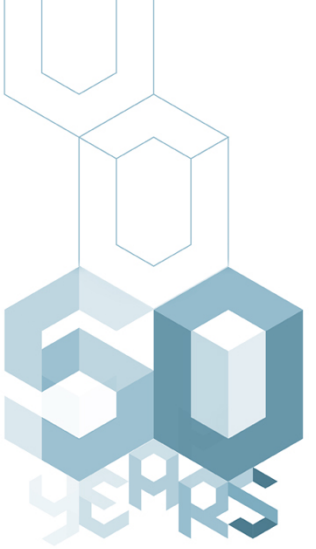
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ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015
College of Architecture & Planning


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To achieve international leadership and excellence in building a knowledge society

COLLEGE MISSION

To ensure a quality, comprehensive and perpetual academic environment in the field of Architecture and Urban Planning

Dean's Message



I am delighted to provide you with the College's Annual Report 2014-2015. This has been another exciting and fruitful year especially that we are starting the count down for starting the 50th annual celebration of the establishment of our college next year. We will always continue to invest all accomplishments that accumulated throughout the years and the gained expertise and knowledge to attain highest levels of academic achievement, produce a world class scientific research and fulfill our obligations to our constituents and to the society at large.

We are into the fourth year of the KSU Strategic Plan 2030 with accomplishments made on the foremost objectives, and progressing in every other concerns as well. Also, we are into the third year of the international "Substantial Equivalency" recognition awarded by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) in the United State of America. With well and persistence we will advance further in our competency and credibility in academia to stand for another three more years afore the wide world to make our mark.

We are also in the process of another accreditation exercise for both our Departments form the acclaimed regional body – National Commission for academic Accreditation and Assessment (NCAAA). The working committees involved with this exercise

will be given utmost support as always in their endeavor to accomplish this fervent task.

The College is positively responding to fulfill the Excellence in Urban Planning (KSU Excellence Program 1.8). We have finished the first stage requirements and we are launching the second stage of the development plan of the program. The management of the administrative competency at the college has also given situation for obtaining a certificate of "ISO9001:2008".

Our students have also stepped forward with their ideas in creativity and winning prizes and awards in international events as well as regional ones. Our faculty members have been providing their expertise and professionalism as consultative advisors in the major development projects in various government as well as private sectors throughout the Kingdom.

Despite these glaring accomplishments, the College is sensing the responsibility of reaching internationally to communicate with the rest of the world and share knowledge, ideas and expertise. There are a number of MOUs being ratified with foreign universities, institutes and professional entities from North America, Europe and Asia. These collaborations are anticipated to enhance the College standing for benchmarking in academic and research activities and to foster greater inter-cultural understanding among the generations of the future. We also have had several world renowned experts giving presentations in the college during the last academic year.

With all these feats, abundant assets and resources that we have, we can still push the limits of concerns further. The College is still in need of additional faculty memberships to remain robust. We are opening up the door for faculty recruitment and welcomes new candidates with strong academic profile, with innovative qualities and familiarity in the use of modern technology in teaching and learning.

Dauntless, we will continue with our passage on the winding path to collect the objects of our goals. We expect that the way ahead is filled with obstacles but we are optimistic of realizing our destiny. We will accomplish the objectives and facilitate advancement in all spheres.

Our Strength is in the knowledge we propagate, our quality lies in the constituent we educate and our core value is academic achievement plus social responsibility. This is the conviction we stand by and this is our fortitude.

Finally in Allah we trust and by his blessings we advance.

Omar S. BaHammam, PhD.
Professor
Dean,
College of Architecture & Urban Planning
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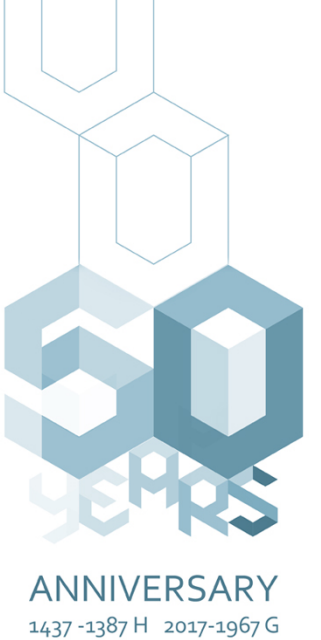
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College profile

College of Architecture and Planning is one unique college of Architecture and Planning in the country where we strive on the values of culture and traditions of the country with contemporary professional ethics and formulate our academic curriculum.

The College has developed to become very sophisticated and pursued after by a whopping 1200 applicants in its 1434-1435H academic intake opening, from the previous 500 applicants in the 1433-1435 H academic year opening. However infrastructure restrictions put a limit to the number of student admissions. The latest enrolment of 150 fresh students indicated the highest number the college has ever admitted for 1st year studies, which was way above the usual 120 -130. The College is even considering to raise the entry qualifications for applicants to the college.

Presently, the College offers three undergraduate programs;

+ Architecture and Building Science

+ Urban Design Program

+ Urban Planning Program

The College also offer postgraduate studies as in Master of Science in Architecture (MSc. Arch) and Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture (PhD. Arch) for more matured students and on part-time basis. The College is the only one offering such programs in the entire Arabian Gulf region.

