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1. Introduction

Founded in 2007 (1428H), the Department of Electrical Engineering initially offered a single undergraduate program, namely the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Program (BSc EEP). The first cohort of students was admitted during the academic year 2008-09 (1429H-1430H). However, four years ago, the department expanded its offerings, introducing a second program for graduate students. The BSc EE program maintains a duration of five years, culminating in the award of a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree upon successful completion of program criteria and university requirements. The BSc program align with the missions and goals of the University of Tabuk and the Faculty of Engineering. Graduates from these programs are well-placed in various roles within public and private sectors. The BSc EEP holds accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

ABET Web URL: https://www.abet.org/".

EE Department Web Link: https://www.ut.edu.sa/en/Faculties/engineering/Electrical/Pages/default.aspx

Guided by its mission and goals, the BSc in Electrical Engineering program sets its annual operational plan to ensure that the program's objectives are effectively implemented and achieved. This document introduces a set of initiatives measured by performance indicators, steering the program towards the achievement of its goals. It outlines specific strategies encompassing educational enhancement, moral values installation, social responsibility, community engagement, and a dedicated focus on contributing to the economic prosperity of the country.

2. Development of the Operational Plan

Crafted by the Quality Committee of the Department of Electrical Engineering and endorsed by the department council, the operational plan for the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering program plays a pivotal role in guiding resource allocation, setting timelines, establishing goals, identifying risks, and shaping strategic initiatives. Specifically tailored for the BSc EEP, the plan serves as a comprehensive roadmap, detailing actions, strategies, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to achieve program goals and elevate overall quality. With formal approval affirming its significance, this operational plan ensures that the program's mission and goals intricately guide all operations and activities, embodying a commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.

3. Program Constituencies

The program constituents are those who must be satisfied with the performance of the Electrical Engineering program. The significant groups of constituencies of the program are:

- Faculty: EE faculty members are involved, on regular basis, in the assessment processes, advising, supervising, etc.
- Students: Current EE students are interested in whether the EE program adequately prepares them for future employment.
- Alumni: This group consists of recent graduates who have been graduated from the EE
 department with B.SC. degree. They should have the incentives to assess the quality of the
 program based on their career achievements.
- Employers (government, industry and universities): Employers' satisfaction with our students' education provides measure of the program success. Their satisfaction translates to employment opportunities for our students.

4. Vision of the University of Tabuk, Faculty of Engineering, and BSc EEP

4.1 University of Tabuk Vision

A university that is educationally and academically distinguished which cooperated in community service.

4.2 Faculty of Engineering Vision

A distinguished and pioneering college locally and internationally in the field of engineering education, innovative research, and building a knowledge society.

4.3 Department of Electrical Engineering (BSc EEP) Vision

To become a leading department that produces ethical and professional leaders who are equipped with the skills and knowledge to drive societal and economic growth through innovative research and development.

4.4 Alignment of the Visions

The following table gives the alignment of the visions by mapping the keywords of the University of Tabuk with the Faculty of Engineering and Electrical Engineering Department (BSc EEP).

| Keywords | University of Tabuk | Faculty of Engineering | Department of Electrical Engineering |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Institution | A university that is | A distinguished and | To become a leading |
| | educationally and | pioneering college locally | department that produces |
| Distinguished | academically | and internationally in the | ethical and professional leaders |

| | distinguished | which | field | of | engineering | who are equipped with the |
|-----------|---------------|-------|---------|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Education | cooperated | in | educat | ion, | innovative | skills and knowledge to drive |
| | community ser | vice | researc | ch, ar | nd building a | societal and economic growth |
| Community | | | knowle | edge so | ociety | through innovative research |
| Research | | | | | | and development. |

5. Mission of the University of Tabuk, Faculty of Engineering, and BSc EEP

5.1 University of Tabuk Mission

To offer a distinguished university education that meets the needs of society and the job market through an attractive educational, administrative, and technical environment that supports research and innovation.

5.2 Faculty of Engineering Mission

To graduate qualified engineers in accordance with the International Academic Standards and prepare them to meet the changing needs of society. These graduates will be able to compete locally and internationally. The Faculty of Engineering is committed to providing excellent education and pursuing relevant scientific research and partnership with industry and governmental societies.

5.3 B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering Program (BSc EEP) Mission

To offer a comprehensive education that develops technical and professional engineering skills, instills moral values and ethical behavior, and motivates and prepares students to engage in research and community service.

