03 August 2009

1. **From the Interim Vice President for Finances**
   Contracts for the academic year 2009/2010 are ready for distribution starting today Monday, 3 August 2009 through the office of the Vice Chancellor (c/o Mrs. Gloria Handal). Please make sure to return the signed copies (Two English and One Arabic) to Ms. Mary Al-Alam Zeit in the Finance Office no later than Thursday, 13 August 2009. Summer session faculty members payments are ready for distribution starting today Monday, 3 August 2009 from the office of Sr. Corazon Hinlo upon presentation of the usual clearance form.

2. **From the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic affairs**
   - The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has informed us that the International Research Conference (IEA) invites the submission of research studies for its 7th Conference, which will be held on Thursday, 24 June 2010 in Göteborgs University – Sweden. The deadline for submission of abstracts is Thursday, 15 October 2009. For further details, you can visit IEA website at [www.iea.irc.org](http://www.iea.irc.org).
   - We would like to draw your attention to the following subjects posted on the Webpage under “Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs”:
     - To all BU staff: Short Duration Training Programs funded by the Indian Government.
   - Now available in the library Periodical Section:
     - Association of Arab Universities
     - Arab Administrative Development Organization

3. **From Nelly and Nawal Nemeh**
   We would like to extend our deep gratitude and appreciation to the outpouring support and sympathy that our family and we had received from the Bethlehem community at the passing of our beloved mother. We are particularly grateful to the colleagues who attended the funeral and to the BU Union of employees as well as the administration, Faculty and Staff for their condolences in Al-Quds newspaper, to those who have expressed their sympathies whether by phone, e-mail or in person, and for all those who had sent wreaths to the funeral. All my family appreciate your kindness that had helped sustain us at this difficult time.

4. **Your Calendar**

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<td>4 Aug.</td>
<td>Print Ranking Lists organized, Office for Academic Affairs</td>
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<td>Wed.</td>
<td>5 Aug.</td>
<td>Admissions Committee Meets for Fall 2009 Semester, Office for Academic Affairs</td>
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<td>Sat.-Sun.</td>
<td>8-9 Aug.</td>
<td>Accepted Students for Fall 2009 Semester Published in Newspapers, Office for Academic Affairs</td>
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<td>1st Year Student Registration for Fall 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office</td>
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<td>4th Year Students Registration for Fall 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office</td>
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<td>17-19 Aug.</td>
<td>Orientation for new Students, Office of the Dean of Students</td>
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<td>3rd Year students Registration for Fall 2009 Semester, Registrars’ Office</td>
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### Year 2009

#### Wed. 19 Aug.
- 2nd Year students Registration for Fall 2009 Semester (Business, Science, HOTM), Registrars’ Office

#### Thu. 20 Aug.
- 2nd Year students Registration for Fall 2009 Semester (Arts, Education, Nursing), Registrars’ Office

#### Fri. 21 Aug.
- Faculty and Staff Meeting

#### Mon. 24 Aug.
- First Day of Class for Fall 2009 Semester
- Add/Drop Period

#### Sun.-Wed. 20-23 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
- Grade Reports Available

#### Fri. 18 Dec.
- Al Hijra: University Offices Closed, No Classes

#### Mon.-Tue. 21-22 Dec.
- Final Exams for Fall 2009 Semester

#### Fri. 24 Dec.
- Latin Christmas: University Offices Closed, No Classes

#### Year 2010

#### 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

#### Fri. 11 June
- Graduation

#### Mon. 14 June
- Summer 2010 Semester Classes Begin

#### Fri. 9 July
- Isra’ Wa Miraj: University Offices Closed, No Classes

#### Fri. 23 July
- Last Day of Classes for Summer 2010 Semester

#### Mon.-Tue. 26-27 July
- Final Exams for Summer 2010 Semester, Registrars’ Office

### Visitors

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