College Data

Mode of Instruction – Student Enrolment (excluding preparatory program)

Students	On Campus Programs			Distance Education Programs		
	Full time	Part time	FTE	Full time	Part time	FTE
Male	636	-		-	-	
Female	-	-				
Totals	636	-		-	-	

Mode of Instruction – Teaching Staff (excluding preparatory program)

Number of Teaching Staff	On Campus Programs			Distance Education Programs		
	Full time	Part time	FTE	Full time	Part time	FTE
Male	55	6	1.8	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	55	6	1.8	-	-	-

Number of Graduates in the Most Recent Year

	Undergraduate Students	Post Graduate Masters Students	Post Graduate Ph.D. Students
Male	66	4	1
Female	-	-	-
Totals	66	4	1

Apparent Student Completion Rate:

Students	Undergraduate Programs			Postgraduate Programs	
	Four Years	Five Years	Six Years	Master	Doctor
Male		63 %			
Female		-			
Totals		63 %			

The program now comprises three common years: (1 preparatory year common to all 'Science' Colleges in KSU) + (2 years common to all College students - DABS and Dept. of Urban and Planning) + 2 years exclusive to the Bachelor of Architecture and Building Science.

The Bachelor of Architecture and Building Science previous program was 161 Cr. Hrs. with 2 years common to all College students - DABS and DUP + 3 years exclusive to the Bachelor of Architecture and Building Science.

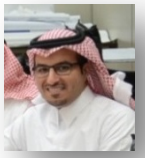
The current study plan comprises 171 Cr. Hrs: 31 Cr. Hrs. in preparatory year + 75 Cr. Hrs. common to all College students and 65 Cr. Hrs. exclusive to the study for Bachelor of Architecture and Building Science.

The range of Elective Courses, have been extended to offer a broader choice of knowledge base for students and to suit the current developments in architectural education worldwide.

College Council



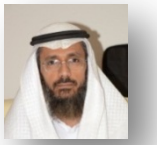
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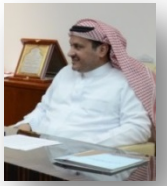
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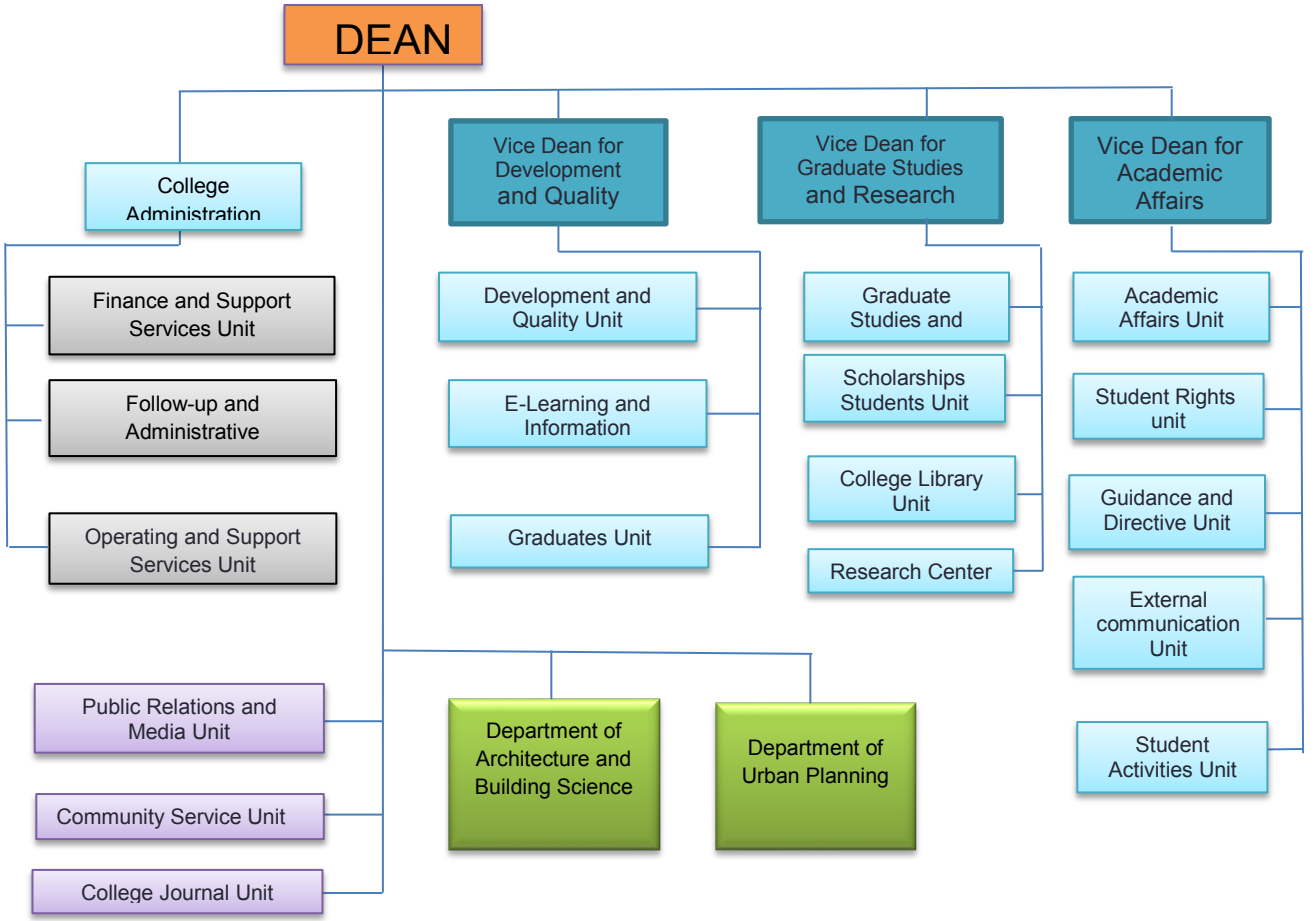


