# BIM (Building Information Modeling) Education Program in KSA: A Case Study of BIM program at Prince Sultan University

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> Abstract. A variety of BIM education programs have been developed and strengthened for future architects and engineers around the world. BIM education curricula as architecture and civil engineering education programs have held an important position in the education institutes. The purpose of the study is to provide future architects and civil engineers with solid hand-on knowledge about BIM through the understanding of its theoretical and historical backgrounds as well as the practical exercise examples of the related various BIM methods, which also shows the benefits of various BIM processes and methods as used by all relevant stakeholders in the AEC industry, such as clients, design teams, construction manager, contractors and maintenance operators etc. Additionally, the paper introduces other related topics as follows through the case studies at PSU for BIM education program, 1) Create 3D BIM models that extract quantities for estimation purposes on the basis of input resources. 2) Operate construction schedule (4D simulation) for project planning. 3) Explore a virtual construction management process that integrated 3D BIM model with scheduling and costing, what is called, 5D simulation. Through the case study, the paper proposes a BIM education guideline appropriate for KSA.

### 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Research background

As a new technology in the AEC industry today, the advent of BIM reflects the increasingly digital, multi-disciplinary, collaboration and integrated nature of architecture and construction project delivery, first of all, influenced by the strong demand from clients and governments. It is quite important for universities to teach new technologies in architecture and construction education curriculum (Ali Abbas et al., 2016). To satisfy the industry

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demand for engineers and architects with BIM skills, many universities around the world have started to integrate BIM into their academic programs of architecture, engineering, and construction (Pikas and Hazzan, 2013).

In this respect, the implementation of BIM education in KSA is still in the initial stages. In facts, there are few universities and education institutes to teach BIM on their regular courses for the future architects, civil engineers and construction managers in KSA.

#### 1.2 Research objective

The paper explores the meaning of BIM as a new paradigm shift of AEC industry and first of all, the reason why many governments around the world have mandated or are planning to mandate BIM in their AEC industry. Secondly, the study considers BIM as a core education program for future Saudi architects and civil engineers and provides future Saudi architects and civil engineers with solid hand-on knowledge about BIM through the understanding of its theoretical and historical backgrounds as well as the practical exercise examples of the related various BIM methods.

Lastly, the paper introduces PSU BIM education program as a case study to future Saudi architects and civil engineers, the main contents of which are to create the 3D BIM construction model that extract material quantities for cost management and to operate the virtual 4D simulation for the schedule management and to explore the virtual construction management process that integrated 3D BIM model with scheduling and costing, what is called, 5D simulation.

On accordance with the above outcomes, the study proposes a BIM education guileline adequate for KSA's AEC industry.

### 2 BIM as a new paradigm shift in AEC industry

#### 2.1 Value of BIM in AEC industry

According to the SmartMarket Report by McGraw-Hill Construction (2012), The adoption of BIM in North American construction industry including other developed countries had rapidly increased from 28% in 2007 to 71% in 2012 (Figure 1).

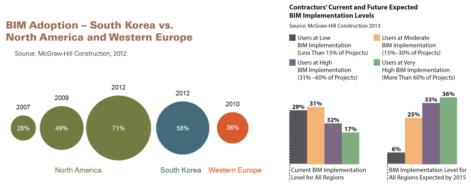


Fig. 1. Increase in BIM adoption 2007-2012

Fig. 2. Expected growth trends of BIM

Many firms and vendors in AEC industry around the world are willing to invest to drive efficiencies, as is evident in the rise of contractors adopting BIM technologies (Figure 2).

The core value of BIM that the construction industry should be aware of is the ability to take model information and extend its use by giving it meaning for other related workflows and processes. These workflows include impacts to basic functionality such as estimating, scheduling, logistics, and safety. These new capabilities have opened doors for faster population of data into these systems to deliver work earlier, safer, and better quality (Brad and Dave, 2015).

### 2.2 BIM as a national guideline for AEC industry

A number of national governments have mandated and are planning to mandate BIM in their AEC industry.

The following Table 1, BIM National Guidelines show the current situation of each country's efforts and policy to adopt BIM in the AEC industry. Unfortunately, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia doesn't have any specific guidelines yet to take advantage of using BIM in its AEC industry. However, KSA is also expected to adopt BIM in the near future as a national guideline in order to strengthen the competitiveness of its AEC industry.

