ZALONGWA Software User's Guide

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Creating Account:

In order to create account you need a "Database Code". All students use their RegNos as their Database Codes and for Lecturers and Administrative Staff, they need to be registered in the database first so that they are assigned a Database Code.

The point is not everyone can register in the Database unless he/she is a university Community member and is already registered in the database.

Please see how add user in ZALONGWA using the Admission Module – see page 9 of this report

The convention for assigning database codes to lecturers is as follows: for example lecturers from the Faculty of FASS can have FASS/0001, FASS/0002, etc.

Staff from Admission Office (Registrar) can have ADMN/0001, ADMN/0002, etc.

To create account, click "Create Account", then complete the online registration form.



Figure 1: User Registration Form

Login on the System:

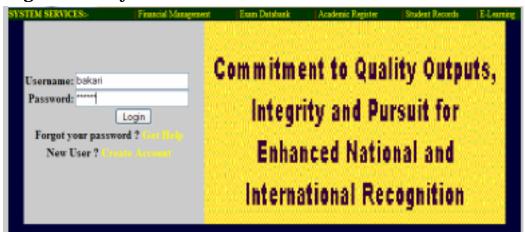


Figure 2: User Login Form

Get Help

Click "Get Help" if you experience a problem in Login

- To recover forgotten Password, Enter a RegNo and a Birth Date
- If this cannot help, use the contacts given under the heading Contact Administrator

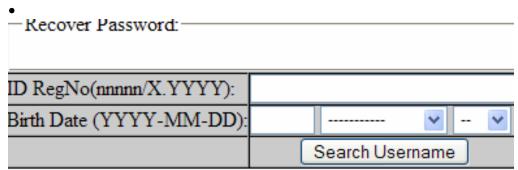


Figure 3: Password Recovery Form

Module 1: Examination Module

The Examination Module has eight (8) Menus namely Profile, Policy Setup, Administration, Examination, E-Learning, Communication, Security, and Sign Out (See Figure 4).

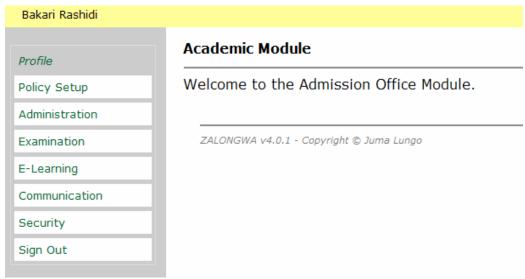


Figure 4: Examination Module

Each Menu consists of several Sub-Menus. The sub-menus are listed below the main menu when Menu becomes active (selected), see Figure 5.

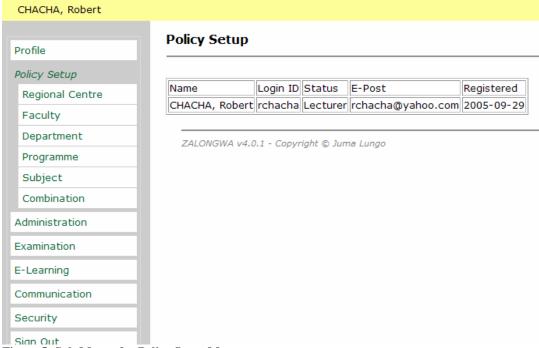


Figure 5: Sub-Menus for Policy Setup Menu

Profile Menu

Profile Menu display information of the user who logged in.

Policy Setup Menu

This Menu has seven (6) sub-menus which are now explained:

- (a) Regional Centre: Allows listing and Adding a Regional Centre
- (b) Faculty: allows listing and Adding a Faculty
- (c) Department: allows listing and adding a Department
- (d) Programme: allows listing and adding a degree programme
- (e) Subject: allows listing and adding a subject, see Figure 6
- (f) Combination: allows listing and adding course combination

