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Activities of the Art Education Department - Babylon Study Center - and Ways to Develop them

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Abstract: The study started with four chapters where the initial chapter focused on identifying the activities performed by the Department of Art Education - Babylon Study Center and methods to enhance them. The research timeline covered academic year (2022-2023) and it included term definitions. The theoretical section of chapter two contained three essential subsections. The first was titled The Art Education Teacher (His Preparation and Development) and the second The Open Educational College (Its Origin and Role in Developing the Teacher) alongside the third chapter which was The Department of Art Education at Babylon Study Center (Its Tasks and Duties). Research procedures appeared in the third chapter where researchers involved the entire sample population with 35 participants chosen deliberately. The research adopted survey methodology which used closed-open questionnaires as its research tool in order to analyze the sample data through statistical procedures. Actual artistic participation by the sample turned out to be scarce since members only involved in artistic workshops and cultural seminars and artistic festivals.

Keywords: Activities, art education, development.

METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK OF THE RESEARCH

First: The research problem, its importance and the need for it:

There is no doubt that artistic activities are of great importance to students, as they contribute to nourishing them with the resources of literature, science, and the arts. They are also a moral and national resource rich in educational data, as they qualify students to be responsible and leaders who are aware of their duties and rights, meaning that they are a good and righteous social force. In order to identify the artistic activities carried out by the Art Education Department, the obstacles that prevent the achievement of these data, and the means to develop the work of artistic activities, the researcher conducted a field study on this topic. The research problem was formulated with the following question: What are the activities of the Art Education Department - Babylon Study Center - and ways to develop them?

The importance of the research becomes clear after answering this question by highlighting the activities of the Art Education Department - Babylon Study Center - and ways to develop them. The need for the research is represented by the following:

- 1- Highlighting the tasks of the Art Education Department, identifying its problems and ways to develop it.
- 2- Documenting the artistic activities of the Art Education Department for the purpose of benefiting from them in subsequent studies and research.

Second: Research objective: To identify the activities of the Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center and ways to develop them.

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Third: Research scope:

Temporally: The academic year (2022-2023)

Space: The Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center at the Open College of Education.

Thematically: The activities of the semester plan for the first and second semesters of the Training and Continuing Education Division.

Fourth: Definition of research terms:

Activity/Linguistically: The Intermediate Dictionary states that activity is the sincere practice of a task. It is also defined as: to become active, to prepare for work, and to undertake it (1: 922).

Activity/Typically: A group of artistic and cultural activities, such as holding exhibitions, festivals, theatrical, musical, and melodic performances, artistic and cultural wall publications, public speaking, and poetry (2: 214).

Activity/Procedurally: The faculty of the Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center under the Training and Continuing Education Division implemented this artistic group of activities in the first and second academic semesters to develop student taste while shaping appropriate behaviors that would lead them to become skilled educators.

Art Education/Typically: Includes a group of artistic fields and activities, such as the visual arts, theatrical, and musical (2: 209).

Art Education Department/Procedurally: Open College of Education at the Babylon Study Center identifies this department as its fundamental operational unit. The area experienced gradual developmental phases that produced regular progressive changes and eventually moved through several stages together with sequential technological developments including the evolution of idea perspectives along with moral values and cultural standards and artistic creativity (6: 419).

Development/Procedurally: A noticeable change in the artistic activities of the Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center, for the better, and reflected in its performance and artistic output.

Theoretical Framework

Art Education Teacher (Preparation and Development)

The recent increase in art education thinking has not led to more than a one-third increase in the number of qualified educators of this subject within education and teaching. The expansion of education has required institutions to use teaching personnel who received insufficient preparation for their professional duties. The educators do not hold proper qualifications which match the professional requirements for this field. The current characteristics of art education teacher and instructor training emerge from observing the development experienced by original specialized teacher and instructor education because it cannot satisfy actual educational requirements.

The first: Taught at teachers' colleges and the Institute of Fine Art.

The second: Art teacher trains in a four-year post-secondary education program, at the end of which they obtain a bachelor's degree in arts and education. This type of teacher combines the essence of three experiences in their preparation.

The third: The experience of the College of Fine Arts, which focuses on the expressive aspects of art and visual values.

The fourth: The experience of applied arts, which focuses on the functional aspects of art, and is concerned with design and application.

Fifth: The experience of higher education teachers is characterized by a focus on culture (2: 204).