5.4 Alignment of the Missions

The following table gives the alignment of the missions by mapping the keywords of the University of Tabuk with the Faculty of Engineering and BSc EEP.

| Keywords | University of Tabuk | Faculty of Engineering | BSc EEP | | |
|----------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Needs of | To offer a distinguished To graduate qualified engineer | | To offer a comprehensive | | |
| society | university education | accordance with the International | education that develops | | |
| | that meets the needs of | Academic Standards and prepare | technical and professional | | |
| | society and the job | them to meet the changing needs | engineering skills, instills | | |

| Excellent | market through an | of society. These graduates will | moral values and ethical |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| education | attractive | be able to compete locally and | behavior, and motivates |
| | educational, | internationally. The Faculty of | and prepares students to |
| | administrative, and | Engineering is committed to | engage in research and |
| | technical environment | providing excellent education | community service. |
| | that supports research | and pursuing relevant scientific | |
| | and innovation. | research and partnership with | |
| Research | | industry and governmental | |
| | | societies. | |

6. Goals of the University, College, and Program

6.1 University Goals

UG1: To provide a distinguished university education that meets the needs of the labor market.

UG2: To support innovative research to contribute to building a knowledge economy.

UG3: To promote social responsibility and community partnership.

UG4: Sustainability of infrastructure and technology for an attractive educational environment.

UG5: Effective governance and management.

UG6: Diversify innovative financing sources and achieve expenditure efficiency.

6.2 Faculty of Engineering Goals

CG1: To deliver distinguished academic education that meets the needs of the labor market.

CG2: Providing creative research to contribute to building the knowledge economy of society.

CG3: Effective contribution to sustainable development and community service.

CG4: Offer a stimulating and attractive learning environment.

CG5: Develop an effective administrative and organizational environment in the college.

CG6: Providing innovative financing sources.

6.3 BSc EE Program Goals

• **PG1**: Produce Competent Electrical Engineers:

This goal focuses on the primary educational mission of your EE program, which is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and expertise required to become competent electrical engineers. It emphasizes that graduates should have a strong foundation in electrical engineering principles, problem-solving abilities, and technical proficiency.

• PG2: Inculcate Moral Values and Professionalism Among Students:

This goal extends beyond technical competence and emphasizes the importance of ethics and professionalism in the education of future electrical engineers. It underscores the need to instill ethical values, integrity, and a sense of responsibility among students, preparing them not only as skilled engineers but also as individuals who prioritize ethical conduct in their professional lives.

• **PG3**: Engage Students in Community Services:

This goal highlights the program's commitment to social responsibility and community engagement. It seeks to encourage students to apply their engineering knowledge and skills to benefit their communities through service projects and initiatives. Engaging in community services helps students develop a broader perspective and a sense of civic duty.

• **PG4**: Empower Graduates to Contribute Towards Economic Prosperity of the Country

This goal emphasizes the broader societal impact of the EE program. It aims to empower graduates with the capabilities, innovation, and entrepreneurial mindset needed to make meaningful contributions to their country's economic development. Graduates are expected to use their engineering expertise to drive technological advancements, create job opportunities, and stimulate economic growth.

6.4 Mapping the goals and the mission of BSc EEP

The goals of the BSc EEP are formulated based on its mission, and the alignment between the program objectives and the mission is outlined in the table below.

| <u>Program Goals</u> | Alignment with Program Mission |
|--|---|
| PG1: Produce competent Electrical Engineers | Aligns with the mission's emphasis on comprehensive education and technical skills development. |
| PG: Inculcate moral values and professionalism among students | Directly aligns with the mission's focus on instilling moral values and ethical behavior. |
| PG3: Engage students in community services | Corresponds with the mission's objective of motivating students to engage in community service. |
| PG4: Empower graduates to contribute towards economic prosperity | Indirectly aligns with the mission through comprehensive education and preparation for research and innovation. |

6.5 Alignment of Goals

The following table gives the alignment of the goals of the University of Tabuk with the Faculty of Engineering and BSc EEP.

