

Welcome Note from the Acting President



Dr. David Stewart  
Acting President

Dear Colleagues and Students,

Greetings! As your new Acting President, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all our new and returning colleagues and students back to campus for the start of another, exciting academic year. I very much look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Universities throughout the world are facing enormous challenges – budget cuts, low student enrollment, fierce competition for international students – and are becoming more market driven. In this climate in which education is treated more and more as a commodity, I want to share with you (as we begin this academic year) some thoughts from John Henry Newman's classic work *The Idea of a University* (pub. 1852 and 1858).  
"An academical system without the personal influence of teachers upon pupils, is an arctic winter; it will create an ice-bound, petrified, cast-iron University, and nothing else" (From *Historical Sketches*, Volume III, "The Rise and Progress of Universities," Chapter I, Section 6, John Henry Newman). We can all speak about Professors and teachers who have been great mentors to us and had a profound impact on our personal growth. Without them, as Newman writes, our whole time at college would have been impersonal, lacked the spark it needed, or even been like an "arctic winter." We are now, faculty, staff, and students, in a position in which we, too, can return the gift (pay it forward) and be a mentor who has a profound impact on our colleagues around us and impart to them that spark which suddenly opens their eyes to a whole new world. Or, as Newman writes: "perceive in sights or sounds something beyond them." ("The Scope and Nature of University Education," *The Idea of a University* (1852).) As we begin the new academic year, let all of us – whether staff or student- do so with an awareness and commitment to be a true mentor and to ignite within each other a true desire for learning.

The work we are engaged in is invaluable, it is noble, and it is desperately needed. In a world full of prejudice, bigotry, isolationism, and building walls, it is education, as Newman again writes, "which gives a man a clear, conscious view of their own opinions and judgements, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them. It teaches him to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought to detect what is sophisticated and to discard what is irrelevant." (The *Idea of a University*, 1852). It is our work as members of a collegial environment dedicated to learning which will eventually bring humanity to see that we are all one, all equal, all important and to simultaneously enable us to appreciate and celebrate the wonderful diversity in the human race. So yes, our work (faculty, staff, and students - because we are all educators in a university setting) is noble and important.

So, in the midst of the market driven forces which are hovering over education worldwide, let us, along with John Henry Newman, take pride in the work we do, celebrate the work we do, and enter worlds of thought we have never entered before. As Newman writes again, "Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning." Let us make sure that as faculty, staff, and students we come together and experience the joy of learning and keep a vibrant, energetic, collegial life at RUW.

**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.

**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."

**Academic Programmes Offered at RUW**

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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 in Architectural Design
- Master of 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 Law

- Bachelor of Law

College of Engineering

- B.Sc. Civil Engineering (West Virginia University programme hosted by RUW)

**Faculty of the Month**

Dr. Amine Moulay, Assistant Professor, College of Art and Design



Dr. Amine Moulay

Dr. Amine Moulay is an Assistant Professor in Urban Planning and Design. He received his bachelor's degree from the Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urbanism in Algeria. Then he continued with two master's degrees: First an MBA, Master in Business Administration, with a major in project management from ESAA (Consortium with HEC Paris, ESCP Europe, Euromed Marseille and Lille 2 University); second, a Master of Philosophy in Urban Planning and Design followed by a Ph.D in the same major from the University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia. He has both professional experience (creating his own building company in Algeria) and academic experience (Assistant Professor at Royal University for Women and Scientific Researcher in University Putra Malaysia). His main areas of research are Urban Design, Interior Design, Quality of Public Places, Place Attachment, Architecture, and qualitative methodology through studying the non-positivist paradigm. He published several papers in Q1 and Q2 journals with a high impact factor, and participated in several international conferences. Recently he published a book in Urban Design with Lambert Editor from Germany. His passion is to motivate students to develop their own learning interests and critical thinking, in addition to publishing in ISI journals.

