# AU Strategic Direction 2003-2007

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### AU Phases of Development

Phase I: Stabilization (2003-2006)

Every aspect of the university

life will be put in proper

perspective

Phase II: Raise the bar of quality

(2007-2011)

Phase III: Attain Excellence (2012-2020)



## Strategic Questions

- 1. Where are we now?
- 2. Where do we want to go?
- 3. How can we get there?



### Our Achievements (2003-2005)

- a) The Quality Assurance System -> stabilized
  - The University (as a whole)
  - Different units (both academic and depending on supporting units)



### Our Achievements (2003-2005)

b) The establishment of 6 sets of the University index:

- 1. SAR Performance Index (SPI) ...2002
- 2. Stakeholders Satisfaction Index (SSI)...2004
- 3. Service Quality Satisfaction Index (SQSI) ...2005



### Our Achievements (2003-2005)

- 4. Instructors' Competency and Effectiveness Index (ICEI)...2006
- 5. Students' Competency and Effectiveness Index (SCEI)...2006
- 6. Resource Providers' Competency and Effectiveness Index (RPCEI)...2007



### AU Institutional Mission

- Services to Humanity
- Education Excellence



## AU Strategic Direction

The strategic direction for AU towards a balanced approach to "Education Excellence" in the Phase I is defined as:

"Laying and strengthening AU foundation leading to Education Excellence"



### A Balanced Approach

- a) 

  Revenue Mix ...
  - a composite of innovative educational <a href="mailto:products">products</a> and <a href="mailto:services">services</a> offered,
- b) 

  Educational Excellence ...
  - a composite of quality students, faculty, curricula, facilities and infrastructure, and



## A Balanced Approach

- c) 

  Operational Excellence ...
  - a composite of the administrative excellence, processes conducive to growth & development and learning of a person...



## Strategic Themes

To achieve its Phase I, strategic direction, AU has defined these strategic themes that serve to guide the University towards its vision as follows:

- Theme 1: Teaching & Learning
  - Creating and strengthening quality in learning and teaching
- Theme 2: Academic & Research Achievement
  - Furthering quality in academic and research achievement

#### - Theme 3: Services

 Developing stakeholders-University engagement

#### - Theme 4: Resources

Developing and managing resources

#### - Theme 5: Core and Support Services

Improving core and support processes

#### - Theme 6 : People



 Valuing people and creating a high-performing organization

# Theme 1: Teaching & Learning Strategic Goals:

- 1. Create a positive learning environment.
- 2. Create curricula meeting highest standards
- 3. Programs should develop students' competency and effectiveness

### Theme 1: Teaching & Learning

- 4. Continually improve the quality of our program offerings and their delivery
- 5. Develop a system for academic advising that meets the needs of the students and leads to academic success



# Theme 2: Academic & Research Achievement

#### **Strategic Goals:**

- 1. Create a culture of assessment and evidence based decision making
- 2. Develop mechanism to insure that teaching and learning are consistent at an acceptable level

## Theme 2: Academic & Research Achievement

- 3. Emphasize on research as means to teaching and services excellence
- 4. Initiate interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research
- 5. Graduates and alumni should be



recognized leaders in their respective careers.

### Theme 3: Services

- 1. Develop relationships with various sectors
- 2. Develop closer and effective partnerships with other universities



### Theme 4: Resources

- 1. Operate according to planning and review processes that drive achievement as set in strategic objectives
- 2. Maintain the University commitment to financial sustainability

### Theme 4: Resources

- 3. Provide facilities and infrastructure that supports teaching, learning, and research of the highest quality
- 4. Identify areas of wasted resources and get rid of them



# Theme 5: Improve Core and Support Services

- 1. Maintain and improve on an annual growth rate of full-time equivalent students
- 2. Create a distinctive international and educational experiences for AU students
- 3. Nurture personal and intellectual growth of students by building up community in diff areas



# Theme 5: Improve Core and Support Services

- 4. Provide technologies to meet the needs and requirements
- 5. Develop or update strategic plan of each unit
- 6. Identify AU traditions & culture, values etc... to create an identity of its own

7. Create a community of service culture

### Theme 6: Valuing People

- 1. Promote higher faculty and student interaction through a clear and open line of communication
- 2. Focus on Faculty and staff
  development and performance
  expectations to maximize the
  effectiveness of human resources

### Theme 6: Valuing People

3. Create environment conducive to teaching, learning and research that support personnel to reach their full potential



### Implementation

- i) Understand the University Strategic Plan 2003-2007
- ii) Develop unit's five year Strategic Plan and one-year Action plan



### Implementation

iii) Align your five-year and one-year

Plan on the following inputs:

- AU Strategic Plan 2003-2007
- Unit's SAR and Internal Audit Reports of 2002-2005.
- Unit's existing annual reports

