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Grade Sheet of Spring Semester

The Grade sheets of Spring Semester 2002 were distributed to the students from June 30, 2002 to 3 July, 2002.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

A meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the post of Lecturers of Department of English was held in the Conference Room of the BU on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Treasurer, BU, Professor Niaz Zaman, Dhaka University, Professor Kaiser Md. Hamidul Haque, Dhaka University and Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Dhaka University were present in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BU. The Committee approved a list of teachers for appointment in the Department of English of BU.

Seminar on "Integrated Resource Planning to Address Power Crises"

BU organized a seminar on "Integrated Resource Planning to Address Crises" in the Seminar Room of BU on Sunday June 23, 2002. Dr. Amulya K N Reddy, former President, International Energy Initiative and former Dean of Faculty of Science, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, read out a paper in the seminar. Reputed academics, researchers and policy makers on energy issue attended the seminar. Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the session.

Spring Semester End Exam

The final exams of Spring Semester 2002 of BU began on June 18, 2002 and ended on June 25, 2002.

Meeting of The Academic Council

The 4th Meeting of the Academic Council of BU was held in the BU Conference Room on Monday June 10, 2002. Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the Meeting. The meeting besides taking decisions on some academic issues also approved the Master of Computer Application (MCA) and Master of Development Studies (MDS) programs for submission to University Grants Commission (UGC) for approval.

Admission Test- MBA 2002

Admission Test for MBA (Masters of Business Administration) will be held on July 12, 2002. The MBA program of BU is a skilled based, 60- credit (20 courses and an internship) two-year full time program. The selected students will join the Fall Semester-2002 starting from September 2002.

Foundation Course for Ibrahim Medical College (IMC)

Based on a collaborative arrangement between BU and IMC, fifty one students of IMC (1st Course) are currently enrolled in Summer Semester- 2002. The students are taking the ENG 100, Foundation Course and CSE 103, Introduction to Computer Science. These are 3-credit courses, offered by the Department of English and the Department of Computer Science & Engineering of BU. The Classes started on June 17, 2002.

Exam Preparatory Recess

The classes of Spring Semester, 2002 ended on June 13, 2002. The students are now having exam preparatory recess. The end of the semester exam will start on June 18 and finish on June 25, 2002.

President, Governing Board attended IDS Meeting

Mr. F H Abed Chairperson BRAC and President, BRAC University Governing Board (GB) attended the annual Governing Body meeting of Institute of Development Studies (IDS) held in Sussex, UK on June 12, 2002. Mr. Abed is a member of the Governing Board of IDS.

Workshop on BRAC University

A workshop on "BRAC University - mission and goals" was held at BRAC Centre for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur from June 6 to June 8, 2002. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Cole P Dodge, former Country Director of UNICEF, Bangladesh. Dr. G S Fakir, Director, Training Division, BRAC acted as the Co-facilitator. The workshop ended with the formation of BRAC University Initiative for Learning and Development (BUILD). The members of BUILD are Professor J R Choudhury, Vice Chancellor, BU, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC, Dr. Yousuf M Islam, Chair, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BU, Mr. M Mahfuzul Bari Chowdhury, Senior Faculty Member, Training Division, BRAC, Ms. Sonia Akter, Lecturer Economics, BU, Ms. Lima Choudhury, Student Affairs and Coordination Officer, BU, Ms. Shreyasee Sharma Pati, Assistant Registrar, BU, Ms. Farzana Choudhry, Lecturer Management & Business, BU, Dr. Imran Matin, Research Economist, BRAC, Professor M Nurul Islam, Chair, Department of Mathematics & Natural Science, BU, Dr. Mohammad Rafi, Senior Research Sociologist, BRAC, Professor Abdur Rab, Chair, Department of Management and Business, BU, Dr. A A Ziauddin Ahmad, Department of Physics, BU, Dr. Fuad Hasan Mallick, Chair, Department of Architecture, BU, Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, Department of English, Dhaka University and Major General (Retired) Muhammad Sahool Afzal, Registrar, BU. BUILD will conduct research and re-define the long term mission and goals of BU keeping in view the global, regional and national academic environment.

Professor Balkrishna V. Doshi visits Department of Architecture

The world-renowned Indian architect and educator Professor Balkrishna V. Doshi visited the Architecture Department on June 5, 2002. He went around the Studio and saw the students' works. He talked to the students about their work and about architecture. Professor Doshi also wrote out a message with his sketches for the students on an 8 feet long board. He was accompanied by his colleague Architect Rajeev Kathpalia. In response to a request by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Doshi has kindly agreed to be an advisor to BU for the development of the curriculum in architecture and has assured collaboration with his organization the Vastu Shilpa Foundation based in Ahmedabad, India.

MSc in CSE Approved

The University Grants Commission (UGC) approval for conducting MSc and M Engg programs in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) has been received on June 5, 2002. The department of CSE may start their courses at an appropriate time.

Visit to BRAC University by AIT Team

Professor H Paul, Dean of School of Management, AIT and Dr. M Nazrul Islam, Coordinator, Management of Technology Program, AIT visited BU on June 4 and 5, 2002 and had meetings with VC, BU and Professor A Rab, Chairperson of Department of Management & Business, BU. The meetings explored the probable areas of collaboration between the two institutions.

AUW Team Visits BRAC University

A five-member Planning committee for the Asian University of Women (AUW) visited BU on June 01, 2002 and met the VC. Mr. Will Reed, Vice President of Wellesley College, Wellesley, USA leads the team. The other members of the team are Dr. David Fraser, former President of Swarthmore College, USA, Ms. Beverley Reed, former Vice President of Pathfinder International, Mr. Douglas Wright, an Architect with B Five Studios, New York, USA and Mr. Osman Yousuf, Vice Chairman, US-Bangladesh Partnership, Virginia, USA. BU has been proposed to be the Asian Secretariat of AUW.

Study Tour-Department of Architecture

The faculty and students of architecture went on a daylong study trip to Sonargaon on June 1, 2002 as part of their class project for ARC101: Design I. They visited the Folk Art Museum there and made a tour of the historic Panam Nagar. Panam Nagar consists of a mile long street with houses on either side and is referred to as the first urban settlement of the region. Built around mid 19th century these houses belonged to rich Hindu merchants of the region and are now almost in ruins. Builders and craftsmen were brought from Kolkata and the houses display a rich blend of European and Sub continental building traditions. The students went round these houses and recorded their observations through sketches.

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