Towards Premier Global Islamic University: issues and challenges for IIUM

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Introduction

• The Premier Global Islamic University is the holistic principles enshrined in the IIUM strategic plans 2013-2020.
• October 18, 2012 – IIUM is working out on a series of strategic plans to become PGIU.
• August 23, 2013 – declaration of IIUM as Premier International Islamic University.
IIUM Strategic Plans

1st (2001-2010) - established the foundation for quality teaching and learning

2nd (2007-2015) - transform IIUM into excellence in research university

3rd (2013-2020) - steps towards realizing the demands of the country in higher education arena.
2013-2020 Strategic Plan Framework
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<th>Key Result Area</th>
<th>Goal</th>
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<td>Good Governance (Core Value)</td>
<td>To attain the highest standard of good governance</td>
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<td>Quality Teaching and Learning</td>
<td>To produce top quality graduates through innovative and effective teaching and learning environment</td>
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<td>Research and Innovation</td>
<td>To be a World Class Research and Innovation Hub</td>
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<td>Internationalization</td>
<td>To be the global brand for Islamic education excellence</td>
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<td>Holistic Student Development</td>
<td>To be a world renowned University for holistic student development</td>
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<td>Talent Management</td>
<td>To be the University of choice of world class talents</td>
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<td>Financial Sustainability</td>
<td>To ensure sufficient financial resources and be responsive to future plans and challenges</td>
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<td>Islamization (Foundation)</td>
<td>To anchor the realization of the Premier Global Islamic University.</td>
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Literature review

• Islamic education management

According to Douglass & Shaikh (2004) Islamic education can refer to efforts by the Muslim community to educate its own, to pass along the heritage of Islamic knowledge, first and foremost through its primary sources, the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
• World ranking system
  – The primary aim of the QS World University Rankings is to help students make informed comparisons between their international study options. (Rauhvargens, 2013)
  – According to QS World University Rankings: Methodology article there are six indicators used.
    • Academic reputation (40%)
    • Employer reputation (10%)
    • Student-to-faculty ratio (20%)
    • International faculty ratio (5%)
    • International student ratio (5%)
• Research culture
  – Hill (1999) defined research culture as a common perception about research held by the organization’s members; a system of shared meaning about research.
  – Ministry of Education (MOE) has developed policies to improve the research culture and to strengthen higher education in order to form an ecosystem that is conducive to spearhead sciences. (Ismail, Syed Ismail al-Qudsy, & Shaikh Ahmad, 2013).
  – This policy inline with IIUM strategic plans. (KRA)
Cont..

• Roles of library in supporting research in higher learning institution.
  – With regards to libraries, there are many literatures that highlighted the roles of library in supporting research in higher learning institutions (Aghakhani, Lagzian, & Hazarika, 2013; Corrall, Kennan, & Afzal, 2013; Wang, 2013).
  – Traditional library service
    • Divisions or sections
    • Subject area liaisons
    • Customer services division
    • Digital section
    • University archives
Challenges (C1)

• Administrative and Managerial
  ❖ The prime task of education is, to the nurture of personal growth.
  ❖ Based on the review, the challenges of developing PGIU arise from the administrative and managerial aspect of the organization.
  ❖ The question of how to enhance the administrative and managerial tasks according to PGIU need has becoming significant.
Cont.. (C2)

- Islamic Education and Teaching Methodology
  - Islam is a way of life, and education is a part of human life. Islamic education is an essential need derived from Islam as a religion or way of life.
  - (Al-Hafiz & Salleh, 2010). According to Imam Al-Ghazālī, the ultimate aim of education was the development of character including the promotion of moral and ethical qualities.
  - How to implement Islamic way of life in the education and teaching methodology to achieve PGIU
Cont.. (C3)

- Benchmark and model for other Islamic university
  - National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP)
  - A leading international center of educational excellence
  - Received a status as a Premier International Islamic Research University which was recently been awarded by the ISESCO-OIC dated 17th December 2014.
  - Great challenge for IIUM to prove that it can deliver what have been proclaimed and continue to move along with the national agenda
• **The role of library in promoting research excellence.**
  - In promoting research excellence and in realizing the vision and mission of a PGIU, the task library has been very challenging due to the drastic change in the contemporary education world.

• **To create a research culture**
  - One of the main challenges for IIUM is to create an atmosphere of research culture among its community.
  - This scenario (teaching based university) limited their community from adapting the research culture in their activities.
Solutions (S1)

• Administrative and Managerial
  o The vision and mission is one of the indicator to achieve educational excellent and the vision and mission of the organization should be paralleled to the world class university mission
  o For example in term of visionary, good management practice, excellent people, superb technology, strong financial performance and time frame
Cont..(S2)

- **Islamic Education and Teaching Methodology**
  - IIUM is one of those higher education institutions that provide an international model of Islamic education by integrating the revealed and human knowledge in an efficacious way.
  - The Islamic way of life will be the main foundation among staffs, students, curriculum, syllabus, research, and community service.
Cont.. (S3)

• Benchmark and model for other Islamic university

- Achieving educational excellent is internationalization
- The fifth Rector of the IIUM (2011-present), Professor Dr. Zaleha Kamaruddin, has stressed the mission of internationalization with great vigor.
- After thirty years of existence, the IIUM must move to another level in the ladder of its internationalization valorizing its integrated Islamic model of educational excellence
• The role of library in promoting research excellence
  – The changing role of library and the institutional repository – IREP
  – Open access and scholarly communication - “…the ability of academic libraries to deliver authenticated and reliable information is continuously challenged by new technologies” RLUK and RIN, (2011).
  – Data sharing for the Muslim world
  – Data Management Plan Policy
• To create an atmosphere of research culture among IIUM community.
  – Achieving educational excellence means, inter alia, excellence in philosophy, vision, mission, programs, delivery, teaching and learning, strategic planning, management system, leadership and governance, quality culture and internationalization.
  – IIUM needs to be glocalised. Not only ‘think global’ but also needs to ‘act global’ but it must still be in tandem with the national education plan.
Conclusion

• PGIU is important as a role model for the Muslim Ummah and Islamic education institution in globalize world.
• It will promote research culture and improve academic publication performance among IIUM community.
• Library is also an important element to support the research agenda
Thank you.

Success... is nothing more than a few simple disciplines, practiced every day.

- Jim Rohn -