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AIESEC BU Progress

The AIESEC BU Local Chapter (LC) has been selected to represent the AIESEC National Committee at the Annual Career Fair 2003 (date to be announced later) jointly with the AIESEC partners in Bangladesh.

Academic Involvement

Dr. Zainab F. Ali and Dr. Fuad H. Mallick have edited a special issue of the Open House International (Vol. 21 No. 3), an internationally refereed journal on the 'Architecture of Development', in September 2003. The journal is published from development Planning Unit, University College London. The copy is available in the BU library.

BU JOURNAL CALL FOR PAPERS

BRAC University Journal (BUJ) is inviting academics, experts, and practitioners in various fields to send scholarly papers pertaining to cultivation of knowledge for possible publication on 14th April 2004 with the 3rd Anniversary Celebration of BU. Articles are encouraged from fields including anthropology, agriculture, architecture, basic sciences, economics, education, engineering, international relations, management, political science, psychology, sociology, and related areas. Details are available at BU website www.bracuniversity.ac.bd

New BU Cafeteria

Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU opened the new BU Cafeteria on September 28, 2003. The Cafeteria, located in the ground floor of the University Building (UB) has a seating capacity for 150 students, teachers and administrative staff at any given time. The Cafeteria also has facilities for playing Table Tennis and Carom Board.

Academic Council Meeting

The 9th Academic Council (AC) Meeting was held in BU Conference Room on September 24, 2003. The meeting reviewed the progress of implementations of decisions taken in the 8th AC meeting and deliberated on the issues raised in the 9th AC Meeting. The Meeting was chaired by Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU.

Makeup Final Exam

The makeup final exams of the Summer Semester 2003, began on September 24 and ended on September 28, 2003.

Articles Published

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Assistant Professor of the Architecture Department has had two of his articles published in The Daily Star. The articles are: "Mass transit-- a solution to urban cholesterol", published on September 23, 2003 and "Why can't we manage our city?", published on August 29, 2003.

Mafruha Mohua Leaves for Higher Studies

Mafruha Mohua, Lecturer, Department of English, left for the U.K. on September 17, 2003 to pursue an M. Phil. Degree in English Literature at King's College, U.K.

VC Visits Turkey

A 4-member delegation of the Government of Bangladesh, led by the Minister for Disaster Management and Relief, visited Turkey from September 17 to 22. The purpose of the visit was to exchange views and acquire knowledge about the techniques of reduction of earthquake vulnerability. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU, was a member of the delegation. The VC left for Turkey on September 16 and returned on September 23, 2003.

Fall Semester Begins

The Fall Semester, 2003 of BU commenced from September 14, 2003. This semester, a total of 169 new students have been enrolled in the departments of Computer Science & Engineering, Management & Business, Economics & Social Sciences, English & Humanities and Architecture.

Foundation Semester Orientation

All activities of the Orientation Day of the Foundation Semester, Fall 2003 were conducted satisfactorily on September 13, 2003. In all, 169 students reported to Training & Resources Centre, BRAC, Savar of which 58 are female and 111 are male students. The impressive Orientation Dinner, in the Markuli Hall, was attended by Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU, Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, MGB, Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Director, Training Division, BRAC, Dr. Y M Islam, Chair, CSE, Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chair, ARC, Ms. Shreyasee S Pati, Assistant Registrar, Ms. Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Student Affairs Officer, Mr. M Nazim Uddin, Deputy Librarian, Mr. Syed Waliul Islam, OIC TARC, Registrar, BU, Mr. M Salimullah, Campus Superintendent, Assistant Campus Super, HouseTutors, and the TARC Officers involved with the Foundation Semester.

Teacher Development Workshop

The BU Teacher Development Workshop was held at the BRAC Centre Inn, from September 8 to September 10, 2003. Twenty-two new teachers attended the three-day workshop. The Workshop Program was developed by Professor S M Islam, Visiting Professor, Department of English, BU.

