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I. Impact Summary

Cohort	Total number of scholarships disbursed to-date (T = E+G+D)	Total number of scholars enrolled at the beginning of the reporting period (=E)	Total cumulative number of scholars who graduated by the end of this reporting period (=G)	Total cumulative number of scholars who dropped during the reporting period (=D)
USP (1)	52+9=61	16*	48	2 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016
USP (2)	53+12=65	40	33	2
USP (3)	85+8+2=95	91	0	4
USP (5)	56+3+2=61	61	0	1
USP (6)	42+3=45	45	0	0
Total USPs at LAU	327	253*	81	9 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016

* Includes the student who was registered at the beginning of Spring 2016 and later dropped out

(Further information are available on a separately attached document, refer to PMP of USP I)

II. Project Summary

1. Key Achievements for this quarter:

- a. In Fall 2015 9 scholars were on the Distinguished List (semester GPA of 3.5 or above), and 1 scholar on the Honors List (semester GPA between 3.2 and 3.5).
- b. 1 scholar had a Major GPA of 4.00.
- c. 8 scholars had a Major GPA above 3 and all had a Major GPA above 2.
- d. 8 scholars had a Cumulative GPA above 3 and all had a Cumulative GPA above 2.
- e. 5 scholars graduated from Junior to Senior and 2 scholars from Fifth Year to Sixth Year. Current totals are:
 - i. Junior: 1 scholar
 - ii. Senior: 7 scholars
 - iii. Fifth Year: 3 scholars (out of which 2 graduated)
 - iv. Sixth Year: 5 scholars (out of which 3 graduated)
- f. 5 scholars completed their academic plans and graduated at the end of Fall 2015.
- g. There were no scholars on probation.

III. Detailed Progress:

A. Advising and Registration

Between November and December, the USP I scholars were advised and registered for their Spring 2016 courses. Spring 2016 classes began on January 18, 2016 and scholars completed their registration at the beginning of the semester. During spring 2016, 11 USP I scholars were registered with full time loads. The scholars have been in regular contact with their academic coordinators, have been receiving proper advice in relation to registration, course load and best selection of courses and are progressing according to the graduation plans prepared for them. One scholar, 201304*** has decided to drop out of the USP program; his case is presented in the Special Cases section.

Special case of 201304* – USP I**

Major: Psychology (initial major: Biology)
Current GPAs: CGPA: 2.24 MGPA: 2.42
Academic standing: Good
Credits completed: 67 credits
Planned graduation semester: Fall 2016

In April 14, 2014, 201304*** was hit by a car, his leg was broken and he had to remain bed-ridden and miss classes for six weeks. The incident affected his attendance and performance for the semester hence, 201304*** withdrew from all his Spring 2014 classes in due consultation with his instructors and academic coordinator. His CGPA at that time was 2.04. As 201304***'s academic status was critical given that with projected heavy loads during upcoming semesters, he would not be able to maintain good averages and would not graduate successfully. 201304*** decided to change his major from Biology to Psychology. His new academic plan allowed him to graduate in Spring 2016 as initially planned.

In early May 2015, it became apparent that 201304*** was facing a difficult family situation; with a handicapped sister at home and serious problems between his parents and between himself and his father, 201304*** was not concentrating on his studies. During Spring 2015 semester, 201304*** left home to live with his aunt after a clash with his father. He was greatly disturbed and missed many classes and tests. Based on the input of the academic coordinator and instructors it was clear that he would not manage to complete his courses successfully. His GPA at that time was 2.06. 201304*** had to withdraw from all courses. His graduation plans were postponed by one semester.

201304*** registered for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 terms and raised his CGPA to 2.24 and MGPA to 2.42.

In March 2016, 201304*** was absenting himself from his classes. After the follow-up of the USP management, 201304*** expressed his desire to discontinue his studies at LAU which would drop him from the USAID scholarship. 201304*** decided to pursue Medicine in Italy after being granted a scholarship. The special case has been redacted. After due communication with 201304***, he returned his laptop and signed the Acknowledgment and Release Document on March 22, 2016.