**RUW Core Values**

**Integrity**

We act in an honest, fair, transparent, and ethical manner to create a culture of trust and equality evident in all University activities and decision making.

**Commitment**

We accept responsibility to work diligently, be accountable for our work, and honor our commitment to fulfill the mission and vision of the University.

**Respect**

We embrace our differences and treat other collegially with civility, openness, and professionalism in all interactions, activities, and decision making.

**Diversity**

We acknowledge and honor the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals, and create a culture which respects diverse traditions, heritages, experiences, and perspectives.

**Excellence**

We strive for excellence in teaching, research, and service and to uphold the highest standards of intellectual inquiry and academic freedom.

**Innovation**

We foster a culture of creativity and ingenuity which encourages research, forward thinking, and entrepreneurship.

**Learning**

We value education that balances theory and practice, develops critical thinking, emphasizes active learning, and fosters responsibility and the desire for the lifelong pursuit of learning, and is career-oriented.

**Engagement**

We engage with all stakeholders of the University in the creation and dissemination of knowledge on local, national, and international levels.

RUW Faculty Gears Up for Academic Year 2018/2019



Royal University for Women (RUW) launched its new academic year by holding its two-day staff orientation programme on the beginning of September 2018, at the RUW campus in West Riffa. The orientation day witnessed the attendance and participation of more than 70 members from the academic and administration staff of the university. The day started with a welcome speech from Dr. David Stewart, the Acting President of the Royal University for Women, wherein he welcomed the returning employees and the new members to the RUW team. The speech was followed by presentation from the Academic Vice President, Dr. Mona Suri, in which she highlighted the achievements of RUW during the AY 2017-18 again reinforcing that RUW is the best private university in Bahrain, where women excel.

Following, a number of presentations were presented by the Student Affairs Director, Human Resources Manager, Director of Administration, Director of Quality Assurance, the Finance Manager and International Affairs Officer, in which they discussed the challenges and opportunities for this year. The presentations covered a wide range of subjects including the programmes, policies and services at RUW and the required standard expected from RUW representatives. In addition to the roadmap for this academic year.

RUW Students Start Their Academic Journey with Orientation Day



The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) at the Royal University for Women (RUW) held its annual Student Orientation Programme for the academic year 2018-19 in RUW campus in West Riffa. RUW Acting President Dr. David Stewart welcomed the new students and wished them success in their Academic journey at RUW. In his message to new students and their families Dr. Stewart highlighted the highest quality of education that is provided by RUW to all students which makes it the best private university in the Kingdom of Bahrain, dedicated solely to educate and empower generations of women. Dr. Stewart reiterated to students and parents that RUW achieved this milestone with it being the first private university in Kingdom of Bahrain Accredited by the HEC, along with it being accredited by ASIC and recommended and accredited by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Sultanate of Oman.

This was followed by a speech by Mrs. Sameenah Shirazie, Acting Director of Office of Student Affairs (OSA), where she welcomed students and their families explaining the various services, clubs and extracurricular activities organized by the OSA as well as the facilities available to their use. She stressed that the Royal University for Women fosters a spirit of cooperation and warmth that encourages the students to grow and explore all the options available to them as students of the university.

Bahrain's West Virginia University Welcomes Students to the 2018/2019 Academic Year