Judges found fault with all categories because they neglected to identify positive aspects in following groups. Modern-day efforts have succeeded in creating this new art education teaching professional. Students at the Institute of Fine Arts and the Fine Arts Colleges get enrolled from students holding general secondary education certifications covering scientific and literary disciplines. The educational system of universities now has an equivalent cultural base which results from this development. General secondary education stands as the base cultural standard that all educators in the field must fulfill because possessing this education enables teaching candidates to be enriched readers. The combination of all fine and applied artistic experiences leads to curriculum development. Students learn artistic subjects through their cultural value rather than industrial insights. The authors of this study establish innovative processes as the essential purpose of artistic education throughout educational institutions. The comprehensive preparation of students enables them to study educational sciences in addition to focusing on general cultural elements and applying their acquired knowledge through all levels of general education. (2: 205).

The Open College of Education (its establishment and role in teacher development)

The Open College of Education exists as a governmental educational institution that maintains affiliation with the Ministry of Education. The institution started its operation under Resolution No. (169) of the former Revolutionary Command Council that came out on the date of 29 Jumada al-Akhira 1419 AH which falls on October 19th 1998 AD. Students obtained access to classes for the first academic year of 2000-2001 under the open education system to deliver higher education for Ministry of Education personnel who had discontinued their studies. Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministry under the Ministry of Higher Education supervises studies from educational and scientific points of view. The college applies curricula approved by the Committee of Deans of Basic Education Colleges at Iraqi universities through matching education programs of its departments to basic education college curricula. (12: See electronic link).

The college grants educational bachelor degrees equivalent to the lower-level degrees which Iraqi government universities provide. According to Article 1 of the College's Establishment Law, graduates possess all rights and privileges along with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research confirmation through letter No. 25700 dated September 26, 2011 that equates the Open College of Education (**) graduate degrees with those granted by Iraqi public universities. The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research has authorized Open College of Education graduates who complete academic clearance to seek postgraduate study admission at all Iraqi universities in academic year (2023-2024). (13: See the electronic link).

The Open College of Education serves as a vital opportunity that lets teachers with diplomas finish their university studies. The modern educational process demands innovative technical resources hence the Open College of Education helps develop education quality by using this vital requirement. The program enables teacher academic qualifications improvement while developing specialized educational professionals suitable for school environments. In addition to meeting the increasing demand for study at the institutions of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, it also contributes to retraining, qualifying and developing the skills of teachers in various professional fields to ensure they keep pace with the continuous and rapid technological development witnessed by the world, in addition to benefiting from holders of higher degrees from the Ministry of Education's affiliates in teaching at the College of Education (*), which allows them to practice in their field of specialization. (14: See the electronic link).

The Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center (its tasks and duties)

The Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center is one of the most important and effective departments at the Open College of Education. This department is staffed by instructors specializing in the subjects taught to students. Its importance stems from its multiple responsibilities. In addition to its responsibilities for preparing, planning, and organizing students' productions and presenting them in the form of well-organized and thoughtful creative activities throughout the academic year, it is responsible for overseeing the organization of all activities of the rest of the college's departments. It also serves as a media outlet for spreading beauty within and outside the college. Other duties include motivating and attracting students to engage in artistic activities by organizing exhibitions and art, cultural, and scientific festivals, as well as organizing seminars and symposia to highlight and develop the department's activities. The Art Education Department strives to ensure that artistic activities are an extension of the curricula that students receive in the classroom. This requires diversifying their aspects and aims to include visual, theatrical, and musical activities, and trying to link these activities to the secondary school subjects that students study in order to facilitate their understanding. This is because the goal of artistic activities is to consolidate and focus on the curriculum subjects. Theatrical activity can be used, for example, as a practical exercise for using the classical language according to its rules, in addition to investing in exhibitions for the purposes of educational means and so on. Also, organizing and directing artistic activities well has no less educational importance than any other activity that the curriculum embraces, and integrating all formal and informal activities into a harmonious educational system that all cooperates to facilitate the achievement of the harmonious educational function. Extracurricular activities contain great educational possibilities that the curriculum is unable to produce and present to students. (7: 24)

The following is a statement of the importance of each of the artistic activities carried out by the Art Education Department:

First: Supervising students' art activities

1- Visual Arts:

Visual arts (drawing, sculpture, ceramics, handicrafts, design, etc.) are among the oldest arts practiced by humans. The age of art is almost as old as humanity itself. Visual arts are a form of the distinctive activity of the human race. Drawing is a visual means of illustrating what the artist thinks and plans in all fields of visual creation (4: 8).