B. Monitoring of scholars

A plan has been devised for the monitoring of scholars in order to ensure that they will maintain good academic standing and graduate on time. This plan is made up of multiple stakeholders who are working with the scholars in order to ensure their well being.

a. OCE

The Outreach and Civic Engagement at the Lebanese American University, headed by the Assistant Vice President who oversees the execution of the program and ensures successful implementation, supervises orientation, enrichment activities, and media coverage, and works closely with the academic coordinators on USP curricular progress. He is assisted by the Central Academic Coordinator for USP programs.

b. Student Mentors

Each scholar has been assigned a student mentor whose main job is to make sure that the scholar is doing well scholastically and that he/she is not facing any problem. The student mentor is a junior or senior student of the same major who has demonstrated leadership skills. He/she helps the scholar in issues related to his/her every day life: dorms and adjustment on campus.

c. Academic coordinators

All scholars have academic coordinators (refer to appendix II). Each academic coordinator is mainly responsible for:

- Advising students before registration on the course load to carry each semester;
- Advising students in their courses and class work;
- Monitoring the academic progress of students;
- Helping the students to cope with academic challenges.

d. Student support/tutoring

Whenever deemed necessary, USP scholars receive support and tutoring from *LAU student support centers* such as the Cooperative Learning Center, the Writing Center, and the Academic Computer Center in addition to the counselors and professional career and academic advising coordinators in the Deans of Students' Offices in both Byblos and Beirut.

e. Academic Progress

In December 2015, the Fall 2015 semester came to an end and academic coordinators completed sending the third and last set of progress reports for the semester. All reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports and the grades demonstrated that the USP1 scholars, initial cohort and new cohort included, are performing very well and progressing normally.

f. Summary of graduating scholars:

At the end of the Fall 2015 semester, the LAU USP I program gave its fourth generation of graduates with 5 scholars completing all the requirements for graduation. Below is a list of graduating scholars:

ID number	Major	Minor	Graduation Date
201100***	Mechanical Engineering		Fall 2015
201102***	Business/ITM	Math	Fall 2015
201102***	Electrical Engineering		Fall 2015
201102***	Computer Engineering		Fall 2015
201102***	Education/Elementary		Fall 2015

g. Enrichment Activities:

1. Clubs & Enrichment Activities

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert	2-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Lebanon in collaboration with the LPO.	201304***	USP I (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
MAL Training Camp	11-Oct-15	This training camp was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU	201102***	USP I (1M)
Robotics Club Meeting	15-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Robotics Club.	201102***	USP I (1F)
تعرف تما تتطرف	17-Oct-15	This was organized by the FDCD (Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue)	201304***	USP I (1F)
Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Beirut)	19-Oct-15	A representative of the NGO Teach For Lebanon gave a presentation to the USP scholars about the fellowship program with their NGO. The program offers a teaching fellowship at the end of which there will be an opportunity to receive a full scholarship for a Master degree.	201102*** 201305***	USP I (1F;1M)
AACSB seminar - Beirut	21-Oct-15	AACSB seminar was an informative session whereby students were informed about the AKSOB compliance with AACSB standards. Moreover a discussion about the pre and post accreditation challenges was held amongst the attendees.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Central Bank Visit	21-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201102*** 201304*** 201305*** 201102***	USP I (3F;1M)
مسرحية الديكتاتور	21-Oct-15	This play was organized by Communication Arts department.	201304*** 201305***	USP I (2F)
AACSB seminar - Byblos	22-Oct-15	AACSB seminar was an informative session whereby students were informed about the AKSOB compliance with AACSB standards. Moreover a discussion about the pre and post accreditation challenges was held amongst the attendees.	201305***	USP I (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
I Want This Man' Play	26-Oct-15	The play was organized by Communication Arts department.	201305***	USP I (1F)
International Day of Peace, The International Day of Non Violence and the United Nations Day	27-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201102***	USP I (1M)
Peace on earth	28-Oct-15	This event was organized by an LAU instructor.	201305***	USP I (1F)
USP Halloween Party	28-Oct-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU organized a Halloween event in the Beirut Campus whereby USP scholars volunteered ideas as well as help. The event was attended by USP scholars from all cohorts.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Let's Go on an Adventure	31-Oct-15	This event was organized in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office.	201305***	USP I (1F)
LAU Dorms Halloween Party -Byblos	2-Nov-15	This event was organized by the LAU Resident Halls.	201102***	USP I (1M)
Introduction to the 7 Habits, with a focus on Paradigms and Paradigm Shifts.	4-Nov-15	A presentation was given to LAU students.	201102***	USP I (1F)
Teaching Services	5-Nov-15	The teaching service was organized by the IEEE club.	201102***	USP I (1F)
LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder	6-Nov-15	LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder who has been internationally acclaimed as the Six-time World Champion, Seven-Time Big City Marathon Winner, and World Record-Holder. She talked about what it means to run for a cause; several USP scholars attended this event.	201305*** 201304*** 201305***	USP I (2F;1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Happiness and the Tools for Living a More Fulfilling Life	9-Nov-15	The Dean of Students Office gave this presentation to LAU Students.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Interviews for the Harvard World Model United Nations	9-Nov-15	This interview was given by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201102***	USP I (1F)
LAU Dorms Halloween Party -Beirut	10-Nov-15	This event was organized by the LAU Resident Halls.	201305***	USP I (1F)
A Musical Life	11-Nov-15	This event was organized by a music instructor at LAU.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Arduino Workshop, Robotics Club	12-Nov-15	The workshop was about developing applications on an Arduino microcontroller. The attendees worked in teams to complete several tasks required in the workshop.	201102***	USP I (1F)
Ticket Booth Crew	16-Nov-15	This event was organized by the theatre coordinator at LAU.	201304***	USP I (1M)
Internship Fair Week	16-Nov-15 till 20-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201102***	USP I (1F)
Independence Day with the Lebanese Army	20-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201305*** 201305***	USP I (1F;1M)
Star Gazing	20-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Astronomy club	201102***	USP I (1F)
Planting Trees Festival	22-Nov-15	This event was organized by ZRA3A (NGO) - Les Amis du Cèdre.	201304***	USP I (1F)
R Programming Workshop 1	24-Nov-15	This event was organized by the ACM club.	201102***	USP I (1F)
International Day of Peace, The International Day of Non Violence and the United Nations Day	25-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305***	USP I (1F)
So You Think You Know Palestine	25-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Palestinian Club and held in LAU Beirut.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Drinking and Driving Awareness Campaign	26-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness club.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Bake sale	27-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Syrian club	201305***	USP I (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Orphan fair	28-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Motorbikes Day	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness club.	201304***	USP I (1F)
The Kingdom of Women	1-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Palestinian Club.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Career Coaching Announcement	2-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Vadis Quo	2-Dec-15	This was organized the Communication Arts Department at the LAU.	201304***	USP I (1M)
Christmas Dinner	4-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305***	USP I (1F)
LAU Dorms Christmas Party-Beirut	4-Dec-15	This event was organized by the LAU Resident Halls.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Acoustic Night	7-Dec-15	Students from the music club played relaxing acoustic music for LAU students after the end of a long class day.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Mental Health Awareness Campaign	7-Dec-15	This campaign was organized by the Psychology Club.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Sugar Rush	7-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Event Organization club.	201304*** 201305***	USP I (2F)
Brazilian Club - Football Freestyle Skills	9-Dec-15	This event was organized by the football club.	201305*** 201305***	USP I (1F;1M)
Visit to Notre Dame de L'Assopmption School	15-Dec-15	This activity was organized by USP I scholar 201102***and USP Alumni.	201102***	USP I (1F)
USP Dinner	17-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305***	USP I (1F)
مسرحية الحياة الجوزية	17-Jan-16	This play was organized by the director of the voice of charity.	201305***	USP I (1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
USP Town Hall meeting	23-Jan-16	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305*** 201304*** 201102*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305***	USP I (4F;4M)
Souk 3al Souk	22-Feb-16	This event was organized by the UNESCO club.	201304*** 201305***	USP I (2F)
TedXLAU	25-Feb-16	This event was organized in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office.	201305***	USP I (1F)
Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert	26-Feb-16	This event was organized by an LAU music instructor in collaboration with the LPO.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Production : 15 Reasons Not To Be in a Play	7-Mar-16	This is a student production directed by USP I scholar 201304***.	201304***	USP I (1M)
Math Club Lecture	7-Mar-16	This event was organized by the LAU Math Club.	201304***	USP I (1F)
Pi Day	14-Mar-16	This event was organized by the LAU Math Club.	201304***	USP I (1F)

