



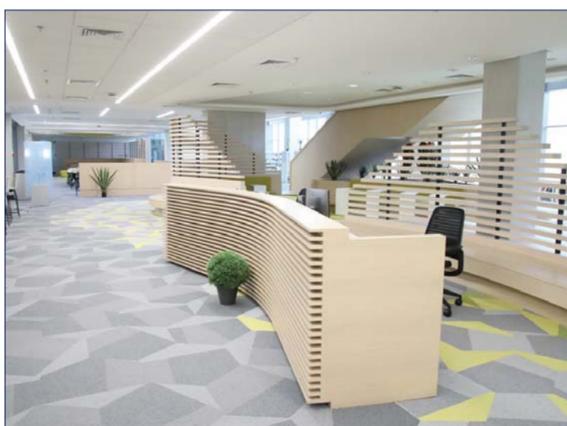
Dr. Mousa Mohsen

American International University Ready to Provide the Best Quality Education Amidst Global Challenges

Everyone across the globe is living amidst what is potentially one of the greatest threats in a lifetime to global education, a gigantic educational crisis. Students, their parents, and educators around the world are feeling the extraordinary ripple effect of the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as schools are shutting down and quarantine methods are being ordered to cope with the global pandemic. While governments and health officials are doing their best slowing down the outbreak, global education systems are collaborating to collectively respond and provide quality education for all during these difficult times.

Here in Kuwait, an educational institution is ready to face the challenges ahead and provide the highest quality education amidst the pandemic.

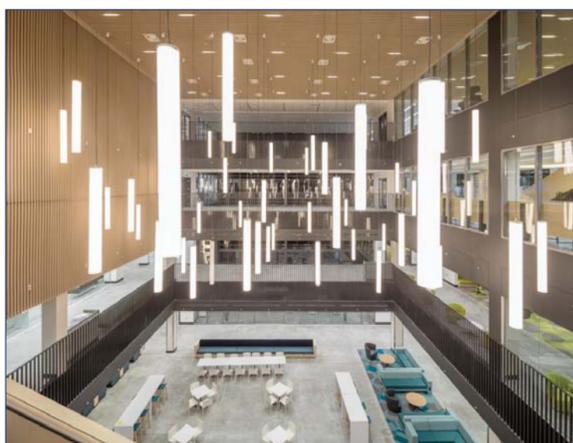
“With the issuance of the Amiri Decree establishing American International University, we announce the launch of the university and we are opening admissions this academic year. Our accelerated steps toward achieving excellence in higher education in Kuwait have begun,” announced AIU President Dr. Mousa Mohsen. In an interview with the Arab Times, Dr. Mohsen shared the bright prospects of the educational institution, which has transitioned from a college to a university, on its sprawling campus in the Saad Al Abdullah area. “The university will be a launching pad in preparing the students drawn to the technology and modern science provided by the university. With various educational methods, we will provide the best environment for theoretical and applied scientific learning, which will qualify our graduates to compete with their peers and excel in the labor market.” Dr. Mohsen pointed out that the essence of AIU is demonstrated through its vision, mission, values, and goals. Integral to AIU’s Vision and Mission is best captured by “its intent to be a leading institution of higher education in Kuwait that promotes career and personal success as well as cultural, social, economic, and human development”. Such intent is supported by seven AIU Core values of: accountability, inclusion, excellence, responsibility, communication, collaboration and sustainability. AIU also recognizes that in order to achieve its Vision and Mission, specific goals are required, and eight have been outlined for achievement: student success, talent attraction, academic quality, workforce development, lifelong learning, resourcing, technology and global engagement. In light of the continued spread of COVID-19, AIU confirms its commitment to the directives of the General Secretariat of the Private Universities Council and gives the highest priority to the safety and health of students and workers, while remaining committed to providing the best quality education without interruption. “The plan is to start our academic year on campus with face-to-face instruction. The campus is equipped with everything necessary for the success of the educational process and student life, but if the health situation in the country requires it, or at the direction of the government, we will switch to e-learning. We possess the technical and administrative capabilities to adopt distance learning where lectures will be given to students as scheduled through the available online education platform, which is the Canvas system.” explained Dr. Mohsen. He highlighted that the education and learning management system at AIU is one of the best systems in the world. This system is one of the most important components of e-learning and is specially designed to manage electronic courses and create academic content for them at the same time. Dr. Mohsen cited that in order to develop an academic program offering, a comprehensive study of Kuwait’s labor market has been undertaken. The study recognizes that the current state of the national workforce calls for extensive measures by colleges and universities to bridge the gap and achieve the objectives of Kuwait’s 2035 Development Plan. To bridge those gaps, AIU offers a total of 12 programs at the bachelor degree level, including Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Accounting, Finance, Global Supply Chain Management, and Management. “It was last year when we launched several distinguished programs at the diploma level through American International College, and it was a successful experience by all standards. During this period, and in response to the requirements of the labor market in the State of Kuwait, we have been preparing for the requirements of AIU to offer programs at the baccalaureate level. This preparation includes preparing academic programs, university systems and its various policies and procedures, securing laboratories, and various workshops needed by these