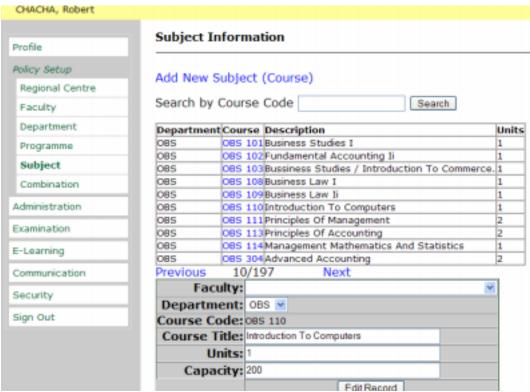


Figure 6: Subject sub-menu

Note: While adding or editing a subject, the Capacity Values tells ZALONGWA how many students can register in that particular course. Usually Exam Officers will need to edit this value in each academic year.

Administration Menu

This Menu has four (4) sub-menus explained as follows:

- (a) Course Allocation: allows Exam Officer to allocate each a lecturer a course. As a result each lecturer will see class roster of all students who have registered the course.
- (b) Change Semester: while registering, some students can register a course for semester one and others may register the same course for semester two. This sub-menu allows the exam officer to combine the two student groups into one.

- (c) Publish Exam: allows Exam Officer to "publish" and "un-publish" exam results. If Publish action is selected, students will see the exam results, and the respective course lecturer will not be able to change the exam results. If Un-Publish action is selected, students will not see their results, and the respective lecturer will be able to update the exam results.
- (d) Exam Marker: allows adding new Exam Marker.

Examination Menu

This menu three sub-menus name Search, Course Result, Annual Report, Cumulative Points, Gradebook, and Transcript.

- (a) Search: allows listing of all exam result of a particular student. If a serial number (S/N) of a course result is clicked, a result update form will popup. Note: each Faculty Exam Officer can only edit exam results of corresponding courses from that Faculty.
- (b) Grade Book: prints data entry form for capturing or editing exam results
- (c) Transcript: displays a ready only summary of annual exam result of a student.
- (d) Course Result: prints course based exam results
- (e) Annual Report: prints course codes, grades, total units, total points and gpa of students in a particular cohort
- (f) Cumulative Points: prints total units, total points and gpa of students in a particular cohort

Note: when searching a student, you must enter his/her full RegNo

E-Learning Menu

This menu has only one sub-menu namely Lecture Notes.

(a) Lecture Notes allows lecturers to upload lecturer notes.

Communication Menu

This menu has two sub-menus: Check Message, and News & Events

- (a) Check Message: allows listing and replying of student messages
- (b) News & Events: allows listing and publishing News and Events

Security Menu

This menu has two sub-menu: Change Password and Login History

- (a) Change Password: allows the current user to change a password
- (b) Login History: lists the last 10 login history. This allows a user to detect if someone has used his password

Sign Out Menu

This ends the current user's session

Module 2: Financial Accounting Module

This module has six (6) modules namely: Profile, Policy Setup, Financial Reports, Communication, Security, and Sign Out

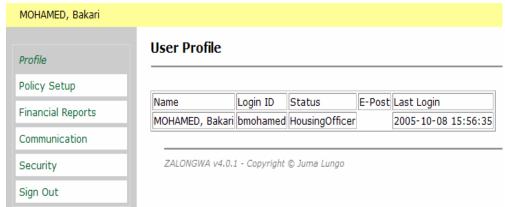


Figure 7: Accounting Modules Main Menus

In this module, all the functionalities are implemented by the Policy Setup and Financial Reports Menus which are now described:

Policy Setup Menu

This menu contains, "Payment Rates" sub-menu. Payment Rates allows a user to set, edit, and view annual payment rates.

