

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



16.2.2 Do recognize an independent students' union (provides input to university, provides support for students, provides social activities?)

Yes. The University of Business and Technology (UBT) recognizes an independent Student Union Council, which plays a central role in promoting student voice, engagement, and participation in university governance.

UBT places great importance on student representation across relevant councils and committees, ensuring that students can actively contribute to institutional decision-making and campus development. The Student Union Council serves as a bridge between the student body and university administration, facilitating communication, feedback, and policy dialogue.

Structure and Representation

The Student Union Council consists of elected or nominated representatives from each college, department, and academic level.

These representatives serve as a direct communication channel between students and university leadership, presenting student perspectives, suggestions, and concerns.

The Student Union Council Policies and Procedures document defines the Council’s objectives, structure, roles, election procedures, and nomination criteria, ensuring transparency and fair representation.

Figure 16.2.2 A – Student Union Election Process Poster

The infographic, issued by the Deanship of Student Affairs (DSA), illustrates the eight-step democratic process for electing members to the Student Union Council — from forming the election committee and opening nominations to vote counting and official council approval. It demonstrates transparent and inclusive elections that ensure accountability and equal opportunity for all candidates.



The Deanship of Student Affairs oversees the election process and supervises all council activities, ensuring that the Student Union functions independently while aligning with the university's values and governance framework.

Student Union Activities and Impact

The Student Union Council organizes and leads a wide range of student-focused activities, including:

- Planning and implementing student engagement programs across colleges.
- Hosting social, cultural, and awareness events that strengthen community bonds.
- Supporting student-led initiatives and peer-support activities.
- Gathering and delivering feedback to university management through regular council meetings.

These efforts enhance campus life, promote student leadership, and ensure student input in key institutional discussions.

Figure 16.2.2 B – Call for Voting Poster (Arabic)

This announcement poster, created by the **Deanship of Student Affairs**, invites all UBT students to vote in the Student Union Council elections. It features the candidates, a QR code for online voting, and emphasizes democratic participation under the slogan “*Serving you is our goal — Your participation is our success.*”



Conclusion

Through the establishment of the Student Union Council, UBT ensures that students are actively represented in decision-making, supported in their academic and personal development, and engaged in social and leadership activities.

This structure demonstrates UBT's alignment with SDG 16.2.2 by fostering an inclusive, participatory, and student-centered governance environment.