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College Organization Structure



College Consultative Council

As part of the total quality assurance, the College Consultative Council has a major and significant role in influencing the quality of the students that the College produced. His Highness the Dr. Khalid bin Abdullah Al Mogren Al Saud, the Chairman, welcomed the members of the Advisory Board in this year meeting which was held in mid May 2015 where the functioning of the Advisory Board was defined and the selection of the President of the Council, was established. Discussions ranged in topics from issues of College strategic objectives to issues of strengthening the bilateral relations between the College and the private sectors, the public (government) sectors as well as the society, who are deemed stakeholders.

Agenda Schedule for the Consultant Council Meeting:

- Revision of what have been achieved in the past.
- Progress achieved in the development of College's (the generic undergraduate and the unified Ph.D. programs.).
- Progress made in the Excellence program in the Urban Planning sector related to University Strategic Plan.
- Achievement in the College's Infrasturcture
- Discussed the needs & situations of the recruitment process
- Summer training, collaboration program with international counterparts (universities, institutes & private entities).
- Achievement in development of the research facilities in the College and the stuatus of the College of Architecture & Planning.



College Consultative Council Annual Meeting

College Action Plan

The college Strategic Action Plan objectives and mission from 2011 have much been accomplished accordingly. Out of the six strategic objectives with 41 projects and 144 Performance indicators, we are pleased to say that the bulk of the pertinent issues were either accomplished or exactly on trajectory.

Currently, the college is in the process of preparing for another accreditation for both it Architecture and Building Science Program, as well as the Urban Planning Program, from the regional accreditation body – National Commission for Academic Accreditation & Assessment (NCAAA). Aside from pursuing these ongoing processes and other objectives in the Strategic Plan, we are also compelled to plan for other innovative future goals as well.

Status of the Strategic Action Plan:

First Strategic Objective: Quality and excellence in education and scientific research in the field of Architecture and Urban Planning		
No.	Initiative	Action
1.1	To establish a system for quality and continuous development for the College's academic program (The B.A. Stage).	On going
1.2	To link academic programs to the demands of job markets.	Done
1.3	to develop scientific research and Graduate Studies programs.	Done

Second Strategic Objective: Raising graduates' level of proficiency		
No.	Initiative	Action
2.1	To establish an interactive system to communicate with students and graduates.	Done
2.2	To develop the students field training program	Done
2.3	To establish a system for students experience exchange with international counterpart programs.	On going
2.4	To develop self-learning skills and students' research skills.	Done

Third Strategic Objective: Creating Supportive Educational Environment		
No.	Initiative	Action
3.1	To develop the College's library	Done
3.2	To develop the College's labs, workshops and teaching halls.	Done
3.3	To hold specialist exhibitions in the field of Architecture and Planning.	Done
3.4	To develop students' services.	Done

Fourth Strategic Objective: Enhancing Abilities of Faculty Staff Members		
No.	Initiative	Action
4.1	To develop faculty staff members' teaching and evaluation skills.	Done
4.2	To develop faculty staff members' research skills.	Done
4.3	To develop faculty staff members' competitiveness skills.	On going
4.4	To attract excellent faculty staff members and architects.	Done
4.5	To enable faculty staff members to acquire international experiences.	Done

Fifth Strategic Objective: Building Supportive Administrative System		
No	Initiative	Action
5.1	To raise the level of proficiency of the administrative staff.	Done
5.2	To create incentives and promotion scheme.	On going
5.3	To meet the requirements of the quality certificate, the ISO.	Done
5.4	To attract distinguished administrative expertise.	Done

Sixth Strategic Objective: Forging Societal Partnership		
No.	Initiative	Action
6.1	To increase the effectiveness of the College's Consultative Council.	Done
6.2	To educate the community on the College's activities.	Done
6.3	To increase the College's own resources.	Done
6.4	To sign cooperation agreements between the College and the institutions and organizations of the society.	Done

The gross cost for the implementation of the Strategic Plan was estimated at 73,600,000 SR (Seventy-three Million and six hundred thousand Saudi Riyals), not to mention the cost of the communication plans, risk-management plan, change plan, and follow-up and evaluation plan which was initially estimated to be about 4,000,000 (four million Saudi Riyals). Henceforth, the total gross cost was estimated to be around 77,600,000 (Seventy seven million and six hundred Saudi Riyals) in all.

However, despite all the realizations that the College strived to achieve, it is still hesitant to see the physical completion of the much delayed Meeting Room.

Architecture and Building Science Department

VISION

To establish
a school of Architectural Thought
in the domain of Cultural Continuity, Environmental Sustainability and
Technological Development.

MISSION

Providing & Developing Architectural Education, research & Professional Practice
within:
Building & Sustaining Cultural/Environmental Dimensions Keeping abreast
Technological Development Maintaining a global Intellectual Dialogue & Exchange
Expertise with world academic & professional centers of excellence.

