

## **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