Arduino Workshop - Robotics Club



USP I scholar 201102engaged the Arduino Workshop - Robotics Club***

Internship Fair Week



USP I scholar 201102attended the Internship Fair Week at LAU.***

Visit to Notre Dame de L'Assopmtion School



USP I scholar 201102gave out candy during her Visit to Notre Dame de L'Assopmtion School***

Town Hall Meeting



USP I scholars actively engaged in the Town Hall Meeting.

TedXLAU



*USP I scholar 201305*** attended the TEDXLAU event Pose for Ideas on Thursday, Feb 25 2016.*

Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue



*USP I scholar 201304*** took part in the Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue.*

Production: 15 Reasons Not To Be in a Play



USP I scholar 201304 directed a play titled “15 Reasons Not To Be in a Play”***

Math Club Lecture



USP I scholar 201304 seated amongst fellow USP scholars at a Math Club Lecture.***

PI Day



*USP I scholar 201304*** celebrated the π Day with the Math club*

2.2 Success Stories

Part I: Collective Success Stories

Building a Successful Career

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized a series of workshops catered to enhance the knowledge of USP scholars. Each USP cohort attended a workshop tailored to their career needs. The USP I & II scholars attended a Job Search Strategies workshop on November 25 and 26. The workshops were held by the Career Guidance Associate Manager. Through these workshops the USP scholars were able to graduate as independent career driven people, with the knowledge of how to navigate their paths in life to realize great achievement in their fields of study thus benefiting themselves and their community.



USP I and fellow scholars in Byblos taken in a picture while doing an exercise to test their networking skills during the Job Search Strategies workshop

Beirut Marathon

Several USP I, II, III, V and VI scholars participated in the Beirut marathon either by running for G in support of the Go Green cause or by volunteering at the three different LAU stations (Water and Cheering Station, Recycling Station, Corporate Tent) to encourage runners, help by recycling empty water bottles, and raising awareness about various LAU programs/activities. G is a non-profit organization, a corporate social responsibility (CSR), and Green living NGO committed primarily to provide effective solutions for businesses and organizations to promote a healthier environment, a cleaner earth, and a more sustainable future. During this year's marathon The USP scholars took part in the largest water and cheering station on the 42 km and 10 km races, they helped distribute 27,000 bottles of water, 700 bottles of Gatorade and all the available sponges. The USP scholars also successfully operated a recycling station under the leadership of a student leader for the first time whereby they collected 6,900 bottles of water for recycling out of 50,320 bottles collected overall by G in 8 stations.



USP I scholars with the various cohorts in a group picture during the Beirut marathon

Job Search Strategies Workshop

The Career Guidance Office gave a workshop about job search strategies for USP I & II scholars in both the Beirut and Byblos campuses on Wednesday, 25th of November 2015 and Thursday, 26th of November 2015 respectively. The workshop focused on helping the USP scholars prepare for life after graduation but showing the right way to write their curriculum vitae and cover letters. The Career Guidance Office, also gave them tips on how to prepare for job interviews and the benefits of making connections. The workshop allowed the USP scholars to be more confident and better prepared for the future the scholarship enabled them to have.