Architecture & Building Science

The Bachelor of Architecture program offered by the department is a professional program and has a "Substantial Equivalency" status awarded by the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) of United State of America. Upon completion of 160 credit hours the undergraduates obtain their Bachelor Degree either in Architecture and Building Science or Urban Planning. These graduates will have the same opportunity as their engineering counterparts with respect to employment.

The postgraduate program qualifies the graduates for the Master of Science Degree, either in Architecture or Urban Planning, or a PhD in their chosen specializations. The PhD program in Architecture, was started in the academic year 1424/1425 H.

The Department of Architecture and Building Science self-evaluation exercise showed compatibility with KSU's own Key Performance Indicators that is used for benchmarking similar programs between colleges within the University. KPIs used indicates a comparative index for level of excellence between two similar entities.



Department of Architecture and Building Science Board Meeting

Urban Planning Department

VISION

Leadership in education and dissemination of knowledge in the areas of planning and urban design frameworks and establish positive interaction with the community.

MISSION

To achieve excellence in education and scientific research and the dissemination of knowledge in the areas of urban planning and design, to emphasise the identity and the attachment to the local environment and to provide useful services to the community, and to contribute to the development of the profession through the attainment of an advanced academic environment that meets the requirements of Total Quality

Urban Planning Department

The Department of Urban Planning (DUP) at the College of Architecture and Planning, King Saud University is one of the oldest departments providing urban planning education in Saudi Arabia. It was established in 1984 (1404 AH).

The Department of Urban Planning (DUP) has a long-standing reputation for the delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate education in the field of the urban planning, urban design and real estate development. The first two years in the College of Architecture and Planning are shared by both urban planning and architecture undergraduate programs. This is followed by two-year specialisation courses, in urban planning or urban design.

The postgraduate program provides specialization in urban planning, urban design and real estate development. These specializations are developed in accordance with the university strategic goals of promoting postgraduate studies to respond to the local market demand for professionals in the built environment fields.

DUP's graduates have been playing a leading role in shaping the Saudi built environment. Private practices, as well as government agencies employ DUP's graduates.

The educational process in the Department is led by distinctive teaching staff who received their education in prestigious and high-ranked universities around the world. In addition to their broad and varied experience in teaching and research, their abilities have allowed them to occupy senior positions in government and private organisations. Teaching staff are actively involved in scientific associations, such as the Saudi Umran Society and the Saudi Association of Real Estate Sciences.

DUP is committed to assume a leading position in the area of urban planning and design education. To achieve this aim, the Department believes that there is a need for continuous assessment and development to its capabilities and resources. It has also been working to gain academic accreditation from both local and international agencies. This document explains the steps that have been taken, the current conditions, and the future situation that the Department wishes to achieve.



Department of Urban Planning Board Meeting

College Affairs and Accomplishments

The college will commemorate 50 years of its founding in the month of Dhu Al-Qa'dah,1436, in accordance with the Hijri calendar (September 2015G), but is yet 2 years away according to the Gregorian. However, we will be etching the good name of this College in the history of this University and this country, God willing.

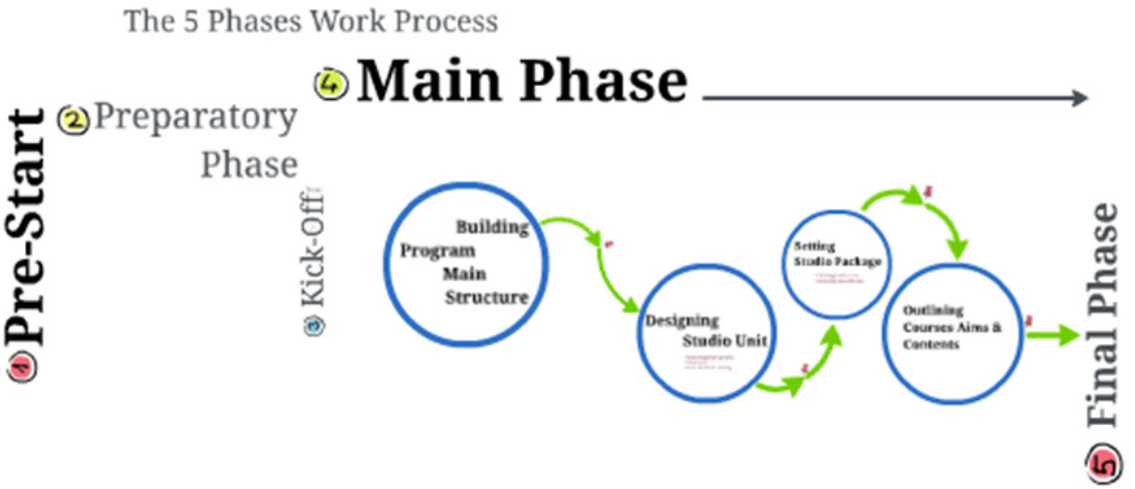
Recent developments in KSU entailed some corrective measures being made in the physical infrastructure and curriculum content deemed essential.

The immediate past year has seen progress and development being made across the board in various facets and in various measures. Several goals have been accomplished while some more objectives are to be realized. The College's main changes, strengths and accomplishments are as follows:

ACADEMIC

Program improvement

- A committee was set up to propose corrective measures for a more condensed Program review.
- The corrective measures undertaken includes :
  - combining the course contents of some strongly related courses, such as Basic Design, be taught in stages in coherence with Arch. Design-1 and Arch. Design-2 consecutively.
- The course names and codes in the new study plan were renamed systematically to perpetuate overall continuity of requisite and pre-requisite courses in the previous and current programs. The changes were made cautiously to ensure those Students that are in transition would not be adversely effected by it. The plan unified core program will take five phases.