programs, as well as the administrative and academic staff who were required to work directly at the university,” he stated. AIU also boasts of its distinguished faculty members. One of the university’s main goals is to ensure that faculty are intellectual leaders in their disciplines through active participation in international, regional, and national meetings and conferences. “The appointment of faculty members at the university is subject to high standards in terms of teaching experience at the university level, research and creative activity, and the ability to provide advisory services to students, the university, and the community in general,” stated Dr. Mohsen. Admission to AIU is open now to Kuwaiti students and expats. The process is very simple and straightforward. The first step is to apply for admission by filling out an application. Applications are available online or at the Admissions Office and must be submitted to the Admissions Office on campus. If an applicant does not provide ACT, SAT, IELTS, or TOFEL scores, he or she will be required to take a placement test as part of the admission process. Application and registration fees will need to be paid, followed by the attendance of New Student Orientation, which is required for all new students attending AIU. Once a student’s acceptance is confirmed, he or she will receive information about orientation dates and other details. Admitted students will also receive their student identification card and parking permit. Academic textbooks and other academic materials required for classes are available at the AIU bookstore on campus. AIU is proud to have an academic strategic partner – Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, USA. “Our partnership with Wayne State University provides a huge amount of opportunities for students and staff alike. Along with research opportunities and cultural awareness, it offers international experiences, including study abroad programs and staff exchanges. In terms of teaching, benefits include curriculum development and degrees formed in collaboration with our partner university. Our agreement with Wayne State University covers the provision of quality assurance, accreditation, and planning support,” enthused Dr. Mohsen. He added that the tuition fees of AIU are very competitive with other institutions in Kuwait and scholarships are provided through the Private Universities Council. “In the coming five years, I see American International University to be the top private university in Kuwait. We already have the action plan in place to achieve this goal. American International University will be rich in diversity and has programs and services in place to sustain,

encourage, and enhance diversity. Every student coming to AIU receives personalized attention and is supported through effective student support services, including mentorship, peer tutoring, and advising.

We look forward to providing more academic programs at the undergraduate level and graduate studies that are appropriate to the needs of the labor market. We also seek to create programs built on scientific excellence that are concerned with research and innovation and providing more opportunities for international academic exchange for students,” stated Dr. Mohsen. What makes AIU a cut above the rest? It offers a real American education for our students in Kuwait. “We will provide our students with a unique education and student life experience. Our standards are high and similar to those of elite universities in the USA. Our selection of academic programs to be presented at AIU aims to prepare and develop the workforce and enhance economic growth. They encourage educational partnerships with the business and industrial sectors to provide students with the skills necessary to be successful. The university is in the process of providing education and training that qualifies graduates with competencies and job preparation in a changing economic environment to meet the needs of national development plans in Kuwait,” he outlined. Dr. Mohsen added that AIU aims to educate students according to the goals of the United Nations for sustainable development so that these students are productive citizens providing solutions to global challenges and contributing to the development of their societies. Despite the pandemic, there is no stopping AIU from providing the best quality education in Kuwait. AIU achieves the ambitious goal of setting new standards for excellence in higher education and research by instilling their teaching and research with an interdisciplinary perspective and a greater understanding of the impact of technology on society. “Our goal in the coming academic year is to start accepting students in the twelve academic programs that we have announced and to provide a foundation program that will prepare these students to complete their studies in these majors. This requires securing all the necessary resources from faculty, support staff, and administrative staff. We will continue adding new laboratories, according to the plan we have. I would like to emphasize that AIU offers life-changing education online or in the classroom. Whichever format, we will be here welcoming you this school year. I pray to God to make this university beneficial to all students, and especially the young men and women of Kuwait,” concluded Dr. Mohsen, as he looks forward to welcoming all students in Kuwait to AIU.



AIU looks forward to brighter prospects ahead in the education sector in the country

“Our staff can help and support you through the application for these scholarships,” he pointed out