Nation	Government Guidelines	BIM Tools	Remarks
US	-2005, charted BIM National Standard, "NBIMS(National BIM Standard)" -2007, mandated the use of BIM format to be submitted on all federal facilities(buildings) in US(GSA)	<ul> <li>Revit</li> <li>Tekla Structure</li> <li>Bentley</li> <li>Digital Project</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	Not allowed 2D based- CAD tools, AutoCAD 3D, 3DMax, FormZ, and even SketchUp), which are only supplementary tools.
UK	-2011, mandated the use of BIM by UK Government (Cabinet Office) -Supported by an AEC(UK) BIM Standard Committee -UK Government requires fully collaborative 3D BIM in all public area as a minimum by 2016	<ul> <li>Revit</li> <li>ArchiCAD</li> <li>Digital Project</li> <li>Bentley</li> <li>Vecterworks</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	-AEC firms in UK : Foster and Partner, Zaha Hadid Architect, BDP and international headquarters, HOK, SOM, Gensler etc.
European Countries	-Nordics: Finland(2002), Norway(2005), Demark(2007) – All public buildings -Netherlands (2012) : mandated BIM by Ministry of Interier "RGD" -Germany : Publised "User Handbook Data Exchange BIM/IFC", charted BIM guidelines by 2014	<ul> <li>ArchiCAD</li> <li>Vectorworks</li> <li>Allplan</li> <li>Digital Project</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	-Jan. 2014, European Parliamentary voted to encourage, specify or mandate the use of BIM for public construction and building projects by 2016
Asian Countries	-Singapore: mandated BIM by 2012 -South Korea: 2012, mandated BIM in public projects(over US\$ 55,000,000), all public areas by 2016. -Japan : applying BIM by the public institute, "JACIC(Japan Construction Information Center)	<ul> <li>Revit</li> <li>ArchiCAD</li> <li>Digital Project</li> <li>Tekla Structure</li> <li>Vectorworks</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	
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Table 1.	<b>BIM</b> National	Guidelines
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### 3 BIM education program around the world

According to the report, "Embedding Building Information Modeling (BIM) within the target curriculum" that produced by the BIM Academic Forum UK (BAF), 2013, there are

60 members from 29 higher Education Institutes across the UK including universities from Republic of Ireland.

The BIM Academic Forum (BAF) is a group of representatives from a large number of UK universities formed to promote the academic aspects of BIM. In particular, BAF is focused on the development of a 'BIM academic framework', the aim of which is to propose a roadmap towards a longer-term vision of embedding BIM learning at the appropriate levels within 'discipline-specific' undergraduate and postgraduate education (BAF, 2013).

In the US, there are several BIM degree programs at various levels to support AEC industry which include Civil Engineering, Architecture, Architectural Engineering, Construction Engineering and Construction Management (Ali and Zia, 2016). The following Table 2 introduces specific BIM courses in some US universities.

Course No.	Course Name	University
CNMG 2318	Building Information Modeling	University of Arkansas at Little
ARC 1300P	Building Information Modeling for	Georgia Institute of Technology
	Construction Management	
CEE 110/210	Building Information Modeling	Stanford University
CM 1223	Graphic Communication Skills	John Brown University
CM 414	Virtual Construction	University of Washington
CM 470	BIM and Integrated Practices	University of Southern California
AE 597G	Building Information Modeling	Pennsylvania State University
	Execution Planning	
CGT 46000	BIM for Commercial Construction	Purdue University
MCM 602	Construction Information Modeling	Philadelphia University
ECIV 309	BIM in Construction	Montana State University
CM 4	Construction Graphics	California State University
AE 1312	Introduction to BIM	Milwaukee School of Engineering
ENGR 2100	Intro to Engr/Computer Graphics	Clemson University

 Table 2. BIM courses in the US universities

Almost 30 universities in the US are accredited to provide undergraduate programs in all three of the AEC disciplines and all of which offer some 'BIM courses' as part of the syllabus. For other countries' BIM education, the report, NATSPEC, BIM education – global–2017 updated (2017) version needs to be considered as following Table 3. BIM education around the world.

