

Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni, Dean/Professor

Educational Background

Doctorate in Architecture, 1987, Rice University, School of Architecture
M. Arch, 1981, Rice University School of Architecture
B. Arch, 1979, Damascus University, Syria

Continuing Education

Senior Management Course, Summer 2002, Harvard, Kennedy School of Government
Governor's Executive Development Program, 1998, UT, L.B. Johnson School of Public Affairs
Several University and Professional Workshops, Training, Short Courses, and Seminars

Employment History

School of Architecture, Prairie View A&M University, 1989-present:
Dean, School of Architecture, 1998-present
Special Assistant to the President for Community Development and Urban Planning, 1996-2002
Coordinator for University Facilities Design and Planning, 1999-2004
Associate Dean/Director, College of Engineering and Architecture, 1994-1998
Associate Professor, College of Engineering and Architecture, 1994-1998
Assistant Professor, College of Architecture and Engineering, 1989-1994
Consultant, Auto Arch Inc., Houston, TX, 1998 - Present
Associate, Automated Architecture International (AAI), Houston, TX, 1987-1994
Staff Associate, Rice Center, Houston, TX, 1981-1983
Intern, Rice Center, Houston, TX, 1980-1981

Recent Honors and Awards

Houston Chapter AIA Presidential Citation, 2006
Prairie View A&M University Distinguished Professor, 2001
Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Distinguished Professor - 2000
Houston Chapter AIA Educator of the Year Award, 1998
Regents' Professor Award, Texas A&M System, 1997
Creative Achievement Award, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, 1996
Torch Bearer, Prairie View A&M University, 1995
New Achiever, Prairie View A&M University, 1994
Outstanding Faculty Award, College of Engineering and Architecture, 1991-1993
Designing for Change-Houston/AIA Team Award, Texas Society of Architects, 1996

Selected Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities

Projects Funded:

Generation of over \$5 million in research and developmental grants
Director of Laptop University – Pilot Program – Phases I thru III, 1999-2003
Director of development & construction of Prairie View Community Center with Housing and Urban Development, 1995-1998
Seminar Director for the University of Texas at Arlington, Engineering Department, Energy Auditing Program, the State of Texas, 1994
Principal investigator: Rock Island Bottom Neighborhood, City of Fort Worth, 1994
Co-investigator: MacGregor Community Redevelopment, Houston, 1994
Principal investigator: The Development of a Sustainable Community for the Elderly, Prairie View A&M, 1993-1994
Co-investigator, Summer Energy Intern Workshop, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M University, 1993
Principal investigator: Impact of Land Use Design and Transit Planning on Travel Mode & Trip Patterns - Case Study - Houston, Federal Transit Administration, 1992-1993
Co-investigator: A Study of Transit Alternatives in the Houston-Belt TSU Railroad Corridor Transportation & Research at Texas Southern University, 1991-1992

Principle Investigator: Mars Project research with NASA/USRA Advanced Design Program, 1990-1992

Projects with Specific Applications to Community Development:

Initiation of several projects in community development
Coordination of Prairie View A&M University Leadership Forum, 1999-2000
Development of Alumni Park and Entrance to PVAMU, 1999
Development & Construction of Student Park at PVAMU, 1997
Vision for Downtown Houston with AIA/Houston, 1996
Houston Downtown Initiative, Fourth Ward Neighborhood, 1994-1995
Redevelopment of the Independence Heights in Houston, 1992-1993
Redevelopment of the Founders Park Project in Houston, 1990-1991
Redevelopment of the Third Ward Neighborhood of UH-TSU Railroad Corridor, 1991-1992
Establishment of a Solar Energy Research Lab at the Department of Arch. at PVAMU, 1991
Authored "Urban Form and Energy Conservation in the Transportation Sector- A Study of how changes in urban form could produce significant reduction in travel and energy", 1984-1987

Accomplishments

Led the Department of Architecture through four successful Accreditation Visits
Coordinated the Design and Construction of several new buildings on campus: Science Building, Students Memorial Center, Architecture Building, Nursing Building, Electrical Engineering Building, and Juvenile Justice and Physiology Building
Transformed the Department to the School of Architecture
Initiated new programs in Construction Science and Community Development
Established the CURES and Culture Centers for research and service
Served on the OCR Initiative and Development Team
As a Special Assistant to the President, served and helped in developing several university new programs and initiatives
Served on several National Architecture Accrediting Board Visits
Chaired and served on several search committees in the University
Served on several Professional Committees in Houston and Texas
Led students in several successful statewide design competitions
Re-developed curriculum and added new courses
Re-organized and enhanced the design studio's performance using real projects
Initiated a Summer Transfer Student Program from 2-year colleges
Led the "Laptop Pilot Program" initiative in the University
Quadrupled the School's budget
Served on many Educational and professional Committees in the School, the University and the Community

Courses Taught

Community Development Studio, Methods of Research, Design I & II, Design VII & VIII, Senior Project I & II, Communications I & II, Site & Urban Planning, Urban Planning II, Landscape Architecture, Space Architecture, Special Topics, Systems Methodology I & II, Alternative Energy Design, Independent Study.

Professional memberships

American Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects
Houston Chapter, AIA
Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society
Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
Rice Design Alliance
Society of Building Science Educators
National Trust for Historic Preservation