



# Internal Weekly Bulletin

## Public Relations Office

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### 1. From the Office of the Vice Chancellor

I am pleased to announce the establishment of an Institutional Research Unit (IRU) at Bethlehem University. The mission of the IRU is to support the University in attaining its goals by providing reliable data, information and analysis to administrative and academic departments to support planning, decision making and policy formulation. Mr. Usama Khalilieh has been appointed the Director of the Unit and Mr. Philip Daoud is its IT Expert. The Unit is located in Room M-008 (Formerly the University Clinic in Millennium Hall). A grant from the World Bank is covering the expenses of the IRU for its first year. Your cooperation with Usama and Philip will be appreciated as they collect and distribute data to assist the University in its decision making procedures."

### 2. From the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic affairs

- We would like to draw your attention to the following subjects posted at the Webpage under the title "Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs":
  - Japan Government offers scholarships
    - Bachelor Scholarship, deadline of the applications on Thursday, 11 June
    - Research Student Scholarship, deadline of the application on Thursday, 4 June
  - To all BU staff: Training Programs of up to 3 Months in India.
  - The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Arab Council for Gifted and Talented will be held at Jordan through 26 – 28 July 2009
- Now available in the library under "Periodicals Sections":
  - Association of Arab Universities
  - Arab Administrative Development Organization.

### 3. From the Arabic Department

Fatima Abu Sbitan, from JMCO 320 Image & Photography Course, will give a multi-media presentation "Jerusalem in the Heart" on Thursday, 21 May 2009 at 10:00 AM in Furno Hall.

### 4. From the English Department

- The experimental electronic Global Module on "Gender Roles" was successfully conducted. The module which was administered by Champlain University/USA (Dr. Gary Scudder) and Bethlehem University (Ms. Vera Baboun) took five weeks to complete (March 1-April 7). Twenty two students from the English Department (sophomores and juniors) participated and were enriched and benefited from the discussion. Simone De Beauvoir's The Second Sex was the main material used to start the discussions.
- Vera Baboun presented a paper in the international conference Women, Leadership, State, and Society which took place in Al-Quds University on Sunday, 3 May. The paper is entitled; "The gendered Role of Women in the Arab World; a Contemporary Reading of Arab Islamic Feminists; Fatima Al-Mernissi (Moroccan) and Nimat Barazangi (Syrian)"

### 5. From the Social Sciences Department

The Department of Social Sciences invites all Bethlehem University staff to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> scientific conference of the Department on: "The Palestinian Social and Human Dimensions in the Creative Works of Mahmoud Darwish", to be held on Tuesday 19 May, from 8:00 AM until 04:00 PM, in Furno Hall. You are all most welcome to participate in this event. Ahlan Wa Sahlan.

### 6. Your Calendar

Day	Date	Event / Activity	Time	Location
Tue.	19 May	"The Palestinian Social and Human Dimensions in	8:00 AM-	Furno Hall

