

The Engineering Student's Association (ESA) is a body that was set up by the ex-president of the association, Mohammad Hussam Al Razaz in 2009, to represent all Engineering students in Alfaisal University and the University Preparatory Program (UPP). The association caters to all needs of students such as academic issues, trips within and outside the kingdom, the magazine, queries or issues with the faculty or other staff, and other issues relating to the Alfaisal Engineering department.

The association however has become more structured since last year, and has eight representatives from the Engineering department in its council. No president or ESA member can serve in the ESA for more than one year, and elections at the beginning of the fall semester decide the committee that would take charge. A set of drawn agreements ensure that of the eight people on the council, at least one student from each academic year must be included. A committee is voted in or out rather than an individual, as that ensures proper functioning of the council. Individuals might disagree with each other on issues, but the committee unanimously agrees on issues and boasts a friendly working relationship.

The ESA team comprises of like minded individuals who have the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver timely,

well targeted, representation of views of the engineering students. The current president, Abdul Rahman Bin Faisal, is responsible for overseeing all affairs of the association, and supervises all activity along with the vice-president Obada Awad. The president and vice-president also set a time-table for the entire year, and work accordingly. The academic adviser, Ziyad Sawah, guarantees that all academic related issues are dealt with. He is the link between the students and higher staff. The guy with the money is Naif Al-Swailam, who is ESA's treasurer and arranges for funds for projects such as field trips and the publishing of the magazine issues. To publicize and report all events is the media representative Naqi Haider Rizvi, who is also the chief editor of all issues for the magazine in the academic year 2010-2011. The very enthusiastic student Mohammad Al Ameen is responsible for organizing excursions within the kingdom, and Ziyad is responsible for the international excursions.

The plan of the ESA includes some exciting events in the near future, with field trips planned within the kingdom, and one to Germany in the summer. The electrical Engineers are going to an international conference in Jordan this March, and the other students are also planning a short visit to the UAE soon. A couple of fun trips for Engineers have also been planned to farm houses and

the desert and maybe one to Lebanon. Besides this, various informative and interesting seminars throughout the year are conducted for students to get a feel of the Engineering world after their graduation. Regular student-faculty meetings are also held which not only give the students a chance to know their professors better and vice versa, but also highlight the array of issues that students face with regard to any aspect of their Alfaisal experience.