In some of its implications, visual arts activity means practicing visual arts in their various forms by students and participating in the various annual exhibitions and competitions organized by the Art Education Department. It also includes paintings, works, and sculptures by displaying their productions of drawing, sculpture, calligraphy, and decoration, creating an element of competition among students (5: 69).

2-Theatrical Activities:

There is no doubt that theater is an influential, practical human activity that can address human conflicts, struggles, aspirations, inner turmoil, and destiny. In any case, it is a cultural institution with a popular resonance that extends across the ages and societies, as it is a rich message that is connected to humanity in every time and place. It is inseparable from its cohesion as a distinct educational activity that contributes to the intellectual, spiritual, and physical development of students, and fosters a spirit of awareness of reality, its problems, and its conflicts. (8:11)

Theatre has the ability to make students experience the presented experience as if it were real. It gives participants the ability to experience events, incidents, and moral lessons without the need for lectures and books. Movement, costumes, décor, lighting, script, and other theatrical and artistic factors that accompany it engage students in the experience, prompting them to become emotionally involved and embrace it. The advantage of theatrical activity is that it encompasses all the arts, and this comprehensive culture of theater makes being affected by and loving it a natural thing for both participants and audiences. Furthermore, it motivates students to research and learn about their theatrical work and its interactions, gaining a wealth of information and discoveries that enrich their knowledge and personal experience. (9:8).

3- Musical Activity:

Musical arts are among the fine arts that nourish the human spirit through listening, mediated by the human ear, which can distinguish between beautiful and ugly sounds. Music is a common language. Among all peoples, it can create relationships with different social classes, regardless of their ethnicity or language. Furthermore, it has a profound effect on the human psyche, whether in joy or sorrow, as it is a source of calm, order, contemplation, and balance, due to its ability to influence the human subconscious. The development of music in a country is a measure of that country's development and advancement. (3: 354) There is no doubt that practicing music represents one of the human activities that fall within the realm of creative activities, as it requires a special type of preparation, skill, ingenuity, and taste. It is one of the aesthetic arts that rely on various forms of mechanisms. Furthermore, music is a universal language that can be written and read with the same ease and flexibility with which words are read and written. Musical arts or musical activities have different types of artistic discourse, such as the emotional song, the national, enthusiastic, and religious anthem, the operetta, in which melody blends with drama, the muwashshah, and others. (3: 356)

Second: Activities of the Training and Continuing Education Division:

The second task that falls on the shoulders of the Art Education Department is to prepare for the implementation of the activities of the Training and Continuing Education Division as they are divided into the academic course (first and second) and which take the form of (seminars, workshops, training courses, fine arts exhibitions, and art festivals), implemented by the professors of the Art Education Department and directed to students in most cases, while in the fine arts exhibitions and festivals they are the students' productions through.

Table 1:

S. No	Type of	Activity title	Target group	the date
	activity			
1	seminar	Realism in art	Art Education Department students	14/10/ 2023
2	workshop	Teaching Arabic calligraphy skills	Art Education Department students	24/10/2023
3	Training course	How to write scientific research	esearch Fourth-year art education students	
4	Exposed	Free drawing exhibition	Art Education Department students	21/11/2023
5	Training	Teacher Development Course	All students of the Open College of	2-4/12/2023
	course		Education at the Babylon Study	
			Center	
6	workshop	Self-care education	Art Education Department students	10/3/2023
7	workshop	How to employ and develop practical materials for the Art Education Department and ways to activate	Art Education Department students	11/3/2023
		them		
8	festival	The Third Babylonian Creativity Festival	General invitation	18/3/2023
9	festival	A memorial festival commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (peace be upon him)	General invitation	14/4/2023
10	workshop	Learn the basics and methodology of writing scientific research	Third-year art education students	5/5/2023

CHAPTER THREE / RESEARCH PROCEDURES

First: Research Community: The entire research community was selected, represented by the Art Education Department at the Open College of Education, Babylon Study Center, consisting of professors, a total of (*) and students at all levels, a total of (30), i.e., a total of (35).

Second: Research Sample: This represents the entire research community, a total of (35) samples.

Third: Research Methodology: The researcher adopted a survey method consistent with the research objective.

Fourth: Research Tool: This was a closed-open questionnaire.

