



Minutes of the Executive Governance & Compliance Committee Meeting held on December 13, 2024 at 1.00 pm

Present: Chancellor Bassel Berri (Chair), President Imad Zbib (Chair), Dr. Dima Basma (Dean of the College of Law and Political Science), Dr. Khalil Yassine (Director of Research and Advancement Center), Mr. Hussein Abou Zeid (Legal Counsel), Mrs. Zeina Farhat (Senior Finance Officer), Mrs. Layla Ghaddar (Director of Quality Assurance Authority)

Apologies: None

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm in the Conference Room, located in Block A.

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting addressed:

1. Approval of the minutes from the previous EGCC meeting
2. Implementation of New Majors
3. Accreditation, Affiliation, and Research Initiatives
4. Midterm and Final Exams – Ensuring Ministry Compliance
5. Post-War Campus Readiness and Academic Continuity

Discussion

1. The meeting commenced with the EGCC approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Implementation of New Majors

- EGCC reviewed the implementation status of new academic programs, including the Master's in Law and the MBA Program.
- Developed a strategic plan with the QAA and the College of Business for the MBA Program planned to launch in Spring 2024–2025 and subject to final regulatory clearance.

- EGCC confirmed that required approvals from the Ministry for additional majors are obtained.
- will continue to oversee regulatory alignment, operational readiness, and timely execution of all Board-approved program launches.

3. Accreditation, Affiliation, and Research Initiatives

- EGCC reviewed ongoing accreditation, affiliation, and research projects to ensure they remain aligned with the university's strategic direction as set by the Board of Deans.
- The Director of the Research Center presented progress updates regarding research initiatives taking place and the committee will be following up on the implementation.
- EGCC will monitor the formation of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to ensure compliance with national and international research ethics standards.

4. Midterm and Final Exams – Ensuring Ministry Compliance

- EGCC will oversee the implementation of the Board of Deans' decision requiring the administration of examinations on campus, in line with Ministry of Education and Higher Education regulations.
- In consultation with QAA, EGCC will issue procedural guidance addressing exceptional circumstances, including students temporarily residing abroad, to ensure compliance, equity, and academic integrity.
- EGCC will coordinate with relevant faculties and administrative units to operationalise the approved procedures and communicate them clearly to students.

5. Post-War Campus Readiness and Academic Continuity

- EGCC reviewed campus recovery and safety readiness with the Risk Management Team, ensuring facilities and operations meet requirements for reopening.
- Evaluated and aligned the academic continuity plan, including course delivery, revised calendars, and support measures with BOD members and Ministry guidelines.
- EGCC will oversee the phased implementation and compliance of all recovery actions and coordinate communication with faculties and administrative units.