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Nation	Education	Institution
Australia	11 institutions have shown the greatest uptake of	Australian Institute of Architects
	BIM in their undergraduate curricula. Construction	Australasian Procurement and
	Management programs appear to be showing the	Construction Council
	fastest creation/uptake of BIM education courses.	Australian Construction Industry
	Many technical colleges are providing courses	Forum
	where BIM is incorporated into the syllabus.	Australasian BIM Advisory
		Board
Canada	buildingSMARTCanada (bSC) and Canada BIM	BuildingSMARTCanada (bSC)
	Council(CanBIM) are jointly moving ahead with	Canada BIM Council (CanBIM)
	the implementation of the Canadian BIM Education	Institute for BIM in Canada
	Strategy.	(IBC)
Finland	Universities and polytechnics provide BIM	National Common BIM
	education. Large companies such as Skanska and	(COBIM)

	Senaatti arrange focused in-house training as required. The Skanska use BIM for 100% of its own production.	buildingSMARTFinland
Singapore	There are 11 Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) providing a total of 33 full-time programmes and 20 part-time programmes with BIM curriculum. Third-party BIM software educational vendors were also crucial in training, especially for professionals.	Nanyang Technological University National University of Singapore Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) Building and Construction Authority Academy (BCAA)

# 4 Prince Sultan University BIM Course

### 4.1 Course overview

The EM 428 Special Topics course, BIM Construction Management has been providing the senior students with a solid hand-on knowledge about BIM through the understanding of its theoretical and historical backgrounds as well as the practical exercises of the related various BIM software tools for the last 5 semesters. The course aims to make students understand the benefits of BIM processes and methods in the AEC industry, especially as the aspects of all relevant stakeholders, such as clients, design teams, construction manager, contractors and maintenance operators etc.

### 4.2 Course objectives

The course is designed to provide senior students of construction management with the meaning of BIM, the BIM process as a new way of thinking throughout the project life cycle viewpoints, hands-on practice with BIM software tools and the collaboration through the team and individual project. By studying this course, the students will be able to (1) Understand a variety of 3D BIM drawings and Modeling, (2) Illustrate how to apply BIM process to construction management areas, (3) Show how to use BIM tools as new technologies in the field of AEC industry, (4) Demonstrate how to do 3D Modeling by applying various BIM tools, (5) Analyze differences between 2D-based conventional process and 3D-based BIM process in the AEC industry.

### 4.3 Course learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the students are expected to achieve the following: (1) Develop skills to deliver better value through integrated construction and project delivery, (2) Reproduce 3D Models and their related BIM software, (3) Evaluate team work skill through a group project, (4) Analyze budgeting and quality managing including scheduling on the basis of BIM concept, (5) Recognize modeling works with various software tools, such as Revit, Navisworks, and other related BIM tools, (6) Illustrate 3D(4D,5D) Models in order to describe building projects that cover schedule management and cost management areas.

### 4.4 Course structure

The course basically consists of two learning structures, both theoretical and technical part(Table 4). Especially, the learning of various BIM software tools as the technical part in the course is extremely important for students to understand the meaning of BIM because it is impossible to know BIM perfectly without handling with BIM software tools.