		the Creative Works of Mahmoud Darwish”, Department of Social Sciences	16:00 PM	
Wed.	20 May	Workshop “Special Needs under the Context of Human Rights”, Faculty of Education	14:00 PM	Furno Hall
Thu.	21 May	“Jerusalem in the Heart”, Arabic Department	10:00 AM	Furno Hall
Thu.	21 May	Cultural Celebration to announce the results of the Bethlehem University Second Cultural Tournament, Office of Dean of Students	11:00 AM	Amphitheater
Fri.	22 May	Last day of operations in the training facility, Hotel Management		
Fri.	22 May	Last Day of Classes for Spring 2009 Semester	All Day	Campus-wide
Mon.-Tue.	25-26 May	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office		
Thu.-Sat.	28-30 May	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office		
Mon.-Tue.	1-2 Jun.	Final Exams for Spring 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office		
		Final date and Time for Faculty to submit grades for Spring 2009 Semester	8:00 AM	Registrar
		On-Line Grades for Spring 2009 Semester Available for Students		
Wed.	3 June	Conference “Disabled Students in Higher Education in Palestine between Reality and Ambition, Towards a Better Future”, Office of the Dean of Students, Student with Special needs Committee at BU and Qader Institute	8:30 AM– 15:00 PM	Furno Hall
Thu.-Fri	4-5 June	Forth International Conference on Palestinian Literature “The Palestinian Oral Cultural Heritage”, Arabic Department		
Mon.	15 Jun.	Summer 2009 Semester Classes Begin	TBA	Campus-wide
Fri.	19 Jun.	Graduation		
Sat.	18 Jul.	Isra’ Wa Miraj		
Thu.- Thu.	23-30 Jul.	Entrance Exams for Fall 2009 Semester, Office for Academic Affairs	TBA	
Mon.	27 Jul.	Last Day of Classes for Summer 2009 Semester		
Tue.-Wed.	28-29 Jul.	Final Exams for Summer 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office	All Day	TBA
Tue.	4 Aug.	Print Ranking Lists organized, Office for Academic Affairs		
Wed.	5 Aug.	Admissions Committee Meets for Fall 2009 Semester, Office for Academic Affairs		
Fri. –Sat.	7-8 Aug.	Accepted Students for Fall 2009 Semester Published in Newspapers, Office for Academic Affairs		
Tue. –Wed.	11-12 Aug.	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Student Registration for Fall 2008 Semester, Registrars’ Office		
Tue. – Thu.	18-20 Aug.	Orientation for new Students, Office of the Dean of Students		Auditorium
Fri.	21 Aug.	Faculty and Staff Meeting		
Mon.	24 Aug.	First Day of Class for Fall 2009 Semester		
		Add/Drop Period		
Mon.-Wed.	21-22 Sept.	Eid Al Fitr: University Closed, No Classes		
Sun.	15 Nov.	Independent Day		
Thu.-Mon.	26-30 Nov.	Eid Al Adha: No Classes, University Offices Closed		
Mon.-Thu.	14-17 Dec.	Final Exams for Fall 2009 Semester		
Fri.	18 Dec.	Al Hijra: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Mon.-Tue.	21-22	Final Exams for Fall 2009 Semester		

	Dec.			
		Grade Reports Available		
		Registration		
Thu.-Sat.	24-26 Dec.	Latin Christmas: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
		<b>Year 2010</b>		
Fri.	1 Jan.	Latin New Year: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Wed.-Fri.	6-8 Jan.	Orthodox Christmas: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Thu.	14 Jan.	Orthodox New Year: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Fri.	22 Jan.	Faculty and Staff Meeting for Spring 2010		
Mon.	25 Jan.	First Day of Class for Spring 2010 Semester		
		Add/Drop Period		
Fri.	26 Feb.	Mawlid An-Nabi: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Thu.-Mon.	1-5 Apr.	Latin and Orthodox Easter: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Sat.	1 May	Labour Day		
Sat.	15 May	De La Salle		
Mon.-Tue.	17-25 May	Final Exams for Spring 2010 Semester		
Wed.	9 Jun.	Isra' Wa Miraj: University Offices Closed, No Classes		
Fri.	11 June	Graduation		
Mon.	14 June	Summer 2010 Semester Classes Begin		
Fri.	23 July	Last Day of Classes for Summer 2010 Semester		
Mon.-Tue.	26-27 July	Final Exams for Summer 2010 Semester, Registrars' Office	All Day	TBA

<b>Visitors</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tue.	May 19	Knights of the Holy Spulchre, North Central Lieutenancy, Msgr. Charles Kosanke	USA	22	11:00
Fri.	May 22	Stephan Mock and his parents	Germany	3	
Tue.	May 26	Catholic Theological Union, Father Donald Senior	USA	38	13:30
Fri.	Jun. 05	Father Paul Maddison	UK	7	10:30
Mon.	Jun. 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Gospel, Della Shenton	UK	7	11:30
Thu.	Jun. 18	Students from Lund Association of Foreign Affairs at Lund University	Sweden	11	9:00
Mon.	Jul. 27	French Group Students	France	2000	
Sun.-Sun.	Oct. 11-18	Dr. Detlef Brummer	Germany		
Wed.	Mar. 17, 2010	Sister Mary Meier Group	USA	30	11:00
Fri.	Mar 19, 2010	St. Vitus Parish of Oberottmarshausen	Germany	45	11:00