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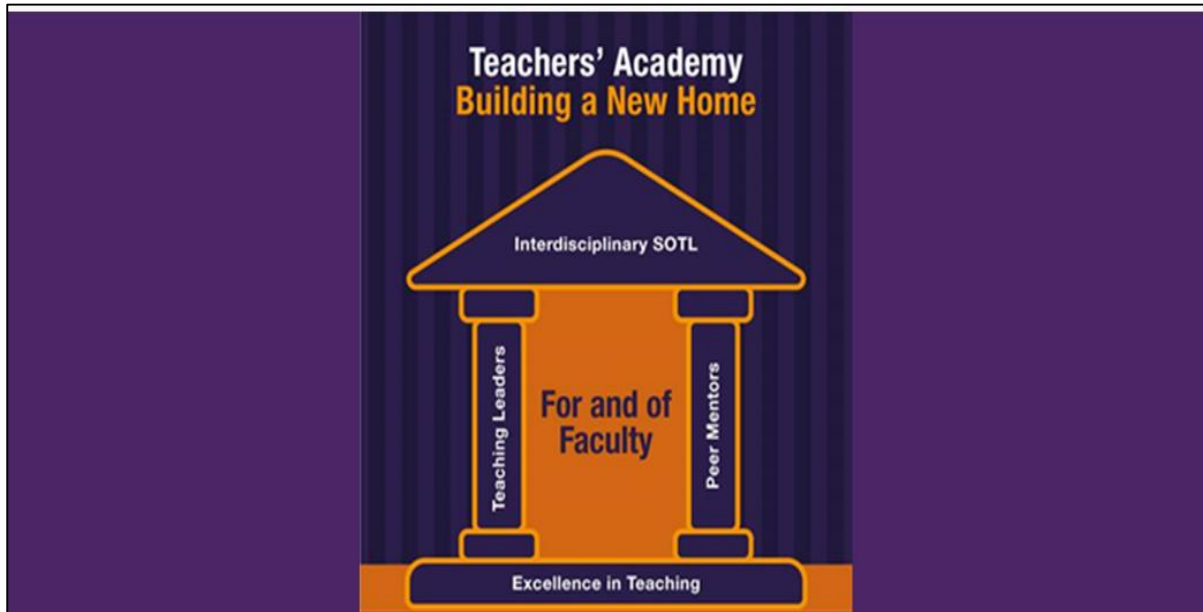TEACHING AND LEARNING

