



Statement of The American University of Kurdistan's Board of Trustees

The American University of Kurdistan

May 2, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the American University of Kurdistan convened on May 2, 2019, under the leadership of His Excellency Masrour Barzani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Board reviewed the University's progress, discussed strategic priorities, and took several important decisions to support the continued development of AUK.

The Board expressed satisfaction with the overall advancement of the University, noting improvements in academic performance, faculty recruitment, and preparations for institutional accreditation. The Trustees acknowledged the dedication of the University's leadership, faculty, and staff in promoting academic quality and student success.

A major focus of the meeting was the proposed School of Nursing. After careful consideration of planning requirements, available resources, and community needs, the Board approved the appointment of a Dean for the School of Nursing and agreed that the School would begin admitting students in Fall 2020 once all necessary plans and resources are in place.

The Board also emphasized the importance of financial sustainability and strong planning. Following extensive discussions regarding the University's budget, fundraising efforts, and long term financial projections, the Board determined that the current budget required additional refinement and clarity. The administration was therefore instructed to prepare a comprehensive three year financial and budget plan to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Further actions taken during the meeting included approval of the Board of Trustees' Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, incorporating recommendations to strengthen governance; election of Trustees to serve a new three year term beginning at the next full Board meeting; approval of the University's Organizational Chart with the removal of the Internal Auditor position; and approval of the revised Tuition and Financial Aid structure for the coming academic years.

The Board also received a detailed presentation on accreditation requirements and reaffirmed its commitment to meeting all standards necessary for eligibility and candidacy with NECHE.

During the Executive Session, Trustees discussed institutional performance and provided recommendations to further advance the University's mission. The Chairman highlighted the urgency of establishing a realistic and sustainable financial model to support future growth.

The Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to the University community for its ongoing dedication and hard work.

Dr. Honar Issa,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees