

Project Title: Enhancing Student Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities and Interaction with the Faculty

Aim: To improve student life on campus, enhance extracurricular activities programs, and establish faculty-student social interaction to infuse a positive change in their personal development.

Objectives:

- To undertake a detailed study to understand the current status of student clubs, and current programs involving Student-Faculty informal interactions.
- To introduce new students clubs/societies which enhance students extracurricular activities, and help develop students personalities.
- To propose new facilities and programs on camps to enhance Student-Faculty informal interactions.

Tasks:

Task 1: *Assess current status of student clubs, their guiding policies, procedures, activities and programs*

- Assess the existing students clubs in terms of their number, administrative structure, policies, programs, funding, memberships, etc. Identify the possible strengths and weaknesses.
- Examine various types of extracurricular activities offered to students in other universities in the region and worldwide, and that contribute to student development. Identify the activities and clubs that are in line with our values and culture, and possible means to create them at KFUPM.
- Determine the areas of improvement based on the above findings.

Task 2: *Assess current practices/activities/programs related to informal interactions between students and Faculty*

- Assess the existing practice/activities/programs whereby Students and Faculty interact informally. Identify the possible strengths and weaknesses.
- Examine various practices in the region and worldwide that are followed for enhancing informal social interactions between Students and Faculty. Identify the suitable practices/activities that can be usefully implemented at KFUPM.
- Determine the areas of improvement based on the above findings.

Task 3: *Create new student clubs/societies, if needed and develop new effective programs*

- From the results of the assessment in Task 1, new needs will be identified to enhance student development, through more effective extracurricular clubs, programs, and activities.

Task 4: *Propose needed facilities, for fruitful social interaction between students and faculty*

- From the results of the self assessment in Task 2, new needed facilities will be identified on campus, whereby informal interactions between students and faculty can be facilitated. Special programs to strengthen these activities will also be structured.

Resources and Expertise

Suitable places to establish new extracurricular activities for students, in terms of societies and clubs.

Suitable spaces in various locations to establish informal meeting points between Students and Faculty.

Faculty time and effort to participate in some of the planned activities.

Obstacle(s):

- (i) Locating fixed spaces for new student activities.
- (ii) Insufficient interest from students, due to academic overloading.
- (iii) Lack of enthusiasm from Faculty to participate in proposed activities.

Deliverables:

- (i) Specific identification of methods and means for enhancing student development, and informal interactions with faculty.