

Decree
Of the Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research
No.347/ Year 2011
Regarding the Establishing of
Center for Information & Statistics of Higher Education

Minister of HE&SR:

With reference to Federal Law No.4/yr1992 Regarding the establishment and organization of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR)

and Cabinet Decree No.3/yr2008 regarding the approval of the Organization Structure of MOHESR.

Decided

Article 1.

A Center for Higher Education Information and Statistics [CHEDS] is established in MOHESR, as part of the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA).

Article 2.

Roles and responsibilities of CHEDS are as follows:

1. Collection and analysis of all information and statistics of each institution of higher education (HEI) (University, College, Institution) in the UAE.
2. Produce and publish annual report on each HEI, through which the performance of each HEI is compared with performance indicators for quality and excellence; to contribute in demonstrating areas of strength in each HEI and describing the required areas for development in its operation.
3. Produce and publish periodic reports on higher education in the country.

The Annual Reports referred to an item No. (2) above aims to realize the following:

- a) Inform decision makers and public of the performance level of each HEI, and enable them to make comparisons among similar educational programs offered by these institutions, and also general comparison among institutions.
- b) Demonstrate the relative position of each HEI in the HE array in the UAE.
- c) Demonstrate the degree of consistency of HEI's operation with international norms of quality and the degree to which these norms are realized in the HEI.
- d) Direct HEI to the areas which require attention for their improvement, as contribution to the preparation of future development plans in all areas, whether academic, student life, or university environment in general.

- e) Clarify the degree of alignment between an HEI's performance and its approved mission and objectives.

Article 3.

The Center, through its operation systems, determines the information and statistics to be requested from each HEI in the country. All these institutions should provide such information accurately, following the processes and timings determined by the Center.

The Center establishes the procedures and systems required for provision of consultations to HEIs, and help them to provide the required data in the determined from.

Article 4.

The Center shall have a manager, hired following the procedures of MOHESR. The Manager shall be known for his/her experience in higher education research and statistics.

Article 5.

The Center shall have an Advisory Council, whose members are selected as personnel who have experience in higher education research and studies. The Council shall provide advice to the Manager, regarding the information and statistics to be collected and analyzed, the evaluation standards used, the form of annual report produced for HEI, in addition to the operation systems and procedures followed by the Center in general. Membership of the Council shall be for renewable term of three years, and its composition is determined through a decree to be issued by the Minister.

Article 6.

The Center Manager shall formulate an annual operational plan, to be discussed by the Advisory Council, and submitted to the Minister for approval.

Article 7.

This Decree is implemented as of the date of its issuing.

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