West Virginia University (WVU), a leading American university, has welcomed the new and current students to the campus with an informative and fun introduction in the orientation day held for introducing the Civil and Environmental Engineering Program, which it is taught entirely in Bahrain at their premises in West Riffa next to Royal University for Women. The event began with a speech from Dr. Janon Kadhim, the Dean of the College of Engineering of Royal University for Women, in which she welcomed the new joiners and congratulated them along with current students on their achievements of reaching this stage of their academic life. She later introduced the Civil Engineering Programme and road map of it, as well as introducing the academic and administrative faculty to the students. Dr. Kadhim emphasized on the highest quality of education served in WVU which it is clearly shown in the newly constructed facilities and classrooms with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, not to mention that WVU is a leader in innovation and research, holding the classification of R1 research activity (the highest classification for an institution). After that, a speech was presented by Dr. David Stewart, the Acting President of Royal University for Women and also the associate vice president for global strategies and international affairs at WVU, in which he highlighted the academic programme as a leader in engineering education, a programme which helps prepare students for their careers with career support services, and a programme which assists with job placement upon graduation. He emphasized on West Virginia University being a strategic partner with many businesses and industries across the Gulf region, creating opportunities for students that will help advance their careers. Dr. Stewart encouraged students to achieve academic excellence and congratulated them on having the opportunity of earning an American degree in the Kingdom of Bahrain and wishing them the best in their academic and career life.

Celebrating the Italian language week with the presence of H.E. the Italian Ambassador: Royal University for Women hosts Designer Fabio Di Nicola for a lecture



On the occasion of the 18th Week of the Italian language in the world, and as per the approved HEC memorandum of Understanding on Italian language signed between the Embassy of Italy to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Royal university for Women, the Embassy of Italy in cooperation with the Royal University for Women hosted a lecture by Fabio Di Nicola, Professor at the European Institute of Design (IED) in Milan on 'Web and social media influences on fashion design and communication' on Sunday October 21, 2018 on RUW campus. Fabio Di Nicola a graduate from the School of Art, than Academy of Art in Bologna opened his own brand in 1998 focused on menswear. During the same time, he was doing fashion consultancy as a designer for the likes of Max Mara, Guess, Ragno, etc. He did collaborate in many film productions as Wim Wender's Palermo Shooting and The Perfect Day by Ferzan Ozpetek. Mr. Fabio joined IED, European Institute of Design as fashion teacher in 2008. Mr. Di Nicola He is now MA fashion coordinator in Milan and Fashion Design BA Coordinator in Florence. The lecture attracted students from Fashion Design, Center for general studies and member of the Italian community in Bahrain. Dr. Mona Suri, Vice-President Academic welcomed His Excellency Mr. Domenico Bellato, Ambassador of Italy and Mr. Fabio Di Nicola and the cooperation opportunities in Higher education between both countries. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Bellato thanked Dr. Mona Suri and The Royal University for Women for hosting this event and praised the quality of the partnership with Royal University for Women and upcoming initiatives for this academic year 2018-19 hoping to see cooperation with quality institutions such as IED coming through.

**Alumna of the Month**



Ms. Haya Zaal Albufasa

Her Words:

Background Information

Name: Ms. Haya Zaal Albufasa

Graduation Year: 2017

Professional Occupation: Trainee Associate at Newton Legal Group, Seconded to the Ministry of Information Affairs

Involvement at RUW: Graduated from the College of Law with the degree of Bachelor of Law

Doors do not open by themselves and achievements are not found on door steps. Today and in these few lines, I would like to declare that I have started my road to achieving what I believed in and what I aimed for. The path to it has been long but it started as I entered the law firm that I have dreamt of joining as an Intern until I gained the trust to be one of their own. Today I proudly say I am a Trainee Associate at Newton Legal Group, a leading international law firm in Bahrain that opened the doors for a graduate that had the knowledge of law but yet needed to implement it. As those doors widely opened for the first day as an Associate, I was seconded to the Ministry of Information Affairs where the legal life began with no introductions, but with a reality check and cases to be looked at. None of this would have been possible without the education and knowledge that I gained through the four years spent at the Royal University for Women. Education is the start to all great things, yet the greatness was not just gaining it but reflecting it to my dreams. My dream of becoming a lawyer started from day one when I first met my professors and started Law School. The knowledge was not only gained from books and notes, but also from the experience of each and every instructor. The lectures were not just laws and amendments, but we were exposed to the practice and we learned in court rooms with cases. I can undoubtedly state that RUW College of Law and its professors created the lawyer that is deep within me. Today I can see the path that the professors were pointing to four years ago. They showed a clear road of success and achievements to those who wanted to see it, and taught me that such road might be long and sometimes crooked, but they gave me a head start that made me end up in a lawyer's shoes. One of my professor's once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon in the world – Nelson Mandela." Today, I strongly agree, as the time our instructors spent to educate us did not go to waste. Today I truly thank them as I find myself as a lawyer with the potential and ability to achieve the impossible.

