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## “SDG16- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions”

### 16.2.1 Elected representation

Shatt Al-Arab University College has an elected representative of the faculty as a member of the College Council. This representative will attend all College Board meetings and will be invited to attend all College Path-related events. The Faculty Representative is elected annually by all faculty members through the Academic Union, and has the right to influence major decisions relating to the College that have a real impact on the future directions of the College.

In addition, the college listens to the opinions of students at all levels when making its decisions. Student representatives bring the student voice to the college. Student representatives are invited to attend other student-related College events.

The presence of student representatives enhances the development of their relationship with the college and the development of their skills such as strategic thinking and the method of making important decisions.

On the other hand, the administrative staff has representation in the college; They can make their voices heard directly and transparently, which enhances the effectiveness of administrative work and leads to the development of procedures in the college.

### 16.2.4 Participatory bodies for stakeholder engagement

Shatt Al-Arab University College carries out many activities in which participatory parties such as the government and private sectors participate, including graduate students. These activities are at the expense of the college in recognition of the role of universities and colleges in serving the community. There are many activities carried out by all departments of the college.

In accordance with this, the following:

1. Preparing community studies by faculty members, including seeking help from municipal departments, as work mechanisms have been provided for this department so that it can perform its work usefully without wasting resources and efforts.
2. Preparing community studies by faculty members that include defining legal terms in English and submitting them to the Presidency of the Basra Court of Appeal. These studies aim to help judges and judicial experts correctly translate contracts submitted by litigants,



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especially contracts to which the state is a party, in a way that preserves the state's rights towards companies, especially foreigners, that conclude contracts in English.

### **16.2.5 University principles on corruption and bribery**

Shatt Al-Arab University College is subject to all laws that promote transparency and integrity, and cooperates with all committees that inspect and review the college's work with the utmost transparency and cooperation. All employees of the college, including faculty members and employees, have concluded contracts with the college that include their commitment to the laws and avoiding violations of them, regardless of their degree, most notably bribery and corruption.

The college's accounts are subject to the work of the Federal Financial Supervision Bureau annually, where the Bureau's employees review all the college's resources and expenditures through written evidence and interviews with accountants, disbursers, and others. Shatt Al-Arab University College did not record any violations related to corruption by the Federal Office of Financial Supervision.

On the other hand, the college adheres to the relevant laws, such as the Private Higher Education Law No. 25 of 2016, and all instructions and directives of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research regarding financial affairs and student affairs, and there is no violation of this and it has been registered with the college in this regard.

Shatt Al-Arab University College pays the amount legally allocated to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, 3% of total annual revenues, and there has been no delay or violation in this regard.

### **16.2.6 Academic freedom policy**

Shatt Al-Arab University College provides faculty members with complete freedom to conduct their research and studies. They were not asked to include special quotations or references in their research and studies that were not related to them. The faculty member chooses the appropriate title for his study and submits it to the department head to include it in the annual scientific plan. It is the faculty member's specialty and one of the topics useful to the nation.

A faculty member can also speak freely about his research and studies within the periodic seminars that are held on an ongoing basis in the scientific departments, and the conversation is subject to free scientific discussion without pressure.

On the other hand, the faculty member is free to complete his postgraduate studies, doctorate, as well as achieve promotion to a higher scientific title.



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In the field of teaching, the faculty member has the freedom to speak and choose the method of delivering information to students. He can also benefit from advanced theories and positions in his field of specialization to include them in his lectures to students.

### **16.3.1 Provide expert advice to government**

Shatt Al-Arab University College is keen to communicate with government agencies and provide consultations to them based on the expertise of the academic staff at the college. This free consultation aims to help the government, the regional authority, and the private sector develop their work and achieve their goals.

In addition, faculty members provide free consultations to various entities, including government and private entities.

In accordance with this, the following:

Notes on the mechanism of work of the committee to consider compensation requests submitted by Yazidi survivors, notes prepared by the Law Department and submitted to the Iraqi Coalition for Just Compensation (C4JR) according to College Letter No. 175/216 dated 2/Decree No. 5/2023 containing memoranda to the Office of the Prime Minister, The Supreme Judicial Council and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

### **16.3.2 Policy- and lawmakers outreach and education**

Shatt Al-Arab University College contributes to raising awareness and educating policy makers and legislators through the participation of faculty members in specialized seminars and conferences. In accordance with the Constitution and the principles of justice.

In implementation of this, Shatt Al-Arab University College / Department of Law participated in the activities of the Dialogue Project for Humanitarian Partnerships that Build Peace, implemented by the Iraqi Organization for Development (IID) and with the support of the Kaysid International Dialogue Center (KCED) in Nineveh Governorate, where professors from the Law Department presented a research study on civil status law. The Iraqi personality, its application, and its compatibility with special legislation for the various components of society from different religions, nationalities, and sects. Three dialogue sessions were implemented on the subject in Mosul, Telkaif, and Bashiqa, and an expanded electronic dialogue session. These sessions were carried out with the participation of an elite group of representatives of sects and minorities, and with the participation of community leaders, civil society activists, and legal experts, to come up with joint recommendations and proposals that reduce the intensity of disagreement between the components of society, bridge the gap, and contribute to achieving community security and peace in society.