Fifth: Validity of the Tool: The questionnaire was presented to a group of experts ^(*), and the agreement rate was extracted using the Cooper equation, with an agreement rate of (87.5%). The items were then subjected to deletion, modification, and alteration until they reached their final form.

Sixth: The reliability of the tool: The researcher asked the analysts ^(**) to analyze two models outside the scope of the sample, and the researcher analyzed the same sample twice in a row, with a time interval of (21) days between the first analysis and the second analysis, and after calculating the agreement coefficient using the (Scott) equation, the agreement percentage was according to Table No. (2):

Table 2: Represents the stability rate of the tool

S. No	Type of stability	Agreement rate
1	Between analysts (first and second)	88%
2	Between the first analyst and the researcher	85%
3	Between the second analyst and the esearcher	87%
4	Between the researcher over time	90%

Seventh: Statistical methods:

A- Cooper's equation:

Where: Pa: percentage of agreement, Ag: (number of agreeing), Dg: (number of disagreeing), (10:27)

B- Scott's equation:

Where: Ti: reliability coefficient, PO: (agreeing), Pe: (number of disagreeing), (11:87)

* Names of the experts:

1-Asst. Prof. Dr. Sadiq Kazim Abbas (Department Supervisor) at the Open College of Education - Babylon Study Center, specializing in Teaching Methods – Theater

Assistant Professor Dr. Ayad Mahmoud Al-Shabli, Second Analyst / University of Babylon / College of Fine Arts / Department of Fine Arts.

^{*} The name of Assistant Professor Dr. Khawla Ali Abdullah Al-Hussaini, a lecturer in the Department of Art Education, Art Education Specialization - Babylon Study Center at the Open College of Education, was excluded due to her status as a researcher. (Researcher)

²⁻Asst. Dr. Samira Fadhel Muhammad Ali, lecturer at the Open College of Education - Babylon Study Center, specializing in Fine Arts – Drawing

³⁻Asst. Dr. Ahmed Hassan Abboud, lecturer at the Open College of Education - Babylon Study Center, specializing in Fine Arts - Ceramics

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⁵⁻ Asst. M. Rifl Mohsen Shaker, lecturer at the Open College of Education - Babylon Study Center, specializing in Fine Arts - Ceramics

^{**} They are: Prof. Dr. Ahmed Abbas Saeed, First Analyst / University of Babylon / College of Fine Arts / Department of Fine Arts

Eighth: Displaying tables and analyzing data as in Table No. (3):

Table 3: Represents the statistical analysis of the sample

·	1	alysis of the sample			
S. No	Main categories	Subcategories	repetition	%	Statistical analysis
1	How many artistic	(1-5)	25	71,5%	Paragraph (1-5) had the highest frequency (25)
	activities have you	(6-10)	5	14,3%	and a percentage of (71.5%), while paragraph
	participated in?	(11-15)	3	8,5%	(15-and-more) had the lowest frequency (2) and a
		(15-and	2	5,7%	percentage of (5.7%), which is a statistically
		above)			insignificant percentage, indicating the lack of
		Total	35	100%	participation in artistic activities.
2	Which of the	Scientific and	2	5,7%	The paragraph (arts workshop) received the
	following activities	technical			highest frequency (18) and a percentage of
	did you participate	conference			(51.5%), while the paragraph (scientific and
	in?	Cultural	10	28,5%	technical conference) received the lowest
		symposium			frequency (2) and a percentage of (5.7%), which
		Art workshop	18	51,5%	is a statistically insignificant percentage,
		Another	5	14,3%	indicating the lack of participation of the staff
		artistic			and students in scientific and technical
		educational			conferences and educational activities.
		activity			
		Total	35	100%	
3	Have you attended	Yes	30	85,7%	The paragraph (yes) had the highest frequency
	development	no	5	14,3%	(30) and a percentage of (85.7%), while the
	courses in the fields	Total	35	100%	paragraph (no) had the lowest frequency and a
	of arts?				percentage of (14.3%), which is not statistically
					significant, indicating that the sample had rarely
					attended development courses in the fields of
	****				arts.
4	Which of the	Personal	2	5,7%	The paragraphs (participation in a scientific and
	following activities	participation			artistic conference) and (educational play)
	would you choose	in the			received the highest frequency (10) and a
	if offered?	exhibition			percentage of (28.6%), while the paragraph
		Member of the	3	8,5%	(personal participation in an exhibition) received
		Fine Arts			the lowest frequency (2) and a percentage of
		Exhibition			(5.7%), which is a statistically insignificant
		Organizing			percentage, indicating the presence of a complete
		Committee		5 0 411	readiness to participate in effective activities.
		Participation	10	28,6%	
		in a scientific			
		and technical			
		conference		1.4.207	
		Periodic	5	14,3%	
		lectures	10	20.50	
		Educational	10	28,6%	
		play	_	14.00	
		musical	5	14,3%	
		anthem	2.	40007	
_	XXII.1 C.1	Total	35	100%	
5	Which of the	Fine arts	30	85,7%	The paragraph (plastic arts) had the highest
	following activities	theater	4	11,5	frequency (30) and a percentage of (85.7%),
	is most satisfying			%	while the paragraph (music) had the lowest
	for the Babylon	Music	1	2,8 %	frequency (1) and a percentage of (2.8%), which
	Study Center?	Total	35	100%	is a statistically insignificant percentage,
					indicating a lack of balance in the application of
			_		artistic activities.
6	How important do	a task	7	20%	The paragraph (very important) had the highest
	you think artistic	Very	25	71,5%	frequency (25) and a percentage (71.5%), while
	activities are?	important	_		the paragraph (not important) had the lowest
		Medium	3	8,5%	frequency (zero) and a percentage (zero%),