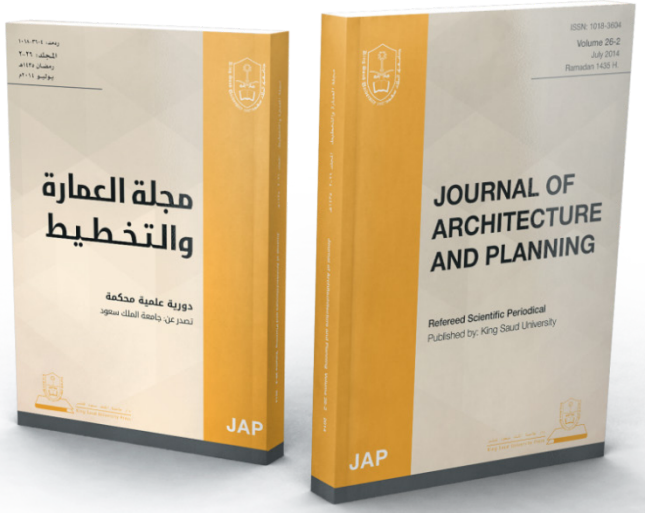


The proposed unified core program

- There is now an active committee overseeing the selection of architectural studio design projects for studio courses. The committee ensures a streamlining on the studio projects to ensure objectives, learning outcomes and continuity and avoid duplication in the design learning process.
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- There is now an active weekly session of public lecture held in the main auditorium of the college throughout the semester. Topics of discourses are universal academic issues and within the realm of architecture, design and the built environment. Invitation to lecture is open to all faculty members and local professionals. Occasionally, well known international experts would appear in between, when the opportunity is presented. Customarily, these weekly lecture sessions provided unique perspectives and enriched students as well as the whole college community.

College Journal

- The journal was recently awarded with a certificate of excellence as the best publication ever produced by the University. The Journal of Architecture & Planning, is peer refereed journal published by the college, has been well acknowledged within the regional academic institutions and others around the world.
- The University printed around about 800-1000 copies with every issue published. Out of this total, about 400 were distributed locally while the remaining copies are distributed to other academic institutions in the Arab region and the rest of the world. The journal is circulated as complimentary copy to every faculty member of this college.
- The editorial board continuously received overwhelming number of articles from within the region as well as from international writers for publication, however many could not make it to the printer. In 2013, the editorial board approved 23% for publication while 77% of articles received were refused. In 2014, the editorial board approved 28% of articles received while the other 72% were unfortunately declined.
- The Journal is indexed in the Google Scholar web search engine and is pending approval with various other online scholarly literature archives and network databases. All previous articles ever published in the journal are available for reference on the web at http://cap.ksu.edu.sa/ar/JAP-Achive
- Congratulation is in order to all members of the editorial board for maintaining the quality of its contents, achieving popularity and making the Journal a success.



Academic Cooperation and Collaborations

- The College has also endorsed academic understanding with well-known Universities from North America and Institutions from Europe and Far East for academic cooperation and benchmarking purposes. A more detailed description is mentioned under “International Cooperation” in the following.
- The college hosted 3 international experts for academic workshop and seminars and for guidance on issues of accreditation.

The principle of International Cooperation was based upon:

- KSU by virtue, has completed a draft agreement for the setting up of “Academic Consortium for Architectural Studies”, between College of Architecture & Urban Planning with several international Universities.
- Establish a joint post-graduate program and joint degree award, with similar College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture.
- Joint supervision of post-graduate thesis.
- Facilitating enrolment of CAP Teaching Assistants for graduate studies.



The signing of MOA between KSU rector and CEO of Snohetta.

- Considering 'visiting scholar program' and 'student exchange program'.
- Cooperation in undertaking research program and advance studies in common areas of interest.
- Exploring mutual experiences in community service
- European countries that recently collaborated in our students summer training include: Italy, Ireland, France, Germany, and Holland.



HE Dean in a meeting with visitors from the US Embassy

Library system update

This is the first College in the University to ever own its in-house reference library with a minimum of 6000 titles from the latest publications and journals related to Architecture, Planning and Urban Design and the Built Environment.



View of the library from the college



Architectural and Planning Collection

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

College Laboratory & Centre for Research

The College is in the process of acquiring a research center in a proper area in Riyadh which will fulfil its purpose and anticipation towards research. The building complex should easily provide a number of new research oriented workrooms. Besides it can also provide space for practical hands-on training purposes for staff and students alike.



Research Center in the South of Riyadh from Google Earth map

Labs & Workshops

The college can boast about its modern studios and smart classrooms, computer labs and the biggest wide-screen 3-D projection room, 3-D printer lab and a range of other labs for academic development in specific areas of building technology and built environment.



View of the large 3-D projection room

The college has also acquired 8 new printer plotters to compliment the new computer workstation labs and will be in service to the whole college community.

The college is in the process of refurbishing the wood-working & milling workshop which was left unattended for quite a long time and hopefully will be useable for students and staff in the coming semester.

The college will also make good use of the various types of machinery that it has had in storage and to relocate in the various workshops.

The college has also completed a new laboratory for computer 'workstations' to complement its strategy in achieving academic quality.