Orientation Program, Fall 2003

The Orientation Program for the new students (fall semester, 2003) was held at the BRAC Center Inn on September 7, 2003. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU addressed the students and their parents. The Registrar also spoke on "BU Environment, Culture and Facilities". Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson of the Department of Management & Business (MGB) explained the Academic Rules of BU. Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Chairperson, Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) discussed the Concept & Method of Study in BU. The inauguration session was followed by a get-together arranged for the new students, their parents, the teachers and the administrative staff of BU. The students then went to their respective Departments where they were welcomed by the Department Chairpersons and were introduced to the Department, Course Curriculum and the Facilities.

Orientation Program

The Orientation Program for the new batch of MBA students for Fall Semester 2003 was held on September 7, 2003. Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson of the Department of MGB gave an introduction to the Mission

and Goals of the Department and of the MBA Program. He informed that the skill based MBA Program of BU emphasizes development of communication skills, team building skills and application of theories to practice which are essential for the success of the MBAs in their career. Mr. Mahmudul Haq, MBA Program-in-Charge explained the MBA Curriculum and Academic System.

Grade Sheet of Summer Semester, 2003

The Grade sheets of Summer Semester, 2003 were distributed to the students on September 4, 2003.

Students Participate in Design Competition

Alliance Francaise de Dacca organized a national-level architectural design competition on Futuristic Living, titled "Imagine a Living Complex in Dhanmondi Residential Area, year 2020" last month. A total of 12 design entries were submitted from BUET, Khulna University, Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology and BRAC University. BUET and Khulna University students received the first, second and third prizes. Students of the Department of Architecture, BRAC University, submitted 3 design ideas, and received certificates of appreciation. The exhibition continued from the 4th to the 25th September.

Advising and Registration for Fall 2003

Advising and the registration of the students for Fall 2003 took place from September 4 till September 11, 2003.

Articles Published in Journal

Open House International, a journal, published two articles by the department faculties in Vol.28, no.3, 2003. The articles are: "Quest for Regionalist Architecture in Bangladesh", K. Iftekhar Ahmed and "Local Resources and Participation in Design: Two Projects in Bangladesh" by Jalal Ahmed, Fuad H. Mallick and A Q M Abdullah. Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson and Dr. Zainab F Ali, Associate Professor of Architecture Department, BU were also the Guest Editors for this issue. They are the regular members of the Board of Editors for the journal.

Dr. Hakim Joins BU

Dr. Leonardo David Hakim has a rich experience in teaching and economic development. In his career as an economist he has worked as advisor and consultant to the World Bank in pension and banking reform, was senior economist for the Inter-American Development Bank, for financial regulators and for international commercial banks. He was an Adjunct Professor of economics at the George Washington University and lecturer in economic development, macroeconomics and finance for universities in Chile, Philippines and for the World Bank Institute. Dr. Hakim, a U.S. citizen, was born in Chile. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from The George Washington University, USA and did his Masters in Economics from Yale University, USA. He did his undergraduate studies at the Universidad de Chile. He is in Bangladesh to do research on poverty reduction, to teach, and to join his wife, the new Country Director of the World Bank in Bangladesh. Dr. Hakim joined BU, as a full-time Professor in the Department of Economics & Social Sciences, on September 1, 2003.

New Lecturers Join BU:

The teachers who have joined BU since the 15th of September are:

FACULTY MEMBERS

- i) Dr. Rehana Bari , Ph.D, (Mathematics)
- ii) Dr. Shamim Firdaus Karim (Sociology)
- iii) Dr. Golam Mohammad Bhuiyan (Physics)
- iv) Ms. Rafa Absar (Computer Science)

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- i) Mr. Rezwannur Rahman (Mathematics and Natural Science)
- ii) Mr. Mo. Wahadoszamen (Mathematics and Natural Science)
- iii) Md. Jakir Hossain (Mathematics and Natural Science)
- iv) Md. Moshir Rahman (Mathematics and Natural Science)
- v) Mr. Mozzem Hossain (Mathematics and Natural Science)
- vi) Mr. Abdul Wohab (Sociology)