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PROGRESS REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONALISATION

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KEY OBJECTIVES OF STRATEGIC PLAN

- Curriculum
- Faculty
- Research and publication
- Institutions



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Curriculum:

- Content-based course was developed for the Excellent track “Peace Education”.
- An English-based course is being planned for the Excellent track “Internationalization in Teacher Education”.
- An English-based engineering course was developed in the College of Engineering and Science



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Curriculum:

- Dr Dalia Fadila has integrated internationalization in her course Strategic Reading in the English department-enhancing strategic thinking and cultural reading of academic material as part of students development as global citizens. She has also integrated world literature into her course Literary Materieces to expose students to other cultures.
- Dr. Dalia is planning to conduct an online course around innovative thinking in the college of Engineering and Science with Warsaw University. All the curricula implementations will be accompanied by research



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Faculty:

- Workshops were conducted to the deans, heads of departments and the senior staff members aiming at encouraging integration of international activities in faculties' work plans.
- A spoken English course is delivered to the college's staff.
- A conference was held for the faculty of education staff and students in 22.5.2014, entitled "Meaningful learning and Internationalization".



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Faculty:

- Dr. Dalia Fadila shared the board of trustees at Al-Qasemi to establish Internationalization as part of Al-Qasemi policy.
- Connections are made with Warsaw University for faculty exchange.
- An agreement has been signed with Pädagogische Hochschule Kärnten / University College of Teacher Education-Austria for faculty Exchange.



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Research and publication:

- Two academic papers were prepared (one accepted for publication and another is under consideration). The first paper “Reconsidering internationalization –Israeli colleges' heads perceptions and motivations” by Dr. Miri Yemini, Ms. Efrat Sadeh, Dr. Vered Holzmann, Dr. Anat Stavans, Dr. Dalia Fadila and Prof. Hans de Wit, was accepted to the Higher Education Policy. The second paper “Cosmopolitan capital and internationalization – the case of Israeli second tier higher education” by Dr. Miri Yemini, Dr. Vered Holzmann, Dr. Nazez Natur, Dr. Dalia Fadila and Dr. Anat Stavans is currently under review by the Journal of Research in International Education.



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Research and publication:

- 1 articles was accepted to be published in an edited book by Dr. Pia-Maria Rabensteiner from Pädagogische Hochschule Kärnten / University College of Teacher Education-Austria. The book's titles is "Internationalization in Teacher Education"- Internationalizing Education for Arab Students- Dr. Dalia Fadila.
- Edited book: we are in the process of planning an edited book about Internationalization and Arabs in Israel.
- Translating faculty research into English.



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Institutions:

- Connections are being made with University of Panama and the National University of Costa Rica for students and faculty exchange.
- An agreement has been signed with Pädagogische Hochschule Kärnten / University College of Teacher Education-Austria for students Exchange through Dr. Pia-Maria Rabensteiner.
- An agreement has been signed with the Open University at Givaat Habiba-Israel to conduct a summer school of Arabic and Islamic Studies for foreign students.



STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Institutions:

- The International Relations Office is being developed. The office will be responsible for the initiation and development of partnership agreements with Higher Education Institutions, promoting multi-cultural and multi-national cooperation, and encouraging academic staff involvement in bi-national and European programs such as Erasmus+, Horizon 2020, and more. An English speaking faculty member has already been recruited to Al Qasemi to be part of the team of IRO.



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PROGRESS MADE IN 2014

- **Curriculum:**
 - 2 English-based courses were developed for the students
 - 2 content-based course were developed for the Excellent track
- **Faculty:**
 - Workshops were conducted to the deans, heads of departments and the senior staff members
- **Research and publication:**
 - 3 papers were accepted for publication
- **Institution**
 - 2 agreements were signed for faculty and students exchange



CONSTRAINTS OR INHIBITORS

- Mobility- meeting places
- Budgeting research
- English is weak among students and faculty
- Organizational changes
- Lack of time for research and publication



WAYS TO OVERCOME CONSTRAINTS

- Finding a qualified research assistant, who could support the researchers in their researches on Internationalization.
- English workshops/ courses for the faculty/students.
- Seeking other funding resources