USP I with fellow scholars engaged in the job search workshop at the Byblos campus

USP Post-Graduation Presentations

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU Organized a series of presentations at Peaks resort – Feytroun for USP I and II graduates on Saturday October 10, 2015. The day started with a presentation by Banque Du Liban experts on the power of networking and was followed by hands-on leadership and team-building workshops and activities. The graduates, also, shared their testimonials on how to find a job, they were grateful for the opportunity that USAID provided as it helped them immensely in the job hunt. After their testimonials they were given a workshop for alumni chapters' formation. They were informed of how the alumni chapter will help them keep in touch with fellow USP graduates in the future. The day was an overall success.



USP I graduates 201102, 201103***, 201103***, 201102***, and 201102*** taking a group picture during the workshop***



USP I graduates attending the hands-on leadership workshop given by the AVP

USP Scholars Residential Camp

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU Organized a USP Residential Camp in Peaks resort – Feytroun for USP I and II graduating scholars on Saturday October 10 and Sunday October 11, 2015. The camp was done in order to help the USP I & II scholars prepare for their impending graduation. The scholars went through a series of outdoor activities that included trust exercises such as escalade and rappel. The scholars also attended several workshops including a presentation by Banque Du Liban experts on the power of networking and SME loans. They also had the opportunity to meet fellow USP graduates that informed them of life post-graduation and what they should expect. The scholars thoroughly enjoyed their weekends and felt like it was time well spent especially as they learned how their extracurricular activities can help them in their impending job hunt and how character building is as important as the education they are receiving. As per their grant terms, the scholars were exposed to some entrepreneurial sessions that widen their horizons and gave them a clear picture on what to expect post-graduation. The scholars were introduced to the work of the alumni relations office and the role of the alumni chapters.



USP I and fellow scholars listening attentively to BDL expert talking about the SME loans



A group picture taken at the end of the BDL presentation with Central Bank officials and financial experts



USP scholars are getting ready for the first team-building exercise

Reforestation Activity

35 USP scholars from various cohorts participated with the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit's reforestation activity in partnership with the Lebanese Reforestation Initiative (LRI). Students came from Byblos and Beirut campuses to Bkassine, Jezzine where they were welcomed by a representative from the municipality of Bkassine and from a representative of LRI. He gave an introduction about the LRI and their reforestation initiative all over Lebanon then the representative of the municipality explained about the importance of Bkassine forest as being the biggest from its kind in the Middle East. The Pine trees in the forest date back to 350 years from the time of Prince Fakhreddine II and it covers almost 500 hectares of land.

The reforestation in Bkassine is very important as it helps re-generate the forest especially after the fire that took place last year and destroyed a lot of old pine trees and plants. The students were excited to help the community reserve their forest and the cultural and touristic heritage it provides. The scholars accompanied by members of the OCE, hiked in the forest of Bkassine for half an hour in order to reach the designated reforestation area. Together they managed to plant 340 pine trees.



USP I and fellow scholars hiking to the reforestation site through the forest of Bkassine



USP I and fellow scholars from various cohorts gathered at Bkassine for the OCE's reforestation initiative

USP VI Homecoming Reception

LAU's University Scholarship Program (USP), a USAID-funded initiative that covers scholars' full tuition and related expenses, has recently received substantial funding toward its seventh cohort of students for what will be known as USP VII. To celebrate the USP VII grand and welcome the newly admitted USP VI cohort, the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a welcoming reception. The U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim attended the reception along with LAU's President, Vice-President of Student Development and Enrollment Management and the Assistant Vice president for outreach and Civic engagement. USP scholars from all cohorts were there to celebrate this event with some of them sharing how their experience as a USP scholar changed their life.



