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Seventh Meeting of the Equivalence Committee

Professor Iqbal Mahmud, Chair of the Equivalence Committee, chaired the 7th Meeting of the BU Equivalence Committee in BU Conference Room on February 29, 2004. The Meeting confirmed the Minutes of the 6th Meeting and reviewed the applications of undergraduate and graduate students for credit transfer.

MNS Seminar

Department of Mathematics & Natural Science (MNS) organized a seminar on "Computerization of Focused Impedance Measurement (FIM) System for Cardiac Investigations" Mr. Rezwanur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics and Natural Science of BRAC University was the key note speaker. The seminar was held on February 26, 2004.

MBA Forum visit Garment Factory

A group of 17 students from BU MBA forum visited the factory premises of Fashrobe Garments Ltd. on February 26, 2004. The Advisor of the forum Miss. Farzana Choudhury, Faculty Member of Department of Management & Business (MGB) accompanied the team. The objective of the visit was to familiarize the members of BU MBA Forum with the corporate world and to have practical focus of production process and management of production in the factory layout.

Faculty Members of BU attend Conference in Singapore

Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Assistant Professor and Mr. A Q M Abdullah, Lecturer, Department of Architecture, BU attended the First International Tropical Architecture Conference 2004 in Singapore on February 26-28, 2004. A total of 150 delegates from 30 countries attended the conference. The two faculty members from BRAC University were the only participants from South Asia in the conference. They presented a paper: "In search for a Habitable Urban Space-built Ratio: A Case Study of Building and Planning Regulation in Dhaka City", jointly authored by Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman, Jalal Ahmed, Fuad H Mallick and A Q M Abdullah. The delegates of the conference enthusiastically interacted with the presenters from BU and were delighted to learn about the new university in Bangladesh.

Visit to European Standard School

As a part of the visit program in different schools and colleges, a presentation session on BRAC University was organized for the A level students of European Standard School on February 25, 2004. The BU team headed by Professor Fuad H. Mallick, Chairperson, Architecture Department and Dr. Shadeen Malik, Director, School of Law actively interacted with the students and presented the programs offered by BU. The other members of the team also participated in answering the student's queries regarding scholarship, credit transfer etc. Professor Nurul Islam Principal, European Standard School briefed the students about different activities of BRAC and BRAC University. The other members of the BU team were Ms. Sadia Hamid Qazi, Lecturer CSE, Mr. Ezaz Ahmed, Lecturer, MGB, Ms. Shuchi Karim, Lecturer English and Ms. Shamsun Nahar Rahman, Student Affairs Officer.

Professor Firdous Azim attend Conference

Professor Firdous Azim, Chairperson, Department of English and Humanities (ENH), attended a conference on "Cultural Studies in Asia: New Pedagogic Possibilities" held in Bangalore, India, from the 23rd to the 25th of February 23 to 25, 2004. The conference was a part of the network of Inter-Asian Cultural Studies

and was hosted by the Centre of Social and Cultural Studies (CSCS) based in Bangalore. Professor Firdous Azim chaired a panel discussion on "Cultural Hegemonies: The Asian Experience".

Angan Events

Angan Student Lecture 1: 'Frank Lloyd Wright' was held in the Department of Architecture on February 23, 2004. Dr. Zainab F. Ali conducted the lecture. Nesfun Nahar, Iftekhar Ahmed and Shams M. Ghani, Lecturers of the department participated in the discussions on the work of one of the masters of modern architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright. Students and teachers of the department of architecture attended the event.

Angan Poster Series 1: 'Curzon Hall' was inaugurated on February 19, 2004, on the 100th anniversary of the Curzon Hall, Dhaka. Md. Nafisur Rahman [Junior 1] and Raihan Alamgir Lukan [Sophomore 2] prepared the poster. This is the first one in a series of posters to be published by the students of the department of architecture on buildings and sites of Bangladesh of architectural importance. Each publication is followed by a discussion on the building/site participated by the teachers and students of the department.

BUPC Festival 2004

BRAC University Photography Club (BUPC) organized its yearly events on 23rd February 23, 2004, at BU Cafeteria. BU Treasurer Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Treasurer, BU inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest. Photography Exhibition, Photo contest and workshop certificate distribution were the other activities.

National Heritage Forum Join Probhat Ferry

A group of students and faculty of BU led by Dr. Q M Zaman, Faculty Member, Architecture and Ms. Shreyasee Sarma Pati, Assistant Registrar, Advisers of the Heritage Forum, BU went to the Shaheed Minar on February 21, 2004 and laid down a floral wreath on the base of the Shaheed Minar. Ekushey 2004, Probhat Ferry

ARC Seminar

The Department of Architecture organized a seminar on "Evaluation of shopping street: conflict and compatibility" on February 19, 2004.