December 2020 | Issue: 3 | What a year it has been with QTL supporting the online transition!
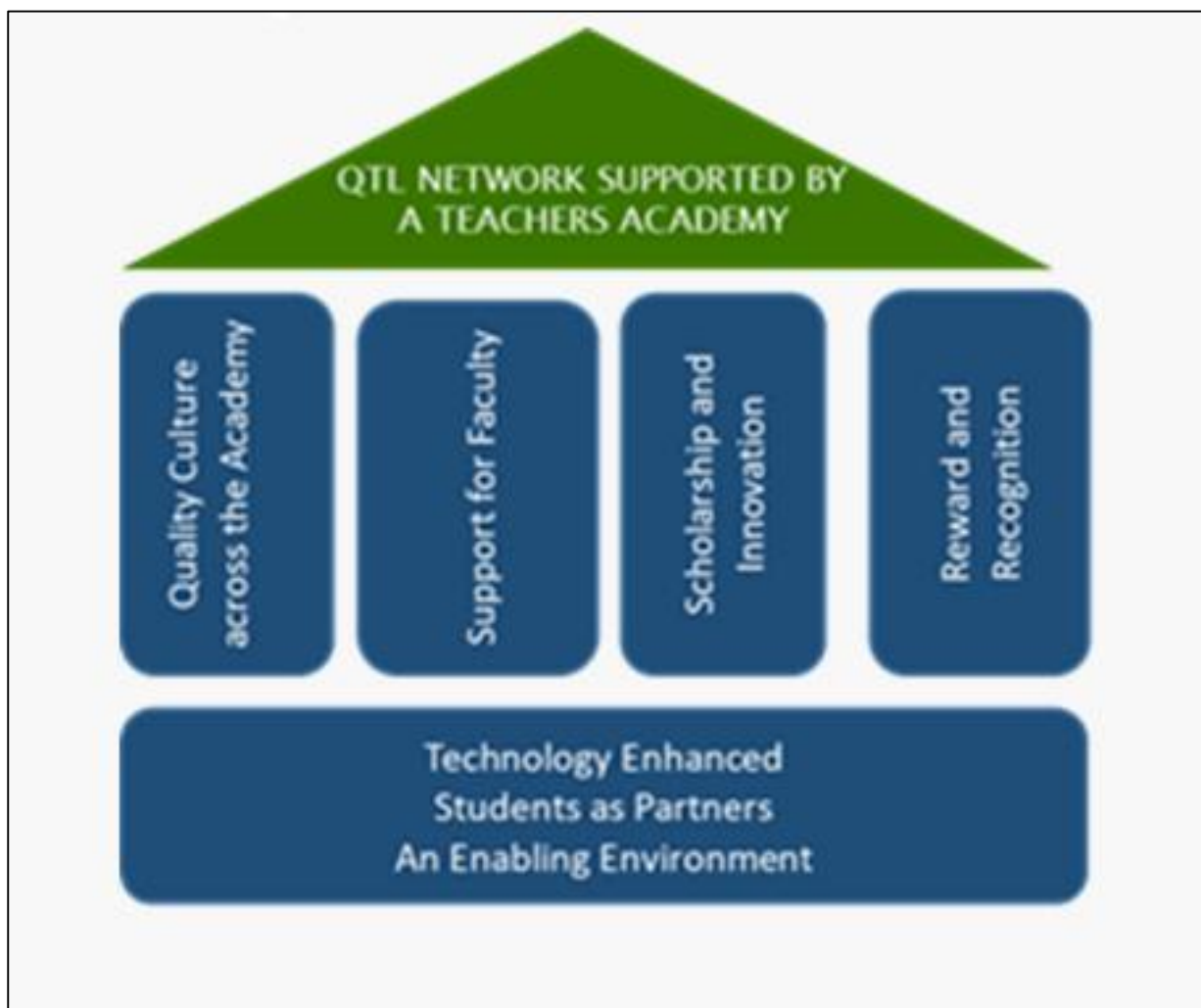
Launch of the Teachers Academy (4 min read)

The Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL_net) hosted a virtual event on 22nd of September 2020 to announce the inaugural call for membership of the AKU Teachers' Academy. The event included addresses from Dr. Debas, our Chair, the President and Provost and a Deans panel discussion on the importance of Rewarding and Recognising Teaching Excellence. The event was attended by 180 academic staff and AKU leadership. It was followed by an interactive session 'The Human Library: Meet a Teaching Champion', which was led by 11 faculty from across all academic entities and campuses and attended by 65 faculty. Visit the Teachers' Academy website to learn more about the purpose of the Academy and the benefits of membership. Read More…
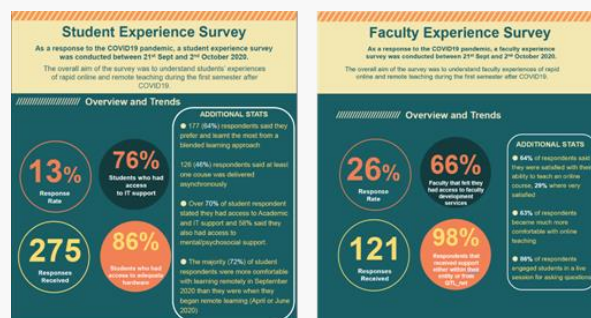
QTL Strategic Plan Now Available (3 min read)