Achievements:

- Participated as a delegate in Bahrain Universities Model United Nations (2015).
- Participated as an Oralist in the 24th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition (2016-2017).
- Accepted for a master's program at Queen Mary University of London.

**MABROOK!!**

Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the College of Law and Associate Professor of International Law has been appointed member of the Gulf Legal Advisor Executive Editorial Board of the internationally renewed legal database and publisher Lexis Nexis. The Board comprises of 20 outstanding legal professional and academics in Middle East selected amongst reputable Law firms, Universities and Judicial bodies. The Board will be consulted for review and evaluation of scholarly research, editorial projects and publications in the legal field.

Dr Maria Casoria, Assistant Professor at the College of Law, has been nominated as a member of the research group led by the Italian University of Siena, Department of Law, recipient of the European research grant Jean Monnet Projects 2018. The research project awarded is titled "Boosting European Security Law and Policy: Focus on Flows of Migrants, Data Security and Movement of Capitals", has a duration of two years and involves four European Universities. As a member of the research network, Dr Casoria will deliver public lectures relating to privacy and data security in the European Union in comparison with the legal framework in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, and will present a paper in the final conference to be held at the University of Siena.



## CBFS Staff Orientation

A college specific Staff Orientation was held on 16th September 2018 attended by CBFS faculty members in the Department of Business and Banking & Finance. The CBFS Dean and Department HoDs discussed the following points as part of the assimilation process including College organization set up, programmes offered & requirements, Department setup, reporting protocols, Role, responsibilities and expectations of staff members – academic and administrative, Teaching and course management responsibilities, Student advising activities and documentation, Committee/event participation, Development of teaching plan (course specifications), Self-service related orientation regarding creating course home page, taking attendance, uploading of resources.

## CBFS Student Orientation



The CBFS held its college specific Student Orientation on September 17th, 2018. The Orientation was attended by new students enrolling in the college. Seventeen new students, who joined the college during semester 1 of 2018 were given an orientation by the Dean and HoDs as part of the assimilation process. The orientation covered a number of themes including College organization set up, programs offered & requirements, college awards and accreditations, Programs, program structure, Career opportunities, Academic advising, Attendance and classroom discipline, Blended teaching and learning, Course assessment methods, Internship, External collaborations and Field trips, educational trips and forums. The college distributed programme handbook to new students and they were also informed about relevant policies and procedures.

## Sri Lankan Ambassador Gives Guest Lectures for CBFS



As part of linking RUW teaching and learning with the public and private sectors, His Excellency. Dr. Saj Mendis, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Kingdom of Bahrain, gave two guest lectures for the College of Business and Financial Sciences on September 25th, 2018 related to the International Business and Macroeconomics courses. During his visit, Dr. Mendis also met with Acting President Dr. David Stewart and attended Saudi National Day festivities on campus. Ambassador Mendis is a regular guest of RUW: His Excellency took part in the International Business Forum last year as a guest lecturer. Dr. Mendis is a perfect contributor as he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience as an economist and diplomat. Ambassador Mendis served as a diplomat in Japan and Switzerland, and before joining the Foreign Service, worked as an Associate Vice President on Institutional Investments at the Investment Bank, Lehmann Brothers. Dr. Mendis is always keen on contributing to academic institutions as his service to the community. Dr. Mendis earned his MBA on International Business and Negotiations from San Francisco State University/University of California. He did his Postgraduate Specialization on Corporate and Strategic Negotiations at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) and at Harvard Law School (HLS), and PhD/Post PhD on International Economic Policy from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, known as IIT.