Editorial Board Meeting

A meeting of the BU Journal Editorial Board was held on February 17, 2004. The Meeting reviewed the manuscripts and discussed issues related to publication of the first issue of BU Journal within the dateline.

Meeting of FSPIC

A meeting of the Foundation Semester Planning and Implementation Committee (FSPIC) was held on February 15, 2004 to prepare plan for the Spring 2004 Residential Program. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the meeting. Members of the Committee and concerned faculty members and officers attended the meeting.

BU President Chair Health Workshop

A daylong workshop on "Home Fortification of Weaning Food with Sprinkles: A New Strategy to Control Iron Deficiency Anemia among Infants and Young Children" was held at BRAC Centre on February 11, 2004. It

was jointly organized by BRAC and the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN). The workshop reviewed the interventions for controlling iron deficiency anemia among children, shared experiences of the on-going sprinkles project and formulated a strategy of home fortification to improve iron and other micronutrient contents of weaning foods in Bangladesh. Mr. F. H. Abed, Chairperson of BRAC and President, Governing Board, BU chaired the first session of the workshop. Special guests included Professor Mizanur Rahman, Director General of Health Services, Dr. Salina Ahsan, Joint Secretary of the World Health Organization and Public Health, and Dr. Stanley Zlotkin, Head of the Department of GI/Nutrition at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. The workshop was sponsored by The Micronutrient Initiative Bangladesh and the Hospital for Sick Children. Keynote speaker Professor Stanley Zlotkin gave an exhaustive and informative presentation on the new sprinkles strategy, which has been endorsed by Professor Mizanur Rahman, Director General of Health Services. Mr. F H Abed recommended that public communication of the strategy and social mobilization take place as fast as possible. He also suggested that Professor Zlotkin develop a similar home-based iron deficiency remedy for women of reproductive age.

MGB-ESS Workshop

The Departments of Management & Business (MGB) and Economics & Social Science (ESS) jointly organized an in-house workshop on Modern Research Techniques & Knowledge Sharing on February 10, 12 & 15, 2004. Mr. Mahmudul Haq, Senior Lecturer, MGB and Mr. Tanzir Ahmed Chowdhury, Lecturer ESS conducted the sessions. Faculty members of MGB participated in the workshop.

Make UP Final Exams

The Make-up Final exams of Fall Semester 2004 were held between February 9 and 15, 2004.

Semester Begins

Classes of Spring Semester 2004 started from February 8, 2004.

Orientation Program Held

The Orientation Program for new students of Spring Semester, 2004 was held in BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium on February 7, 2004. Professor J R Choudhury VC, BU welcomed the students and introduced BRAC and BU to the students and the parents attending the session. The program included a presentation on BU Environment, Culture and Facilities by The Registrar, BU and a presentation on the BU Academic Rules & Regulations conducted by Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson Department of MGB. The Chairpersons of the respective Departments later introduced the students to the concerned Departments and the Course Curriculum. The session also included a get-together of the students, parents, faculty members and administrative staff.

New Faculties Join BU

Dr Nazrul Islam joined the Department of MGB Dept. as Associate Professor on February 1, 2004. Dr. Islam did his MBA and Ph.D. from AIT, Bangkok and was the Head of the Department of Business Administration in Khulna University before joining BU.

Ms. Bipasha Binte Haque joined English Department as Lecturer on February 7, 2004. She did her Masters in English Literature from Dhaka University and obtained a second Masters in English Language Studies and Methods from University of Warwick, UK.

Eid-ul Azha Recess

The five-day recess on account of Eid-ul-Azha started on February 1 and ended on February 5, 2004.

Visit Abroad

Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson, Department of MGB visited a number of business schools in USA during the month of February, 2004 and had meetings with the Deans on credit transfer of BU students, faculty exchange, acceptance of visiting doctoral students of BU, supervision of doctoral students, registration in online MBA courses and offering of online courses for BU students. The Business Schools of Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, St. Xavier University in Chicago, Suffolk University in Boston and University of Texas at Dallas on principle agreed to credit transfers and to one or more of the other collaborations stated above.

Publication

Three of the faculty members of the MGB department, Ms. Sawlat Hilmi Zaman, Ms. Rumana Liza Anam and Mr. Md. Shawkat Kamal, have written case-studies which were published by South Asian Enterprise Development Facilities (SEDF) and Center for Business Development Studies (CBDS) this February in a book, Management Cases - A Bangladesh Experience. The book contains several other management cases.

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