USP I and fellow scholars in a group photograph at the conclusion of the USP VI Homecoming Reception

Entrepreneurial Training Workshop

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held an Entrepreneurial Training Workshop for the USP I and II scholars. The workshop took place via video-conference on Thursday February 25, 2016 in both the Byblos and Beirut Campus. Berytech trained the scholars on how to translate their ideas into businesses and the ways in which they can discover and explore opportunities through the power of networking. The scholars acknowledge the USAID for providing them with the guidance to pursue a successful life.



USP I and fellow scholars in the Beirut and Byblos Campus engaged in the Entrepreneurial Training Workshop

Pepsi Co. Visit

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized an Outreach corporate visit to Pepsi Co. on April 2, 2016. Several USP scholars from various cohorts joined the visit as part of their civic engagement activities as per their grants. They toured the Pepsi factory and gained insight on how the business runs; the computer science students were interested in the machinery while the business students were interested in the production line. They were also given the opportunity to visit Pepsi's quality control laboratories to learn about the food safety measures of the factor which truly benefited the nutrition students. Overall the tour was successfully implemented and the scholars were enriched with a general knowledge that they can use to benefit their country when they enter the workforce.



USP I scholar took a group picture with fellow peers while touring Pepsi Co.

Part II: Individual Success Stories

USP I 201102***

Born and raised in the Lebanese village Mayfouq, 201102*** excelled as a student at Mayfouq's Official High School by holding an outstanding academic record throughout the years making her an inspiration to other students.

Despite the unfortunate loss of her father a month prior to her Lebanese Official Baccalaureate exams, she still managed not only to pass her exams, but to do so with honors as well.

Driven by her passion to fulfill her late father's unaccomplished wish of building a house of his own, 201102*** got into the USP I, majoring in Civil Engineering.

As expected, 201102*** 's journey at LAU was well balanced between a good academic standing, a highly social life and a record full of civic engagement achievements - including her humanitarian community project as well as her three year volunteering experience at the *Global Classrooms*@ LAU Model United Nations program.

Soon after, 201102***'s record along with her aspiring personality landed her an internship with DCC (Dubai Contracting Company) - one of the leading contracting companies in the world.

This opportunity opened the door for her to explore the world since they traveled to many countries for construction-site seeing.

Her fruitful journey at LAU along with her successful internship with DCC eventually landed her a full Scholarship at Syracuse University (SU) where she is now pursuing her graduate studies by doing her Masters in Civil Engineering with Emphasis on Construction Management.

201102*** continues to be a Student Leader at Syracuse University, where she goes through her everyday life by her favorite quote: 'There is always a new way to look at something. There is always a new way to approach a situation. Forever be looking for that new way.'



USP I 201102***

201102*** is a USP I business graduate – class of 2014. He was born and raised in Aley - Mount Lebanon, where he attended Maroun Abboud Secondary School back in the days.

As a student, 201102*** managed to maintain good academic standing while being heavily involved in leadership programs and campus life. For instance, he has served for 2 consecutive years as the president and founder of the LAU Safety Awareness Club. He was also a member of the executive secretariat boards of the Global Classrooms LAU Model UN and the LAU Model Arab League. Moreover, 201102*** was - and still currently is - a member of the executive board of the Lebanese Red Cross Youth Department, and a member of the Youth Association for Social Awareness (YASA).

LAU's commencement ceremony crowned 201102***'s journey as a USP student where he received the '2014 Torch Award' for high leadership and service spirit. Upon graduation, he trained for 2 months in the LAU Continuing Education Program before moving to AMIDEAST and spending almost a year-and-a-half as a Trainer and Assistant Adviser. 201102*** currently serves as the Alumni Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Public Affairs Section.



IV. Challenges

There were no challenges faced in this quarter. OCE Continues to develop and strengthen internal processes to meet the requirements of the USP grant.