## CAD Holds Undergraduate Student Orientation



Dr. Janon Kadhim, Dean of CAD and Ms. Khadija Saeed, CAD administrative officer organized a welcome orientation program for new and the returning CAD undergraduate students (Fashion Design, Interior Design, Graphic Design, and Architectural Design) on September 9th. Students were introduced to the University and the College, and there was an informative discussion regarding study plans and general student ethics and values. Dr. Janon addressed the students, provided encouragement for the upcoming academic year, and welcomed them as a part of the RUW CAD college.

## CAD Holds Master's Program Student Orientation



On September 9th, Dr. Shweta Kinra, CAD Head of Design Department, and Ms. Khadija Saeed, Administrative Officer, organized a welcome orientation program for new and returning CAD (Design Management and Drawing and Painting) master's students. New students were introduced to the University and the College, and information regarding student policies and procedures such as study plans, student ethics and values, were discussed. Dr. David Stewart, Acting RUW President, formally addressed the students with words of encouragement and wishes for academic success throughout their master's studies.

## Architectural Design Students Conduct Site Visits



On September 24th and 25th, Dr. Sherif Khashaba, Associate Professor of Architecture took year three and four architecture students on a proposed design site visits. On the 24th, year three students went to an office building in the Seef area. On the 25th, year four students were taken to a building site for a general hospital in the Sanabis area. Students of both levels will work to design the designated sites within their courses. Site visits are educationally essential because they provides students accurate perception of the site and its dimensions. Activities such as this enable students to understand and realize the effect of environmental aspects such as the direction of the sun and wind. Furthermore, visits make it possible to identify the site problems, understand the sites advantages and disadvantages, identify the relationship between the site and its surrounding buildings and gain perception regarding the roadways adjacent to the site. It is important to study site accessibility and determine appropriate entrances to the building. Also, visiting a site allows students to study the architectural styles of the surrounding buildings which may assist them to easily create new designs through the architectural design process.

## Site Visit to Down Town Manama

On October 23, Dr. Janon Kadhim and year five architectural Design Students went on a site visit to Down Town Manama as part of ARD 5162, Urban Design course (Architectural Design 7). The project focuses on developing an Urban Design solution for Down Town Manama, specifically the parking area across the street from the Old Souq. Students were assigned to collect as much information as they can from the site and surrounding areas for further analysis to design a layout proposal. Students appreciated the exposure of the project and they were interested and engaged in the survey. The assignment granted them the ability to utilize their knowledge towards a real urban sector in one of the oldest parts of downtown Manama. Information was gathered through photos, a number of interviews, and site study methods. For efficiency and focus, students were divided into groups and parts of the site were distributed amongst each group.

## COL Delegation Visits International Law Firm DLA Piper Bahrain

On September 18th, a College of Law delegation comprised of Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the College of Law, and Dr. Maria Casoria, Assistant Professor of Commercial Law, visited the DLA Piper Office in Bahrain and met with lawyers to discuss the MoU to be signed between COL and DLA Piper. The purpose of the MoU is to identify internship opportunities and possible avenues of cooperation between the firm and the College.

## COL Dean Visits Judicial and Legal Studies Institute of the Ministry of Justice

College of Law Dean, Dr. Pasquale Borea, visited the Judicial and Legal Studies Institute (JLSI) on September 30th, and met the Head of Institutional Relations, Ms. Sulaf Zakharia. Dr. Pasquale discussed the details of a training program for a Professional Legal Practice Certificate to be offered at JLSI to RUW Law Alumnae starting in January 2019. The program implements the cooperation between JLSI and College of Law set by an MoU signed last year.

## College of Law Holds New Student Orientation



On September 17th, the College of Law held the orientation for its newly enrolled students. The Dean introduced students to Academic Staff and guided students through the Law study plan and relevant policies for the students. The student representative, Ms. Latifa Althawadi, also attended and explained her role to the students. RUW College of Law Alumna, Ms. Amina Saleh shared her her testimony to the new students and offered advice based on her experience.

