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# **OVERVIEW**

Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) of Kardan University is home to the departments of Bachelors in Political Science (BPS), Bachelors in Journalism (BJ), and Masters in International Relations (MIR). FSS has been established to cater for needs of Afghanistan in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, and Media with an understanding that Afghanistan needs professionals and experts of the three fields much more than they are available in the market. All three departments, and thus FSS, strive to become the leaders in their respective fields by providing excellent education, research and innovation. The focus is therefore on knowledge, skills and attitude that suits a leader and enable him/her to innovate in finding solutions to the many problems Afghanistan has to cope with in the three major areas.



Be a leader in production, cultivation and dissemination of knowledge in the field of Social Sciences. In effect, it wishes to enhance production of the top-brass practitioners who would transform the Afghan society.



Nurture graduates empowered to inspire and lead social, political and cultural transformation in Afghanistan.

#### **VALUES**

- Professionalism
- Student-Tutor partnership, trust and respect for all
- Encourage critical thinking, freedom of thought and expression freely
- >> Creativity, innovation and originality through excellence in teaching and research
- Promoting civic responsibilities

#### **OBJECTIVES**

In compliance with Kardan University's Vision of Excellence, FSS strives to achieve the following objectives in the spheres of academics, research, community service and internationalization.

#### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

## **Key Actions**

- Regularly review and update the curriculum by incorporating modern teaching and assessment methods
- Ensure that students realize the importance of skills and attitude in addition to knowledge as part of their degree programs
- >> Ensure that all programs offered in the FSS comply with international standards of teaching and learning
- >> Ensure compliance with quality enhancement and quality assurance frameworks (local and international)
- >> Ensure that students understand the challenges that exist in their fields so to work on findings innovative solutions for
- >> Design and execute programs that will enhance students' capacity of critical thinking
- Attract qualified faculty members into a diverse and competitive environment and ensure retaining them
- >> Regularly train the faculty members to improve their teaching, research, interpersonal and communication skills
- >> Design and execute program for teacher training to enable them impart knowledge in its best form

#### RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

# **Key Actions**

- Promote and incentivize conducting applied research
- Disseminate research findings to stakeholders and the public
- >> Promote research among faculty members and students by designing learning by doing activities, organizing research workshops/seminars and providing grants for research projects.

#### **INTERNATIONALIZATION**

## **Key Actions**

- >> Ensure collaboration and cooperation with UN Agencies, foreign missions and international organizations in the form of conducting joint programs, internships and research projects for students and faculty members
- >> Facilitate faculty and students' membership in international organizations
- Facilitate participation of the students and faculty members in national and international competitions

# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT**

#### **Key Actions**

- >> Students should have opportunities of volunteering and working with organizations that serve the common people
- Maintaining commitment to student service.
- >> Offer events for general public to benefit from services offered by Kardan University

#### **DIGITALIZATION**

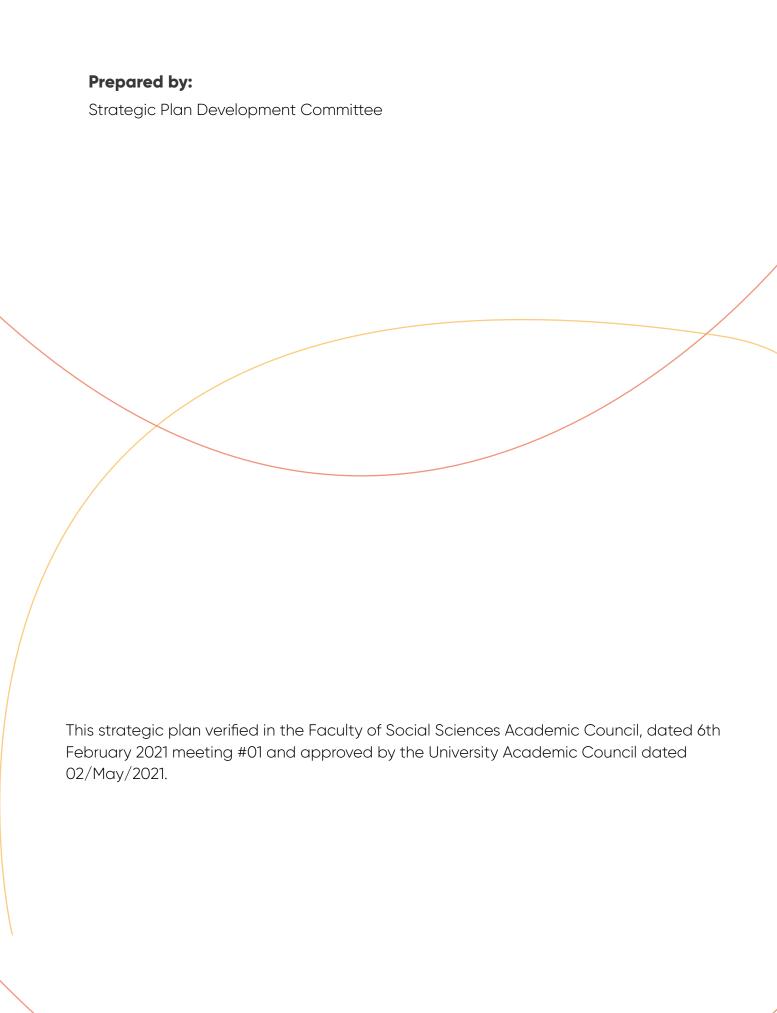
# **Key Actions**

>> Ensure that all services offered by FSS are to faculty and students digitalized

#### **GROWTH AND REVENUE GENERATION**

## **Key Actions**

- >> Launch fresh undergraduate and graduate degree programs as per vision of the university and market need
- Introduce cross department and faculty programs and courses to expand the basket of options for students
- >> Generate revenue by conducting research and collaboration with national and international organizations.





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