A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNCTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SAUDI UNIVERSITIES (DELPHI METHOD)

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ABSTRACT _This research aims to reach to an strategic vision proposed for the development of the community service function in Saudi Universities through knowledge of the reality of the community service function and its constrains, that is in the light of experts opinions and responses in three stages of (Delphi) style, the study made on a sample consisted of members of the Faculty staff for four inveterate universities, based on the results of the analytical study of the reality of the function and its constrains and in the light of the experts opinions, the research returned the following findings: The reality of the community service function has been measured in the Saudi Universities from the perspective of the Faculty staff, through (29) phrase, where the degree of reality of the community service function ranged between medium and very few, The reality of the community service function constrains has been measured in the Saudi Universities from the perspective of the Faculty staff, through (18) phrase, where the degree of reality of the community service function ranged between big and very big, The viewpoints of the experts are agreed on the main axes of the strategic vision of the community service function in the Saudi Universities which is the Continue Education, and transferring and localization of the technology and community participation.

The study recommended to activate and practice the function of the community service in Saudi Universities greater than it is now.

KEY WORD: Strategy, Community Service, Delphi.