

Beirut Arab University

Beirut, Lebanon

University Master Plan Summary (2001 -2006)

(Theme: working in a global Environment)

Mission

The mission of Beirut Arab University (BAU) is to offer an excellent higher education that meets the needs of the local Lebanese community, the regional Arab countries together with the international arena. Through quality teaching, research, and community service, the University strives to foster excellence in instruction and intellectual accomplishment and to achieve a distinguished position among local, regional and international universities.

BAU commits itself to create and maintain an environment for learning that promotes respect for and appreciation of freedom and diversity, which is the basic characteristic of the cultural mosaic of Lebanon.

Objectives

To fulfill its mission, Beirut Arab University is committed to the following objectives and goals:

- 1- Maintain and promote academic excellence with much emphasis on the quality of education offered by the university in its on-going and new academic programs.
- 2- Strengthen, widen and increase linkages with other educational, business and industrial bodies both locally and abroad
- 3- Provide academic advice, continuous education and technical consultation services to the local communities with which the students and faculty are engaged.

- 4- Increase University Share and participation in national and international scientific and research activities
- 5- Enhance the level of professional education and scientific awareness of the community
- 6- Expanding and disseminating basic and applied knowledge in different disciplines
- 7- Attract high caliber, intellectual, knowledgeable and academically qualified students.
- 8- Strengthen mutual research projects and transfer of technology mechanisms with eminent universities
- 9- Increase student and faculty participation in international events in order to gain experience to work in a global environment.
- 10 -Increase the number of student enrollments and the number of degrees awarded per year with neither sacrificing the quality of education nor the rank of BAU which has been granted due to its leadership in the region.

Policies:

To achieve the previously listed objectives the following policies will be implemented by the university:

- 1- Offering academic programs that are enthusiastically and culturally stimulating
- 2- Providing disciplinary and multidisciplinary professional education that is academically and intellectually challenging.
- 3- Offering curricula that reflect all needs and dimensions of the community diversity, and that encourage critical thinking with social and enriching awareness.
- 4- Recruiting and encouraging qualified faculty and staff members with high teaching and research capabilities and possess active engagement with their individual fields of specialty.

5-fostering the university laboratories capabilities and support research facilities which provide cooperative scientific environment that includes recognition and appreciation of differing viewpoints and promotes academic freedom within the University community.

6- Increase the yearly enrollment for professional continuing education courses and community service workshops

7- Increase the number of publications in reputable journals, conferences and magazines by faculty per year

8- Increase the number of presentations by faculty and staff

9- Increase the amount and number of grants and sponsored research programs awarded to faculty and staff and encourage faculty participation in joint research grants.

10- Support faculty standards of excellence and superior academic performance through a revised, equitable, and formative evaluation system.

11- Adopt faculty level periodical seminars and workshops for faculty and department members to exchange views for the on-going research projects and key scientific issues related to each field.

12- Conduct periodic departmental evaluation of faculty members and teaching assistants and compile recommendations for improvement.

13- Encourage scientific and academic competition among different faculties of the university to organize and sponsor a faculty fair day which reflects the various activities of the staff and students during the year.

14- Encourage departments to advertise their activities and scope on the university website.

15- Establish a system for issuing periodic annual reports about the university goals and achievements

16- Provide opportunities for the increased internationalization and global awareness of the faculty members and students through participation in remote and e-learning programs with similar universities abroad.

17- Continuing efforts to seek accreditation in different university related fields through the gradual switch to a complete credit hour system.

18- Continuing support of post-graduate studies with much emphasis on inter, cross and multidisciplinary fields of research

19- Develop and seek opportunities for partnership agreements with public, private organizations and educational institutions in the region.

20- Promote research efforts specially designed and tailored to solve the real problems of the community specially those related to economic reform, environmental protection, reconstruction, industrial development and resources management.

21- Adopting programs to exchange students with other international colleges and universities of the same fields

22- Fostering collaboration with other international colleges and universities to exchange faculty and staff members on short-term and long term basis.

23- Serving as a community resource center and consultation body and providing activities which foster social, cultural, and educational development.

Programs:

BAU interprets the previous policies into a set of programs, a summary of which is :

- 1- University Administration program.
- 2- Undergraduate education program.
- 3- Postgraduate studies program.
- 4- Admission and student affairs program.
- 5- Faculty Staff Affairs program.
- 6- Technical and employee's affairs program.

- 7- University Libraries program.
- 8- Research Facilities program.
- 9- Community Service Center facilities program.
- 10- University Buildings program.
- 11- University Medical Facilities program.
- 12- Scientific Colleges program.
- 13- Art and Humanities Colleges program.
- 14- University Extension program
- 15- Computer Facilities program.
- 16- Buildings maintenance program
- 17- International Cooperation and agreements program.
- 18- Community Service program
- 19- Continuing education program
- 20- University Publications program.
- 21- Exams affairs program.
- 22- University Purchases and supplies program
- 24- University campus at AlDebbia program
- 25- University restaurants and cafeterias program.
- 26- University Medicare program
- 27- Conferences and public seminars program
- 28- Local and agency cooperation program
- 29- University horticulture program
- 30- University Laboratories program.
- 31- University Transportation facilities program.

32- University Security and related service program

Projects:

The previous programs are implemented via a set of achieved, on-going and scheduled projects.

End of Master Plan 2001-2006 summary.