| BSc EEP |] | Faculty | of Eng | ineerin | g Goals | s | | Unive | rsity of | Tabuk | Goals | |
|---------|-----|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------|----------|-------|-------|-----|
| Goals | CG1 | CG2 | CG3 | CG4 | CG5 | CG6 | UG1 | UG2 | UG3 | UG4 | UG5 | UG6 |
| PG1 | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | |
| PG2 | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| PG3 | | | ✓ | | | | | | √ | | | |
| PG4 | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | ✓ |

7. The Operational Plan of the BSc EE Program

In this section, we develop initiatives that are aligned with the goals of the B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (EE) program. These initiatives aim to provide a structured and actionable plan for achieving the program's goals, breaking down each strategy into actionable steps or projects. The strategic action plan is designed to serve as our roadmap, offering a structured and measurable approach to attain program goals, foster student success, and contribute to the betterment of our community and country. To monitor the progress, we have established 19 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) specific to this operational plan, serving as measurable benchmarks. Regularly tracking these KPIs is crucial for evaluating the program's effectiveness in achieving overarching goals, ensuring alignment with our mission, and remaining flexible for necessary adjustments. This commitment to continuous improvement and educational excellence is evident in our outlined initiatives, actions, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each program goal presented in the four tables below.

7.1 Program Goal 1

PG1: Produce competent Electrical Engineers.

| Initiative | Action | Responsibility | angibility Implementation timing | | IP (Index | Target | Resources |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| Illitiative | Action | Responsibility | Beginning | end | performance) | | required |
| Enhance Educational Curriculum through curriculum Review and Update | Review and update the curriculum to identify gaps and align with FE exam standards. | Committees and councils concerned with updating the plan | The beginning of the first semester | The end of the first semester | Percentage of Electrical and Computer FE exam topics incorporated into the EE curriculum | 90% | |
| Hands-On Learning | Evaluate labs, identify improvements, assess resource needs, prioritize enhancements, and create a plan for lab improvements. | Lab Committee, EE Department chair, Faculty Dean | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the first semester | Completion rate of the development plan for laboratories | 50% completion of the development plan | Faculty Dean |
| through Laboratory Enhancement. | Incorporate hands-on projects into relevant courses. | Faculty Members | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Students' evaluation of the facilities and equipment available to complete their projects | 80% Rate of satisfaction | |

7.2 Program Goal 2

PG2: Inculcate moral values and professionalism among students.

| Initiative | Action | Responsibility | Implementation timing | | IP (Index performance) | Target | Resources |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------|
| Illitiative | Action | Responsibility | Beginning | end | 11 (Index periormance) | Target | required |
| Ethics and Professionalism Modules | Integrate ethics and professionalism into department-specific courses within the study plan. | Faculty Curriculum Committee | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the first semester | Number of courses in the curriculum plan that incorporate moral values and ethics. | 3 | |
| | | | | | Number of workshops organized | 2 | |
| Professional | Organize workshops or seminars on professional ethics and values | SDP Committee EE Department Chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | The ratio of SDP students who participated in the ethics seminar to the overall number of SDP students. | 80% | |
| Development Programs | | | | | Students' satisfaction with the workshop | 80% satisfaction rate | |
| | Arrange and coordinate a guest speaker lecture focusing on professional ethics and values. | EE Department Chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Students and Faculty member' evaluation of guest speaker | 80% satisfaction rate | |

7.3 Program Goal 3

PG3: Engage students in community services.

| | | | Implementat | ion timing | IP (Index | | Resources |
|---|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Initiative | Action | Responsibility | Beginning | end | performance)/outcome Of action | Target | required |
| Instilling the importance of participating in community service | Develop awareness workshops for students related to the opportunities and importance of community service. | EE department chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Number of awareness workshops | 2 | |
| | Identify local community needs and potential projects suitable for student involvement | EE department chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the first semester | Report on Identifying Community Needs | 100% completion of the report. | |
| Service-Learning Integration | Establish partnerships with community organizations. EE Departm Chair. | EE Department | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second | No. of community service programs organized by the program with the participation of students | 3 | Dean |
| Integration | | Chair. | | semester | No. of students participated in the community service programs every year | 20 | |
| | Incorporate service- learning projects into relevant courses. | Faculty Members | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Number of courses in the curriculum plan which inculcates service-learning projects | 3 | |

7.4 Program Goal 4

PG4: Empower graduates to contribute towards economic prosperity of the country.