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		importance It doesn't	Zero	Zero%	which is a percentage that is not statistically significant, indicating the importance of artistic
		matter	Zelo	Ze10%	activities for the sample members.
		Total	35	100%	activities for the sample members.
7	Do you submit an	Yes	Zero	Zero%	Paragraph (No) received the highest frequency
'	annual report on	no	35	35%	(35) and percentage (100%), which indicates
	problems or	sometimes	Zero	Zero%	consensus of all sample members on not
	obstacles?	Total	35	100%	submitting an annual report on problems or work
		10001		10070	obstacles.
8	Who is responsible	The student	5	14,3%	The paragraph (Training and Continuing
	for developing the	Department of	10	28,6%	Education Center) received the highest frequency
	activities?	Art Education			(20) and a percentage of (57.1%), while the
		Center for	20	57,1%	paragraph (student) received the lowest
		Training and			frequency (5) and a percentage of (14.3%), which
		Continuing			indicates that the Training and Continuing
		Education	25	1000/	Education Center has great importance in developing artistic activities.
9	Who is the menty	Total	35	100%	
9	Who is the party that most	family	3	5,7%	The paragraph (the Ministry) received the highest frequency (25) and a percentage of (71.5%),
	that most discourages artistic	civil society organizations	٥	8,5%	while the paragraph (the family) received the
	activities?	To manage	5	14,3%	lowest frequency (2) and a percentage of (5.7%),
	activities:	Ministry	25	71,5%	which is a statistically insignificant percentage,
		Total	35	100%	indicating the lack of encouragement of artistic
		Total	33	10070	activities by the Ministry.
10	What are the factors	No	18	%51,5	The paragraphs (lack of an independent building)
	causing the	independent			and (lack of financial allocations) received close
	weakness of artistic	building			percentages, which indicates that the main reason
	activities?	Lack of	17	48,5%	for the weakness of artistic activities is the lack
		financial			of an independent building and the lack of
		allocations	_		financial allocations.
		Other please	Zero	Zero%	
		remember	35	1000/	
11	Is there a dedicated	Total Yes	Zero	100% Zero%	The paragraph (No) unanimously obtained the
11	room for practical	no	35	35%	highest frequency (35) and a percentage of
	subjects?	Total	35	100%	(100%), which indicates the absence of a hall
	sasjeets.	Total	33	100 /0	designated for practical subjects.
12	Is there a suitable	Yes	10	28,6%	The paragraph (No) received the highest
	theatre in terms of	no	25	71,5%	frequency (25) and a percentage of (71.5%),
	lighting and sound	Total	35	100%	while the paragraph (Yes) received the lowest
	dedicated to student				frequency (10) and a percentage of (28.5%),
	training?				which indicates the presence of a stage, but it
					lacks its foundations represented by lighting,
					sound, and the rest of the requirements for a good
12	In those a dad' 1	Vac	Zore	70/	presentation.
13	Is there a dedicated	Yes	Zero	Zero%	The paragraph (No) unanimously obtained the
	studio for audio recording?	no Total	35 35	35%	highest frequency (35) and a percentage of (100%), which indicates the absence of a studio
	recording:	Total	35	100%	dedicated to audio recording.
	Are there special	Yes	Zero	Zero%	Paragraph (No) unanimously obtained the
14	kilns for pottery?	no	35	35%	highest frequency (35) and a percentage of
_	r	Total	35	100%	(100%), which indicates the absence of special
				-00/0	kilns for pottery.
15	Is there a museum	Yes	Zero	Zero%	The paragraph (No) unanimously obtained the
	to preserve student	no	35	35%	highest frequency (35) and a percentage of
	work?	Total	35	100%	(100%), which indicates the absence of a
					museum to preserve students' work.
16	What is your	very good	5	14,3%	The paragraph (good) had the highest frequency
	evaluation of the	good	20	57,1%	(20) and a percentage of (57.2%), while the

