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To: All Faculties, Deans' Secretariats, University Vice-Presidents & Secretariats

Subject: Transmittal of Meeting Minutes

Greetings,

Attached herewith, we forward to you a copy of the minutes of the 17th Meeting of the University Council, held on August 16, 2026, for your review and necessary action.

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

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MINUTES OF THE 17TH MEETING OF SORAN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Meeting Type: Ordinary Meeting
Date: Sunday, August 16, 2026
Location: Meeting Hall at University Presidency

Chaired by: Asst. Prof. Dr. Sherwan Sharif Qurtas (University President)
Attendees:
• Prof. Dr. Sirwan Jabbar Amin (Vice President for Scientific Affairs)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Shirzad Said Sdiq (Vice President for Administrative & Financial Affairs)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Rizgar Said Hussein (Vice President for Student Affairs)
• Prof. Dr. Samir Mustafa Hamad (Dean of Scientific Research Center)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Ayad Nuri Faqi (Dean of Faculty of Science)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Jamal Ismail Kakrasul (Dean of Faculty of Engineering)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Hemdad Faisal Ahmad (Dean of Faculty of Law, Political Science & Management)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Ali Yousif Aziz (Dean of Faculty of Education)
• Asst. Prof. Dr. Karmand Abdullah Hamad (Dean of Faculty of Arts)
Absent (with excuse): Prof. Dr. Omar Hassan Hussein (Faculty Representative)
At the commencement of the meeting, the University President welcomed the Council members and highlighted the meeting agenda. The Council then proceeded to review and discuss the agenda items of Ordinary Meeting No. 17:

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The decisions and matters of the previous council meeting were reviewed to ensure implementation and to formally adopt the previous meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Guidelines & Directives of the University President

1. Highlighting and praising the prominent role of Scientific Department Heads, reaffirming full support for all efforts that advance their work.
2. Emphasizing the essential role of institutional coordination and joint teamwork, noting that recent achievements and advancements of the university are direct results of strong cooperation across all units.
3. Directing University Council members to prepare and submit the Annual Work Plan for Academic Year (2026–2027) within the framework of the University's Strategic Plan by August 30, 2026, for council approval.

Agenda Item 3: Scientific Affairs

1. Capacity Building Course

Based on Meeting No. 16 dated 02/08/2026 (Item 3, Point 7) regarding capacity building courses for administrative managers and scientific department heads:
Decision: Continuous evaluations shall be conducted for workshops to assess their efficacy and enhance overall training quality.

2. Strategic Plan of Soran University

The Council discussed the amended strategic plan presented by the Strategic Plan Implementation Assurance Committee.
Decision: The Council decided to:

a) Approve the updated Vision, Mission, and Core Values of the university as follows:

• Vision: Building and developing a trusted, leading academic, educational, and advisory hub contributing to qualitative transformation.

• Mission: Active contribution to knowledge production and cultivating productive, educated individuals equipped with modern scientific skills and social values tailored for the job market through talent discovery and targeted research.

• Core Values: Wisdom, Openness, Responsibility, Academic Integrity, Innovation, Quality, and Sustainability.

b) Task Asst. Prof. Dr. Rizgar Said Hussein (Head of Strategic Plan Implementation Assurance Committee) to prepare and deliver a presentation detailing the strategic plan at the next council meeting.

3. Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

Based on Meeting No. 16 dated 02/08/2026 (Item 3, Point 5) regarding Soran University's Bachelor's Level Learning Outcomes prepared by the Quality Assurance Committee:
Decision: The Council approved the final formulated Learning Outcomes for Bachelor's degree graduates:

1. Graduates possess deep understanding and knowledge in their specialization.
2. Graduates can effectively apply and utilize academic and practical knowledge within their field.
3. Graduates demonstrate critical thinking and analytical skills towards data, information, and sources.
4. Graduates adhere to high professional ethics, social values, and public civic responsibilities.
5. Graduates cultivate sustainable practices and a commitment to continuous lifelong learning.
6. Graduates demonstrate proficiency in foreign languages and modern technology aligned with job market demands.
7. Graduates possess innovative thinking and entrepreneurial skills to present new ideas and projects.
8. Graduates can function effectively and responsibly in team environments across diverse professional settings.
9. Graduates respect gender, cultural, religious, national, and linguistic diversity in society.

4. Postgraduate Student Matters

Based on Council Decision in Meeting No. 15 dated 20/07/2026 (Item 3, Point 1) regarding Master's students Omran Taher Yasin and Muhammad Faiq Rafeeq (Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering) publishing extracted research as a book chapter; the committee submitted its final evaluation report.
Decision:

a) Award Master's degrees to the mentioned students without delay.

b) Issue an official directive to all scientific departments clarifying that postgraduate students bear full personal responsibility for the venues where they publish extracted research.

c) Direct the Quality Assurance and Curriculum Development Directorate to perform thorough verification of journals and conferences before publishing approval to ensure alignment with higher education standards.

5. Academic Calendar (2026–2027)

Prof. Dr. Sirwan Jabbar Amin presented the proposed Academic Calendar for Soran University for the academic year 2026–2027.

Decision: Approved the Academic Calendar for 2026–2027, setting the start of the Fall Semester (1st Semester) on September 20, 2026.

Agenda Item 4: Student Affairs

1. Student Self-Registration

Decision: Open the Student Information System (SIS) for student self-registration starting from August 20, 2026 until September 6, 2026 (12:00 PM midnight).

2. Integration of LMS and SIS Systems

Based on Council Decision in Meeting No. 15 dated 20/07/2026 regarding the new Student Information System (SIS):
Decision: The Learning Management System (LMS) is integrated into the SIS. Scientific Department Heads shall review the system for feedback. Special training workshops and instructional videos will be prepared for faculty members.

APPENDIX: SORAN UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CALENDAR (2026–2027)

Fall Semester (2026–2027)

Academic Activity	Date
Registration & Student Self-Registration (Fall Semester)	August 20 – September 6, 2026
Commencement of Fall Semester Classes	September 20, 2026
Add / Drop Course Period	September 20–25, 2026
Midterm Examinations	October 24–29, 2026
Registration for Fall Final Exams (1st Attempt)	December 5–11, 2026
Fall Semester Final Examinations (1st Attempt)	December 12–24, 2026
Fall Final Examinations (2nd Attempt)	January 16–28, 2027

Spring Semester (2026–2027)

Academic Activity	Date
Registration for Spring Semester	January 23–30, 2027
Commencement of Spring Semester Classes	January 30, 2027
Add / Drop Course Period	January 30 – February 12, 2027
Midterm Examinations	March 27 – April 8, 2027
Registration for Spring Final Exams (1st Attempt)	May 15–21, 2027
Spring Semester Final Examinations (1st Attempt)	May 22 – June 3, 2027
Spring Final Examinations (2nd Attempt)	June 12–24, 2027

Note: *Academic and administrative preparations for Academic Year 2027–2028 will take place from June 19 to June 30, 2027.*

COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES & APPROVAL

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- Prof. Dr. Omar Hassan Hussein — Faculty Representative
- Shahla Yasin Muhammad Saleh — Minutes Coordinator