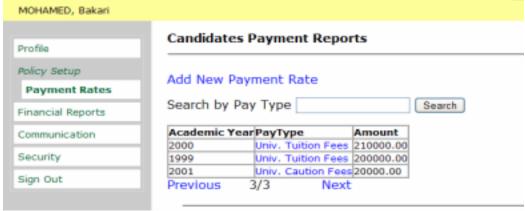


Figure 8: Payment Rate Submenu

- (1) To add new payment rate, Click "Add New Payment Rate".
- (2) To edit payment rate, Click "Pay Type" of the records

Financial Report Menu

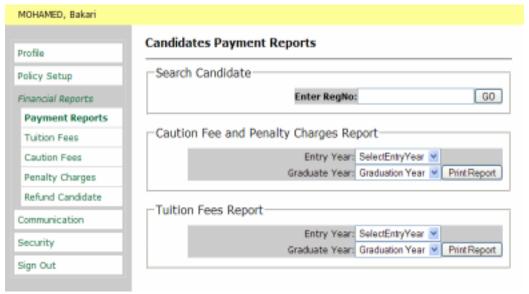


Figure 9: Financial Reports

- (1) To generate a report of one candidate, use Search Candidate
- (2) To generate Tuition fee report selects "Entry Year" the click Print Report.

Recording Payments

To record Tuition Fee, Caution Fee, Penalty Charge, Refund; see click the respective command, then Search the candidate.

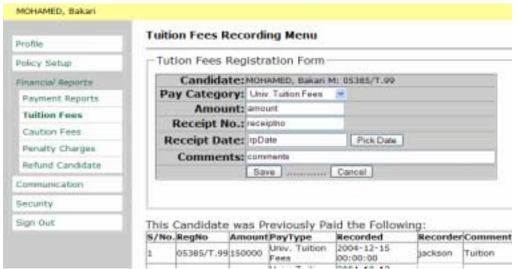


Figure 10: Tuition Fee Recording Form

Module 3: Admission Module

The module has six (6) menus namely: Profile, Policy Setup, Admission Process, Communication, Security, and Sign Out.

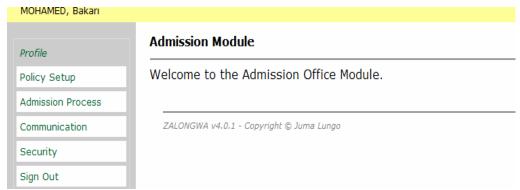


Figure 11: Admission Module Menus

Admission Process Menu

This menu offers functionalities for maintaining student nominal rolls. With this menu, a student can be registered in the database through the use of Registration Form command.

Nominal Roll: enables listing of all students admitted in the selected academic year.

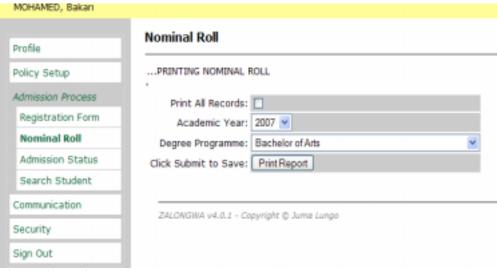


Figure 12: Nominal Roll

To Add New User: Select Registration Form, Complete the form, click AddNew To get Calendar, click Choose Date command

To Edit Student Record: Search the candidate, then click the S/No against the name
To get Calendar, click Choose Date command **To Delete Student Record:** Search Candidate, Update Record, then Click Delete

Alternative Reports: To print a list of all students for the selected academic year, check the "Print All Records" checkbox

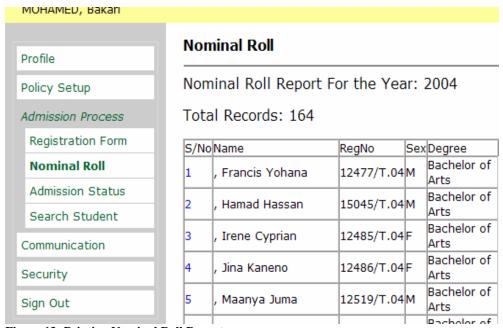


Figure 13: Printing Nominal Roll Report

Admission Status:

This create statistics for the number of students admitted in that particular year.

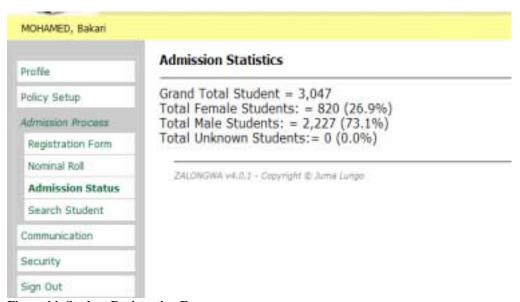


Figure 14: Student Registration Form

Module 4: Administrator Module

The Administrator Module allows the database administrator to manage the database in general and to manage the system users in particular.