	work of the Art	poor	10	28,6%	paragraph (very poor) had the lowest frequency
	Education	very poor	Zero	Zero%	(zero) and a percentage of (zero%), which is a
	Department?	Total	35	100%	percentage that is not statistically significant,
					indicating that the work of the Art Education
					Department is good.
17	Among the reasons	Quality of	11	31,4%	The paragraphs (management success) and
	for granting a good	work			(teaching staff) received the highest frequency
	evaluation grade	Management	12	34,3%	(12) and a percentage of (34.3%), while the
		success			paragraph (quality of work) received the lowest
		Teaching staff	12	34,3%	frequency (11) and a percentage of (31.4%),
		Total	35	100%	which indicates that the reason for granting a
					good grade depends on the joint cooperation
					between (management) and (teaching staff).
18	Among the reasons	Management	Zero	Zero%	The paragraph (college building) unanimously
	for giving a poor	Poor	Zero	Zero%	obtained the highest frequency (35) and a
	evaluation grade	production			percentage of (100%), which indicates that the
		College	35	35%	main reason for the weak evaluation is due to the
		building			lack of an independent building for the open
		Teaching	Zero	Zero%	educational college.
		staff			
		Total	35	100%	

Chapter Four

FIRST/ RESULTS

- 1. The sample's participation in actual artistic activities is limited, limited to artistic workshops, seminars, and cultural events.
- 2. Most of the sample members did not attend development courses in the arts.
- 3. Most of the sample members prefer to participate in a scientific art conference and an educational play.
- 4. 4-The visual arts field is the most saturated activity within the Art Education Department at the Babylon Study Center.
- 5. Most of the sample members believe that artistic activities are very important.
- 6. The sample members unanimously agreed that an annual report on problems or work obstacles is not submitted.
- 7. The entity responsible for developing activities is the Center for Training and Continuing Education.
- 8. The entity most discouraging artistic activities is the Ministry.
- 9. The main factors contributing to the weakness of artistic activities are the lack of a separate building and the lack of financial allocations.
- 10. Among the factors contributing to the weakness of artistic activities are the lack of halls dedicated to all practical subjects and the preservation of student work, as well as the lack of a fully integrated artistic theater and audio recording studio.
- 11. The joint cooperation between the administration and the teaching staff led to the success of the work despite the lack of material and spatial capabilities.

SECOND: CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The need to increase the number of student and faculty members participating in important artistic activities.
- 2. The need to include students and faculty members in development courses in the arts.
- 3. It is crucial for students and faculty members to participate in scientific artistic conferences and educational plays.
- 4. The need to balance the distribution of activities across the arts, not just the visual arts.
- 5. It is necessary to submit an annual report on problems and obstacles.
- 6. One of the duties of the Center for Training and Continuing Education is to increase the quantity and quality of artistic activities.
- 7. One of the tasks and responsibilities of the Ministry of Education is to encourage and embrace artistic activities.
- 8. The main factor contributing to the weakness of artistic activities is the lack of a separate building, as well as the lack of a financial budget.
- 9. Among the factors contributing to the weakness of artistic activities is the lack of halls for all practical subjects and for preserving student productions, as well as the lack of a fully integrated artistic theater and audio recording studio.

THIRD: RECOMMENDATIONS

- The need for an independent building for the Open Education College Babylon Study Center.
- The need for a suitable location for the Art Education Department.
- The need for a budget allocated for art activities.

Fourth: Proposals: Activities of the Art Education Department in the governorates and ways to develop them

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