



The International Academic Accreditation Unit (IAAU) organized a one-day workshop on November 29th 2018, entitled: “The Roadmap to Compliance: AACSB 2013 Standards”. The workshop took place in the Symphony Style Hotel and was facilitated by Dr. Abeer A. Al-Hassan, Assistant Professor at the Quantitative Methods and Information Systems Department, former Director of IAAU and a seconded member in the National Bureau for Academic Accreditation and Education Quality Assurance (NBAQ).

Thirty-two participants including the Dean, assistant deans, department chairpersons, members of the accreditation committee, master program directors, unit supervisors, junior faculty members, teacher assistants and employees, attended the workshop.

Dr. Abeer A. Al-Hassan initiated the workshop with a brief introduction of CBA’s timeline of its engagement with AACSB. The College was a member since 1980 - inviting AACSB, informally for peer-review visits. The time line included CBA's initial accreditation in 2005 and two maintenance periods 2010, and 2015. A review of the team visits reports and recommendations of both maintenance periods with actions delivered by CBA were discussed.

Dr. Al-Hassan discussed the 2013 standard's philosophy: engagement, innovation, impact, and the importance of developing a comprehensive approach for enhancing and demonstrating those themes guided by CBA's mission.

The lion's share of the workshop was dedicated to the 15 standards. For each standard, the faculty spend time identifying examples of procedures currently available and not documented for each standard. The faculty were highly engaged and unit heads were able to identify the standards that may be used as a guide for quality assurance in their units in particular contributing to the overall quality for CBA as a whole. In addition, Dr. Al-Hassan invited Dr. Sulaiman Al-Rafee, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Research and Graduate Studies and Miss Rania Hasan, Assistant Supervisor at the Strategic Planning & Performance Monitoring Unit to present the status of their units for both the Assurance of Learning and strategy.

The IAAU is confident that by the end of the workshop, all units are aware of the reports and data that needs to be gathered and passed to the IAAU for aggregating that data to finalize the report under the guidance of the dean and produce this holistic Continuous Improvement Report to submit to AACSB 2019/2020 as a kick off for the team review visit that year.