New Staff Computers & Workstations

The college replaced and upgraded the computer hardware for all its faculty members with a new system that is faster and more efficiently space saving, and provided a new chair (Herman Miller design) that is more comfortable to sit, work and probably longer lasting. God willing.



Student representatives meeting in the previous Student Center

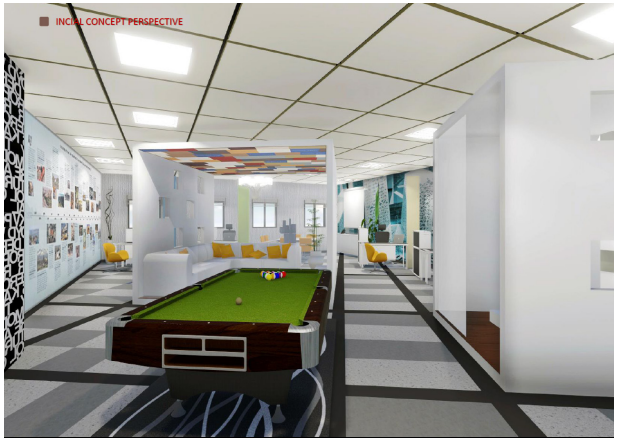
Setting up of the New Student Centre

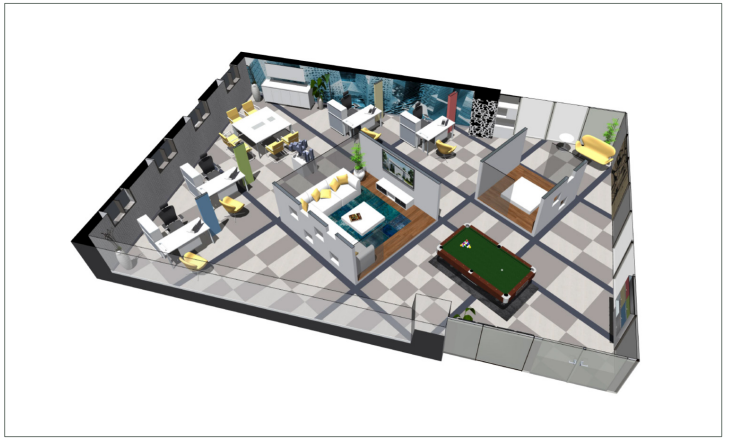
The latest physical change was the setting up of the new Student Centre with all its necessary furniture. It is hoped that this center, will provide the student community with physical and academic life that is more engaged and at the same time, a new space for them to organize their common union activities.



Student representatives meeting in the previous Student Center

Club members work in the design of the 'spaces' to transform the Students' Center into an attractive environment for students.







Proposed spaces in the Student Center

New Cafeteria

- The happening change in the college main atrium lobby was the new management and setup for the café' in the college, called "Coffee Day".

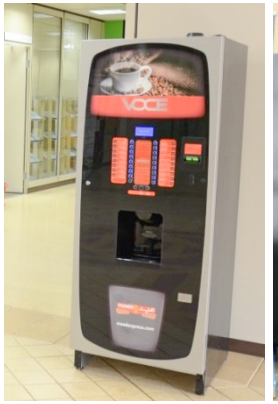


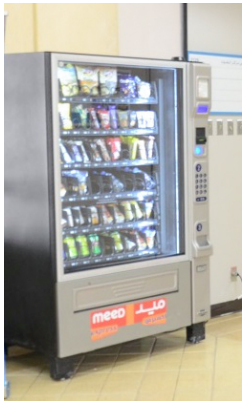


View of the atrium Café' and its opening day

- There are many more new vending machines for food and drink installed around the corridors for more variety and accessibility.

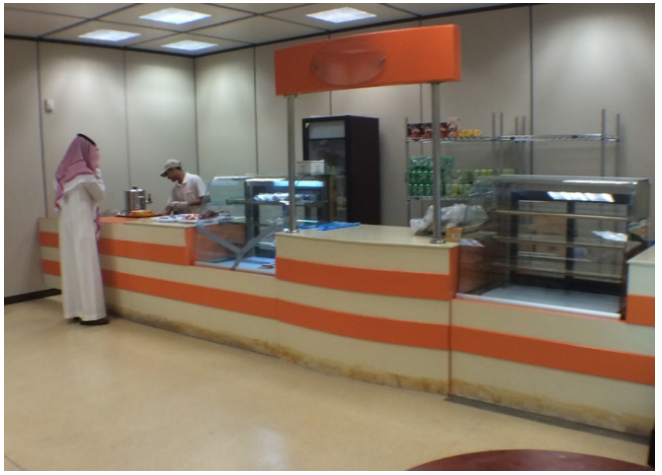






The new vending machines are popular with students

- The additional initiative taken by the Dean to enrich the life of the community in the college, was setting up another refreshment 'space' for an existing coffee/tea/sandwich vendor, as an alternative choice to the huge consumer in the college.





The sandwich shop and eating space in the beautiful central courtyard space

- These refreshment operations are in addition to the various other concessionaires comprising the printing shop, copying and binding shop and stationery shop that proved to be of invaluable service to students and staff alike. InshaaAllah.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Competitions and Participation by Students

The college has made much advances in academic achievements with regards to students' performance. This is proven in the most important academic competitions in recent times. The students reap awards in the international and one in the national category.

