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Faculty Development Day: Planning for the Future

Today, we had a fascinating faculty professional development day at our Al Ain Campus, bringing together colleagues from our three campuses in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, and Dubai, along with participants from our sister institution, Liwa University. The day commenced with an opening address by the Chancellor, who outlined the future aspirations for the University.

Provost **Professor Barry O'Mahony** and Dean **Sreethi Nair** highlighted the essential attributes of ADU faculty, emphasizing how faculty members are not just educators but also invaluable assets to our institution. They serve as crucial human capital, driving innovation, fostering academic excellence, and nurturing the next generation of leaders. By investing in faculty development, we are effectively investing in the future of our university and the broader community.

Prof. **Dr Christina Gitsaki**, the Research Coordinator at the Center for Educational Innovation, Zayed University, delivered an inspirational keynote address about the transformative role of AI in universities. She illustrated how AI can enhance teaching methodologies, streamline administrative processes, and ultimately improve student outcomes. VC Dr. **Hamad Odhabi** showcased practical examples of how AI can support faculty in their roles, demonstrating the potential for technology to augment human capabilities rather than replace them.

We also took the time to recognize and celebrate faculty achievements, reinforcing the idea that our faculty members are our greatest assets. Their dedication and accomplishments contribute significantly to our university's reputation and success.

Our Al Ain Campus, led by my esteemed colleague and great leader, Dr. **Mohammad Fteiha** was buzzing with over 200 faculty attending this development day, underscoring the collective commitment to professional growth and excellence.

The MC was our graduate, **Saydah Ahmed**, and she was amazing.

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