Policy Setup

To set current academic year, Enter the Year and select the Check Box for Current year then Click Update.

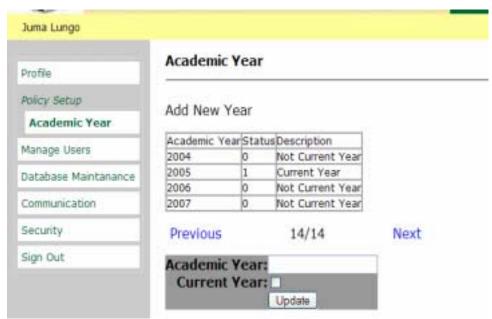


Figure 15: Adding and Setting Current Year

Manage Users

In Zalongwa Software, Users create their own accounts. If a lecturer for example, wants to create account, first he must be registered in the database through the use Admission Module. Then he can use his Database Code to create account.

Through the use of Manage User command, a list of all users is generated. To edit a user privilege, Click Edit, to delete a user account Click Delete, to see the frequent of users visit to the system, click the Name of the user.

Setting User Privileges

Database Administrator: Position - 'Webmaster', Module - 'Webmaster', Privilege - 'Manager', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option'

Examination Officer: Position - 'Lecturer', Module - 'Examination', Privilege - 'Manager', Department - '[Faculty Exam Officer]', Faculty - 'option'

Lecturer/Instructor: Position - 'Lecturer', Module - 'Examination', Privilege - 'Operator', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option'

Registrar Officer: Position - 'Administrator', Module - 'Admission', Privilege - 'Manager', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option'

Finance Officer: Position - 'Administrator', Module - 'Accounting', Privilege - 'Manager', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option'

Student: Position - 'student', Module - 'student', Privilege - 'student', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option' (this is deafult setting when one create account)

Blocking User: Position - 'option', Module - 'Blocked', Privilege - 'Blocked', Department - 'option', Faculty - 'option'

Note: 'option' means you can select anything you want.

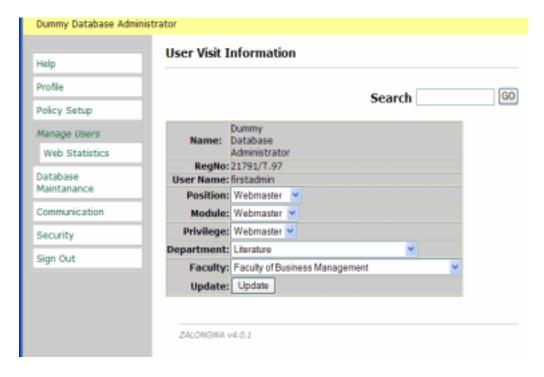


Figure 16: User privilege

Module 5: Student Module

The student module displays personalised report for the logged in student.

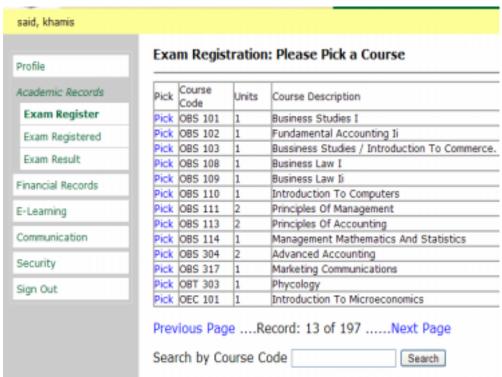


Figure 17: Student Module

Academic Record

This Menu enables a student to register for Exams and to view Exam Results

Financial Records

Display Financial Reports of the candidate

E-Learning

Displays course registered for the candidate and their underlying lecture notes.

Communication

This allows a student to send suggestion using a suggestion box and it allows student to read posted news