boat Making, Gypsum Painting, Mosaic, Pottery, Arabic Calligraphy, Jewellery, Vegetable Carving and Affordable filmmaking. It was an artistic weekend for all the family. The faculty of Art and Design participated with a large display of art work including paintings, wire sculptures, photography, Interior design, Fashion design and Graphic Design. The FAD booth was very popular attracting a good audience of people who found the displayed work very exciting. We had many people also inquiring about the various majors offered in FAD at RUW including the masters programs offered at RUW. The Festival organizers were very impressed by the FAD display and requested to keep the Fashion work on display for an additional four days after the festival ended, which they did.

### RUW delegation attends the 4TH International Conference on Applied Arts



RUW delegation composed of RUW Academic Vice President, Dr. Mona Suri, Dr. Shweta Kalra, HOD, Fashion Design and Dr. Hazem Hussein, Associate Professor, Graphic Design, attended the 4th International Conference on Applied Arts held in Egypt from 8th -20th March 2015.

### RUW Student Council Election

RUW Student Council elections for the AY 2015- 16 took place on April 20th. Seven nominees competed for six positions in the Student Council Executive Committee. The election process went smoothly and six students were elected as follows:

Ms Shadya Al- Tamimi	FBFS	President	Shadya914@ruw.edu.bh
Ms Zainab Mohamed	LAW	Vice President	Zainab1945@ruw.edu.bh
Ms Hend Bucheerl	FBFS	VP Clubs (Activities Officer)	Hend1836@ruw.edu.bh
Ms Shams Al Khazraji	FAD	Stu.Support Officer	Shams1651@ruw.edu.bh
Ms Fatima Moh'd Hafiz	FBFS	(FR)Treasurer	Fatema1778@ruw.edu.bh
Ms Fatima Yusuf Ahmedl	FAD	Secretary	Fatema1647@ruw.edu.bh



### Parliament Representatives Visit RUW

On April 26, the Representatives of Parliament, HE Jalal Kadhém & HE Ghazi Alrahma with a group of five admin staff visited RUW and delivered a short presentation about Parliaments achievements in the last twelve years. They encouraged the students to visit the parliament to give any suggestions for laws in Bahrain. They emphasized the role of the youth in the rise of legal, social, economic conceptions and laws in addition to their academic role as students at universities. Some of the students suggested to address certain issues which are not addressed yet in Bahrain such as offering PhD programs in Bahrain.



### A Talk on National Audit Office Annual Report with Ministers of Parliament- MP Isa Alkooheji and MP Nasser Al Qaseer

On April 20, the Centre for General Studies (CGS) organized a talk on the National Audit Office Annual Report by Ministers of Parliament- MP Isa Alkooheji, Financial and Economic Committee Head at the Parliament and MP Nasser Al Qaseer. In an engaging lecture, the honourable MPs discussed the objective and content of the National Audit Report. In his speech, MP Isa Alkooheji described the role of the National Audit Office in identifying the control weaknesses and violations to legal framework in various public and quasi-public institutions, including ministries such as health, education, finance, industry and commerce and authorities including Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Information Affairs Authority. MP Nasser Al Qaseer also joined MP Isa Alkooheji and elaborated upon the vital role of NAO as a sentinel of public institutions and in enhancing their efficiency. The students and staff benefited from the presentations and participated in the interactive Q&A session. Dr. Mazin Jumaah, President of RUW thanked the Ministers and presented them with a memento. Dr. Lamya Alkooheji, Director, CGS also expressed gratitude to the speakers for sparing their valuable time and for giving an interesting talk at the University.



### Question & Answer Session for Faculty of IT Students

The faculty of Information Technology arranged a Question and Answer session on April 15. The goal of the session was to discuss with the students their requests and concerns. Final exam schedule – S2 AY 1415/ was discussed with the students. Students' comments on the date/time of the exams were considered. During the session, the dean of FIT presented the status of the implementation of the improvement plan and the major improvements and accomplishments. Initiatives to promote the FIT were discussed with the students.

### Question & Answer Session for Faculty of Law Students

On April 20, the faculty of Law arranged a Question and Answer session. The Dean of faculty of Law met the students and responded to questions and inquiries.

### Faculty of Law Organizes a Law Clinic Session

On April 27, Faculty of Law organized the Law Clinic session n.5 coordinated by Ms. Maria Liasides. The session discussed a case on trade Law pending at the Appeal Civil Court of Bahrain. A lawyer from Almoayed Chambers Law firm, Ms. Eman Alhaji, presented the case to the Law students. The students were requested to identify the applicable Law and outline a legal strategy in the interest of the client.

# Mabrook!!

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Dr. Shweta Kalra, HOD, Fashion Design, won the only award at the 4th International Conference on Applied Arts for the Best Research in Textiles. The conference was held in Egypt from 8th -20th March 2015. The title of the research paper was "Traditions of Durrie weaving in Rajasthan – contemporary perspectives".

### PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Evangelia (Lia) Marinakou, Associate Professor, Head of Business, has published two papers:

- MARINAKOU, E. and GIOUSMPASOGLU, C. (2015). Stakeholders' Views on the Development of Higher Education Hospitality Programme in Bahrain: Challenges and Opportunities. Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Education, Special Issue.
- GIOUSMPASOGLU, C., MARINAKOU, E., and PALIKTZOGLU, V. (2015). Economic Crisis and Higher Education in Greece. In Ordóñez de Pablos, P. and Tennyson, R. (Eds) Impact of economic crisis on education and the next-generation workforce. Hershey: IGI Global.

### RESEARCH FORUM PRESENTATIONS

- On April 14, Dr. Majdi Karmani, Assistant Professor in Finance at La Rochelle Business School, presented a topic on "Women on Corporate Boards".
- On April 21, Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the Faculty of Law, presented a topic on "The Status of EU-GCC Relations: Stalemate or Future Revamp".
- On April 28, Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the Faculty of Law, delivered a workshop on "The Role of Invigilators".

### NEWLY ELECTED RUW STUDENT COUNCIL AY 2015- 2016

Ms. Shadya Al- Tamimi, FBFS, President  
Ms. Zainab Shafeeq Mohamed, LAW, Vice President  
Ms. Hend Bucheerl, FBFS, VP Clubs (Activities Officer)  
Ms. Shams Mohammed Al Khazraji, FAD, Stu. Support Officer  
Ms. Fatima Moh'd Hafiz, FBFS, (FR) Treasurer  
Ms. Fatima Yusuf Ahmedl, FAD, Secretary