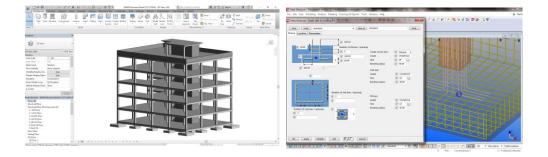
Step	Theoretical Part	Technical Part	BIM tools	Role
1	The meaning of BIM in the AEC	3D Structural &	AutoCAD,	Client,
	industry	Architectural	Tekla	Architect,
	The differences between BIM	Modeling for 5 story-	Structure &	Structure
	model and normal 3D model	office building	Revit	Engineer
2	Technology, BIM is so important	Extract 2D drawings	Revit &	Architect
	to AEC industry	from 3D Model (Plan,	ArchiCAD	
	Historical Background of BIM	Sections, Elevations		
	Open BIM & Interoperability	etc.)		
	3D Model base Design	Model Import &		
		Export by IFC file		
3	The value of BIM in the AEC	Estimate the building	Revit &	Procurement
	industry	project's Quantity &	Excel	Manager
	Building Life Cycle viewpoint,	Cost from 3D Model		Cost Manager
4	Collaboration	Clash Detection	Navisworks	Quality
	Parametric function	Animation &		Manager
	Cost reduction	Navigation into 3D		
	3D printing (Contour Crafting)	Model		
5	Schedule Management	Define Activity for 3D	Primavera	Planner &
	Project Delivery Methods:	Model, Create WBS	P6 &	Scheduler
	Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)	Estimate Activity	Navisworks	
		Resource, Develop		
		Schedule		
6	Level of Development (LOD)	Estimate BOQ	Primavera	Scheduler
	BOQ Documentation	Determine Budget	P6, Excel &	Cost Manager
			Navisworks	
7	4D: 3D Model + Time	4D & 5D Simulation	Navisworks	Civil
	5D: 4D Model + Cost			Engineer
				Scheduler
8	6D: 5D Model + Energy	Document sheets,	Revit &	Architect
	The future of BIM	Image Rendering,	Navisworks	Construction
		Animation Video		Manager

Table 4. BIM Construction	Management	Course Program
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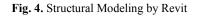
#### 4.5 Course assessment

The students will be learning knowledge and competencies that will be evaluated using different assessment techniques. The following grading percentages will be allocated: Assignments and Individual Project: 10%, Team Project: 10%, 2-Mid-Term Exam: 20% and Final Exam: 30%. All grading criteria places an emphasis on using BIM software tools and other related software tools, such as Revit, Tekla Structure, Navisworks including Primavera P6 & AutoCAD.

## **5** Outcomes of BIM construction management course



### 5.1 3D modeling by Revit & Tekla structure





The course instructor had provided students with 2D-based AutoCAD drawing-sets that are to regards with the RC (Reinforced Concrete) structure building. The students were required to import all AutoCAD 2D drawings into Revit for the purpose of creating a 3D BIM structural model (Figure 4). In the case of the foundation structure which consists of several type-isolated footings with neck columns, the students were able to do 3D isolated footings' modeling with the re-bars installation by using Tekla Structure (Figure 5).

After the completion of the structural modeling, the students could start architectural modeling on the basis of structure model by using Revit. Basically, the course instructor had shared students with the space program and architectural materials schedule, which contains material types and quantity according to the locations, rooms and floors (Table 5).

Floors	Spaces	No.	Floor	Ceiling	Door
	Office Room	3	Tile, Mosaic, Gray/THK.100	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Double Door/3EA, Free
Ground	Lobby	1	Tile, Mosaic, Gray/THK.100	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Double Door/1EA, Free
Floor	Floor Toilet 1 Tile, Porcelain, 4in/TH		Tile, Porcelain, 4in/THK.100	Aluminum/H.3,000/THK.50	Single Door/1EA, Free
	Computer Room	1	Default Mass Floor/THK.300	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Single Door/1EA, Free
	Office Room	4	Tile, Mosaic, Gray/THK.100	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Double Door/4EA, Free
	Elevator Hall	1	Tile, Mosaic, Gray/THK.100	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Double Door/1EA, Free
1st Floor	Toilet	1	Tile, Porcelain, 4in/THK.100	Aluminum/H.3,000	Single Door/1EA, Free
	Computer Room	1	Default Mass Floor/THK.300	Acoustic Ceiling Tile 24*48/H.2,800/THK.50	Single Door/1EA, Free
	Balcony	1	Tile, Porcelain, 4in/THK.100	N/A	Single Door/1EA, Free

**Table 5.** Space Program and Architecture Materials Schedule

Finally, they had finalized a 3D architectural model and were able to extract various drawings such as plans, sections, elevations, perspective & isometric views, rendering views etc., from the model (Figure.6).

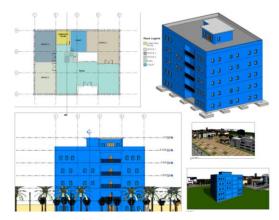


Fig. 6. Various drawings from the architecture BIM model

### 5.2 Materials quantity estimating

The students were required to extract all related materials from their own completed architectural model by using the Schedule/Quantities function of Revit. All extracted materials could be divided into two scopes to quantity take-off, structural scope and architectural scope. The structural scope consists of foundation, framing(beam), slab(floor), wall, and staircase, the material of which mainly used concrete. As the architectural scope, there are door, window, ceiling, architectural wall, floor & wall finishing, handrails etc. They would be estimated on the basis of their own measurement units, such as volume, area, and count.