## COL Dean Visits National Institution for Human Rights



On September 30th, College of Law Dean, Dr. Pasquale Borea, visited the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) and met the Secretary General Dr. Khalifa Al Fahdel. The Dean discussed possible avenues of cooperation in the field of Human Rights under the framework of the MoU signed last year between NIHR and RUW College of Law.

## RUW Alumna Visits as a Guest Lecturer for Current Law Students

On October 8th, 2018, RUW Law Alumna Ms. Amina Saleh, visited the LAW 488 students and provided a lecture on her past experience in the Willem C. Vis Moot competition. She also discussed the main procedural and substantive issues of the case in the 26th Vis Moot Court competition.

## The Office of Student Affairs Organizes Lecture on the Role of Youth in Elections

A delegation from Bahrain Institute for Political Development held a lecture on the role of youth in elections. The lecture was held on October 23rd, 2018, and was attended by RUW students.

## COL Students Attend Lecture on Consumer Protection



On October 30th, 2018, a lecturer from Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism presented on the latest legislative updates on the law for consumer protection. A lively debate between students followed.

## Students attend 'Meet the president' organised by OSA



On October 7, OSA organized a meeting between RUW President Dr. David Stewart, RUW Student Council and College Representatives and Student body. The students were encouraged to put forward their suggestions, recommendations for action.

## Center for General Studies Holds English for Academic Success Student Orientation



More than 20 new students and six returning students attended a formative orientation session lead by the CGS Acting Director, Dr. Humam Elagha on 17th of September. Dr Humam gave a brief presentation about the nature of the English for Academic Success (EAS) program and introduced them to CGS faculty members and their English lecturers. Ms. Amy Owen, lecturer in the Center, highlighted the EAS program's requirements and expectations. After the session, the students asked questions that were addressed by CGS team.

## CGS Faculty Attend English Language Teaching Conference



Faculty members from the Center for General Studies attended the Bahrain ELT Professionals Network 7th ELT Conference: "21st Century Teaching Practices: Challenges & Solutions". The conference was held on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, at the Bahrain Conference Center in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bahrain. The 7th ELT Conference was the biggest in ELTPN history; with 3 plenaries, 24 breakout sessions, 24 speakers, and 6 exhibitors.

## Arabic Students Visit National Charter Monument

On October 17th, 2018, students of Arabic Language and Literature (LAR 101) participated in a project-based field trip to the Bahrain National Charter Monument. Dr. AbdulRaheem Shaheen, Assistant Professor and the course instructor, accompanied the students on the trip. During the visit, students learned facts about the National Charter Monument including its history and significance to Bahrain.

## History of Bahrain Students Visit Bahrain National Museum

As part of a project-based field trip, Dr. AbdulRaheem Shaheen accompanied History of Bahrain (LAR 121) students to the Bahrain National Museum on October 21st, 2018. On the trip, Students were given a tour of the museum where they learned about the history of Bahrain when it was known as the land of "Dilmun". They were also free to explore the various artifacts and ask questions to the experts guiding their visit.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Lecture

On October 11, Office of Student Affairs organized an Early Detection Lecture by Dr. Ghufuran Jassim Senior Lecturer in Family Medicine at RCSI Bahrain. The lecture provided insight into the detection and prevention of breast cancer. The lecture was followed by free Blood Pressure and Sugar check by Royal Bahrain Hospital. The event was well organized and was successful.

## Charity Bake Sale organised by the RUW volunteer Club and the Student Council

On October 17, to promote the spirit of the month, OSA requested all faculty and staff to wear the colour pink on the day. RUW Student Council and the Volunteer Club held a Bake Sale, Mystery Bags Sale in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The proceed of the event will be handed over to a Charity Organization.