1. The Omrania/CSBE Student Award for Excellence in Architectural Design, Amman, Jordan
2. Fourth National Forum Architectural Heritage of His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman Architectural Heritage Award.

Meet the Dean

Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning, Professor Dr. Omar Bin Salem Ba Hammam had an event with the students to hear their voices, and to answer their queries. The meeting was also attended by His Excellency Vice Dean for Graduate Studies and Research Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bahobayl, HE Head of Department Dr. Abdulaziz Abu Suleiman, with HE supervisor of student activities at the college, Dr. Ahmed Toman







The meeting included a prize draw to attend.

The meeting was also attended by some past graduates of the College of Architecture and Planning to relay experiences and guidance concerning life and work after graduation, and most importantly ways to achieve academic excellence, and overcome the pressures of exams and delivery of projects.

The event was co-organized by the students' Cultural and Social Club in cooperation with the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of vice. The event was complemented with a week long exhibition to raise awareness of the harmful effects of drugs, in the lobby. The exhibition includes many of the awareness materials from publications and CDs, posters, and photographs, and models





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Students participating and posing with their winning designs

FACULTY AFFAIRS

Staff Intake

- The College is grateful to the University Central Administration for approving two new faculty members to "patch up" the shortage in faculty members.
- The college is critically in need of more teaching staff and expecting to get approval from the central administration for this.

The establishment of a community service center

- To serve the community and to facilitate communication with various segments of society.
- To perform a bigger role in community service with the existing pool of expertise in the college.

Events and activities

Foreign Guests






The contingent from U.S visiting the Studios and college facilities.



University of Al Ein From Emirates



Welcoming guests to the college





The Dean assured the Ambassador of Norway around the College

Exhibitions

- There were several exhibitions held in the college but the major ones are the exhibitions of the works of following
- a) 'Snohetta' Architectural firm from Norway,
- b) The Saudi Relief Committee for Palestinians.
- c) The exhibition by the Students' Cultural and Social Club in cooperation with the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of vice, to raise awareness of the harmful effects of drugs.



Snohetta exhibition



Architectural Book Fair





KSU rector during the opening ceremony of 'Snohetta' Exhibition





Jury session with external exam



Studio discussion in progress



Studio discussion in progress KSU Career Week

Environmental design competition

An in-house design competition was organized in the college entitled: "Environmental Design" (2/ 1/1436 AH to 10/1/1436 AH)

The aim was to enhance design creativity and competition among the college students for better environmental awareness. The venue for the competition: the Students Center in the college. The number of participants was 650 students, and six students won the nomination, and a committee of six members attended.

Winter Camp : Activity in Dir'iya

A winter camp was organized in the outskirts of the city of Riyadh for two days during which many cultural and social events and competitions were held. Organized by the Cultural and social club of the College of Architecture and Planning in Npan area north of Riyadh for two days, included many events and competitions participated mostly by students of course.

More than 80 employees of the Faculty of Architecture including professors, students and staff participated in a social trip organized by the Social Club. The College trip was attended by Prof. Dr. Ali bin Salem Bahammam, and His Excellency the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Abdullah AlThabt, and HE Supervisor of Student Activities Dr. Ahmed Toman. The outing was energetic with brotherhood, and camaraderie and punctuated with several exciting, cultural and recreational activities. Competition winners were awarded with prizes, and the day ended with a dinner for all participants.

School Visit

A delegation from the third grade students of a local secondary school visited the College of Architecture and Planning in the morning of Monday, 02/16/1436 AH.

They were greeted with a tour of the College , its facilities and shown products of the activity of the college students by HE the Advisor for Student Activities Dr. Ahmed Toman.

The students were shown the workshop and exhibited models from the academic accreditation exercise, the computer labs and virtual reality laboratory and the Department organization charts. They also visited the design studios during the presence of professors and students and listened to a detailed explanation about the study of architecture.

At the conclusion of the visit, the school supervisor Professor Basil Mohammed gave sincere thanks for the warm reception and the warm welcome.





Visitors from the school with the College Supervisor for Student Affairs





Visit to the College of Architecture and Planning, by the third grade students from the local secondary schools and civil education.

Public Lectures

Serial lectures were organized throughout the year to enrich the academic environment in the college. It was held in the main auditorium of the college on alternate weeks throughout the semester. Topics of discourses are universal academic issues and within the realm of architecture, design and the built environment. Invitation to lecture is open to all faculty members and local professionals. Occasionally, well known international experts would appear in between, when the opportunity is presented. Customarily, these weekly lecture sessions provided unique perspectives and enriched students as well as the whole college community.

