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New Faculty members at BU

The teachers who have joined BU since July, 2002 are:

Department of Architecture:

- i) Mr. Abul Quasem Md. Abdullah, BSc (Arch), BUET
- ii) Mr. Hafizul Hasan, BSc (Arch), BUET

Department of CSE:

- i) Mr. Javed Hasan, BSc (CSE), BUET, MSc (Applied Science & IT), Australia
- ii) Mr. A S M Zillur Rahman, BSc (CSE), BUET
- iii) Mr. Risat Mahmud Pathan, BSc (CS), NSU
- iv) Mr. Ashfaq Rahman, BSc (CSE), BUET
- v) Mr. Shafquat Rahman, BSc (CSE), BUET
- vi) Ms. Amena Hasan Abedin, BSc (EEE), BUET
- vii) Ms. Afroza Sultana, BSc (CS), NSU
- viii) Mr. Mahady Hasan, BSc (CS), IUB

Department of Economics & Social Science:

- i) Ms. Nadia Rawshan, MSS (Economics), DU
- ii) Mr. Adnan Al Wahid, MSS (Economics), DU

Department of English:

- i) Ms. Sohana Manzoor, MA (English), DU
- ii) Ms. Afia Arafat, MA (English), DU
- iii) Ms. Faria Tofail, MA (English), DU
- iv) Ms. Nazia Husain, MA (English), DU
- v) Ms. Ruhma Khalil Choudhury, MA (English), DU, MA (English), USA

Department of Management & Business:

- i) Ms. Sawlat Hilmi Zaman, MBA, IBA, DU

Department of Mathematics & Natural Science:

- i) Mr. Kazi Aminur Rahman, MSc in Mathematics, DU
- ii) Mr. Mozzem Hossain, MSc in Mathematics, DU
- iii) Mr. Md. Moshir Rahman, MSc in Mathematics, DU
- iv) Mr. Md. Jakir Hossen, MSc in Mathematics, DU
- v) Mr. Rezwanur Rahman, MSc in Physics, DU
- vi) Mr. Wahaduzzaman, MSc in Physics, DU
- vii) Ms. Shemin Hasna Kalam, MSc in Applied Physics and Electronics, DU

BU Faculty's Paper Published in International Conference Proceedings

A paper titled "Architecture of Light: Louis I. Kahn's National Assembly Building, Dhaka" by Dr. Zainab F. Ali of the Department of Architecture, BRAC University has been published in the "Design with the Environment" Proceedings of the 19th International Conference of PLEA (Passive and Low Energy Architecture) held at Toulouse, France in July 2002. The PLEA conference is the largest held on the subject of Low Energy Architecture.

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Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 2nd meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the post of Lecturers of Department of Management and Business was held at the Conference Room of BU on July 28, 2002 at 3:00 P.M. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Treasurer, BU, Professor Nurur Rahman, IBA, Dhaka University, Professor Abdur Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management and Business, BU 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 Management and Business of BU.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 2nd meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the post of Lecturers for the Department of Economics was held at the Conference Room of BU at 3:00 P.M. on July 25, 2002. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by Professor Mohammad Masum, Department of Economics, Jahangirnagar University, Professor Shamsuddin Ahmed, Department of Economics, Dhaka University, Professor A Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management & Business, BU, Professor M Husain, Chairperson, Department of Economics & Social Science, BU and Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC & Treasurer BU. The Committee approved a list of teachers for appointment in the Department of Economics of BU.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 2nd meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the post of lecturers for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) was held in the Conference Room of BU at 3:00 P.M. on July 24, 2002. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Treasurer, BU, Dr. L Haque, Chair, Department of Computer Science, North South University and Dr. Yousuf M Islam Chairperson, Department of CSE, BU were present in the meeting. Professor J R Choudhury, VC, BU chaired the meeting. The Committee approved a list of teachers for appointment in the Department of CSE of BU.

Meeting of the Selection Committee

The 1st meeting of the Selection Committee of BU for the post of lecturers for the Department of Architecture was held in the Conference Room of BU at 3:00 P.M. on July 22, 2002. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Treasurer, BU, Professor Khairul Enam, BUET, Dr. Abu Sayeed Mustaque Ahmad, University of Asia Pacific, Dr. Fuad H Mallick, Chairperson, Department of Architecture, BU were present in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Prof. J R Choudhury, VC, BU. The Committee approved a list of teachers for appointment in the Department of Architecture, BU.

MBA Course Orientation

The Orientation Program for MBA (2nd Course) students was held on July 21, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC welcomed the new students. This was followed by the Registrar's presentation on BU. Professor A. Rab, Chairperson, Department of Management & Business briefed the new students on the Mission, Objectives and Programs of the Department. A visit to the different facilities and buildings of BU followed. Teachers, administrative staff and the MBA students attended the Program.

