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## **AAU President Meets with New Students**

The Deanship of Student Affairs at Al Ain University of Science and Technology organized the first meeting with the new students joining AAU for the academic year 2012/2013 at both campuses, in Al Ain and Abu Dhabi. Prof. Ghaleb Awad El Refae, AAU President, attended the meeting along with Dr. Abdelhafid Belarbi, AAU Vice President, as well as college deans, faculty members, and staff.

Prof. El Refae welcomed the new students expressing his pleasure for their joining AAU highlighting that the University will provide the attention and support they need. He also added that providing students with distinguished services to ensure they find the appropriate atmosphere to study is of paramount importance to AAU.

Further, Prof. El Refae pointed out that in its development plan, AAU has taken strides with regard to academic programs offered by its five colleges, the College of Engineering and Information Technology, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Law, the College of Education, and the College of Business Administration in addition to the Professional

Diploma in Teaching, the MBA, the MA in TESOL, and the two Master in Law programs. To that end, AAU has appointed a group of academic experts in various disciplines which is bound to positively impact the academic output sought by the students, while, at the same time, meeting the requirements of the job market through quality learning outcomes competitive to those of top educational institutions. In addition, the AAU President underlined the importance of academic advising and following the study plan warning students against incomplete exams and academic warnings as they form the biggest element of pressure to students.

He added that through its long term plan, AAU seeks for its academic outcomes to be in line with the most recent educational and scientific research technologies as scientific research is the real criterion for assessing an institution's level of outcomes. This requires students to have the vision and ability to keep up with these advances through referring to academic resources in all their forms.

On her part, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ibtehal Aburezq, welcomed the new students reiterating that in collaboration with the Deanship of Student Affairs, AAU pays special attention to both curricular as well as extracurricular activities. AAU believes strongly that attaining the best academic results can be achieved through various strategies one of which is encouraging extracurricular activities that support the educational vision. She highlighted that students need to maintain communication with the Deanship to take advantage of the various student activities that address the students' interests and abilities, and that the Deanship is ready to provide all sorts of cultural, social, athletic, and arts activities through its various departments.

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