### 5.3 Cost estimating and BOQ documentation

On the basis of the estimated materials quantities, the students could perform to do documentation for the BOQ (Bill of Quantity) of their building project. The project BOQ is composed of 3 main categories, material, labor and equipment in accordance with the estimated each material. The course instructor had provide them with all unit's costs against each unit materials quantity. As a result, they could estimate total construction cost for their building project. Finally, the students were able to prepare a Bill of Quantity (BOQ) document in compliance with the cost bills of quantities that is estimated from the Revit model (Table 6).

	1: Structural work					Devision 2	2: Architectural work				
	Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate (SR)	Amount (SR)		Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate (SR)	Amount (S
1.1 CON	NCRETE WORKS:					2.1	Doors:				
1.1 Supp	plying and placing Cast-in-Place Concrete as cified tothe <b>foundation footings</b>	14.68	mª	350	5,138	2.1.1	Refer to drawings for door type <b>GD1</b> : Single- Decorative (1000 mm x 2200 mm) timber door	1	ltem	450	45
.1.2 <sup>Supj</sup> as sj	plying and placing Cast-in-Place Grey Concrete pecified to the <b>necks and columns</b>	47.61	m²	320	15,235	2.1.2	Refer to drawings for door type <b>GD2</b> , <b>FD2</b> , <b>RD2</b> : Single-Panel (900 mm x 2100 mm) timber door	10	Item	450	4,50
1.1.3 Supp	plying and placing Cast-in-Place Grey Concrete pecified to the <b>Beams</b>	113.01	m²	320	36,163		Total				187,63
.1.4 Supp	plying and placing Cast-in-Place Concrete as cified to the <b>Slabs</b>	199.98	m <sup>3</sup>	350	69,993	2.2	Windows:				
1.1.5 Sup to th	plying and placing Pre-cast Concrete as specified he <b>Roof slab</b>	53.42	m <sup>3</sup>	1,100	58,762	2.2.1	Refer to drawings for Window type <b>GWD 1</b> , <b>FWD1</b> , <b>RWD1</b> : Casement window 3x3 with Trim (2400 mm x 1200 mm)	23	Item	600	13,80
1.1.6 Supp	plying and placing Cast-in-Place Grey Concrete pecified to the <b>Staircase slab</b>	3.66	m <sup>3</sup>	320	1,171	2.2.2	Refer to drawings for Window type <b>GWD2</b> , <b>FWD2</b> : Fixed window (600 mm x 1000 mm)	2	Item	600	1.20
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Tot							Total				207,58
Tot					100,100	2.3	Total Walls:				207,58
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Table 6. Bill of Quantity – BIM Project

### 5.4 4D and 5D simulation modeling

As a schedule and planning software tool, Primavera P6 is used to create work activities in accordance with real construction process with the 3D Revit model and build up its construction schedule with the clear relationship between all activities (Figure 7).

V Layout: 4th Pro	ject		Fiter: All Activ	ities	
Activity ID	C Activity Name	Original Duration	Start	Finish	Total Float
💼 Building	s 20,21,22 Team F	16	16-Mar-17	31-Mar-17	0
😑 A1000	Excavation	2	16-Mar-17	17-Mar-17	0
😑 A1010	Foundation forms	1	18-Mar-17	18-Mar-17	0
😑 A1020	Pouring concrete	1	19-Mar-17	19-Mar-17	0
🖴 A1040	Ground floor walls	1	20-Mar-17	20-Mar-17	0
😑 A1050	Pouring First stairs	2	21-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	0
😑 A1070	First floor slap forms	2	23-Mar-17	24-Mar-17	0
📟 A1090	Pouring concrete stab	1	25-Mar-17	25-Mar-17	0
😑 A1090	First floor walls	2	26-Mar-17	27-Mar-17	0
🖴 A1100	Pouring roof stairs	1	28-Mar-17	28-Mar-17	0
😑 A1120	Roof slab forms	1	29-Mar-17	29-Mar-17	0
😑 A1140	Pouring concrete	1	30-Mar-17	30-Mar-17	0
📟 A1150	Parapet	1	31-Mar-17*	31-Mar-17	0



