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TO: All Faculties / Secretariat of the Respected Deans, Respected Vice Presidents, Secretariat of the Respected Vice Presidents

SUBJECT: Submission of Meeting Minutes

Greetings,

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of the minutes of Meeting No. 18 of the University Council, held on August 23, 2026, for your perusal and necessary action.

Copy to:
• Office of the Respected University President
• Confidential Outgoing Archive

With respects,

Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherwan Sharif Qurtas
President of Soran University

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 18 OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Soran University — Held on August 23, 2026

Meeting Type:	Ordinary Session
Meeting Title:	Minutes of Soran University Council Meeting
Date & Day:	Sunday, August 23, 2026
Location:	Meeting Hall of the University Presidency

Attendees & Attendance Record

The Soran University Council held its meeting chaired by the Respected President of the University, **Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherwan Sharif Qurtas**, with the presence of the following council members:

- **Prof. Dr. Sirwan Jabbar Amin** – Vice President for Scientific Affairs
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherzad Saeed Sedeeq** – Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Rizgar Saeed Hussein** – Vice President for Students' Affairs
- **Prof. Dr. Samir Mustafa Hamad** – Dean of the Scientific Research Center
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayad Nuri Faqi** – Dean of the Faculty of Science
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Jamal Ismail Kakrasul** – Dean of the Faculty of Engineering
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Hemdad Faisal Ahmad** – Dean of the Faculty of Law, Political Sciences, and Administration
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Yousif Azeez** – Dean of the Faculty of Education
- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Karmand Abdullah Hamad** – Dean of the Faculty of Arts
- **Prof. Dr. Omar Hassan Hussein** – Faculty Representative
- **Nazeer Shahab Muhammad** – Student Representative

At the opening of the meeting, the University President welcomed the council members as well as the directors of Postgraduate Studies, Quality Assurance & Curriculum Development, Financial Affairs, Human Resources, Internal Dormitories, Internal Audit, Public Relations & Media, and General Registration. Subsequently, the agenda items for Ordinary Meeting No. 18 were introduced and addressed.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of Previous Minutes

A comprehensive review of the decisions and administrative actions from the previous session was conducted to ensure full implementation, following which the minutes of the previous meeting were formally approved.

Agenda Item 2: Directives of the University President

- **Academic Year Preparations:** Preparations for the upcoming academic year were reviewed, establishing September 1, 2026, as the official start date for the Fall Semester of the 2026–2027 academic year.
- **Faculty Professional Development:** Deans were instructed to submit the names of Entrepreneurship course lecturers to participate in a specialized professional development training workshop.

Strategic Plan of Soran University (2027–2031)

Pursuant to Meeting No. 17 held on August 16, 2026, the presentation of the university's revised Strategic Plan was delivered by the Strategic Plan Implementation Assurance Committee through a detailed seminar presentation led by Asst. Prof. Dr. Rizgar Saeed Hussein and committee members:

- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Rizgar Saeed Hussein:** Elaborated on planning concepts, organizational importance, preparation stages, and key success factors for strategic execution.
- **Shahla Yasin Muhammad Salih:** Presented the university's vision, mission statement, core institutional values, and strategic goals.
- **Rwayda Farman Aziz:** Outlined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), metric classifications, and monitoring/evaluation frameworks.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION & ASSIGNMENTS

The University Council resolved to assign council members to review and refine the strategic goals by September 20, 2026, submitting feedback to the Strategic Plan Implementation Assurance Committee as follows:

- **Goal 1 (Teaching & Academic Programs):** Asst. Prof. Dr. Karmand Abdullah Hamad (Dean of Faculty of Arts) – Review Strategic Goal 1: Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Academic Programs.
- **Goal 2 (Research & Applied Sciences):** Prof. Dr. Samir Mustafa Hamad (Dean of Scientific Research Center) – Review Strategic Goal 2: Research, Innovation, and Reorienting University Direction toward Applied Sciences.
- **Goal 3 (Quality Assurance & Integrity):** Prof. Dr. Sirwan Jabbar Amin (Vice President for Scientific Affairs) – Review Strategic Goal 3: Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Academic Integrity.
- **Goal 4 (Governance & Autonomy):** Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherzad Saeed Sedeeq (Vice President for Administrative & Financial Affairs) – Review Strategic Goal 4: Administrative Governance and Institutional Autonomy.
- **Goal 5 (Community & Sustainability):** Asst. Prof. Dr. Jamal Ismail Kakrasul (Dean of Faculty of Engineering) – Review Strategic Goal 5: Community Engagement, Social Impact, and Sustainability.

General Distribution & Final Deadline:

• The Strategic Plan shall be circulated to all university faculty members and students to collect comprehensive feedback.

• The committee shall review all inputs and submit the final draft of the Strategic Plan to the University Council no later than October 1, 2026.

Council Signatures & Approval

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