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### **16.3.3 Participation in government research**

Based on the adoption of the sustainable development strategy and the confirmation of this by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Shatt Al-Arab University College worked to prepare proposals and work projects in this regard that contribute to promoting sustainable development and introducing students to this concept, its development and future implications.

In accordance with this, the following:

The Department of Law at Shatt Al-Arab University College prepared a special curriculum on the topic of sustainable development, which dealt with its origins, definition, approach, and future effects, in addition to the seventeen development goals, their challenges, and the road map of the United Nations Office. United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. These lectures have been integrated into the human rights curriculum taught to all college students, and the aim is to introduce them to the concept of sustainable development and everything related to it to help them in their practical lives.

### **16.3.4 Neutral platform to discuss issues**

Shatt Al-Arab University College, through the Law Department, provides an independent platform through which legal, political, economic and social events are discussed in the presence of interested professionals and students. This has become a permanent tradition during the academic year, where modern issues are discussed and opinions expressed by hosting specialists such as judges, economists, and law professors from inside and outside the college.

In accordance with this, the following:

1. Discussing the National Oil Company Law and its legal and economic implications. This discussion took place before the law entered into force, as well as another discussion after its cancellation by the Federal Supreme Court. The results and various opinions were discussed in the presence of economists from the University of Basra and the oil company, and in the presence of faculty and students.

2. Discussing the necessity of amending the Iraqi constitution, i.e., the possible method and available mechanisms, through:

Studying the weaknesses in the 2005 Constitution of the Republic of Iraq, ways to overcome them, and proposals for amendment. The possibility of amendment now, whether it is difficult or not, was discussed by specialists in constitutional law in the presence of faculty members and students.





### 16.4.1 Proportion of graduates in law

Academic year	Number of graduates	Academic year	Number of graduates
1996-1997	113	2009-2010	174
1997-1998	124	2010-2011	177
1998-1999	127	2011-2012	178
1999-2000	113	2012-2013	151
2000-2001	99	2013-2014	330
2001-2002	118	2014-2015	167
2002-2003	118	2015-2016	166
2003-2004	123	2016-2017	171
2004-2005	68	2017-2018	192
2005-2006	01	2018-2019	174
2006-2007	71	2019-2020	155
2007-2008	91	2020-2021	273
2008-2009	117	2021-2022	211

Shatt Al-Arab University College participated in the first meeting of the Supreme Civil Defense Council to determine the safety and security requirements in all vital facilities.

Under the guidance of the local government in Basra Governorate and in accordance with Civil Defense Law No. 44 in the year 2013 and on 2/15/2022, the Supreme Civil Defense Council in Basra held its first meeting, headed by the Assistant Governor for Administrative Affairs, **Mr. Moin Al-Hassan**, and with the participation of representatives of state departments and institutions, the private sector, and the Director of Defense. Civilians, safety and fire department managers.

During the meeting, ways to overcome the difficulties facing law enforcement and holding violators accountable were discussed, as well as an agreement to develop a plan to provide security and safety requirements in facilities in order to protect the citizen and reduce the risks that affect his life.





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Also, a dialogue seminar on first aid and safety procedures was held in the conference hall at Shatt Al-Arab University College on Thursday morning, 10/27/2022, organized by the Training and Qualification Division of the Civil Defense Directorate.

In the presence of the Director of Civil Defense in Basra, **Brigadier General Tahseen Ali Sari**, who stressed the necessity of holding these dialogue seminars to work on educating workers, affiliates, and targeted parties in official departments to prevent danger and ways to address it using the methods used for that, and the officer of the Training and Qualification Division presented

Lieutenant Colonel **Tayseer Abd Ali Abd** gave an explanation of first aid and its importance in saving a person from danger. The lecture, which was organized by the Training and Qualification Division of the Civil Defense Directorate, included a practical exercise on the necessary safety procedures.







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Additionally, in order to support peace-building efforts in the Basra community, achieve peace and security, and reject sectarianism, the Accounting Department – at Shatt Al-Arab University College organized a visit to the Diocese of Basra and the Chaldean South, carrying the message of peace and unity that binds the people of one homeland with all its ethnic and religious sects and components. The visit included a lecture by **Sister Bushra**, explained in her that all religions came with human values and messages of peace and love among people, and this is what we must respect and work to achieve. At the end of the visit, those in charge of the church thanked the visiting delegation, stressing that it is a good gesture and it must not be the last because of its importance in Achieving and building peace in society.