Based on the unit review of the first five-years since being established a second QTL_net strategic plan (2021-2025) has been developed that identifies 4 keys goals: A quality culture across the Academy; Support for Faculty on teaching including with technology; Scholarship and Innovation; and Reward and Recognition of Teaching. Technology, Students as Partners and an Enabling Environment will be the foundation to this plan with the Teachers' Academy creating a sustainable resource base for QTL_net. Aligned to best practice the plan is outcomes-based to enable tracking of progress and accountability to the Academy. To read the full strategic plan Read more…
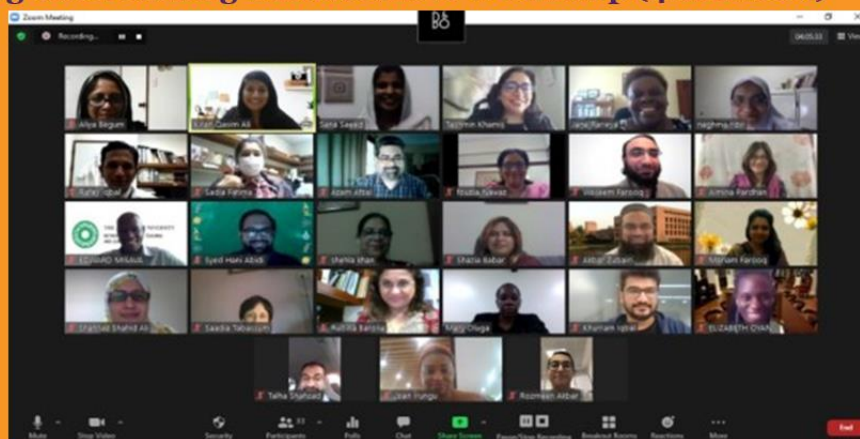
Faculty and Student Experience Surveys with the rapid transition to online and remote learning (2 min read)

As a response to the COVID19 pandemic, 2 faculty and student experience surveys were conducted between 21st September and the 2nd October 2020, with questionnaires benchmarked to the EDUCAUSE TOOLKIT (2020). The overall aim of the survey was to understand faculty and student experiences of rapid online and remote teaching during the first semester after COVID19. The results are now in and you can find a summary of both the student and faculty experience *surveys attached*.

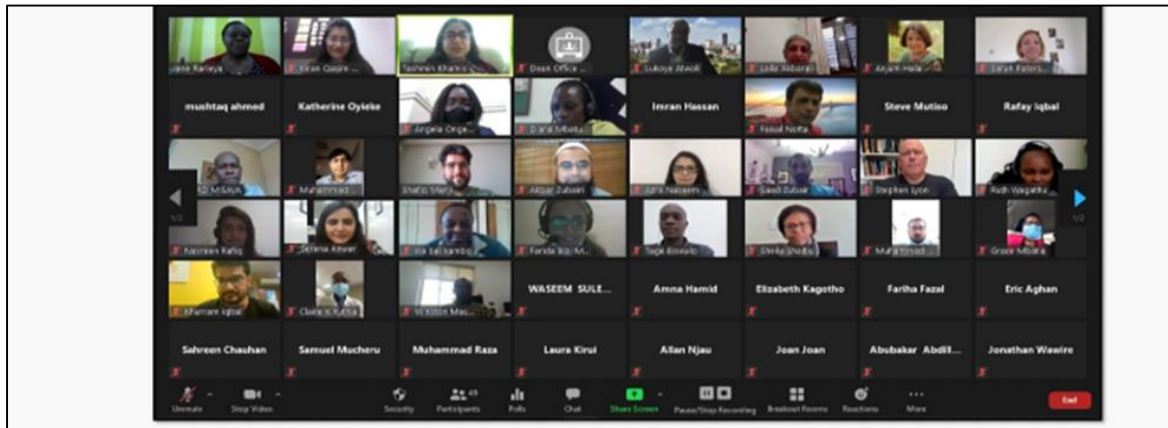## Teaching and Learning Enhancement Workshop (4 min read)

The Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL_net) offered its tenth but first-ever online Teaching and Learning Enhancement Workshop (TLEW) from November 17th -25th, 2020. TLEW aims to support participants develop increased competence and confidence as facilitators of learning as well as provide them with resources to be more reflective about their teaching. Twenty-three (23) faculty members and academic support staff from different disciplines across AKU participated in the seven (7) invigorating half-day synchronous sessions of the workshop. Read More…

Rethinking Teaching Workshop (RTT) (3min read)

The Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL_net) offered its sixth but first-ever online Rethinking Teaching Workshop (RTT) from October 19th to November 3rd, 2020. This workshop aimed to encourage participating faculty to examine and develop their thinking about course (re)design process. Twenty-four (24) faculty members and academic support staff from different disciplines attended the workshop over the course of eight (8) invigorating half-days with a blend of synchronous and asynchronous sessions. Read More…

Faculty Orientation of Teaching and Learning (FOTL) (3min read)

In 2018, University Deans recommended the provision of an 'Academic Orientation' to all newly appointed faculty members of AKU so as to develop an understanding of University expectations of them as faculty members as well as share supports system available to them to enact their roles effectively. In response to this, the Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning launched AKU's first Faculty Orientation to Teaching and Learning (FOTL) programme on August 24th, 2020, in liaison with the HR, and in consultation with other Academic Support units. Read More…

A Quality Story By Diana Kassaman (3 min read)

SONAM East Africa (EA) recently took part in a Self-Assessment Review (SAR). In this article Diana Kassaman, Senior Instructor for AKU SONAM EA shares her experience, the challenges faced and lessons learnt from the SAR. Diana Kassaman is a Senior instructor at the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery based in Nairobi. She teaches Advanced Concepts in Nursing, Critical thinking and Academic Writing, Leadership & Management and Teaching & Learning. In this quality story she speaks of her experience of the self-assessment review. Read More…

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QTL In Pictures

TEACH HEA Fellows at AKU

Celebrating AKU Higher Education Academy Fellows

The Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL_net) hereby congratulate Faculty as well as Teaching and Learning Staff who have gained their Fellowships from the Higher Education Academy (HEA) in the United Kingdom (UK).

Celebrating the promotion of Azra Naseem and Jane Rarieya

Join us in congratulating Dr. Jane Rarieya and Ms. Azra Naseem for their promotions within the Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning. Dr. Jane has been promoted to the position of Director of Teaching and Learning. In this role, she will take leadership of the recently established Teachers Academy as well as the reward and recognition of teaching at AKU. Ms. Azra in her role as the Director of Blended and Digital Learning has been instrumental in enabling AKU's rapid transition to online learning during this pandemic.

Upcoming Events

EdTech Lounge	Weekly, Every Wednesday
Digital Bootcamp	January 21st February 18th March 18th
Teaching in a Virtual Classroom	February 9th & 23rd August 10th & 24th
Teaching Dossiers Workshop	February 17th
Rethinking Teaching Workshop (RTT)	March 15th & 26th
Asynchronous Pedagogy (New)	March
Interactive Synchronous Online Teaching (New)	June 8th & 15th

QTL's New Space

Associate Vice Provost and Chief University Librarian Peter Gatiti and Vice Provost Quality,Teaching & Learning Tashmin Khamis inaugurated a new space for QTL_net that is housed in the library and agreed that the integration and adjacency of the Library with QTL_net was critical to providing effective Academic support services and resources to faculty and students and promotes the best practice of a Learning Commons being central to a University. Please visit us in the AVLRC.

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Workshop (TLEW)	September 20th & October 1st
TEACH Webinar	March & September
TEACH Workshop (HEA Fellowship)	January, May & November
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Conference	November

One to One consultations are available for faculty. Please make an appointment with our team Contact Us

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