| | Action | | Implement | ation timing | IP (Index | | Resources |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| Initiative | | Responsibility | Beginning | end | performance)/outcome 0f action | Target | required |
| | Establish partnership with industry | | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Number of established industry partners | 3 | |
| Industry Partnerships and | Present the benefits of collaboration and internship opportunities. | Dean | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Stakeholders' evaluation of collaboration and internship | 80% satisfaction rate | Dean |
| Internships | Develop an internship program with industry partners. | EE Department Chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | The percentage of students engaged in internships to the total number of students undergoing summer training. | 30% | Faculty Dean |
| | Offer courses to students that focus on entrepreneurship. | Committees and councils concerned with updating the plan | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the first semester | Number of courses and/or modules in the curriculum plan which focused on entrepreneurship | 1 | |
| Entrepreneurship Support | Develop workshops for students related to entrepreneurship development. | SDP Committee, EE department Chair | Beginning of the first semester | The end of the second semester | Students' satisfaction with the workshop The percentage of SDP students who participated in the Entrepreneurship Development workshops. | 80% | |

8. Relation between BSc EEP goals and NCAAA program KPIs

While the program has established 19 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) tailored to assess the attainment of operational plan goals, it is noteworthy that the 17 program-specific KPIs outlined by NCAAA can also serve as an effective evaluation tool for the program goals. Many of these NCAAA KPIs directly align with and are highly relevant for assessing the operational plan goals. Additionally, some KPIs, while not directly tied, can still offer valuable insights related to the program goals. The subsequent table meticulously maps the most pertinent NCAAA KPIs, providing a more direct and comprehensive measure of progress toward achieving these goals. This dual approach enhances the program's ability to gauge success and effectiveness by leveraging both internally defined KPIs and those established by the accrediting body.

| Program Goal | KPI code | NCAA KPI |
|---|----------|--|
| | KPI-P-04 | Completion rate |
| | KPI-P-06 | Students' performance in the professional and/or national examinations |
| PG1: Produce competent Electrical Engineers. | KPI-P-07 | Graduates' employability and enrolment in postgraduate programs |
| | KPI-P-08 | Average number of students in the class |
| | KPI-P-09 | Employers' evaluation of the program graduates proficiency |
| PG2: Inculcate moral values and | KPI-P-02 | Students' Evaluation of quality of learning experience in the program |
| professionalism among students. | KPI-P-03 | Students' evaluation of the quality of the courses |
| | KPI-P-10 | Students' satisfaction with the offered services |
| | KPI-P-12 | Percentage of teaching staff distribution |
| PG3: Engage students in community services. | KPI-P-14 | Percentage of publications of faculty members |
| Services. | KPI-P-16 | Citations rate in refereed journals per faculty member |
| | KPI-P-05 | First-year students retention rate |
| PG4: Empower graduates to contribute towards economic | KPI-P-15 | Rate of published research per faculty member |
| prosperity of the country. | KPI-P-17 | Satisfaction of beneficiaries with the learning resources |

9. Analysis of the Operational Plan Indicators

The BSc EEP utilizes 19 specific KPIs developed for the operational plan to track progress towards its mission and program goals. At the end of the designated operational plan period, a report titled "Report on the Implementation of the Operational Plan (2022-2023) and Analysis of its KPIs" is prepared, serving as a follow-up. The collected data is carefully analyzed to identify strengths and areas for improvement, leading to continuous enhancement in the subsequent academic year. Based on analysis findings, actionable recommendations are formulated to guide the development of a comprehensive action plan for improvement. This plan outlines specific steps to address identified areas for improvement, ensuring a commitment to delivering the highest quality education.

In a separate report, the program analyzes the 17 mandatory program KPIs set forth by the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation (NCAAA) / Education and Training Evaluation Commission (ETEC) for academic program accreditation. Titled "Program KPIs Analysis Report," this report evaluates these KPIs annually, with results recorded in the Annual Program Report (APR).

10. Action Plan for Improvement

The BSc EEP identifies the actions to be taken to improve in the subsequent year in the following table.

| One Year Action Plan for Improvement | | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------|----------|-------|--|
| Source: Analysis of Operational Plan KPIs | | | | | |
| Action | Responsibility | Time frame | | Notes | |
| | | Start | Complete | | |
| 1. | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | |

11. Approval of the Operational Plan

| | Prepared by | Approved by | | |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| | Quality Committee | EE Department Council | | |
| Date: | August 2022 | Nov 2023 | | |