

A vision of Academic Excellence

Palestinian Faculty
Development Program

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PFDP: 2012 and Beyond

Since 2005 PFDP Has:

- Served 2000 Faculty and Staff
- Supported 167 Faculty/Staff for PhD's, MA's or Short-Term Fellowships in the USA
- Awarded YY Faculty Grants worth \$
- Funded Two National Centers for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Agenda 2011-2012

Needs for Continuing Professional Development

Interest Survey

Focus Groups

(USA, Ramallah, Budapest)

Discussions with MoEHE

Input from Presidents

Suggested Options

- Expand and Extend PhD Fellowships
- Fund More Centers for Learning and Teaching
- Create National Centers for Academic Excellence
- Higher Education Leadership Program
- National Higher Education Association
- National Policy research Center

National Higher Education Roundtables

Monthly Seminars on Key Issues and Priorities in Higher Education

- Topics to Broaden Exposure to International Best Practices in Key Areas
- Create Teams of Senior and Potential Leaders as Change Agents
- Identify and Develop the Next generation of Leaders

National Round Tables

Advantages

- Pilot Series Practical: September, 2011-June, 2012
- Collaboration with Northwestern University and Central European University
- Model for Future Expansion and Development

Goal for Session

- Present list of Suggested Topics for Discussion and Feedback
- Obtain Suggestions for Additional Topics
- Receive Feedback on Concept

Panel Members

- Dr. Sami Basha; Professor of Inclusive Education, Hebron University
- Dr. Hisham Hidmi; Director, Jerusalem Educational region, Al-Quds Open University
- Dr. Saida Affouneh; Research & Educational Consultant, Al-Quds Open University
- Dr. Adnan Shehadeh; Head of Language Center, Palestine Polytechnic University

Theme: Principles and Methods of

Workshops:

Program Evaluation

(PFDP, Northwestern University,

- Writing an Effective Evaluation Plan for Project Proposals

(Al-Najah University and Bethlehem University)

- *Designing and Implementing a Formative and Summative Evaluation for the National Roundtables Program*



Theme: Teaching and Learning: The Reflective Practitioner

(CTE's/Central European

University)

Workshops:

- Alternative Teaching and Learning Styles
- The University Teacher: Professional Evolution and Development



Theme: Strategic Planning (PFDP/Central European University)

Workshops:

- The Student-Centered University as a Strategic Imperative
- Writing a Strategic Plan



Theme: Development and Management of Research on Teaching and Learning

(PFDP/Central European University)

Workshops:

- The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Designing a Project and Writing an Effective Research Proposal



Theme: Creating Communities of Practice: Teaching, Learning and Research Challenges in the Academic Disciplines (PFDP/Central European University)

Workshops: (to be arranged by broad disciplines such as humanities and arts, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, professional fields)

- Sustaining Professional Communication and Interaction
- Collaborative Programs and Projects
- Interdisciplinary Opportunities



Theme: Community Engagement for Teaching and Learning (PFDP/Portland State University)

Workshops:

- Community Issues and Assets to Enhance Teaching and Learning
- Collaborative Programs with Community Institutions



Theme: Sustainable International Partnerships (PFDP/Northwestern University)

Workshops:

- Types of International Partnerships
- Writing an Effective and Sustainable Agreement



Theme: Emerging Disciplines and the National Economy of Palestine (PFDP, MoEHE and Local Resources)

Workshops (samples):

- Public Administration
- Entrepreneurship
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Development
- Arid Agriculture
- Nanotechnology



Theme: Elements of Successful Fund Raising (PFDP/Central European University)

Workshops:

- Identifying and Cultivating Donors
- Writing a Successful Proposal