BU-BRAC Synergy Program

An informal discussion [session](#) on BU- its mission and goals was held in BU Seminar Room on July 21, 2002 at 3:30 P.M. The objective of the program was to create a scope for free exchange of ideas between BRAC top executives, senior managers and BU VC and Chairpersons of the Departments. 34 senior Executives of BRAC attended the program. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, DED, BRAC and Mr. M Enamul Haq Choudhury, MD, BRAC Bank also attended the program.

Seminar on "Maternity and Women's Writing: Cross-Cultural Perspective"

The Department of English, BU organized a seminar on "Maternity and Women's Writing: Cross-Cultural Perspectives" at the University auditorium on July 18, 2002 . A talk was given at the seminar by Dr. Radha Chakravarti, Reader in the Department of English, Gargi College, Delhi University, India. The Seminar was held as part of an effort to introduce feminist and post-colonial readings of literary texts and it was hoped that many such seminars would follow.

Photography Exhibition

BRAC University Photography Club organized a three daylong photo exhibition from 13-15 July, 2002 at BRAC University campus. Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BU inaugurated the exhibition. A total of 35 photographs taken by 8 students of various departments were put on display. The students who participated were Tareq Hadi, Mushfiqur Rahamn, Ikhtiar Mohammad, Shah M Azlan, Md. Toufic Hossain, Shoeb Ahmed, Jakir Hosain, Md. Nafisur Rahman. Md. Toufic Hossain was awarded the First Prize. Iftikhar Mohammad and Shoeb Ahmed won the Second and Third Prizes respectively.

Workshop on BU

The second workshop of BRAC University Initiative for Learning and Development (BUILD) was held at BRAC Center for Development Management (BCDM), Rajendrapur from 11-13 July, 2002. Mr. Cole P Dodge, former Country Director of UNICEF, Bangladesh, facilitated the workshop. All members of BUILD other than Professor S M Islam and Dr. G S Fakir attended the workshop. Professor S M Islam and Dr. G S Fakir are currently visiting UK and USA.

ANGAN, Department of Architecture Conducts Summer Study Tours

The second summer Study Tour of Angan was of a building under construction, named the 'Novo theater Project' Architect Ali Imam, of the Department of Architecture, Ministry of Public Works who is the architect of the building talked about the project to the students at the site on July 25, 2002. The building has various spaces, including a large planetarium covered by a geodesic dome. The students also had an opportunity to observe the various structural systems of the building and the methods of construction.

ANGAN Visits Fine Arts Building

Angan conducted a Study Tour on July 10, 2002 of The Institute of Fine Arts Building, Dhaka University (formerly known as The Art College) designed by Architect Muzharul Islam in 1953. Students and the faculty of the Department of Architecture had the opportunity to visit the institute and its garden-like surroundings, which is a successful example of a modern building that respects its site and culture well.

Dr. Mushtaque Joins Columbia University

Dr. Ahmad Mushtaque Raza Choudhury, DED, BRAC and a member of BU Academic Council left BRAC on July 6, 2002 to join Columbia University, USA as a Visiting Professor at the Mailman School of Public Health.

He will serve as a Principal Investigator of activities related to the Global Equity Gauge Alliance (GEGA). He will also explore opportunities for designing training programs to respond to the technical needs of global health initiatives.

Orientation Program

The three-day Orientation program for new students (Fall Semester, 2002) was inaugurated by Professor J. R. Choudhury, VC, BU in BRAC Center Inn on July 7, 2002. The program included an address by the VC, introduction to BU by the Registrar and the introduction to the Departments of BU by the Chairpersons of the Departments. The inauguration session was followed by a get-together arranged for the new students, teachers and administrative staff of BU.

Registration

The new students of Fall Semester, 2002 completed their registration on July 6, 2002. A total of 207 new students have enrolled for the Fall Semester 2002.

6th GB Meeting

The 6th Meeting of the Governing Board (GB), BU was held in the Conference Room, BU on July 4, 2002 at 3 P.M. Mr. F. H. Abed, Chairperson, BRAC and President GB, BU chaired the meeting.

Professor Firdous Azim Joins BU

Professor Firdous Azim completed her MA in English from Dhaka University in 1976. She received her Ph.D. in 1989 from Sussex University in UK. She joined Dhaka University as a lecturer in 1978 and was a Professor in the Department of English, Dhaka University. She has written and edited a number of books including: *The Colonial Rise of the Novel* (Routledge:1993), *Infinite Variety: Women in Society and Literature* (UPL:1995). She joined BRAC University as a Professor and Chairperson of the Department of English on July 1, 2002.

Summer Semester-2002 Begins

The Summer Semester 2002 began with all regular activities on July 1, 2002.