V. Planned Activities

USP Civic Engagement Coordination								
Date: Use only the following: MM/DD/YY YY	Start time (9:00am)	End time (11:00am)	Event Title	Event Location (Campus, Building, Room number or exact address if outside university)	Event Objective & Synopsis (what, who, how)	Event Type (drop down menu only)	If other, Specify	Restrictions & Other Notes: Is the event restricted only for the same university students? Any required pre-requisites? How many outside students can the event accommodate? Any particular preference to majors or faculties?
2-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV Visit to MTV	MTV, Naccache	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore one of the most watched and successful TV stations in Lebanon and the Middle East. They will also have the chance to inquire about the management, production, behind the scenes operation rooms in charge of the airing and the camera management.	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
6-Apr-16	09:00am	04:00pm	Career Fair-Byblos	Byblos Campus	The chance to meet different organizations for future job and internship opportunities	Other	Career Fair	USP I, II, III, V & VI
6-Apr-16	09:00am	12:00pm	International Heritage day	Beirut Campus-Upper gate	The chance to know more about the Lebanese heritage	Other	UNESCO Club activities	USP I, II, III, V & VI
16-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV visit to Fanar Psychiatric Hospital	Al Fanar Psychiatric Hospital	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to meet the patients and listen to their thoughts	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
13-Apr-16	01:30pm	03:00pm	USP Awards Distribution Ceremony	Beirut Campus-Irwin Auditorium	Honor the USP Student leaders	Other	Honoring Ceremony	USP I, II, III, V & VI
18-Apr-16	12:00pm	01:00pm	CV Writing Workshop	Beirut Campus, AKSOB 903	Explore the steps to write a CV	Focus Group		USP V

18-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV visit to Four Seasons Hotel	Beirut-Zaitouna	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the hotel	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
19-Apr-16	10:00am	11:30am	OCV visit to An-Nahar Newspaper	Beirut-Down Town	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the newspaper	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
20-Apr-16	12:00pm	01:00pm	CV Writing Workshop	Byblos Campus, Science 608	Explore the steps to write a CV	Focus Group		USP V
TBA			USP Graduates' dinner with parents	LAU Beirut	USP Graduates gathering	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
7-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Byblos Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
10-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Beirut Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
11-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Beirut Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
TBA			Basic Studio Skills Workshop	Beirut and Byblos Campus	Enhance their basic studio skills	Focus Group		USP III new and V
TBA			Entrepreneurial Training	Beirut and Byblos Campus	To develop necessary knowledge and skills, basic managerial knowledge and understanding and to help in selecting the right type of projects and products	Focus Group		USP V & VI
TBA			Conflict Resolution and Negotiation skills workshop	Beirut and Byblos Campus	Understanding conflicts that affect the team process, Ability to handle team conflicts, knowledge of negotiation and improve their communication skills	Focus Group		USP V & VI
TBA			Group Work and team building activities	Outdoors activities	Team building activities	Fun Events (outdoors ...)		USP I, II, III, V & VI
TBA			Reforestation activities	Outdoors activities	Team building activities	Fun Events (outdoors ...)		USP I, II, III, V & VI

VI. Work Plan

(Available on a separately attached document, refer to the Work plan for USP I- Year 2015-2016)

VII. Quotes from Scholars

“We always search for success in the outer world, USP taught us to also start searching in our inner selves.”

201102***– *Computer Engineering*

“They say that success is when ability meets opportunity. The USP was my opportunity, it enabled me to success and I’ll be forever grateful for that.”

201102*** - *Computer Engineering*

“Of all the chances that I got and that will ever get in my life, being chosen to be part of the USP is surely the most precious and valuable one.”

201304*** - *Psychology*

IX. Appendix I

Mentors List (as of Fall 2015)

ID	# Mentored
201305***	3
201304***	
201102***	
201304***	1
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Mentors List (as of Spring 2016)

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201305***	3
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201102***	3
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