#### Fig. 7. Primavera P6 Scheduling

And then, the students were asked to import their 3D Revit model and Primavera P6 file into Navisworks which is a 4D/5D simulation software tool for the purpose of creating 4D and 5D simulation model and had completed to connect all construction components, such as footing, beam, slab, wall, column, door, window etc, in their 3D Revit model with Navisworks Timeliner's activities that were originated from the BOQ items.

Consequently, they had finalized the 4D/5D simulation Model that contain a lot of information, construction date & duration, project budget in accordance with the construction progress rate (Figure 8).





Fig. 8. 4D and 5D Simulation

### 5.5 Model clash detection

The clash detection process also had been performed for the purpose of finding out the modeling mistakes in terms of quality management. The function of Navisworks' clash detective was used in order to solve clash problems.

### 6 BIM education guideline and expected outcome for KSA

### 6.1 BIM education guideline for KSA

As mentioned in the case of PSU BIM education program, the BIM education guideline for KSA could be presented as follows:

- Theoretical knowledge to understand the meaning of BIM in the AEC industry
- 3D building modeling skill by using BIM software tools
- Quantity takeoff and cost estimation from BIM model
- 4D and 5D simulation modeling for time & cost management
- Clash detection for model quality

Additionally, the building energy analysis should be included in the BIM education guideline even though it is not mentioned in this study.

### 6.2 Expected outcome of the BIM education program in KSA

The national BIM guideline is expected to be enacted by Saudi Arabia government in the near future, which means that the AEC industry of KSA begins to change from conventional 2D based process to 3D based BIM process. In the beginning stage to adopt BIM technology, the 3D based BIM design in the architecture area would be firstly performed in accordance with the requirements of KSA's AEC industrial market. And also, in the construction area, the clash detection process between architectural, structural and MEP's BIM models as the aspect of the quality management would be applied mainly for building projects. In this regard, the AEC industry in KSA can expect to nurture well-trained architects, engineers and other professionals through the proper BIM education program. Fisrt of all, well-trained BIM professionals in the initial stage to adopt BIM in KSA cannot be nurtured simply by teaching BIM software tools but can be caltivated through the right education program that is on the basis of the integrated understanding about BIM process as a new technology in the KSA's AEC industry.

### 7 Conclusions

The study presents a BIM education program as one of the regular engineering management course at Prince Sultan University on the basis of the last 3 years' course experience.

Firstly, the paper looked at the meaning of BIM as a new paradigm shift in AEC industry. A lot of national governments have mandated BIM as a national standard in order to enhance the productivity of their AEC industry. Secondly, the paper shows BIM education courses that are currently being carried out around the world. Many countries

have specific BIM education program on the public and non-public sectors as well as wellorganized BIM education institutes for the future architects and civil engineers including current professionals. Thirdly, the paper considered the BIM course at PSU, "EM428, BIM Construction Management" as a proposed BIM education program. Fourthly, the paper introduced the students' outcomes of PSU BIM. During the course, the students had accomplished the following outcomes: (1) produce a BIM 3D model by using Revit and Tekla Structure in accordance with the various 2D drawings provided by the course instructor, (2) extract all related materials from the Revit model in order to estimate each materials' quantity, (3) document a BOQ in compliance with the material quantity extracted from the Revit model, (4) import the Revit model and Primavera P6 file into Navisworks for the purpose of creating 4D and 5D simulation model, (5) setup the clash detection process in terms of finding out the modeling mistakes. Lastly, the paper proposed BIM education guideline for KSA on the basis of the presented PSU BIM education program.

In fact, KSA's BIM education is still in its infancy so that it is now very important for the future Saudi architects and civil engineers to build up the proper BIM education program by Saudi AEC education providers, such as universities, colleges, engineering institutes, AEC companies. In this respect, the EM428, BIM Construction Management course at PSU could be one of good examples for the BIM education program. Hopefully, the more studies of BIM education program should be done in the near future.

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