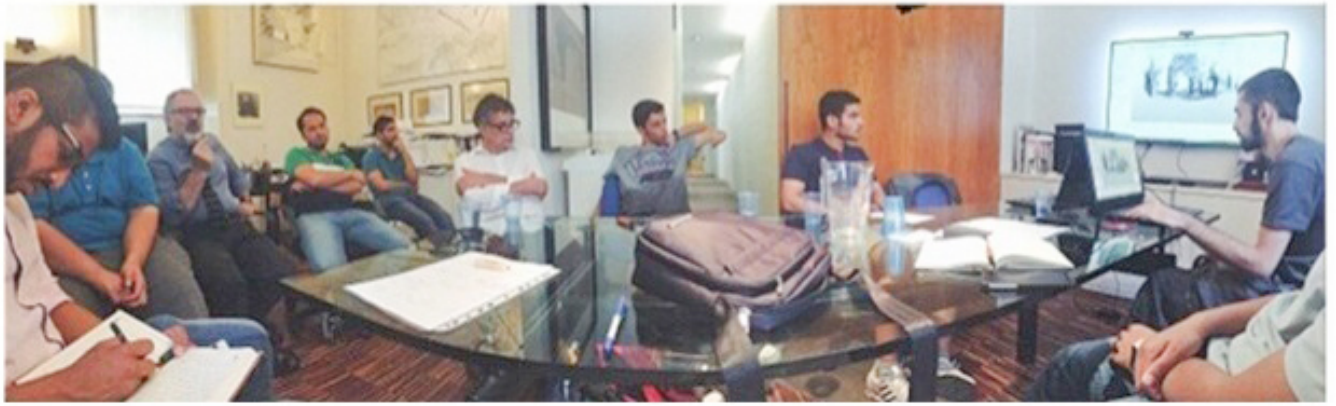


Public Lecture in the college showing some faculty speakers

Students Summer Training

The program requires 60 days of professional training in recognised private offices or public agencies either locally or abroad. In the beginning the program started this international training program to only five countries - Germany, Italy, France, Turkey and Malaysia but has expanded to include Ireland and Holland. Also, there are plans to send students to the United States.

Students spend their training period in the prestigious offices under supervision of highly qualified architects with the accompaniment of a faculty member as a professional training supervisor. Students have to provide







a written report detailing their experience during whole summer training for evaluation.

In the last summer there were three groups of students participated in the summer-training. One group made their training in Italy and the other two groups in Germany.

In Italy the students had an attachment with “Studio Schiatella”. Overall, their activities included visits to various important architectural monuments and historical sites in Rome and Vatican City. Students had exposure to such important architectural wonders like the Pantheon, Coliseum, Spanish Steps, Navorna Square, the King Fahd Jameq Mosque in Rome and many others. They also attended lectures in ‘Restoration of Buildings’ arranged by the host.





Studio schiattarella Italy.

In Germany, the student experiences were also magnificent. They had experiences with the office of 'LAVA Laboratory for Visionary Architecture' and the office of 'Rush Engineering' which designed the Clock on top of the Burj AlBait in Mekkah. This group of students travelled to visit landmarks and museums in Stuttgart and Munich. Architectural landmarks visited were the Stuttgart Museum of Modern Art, the Mercedes Benz Museum, The BMW Museum, Le Corbusier Buildings, the Munich Olympic Stadium and the office of Frei Otto the Architect. In Germany, the students were also given an exercise in design by the host office. Overall it was a successful Summer Training for the students, while for the College, in its initiatives in making such opportunities available.

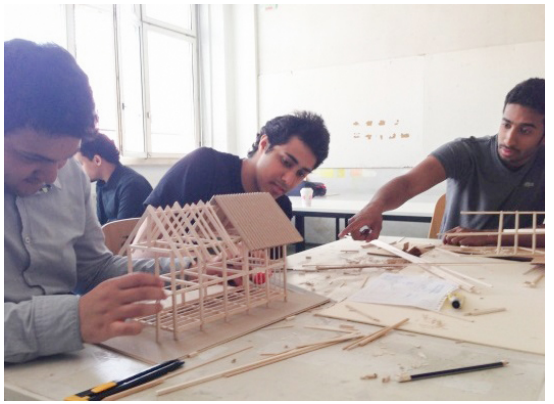






LAVA Laboratory Germany







Summer training in foreign office ; Stuttgart Germany

College Target for the year 2015-2016

Additional to what has been done, the main target is to transform the College from knowledge based to a research based entity, and at the same time to provide opportunity for leadership and excellence. The College will tread on new academic framework, on research and professional interactivity, from local, regional and onwards to global networking.

It is our believe that in order to advance and move forward the synergic cooperation between all participants and stake holders in the College, as usual, will lead us to achieve excellency. God willing, with full backing from university as always, we will challenge the odds to accomplish our desire to gain our set targets:

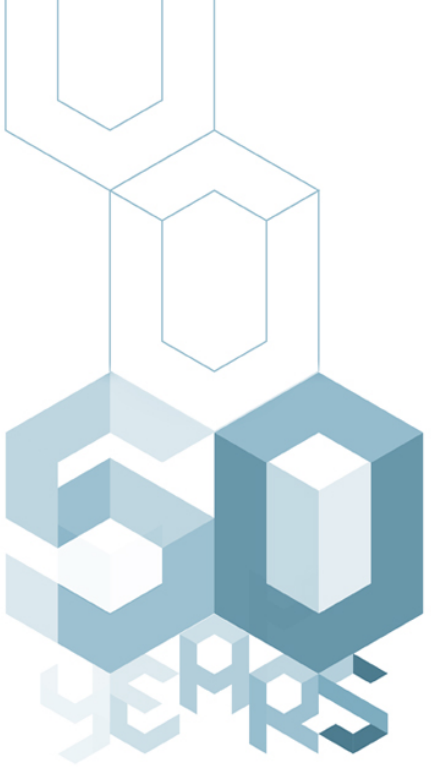
- Excellence in acquired knowledge and produce high class research.
- Active involvement at university level extra-curricular activities and programs and participating or contributing more effectively in academic or scientific domains.
- Collaborations in scientific endeavors with some of the world's most prestigious universities.



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