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## **THE UNIVERSITIES (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012**

**D**r. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, on the 11th Day of May, 2012 signed into Law Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2012.

An Act which further amended the Universities (miscellaneous provisions) Act No.11, 1993 by increasing the retirement age for Academic staff in the professorial cadre and non-academic staff and other related matters.

The Law provides thus:

1. The Universities (miscellaneous provisions) Act No 11, 1993 is amended as set out in this Act.
2. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by:
  - (a) In subsections (3)(a), line 1, by substituting for the word “period” the words “single term” and
  - (b) Substituting for subsection (4) a new subsection “(4)”

“(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar for

a further period of one year only and thereafter such Registrar shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.”

3. Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing subsections (4) and (5) new subsections “(4)” and “(5)”

“(4) A Bursar or Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and condition as may be specified in his letter of appointment.”

“(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) of this section, the Council may upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter the Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

4. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new subsection “(3)”

“(3) As from the commencement of this Act, the compulsory retiring age for:

- (a) Academic staff in the professorial cadre shall be 70 years; and
- (b) Non-academic staff shall be 65 years.”

5. Substitute for section 9 of the Principal Act a new section “9”:

9(1) “An academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized University shall be entitle to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized University up to the retirement age.

(2) notwithstanding subsection (1), where the professor has not served up to the retirement age he shall be entitle to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection (1) provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as professor in a recognized University.

(3) Where an academic joins a Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized University.”

6. This Act may be cited as the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2012.

## FUT, MINNA ACHIEVES FEAT AT NURESDEF

The Federal University of Technology, Minna has achieved another unprecedented feat by coming overall best University in Research and Development at the just concluded 5th Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) organized by NUC in collaboration with FUT, Minna.

Speaking during the closing ceremony which took place at the Chemical Engineering Lecture Theatre, the Chairman of the occasion and Secretary General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVC) Prof. Mike Faborode congratulated FUT, Minna for the feat and for being a wonderful host while thanking the delegates for participating in the Fair.



*Prof. Faborode declaring the Fair closed*

He said the fair with a theme “**Research and Development: A Road Map to National Transformation and Economic Prosperity**” is aimed at providing opportunity to Nigerian Universities to showcase their innovative research products with a view to establishing partnership with industries for mass production and commercialization of the products which will bring about industrialization and reduction of poverty in the country.

Sadly, he said the challenge has been the non-participation of government in past fairs. Hence, the need to pause and re-strategized on how the National Universities Commission and industries can partner together.

According to him, Universities have a lot to offer which the economy and government should take advantage of.

Prof. Faborode noted that a country that does not value knowledge cannot move forward; he enjoined the various ministries concerned and the CVC to take up the challenge.

The representative of the National Universities Commission, Executive Secretary, Director, Research and Innovation, NUC Abuja, Prof. O. V. Ezechukwu, Vice Chancellor FUT, Minna, Prof M. S. Audu, DVC (Academic) Prof. Akim Osunde, DVC (Administration) Prof Bala presented Certificates and Awards to participating institutions in the field of Arts and Humanities, Life Sciences and Medicine, Agriculture, Science and Technology.

A total of twelve Nigerian Universities participated in the fair including FUT, Minna who clinched number one position won prizes and awards in diverse areas. Other Universities that won prizes and awards during the fair were University of Nigeria, Nsukka came second while Federal University, Lafia, University of Benin, Ilorin, Port Harcourt and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria all came third.

## **VC PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO RESEARCHERS**

**T**he Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. S. Audu FMAN on Thursday, October 18, 2012 formally presented Certificates to researchers of FUT, Minna who won various awards during the just concluded

NURESDEF at the VC's Conference room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Audu said he was delighted at the great performance of the University and commended the organizing committee for organizing the fair in a very peaceful and calm atmosphere.



*Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. S. Audu (middle) seated with other Principal Officers in a group photograph after the presentation.*

He encouraged the Chairman of the LOC to start having Agriculture and Science Week. He also recommended that letters of commendation be issued to the overall prize winners by the Registrar.

## **Certificates and Awards presented by the VC includes:**

1st Prize Overall University Award, 1st Prize University Award in Science and Technology, 2nd Prize University Award in Life Sciences and Medicine, 1st Prize University Award in Agriculture while Individual Awards went to J. S. Abolarin and M. S. Abolarin (Improved Yam Pounding Machine), E. Mudiare and A. Adekeye (Multi-Heating Bread Baking Oven), Prof. S. A. Garba (Production of Typhoid Fever Vaccine in Nigeria), Orire A. M and S. O. E. Sadiku (Development of

Farm Made Floating Feed for Aquacultures Species, J. C. Anuonye (Development of Sugar Syrup clarifier for Brown Sugar Production from Okro Back), Usman I. et al (Effect of Aeschynomene Histrix Inter Crop and Nitrogen Fertilization on Striga Infestation and Maize performance in Southern Guinea Savannah, Nigeria, E. K. Tsado (Potential Use of Shear Nut Butter as Skin Coat for Preservation of Banana) and Ayanwale B. A. et al (Shape Linked – Sex Determination, Fertility and Hatchability of Wild Indigenous Guinea Fowl Egg Using Kerosine Type Incubator).

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, Dr. Hussaini A. Makun thanked Management for the support and the researchers and Deans for their cooperation.

### **SAAT HOLDS FIELD DAY**

The first Competitive Agricultural Research Grant Scheme Striga Project Field Day was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology Research Farm, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), Prof. M. G. M. Kolo who is the Principal Investigator and Convener welcomed the Farmers and Extension Agents drawn from in and around Minna to the Field Day.

He said the Field Day is part of an ongoing Agricultural Research being carried out by SAAT on Striga (witch weed) after winning two research proposals. The Competitive Agricultural Research Grant Scheme of Nigeria approved two proposals from the

University out of over hundred proposals from Universities and Research Institutes all over the country which is a big feat to FUT, Minna.



*Farmers and Extension Agents inspecting the Research Farm*

As part of the research work, farmers and extension workers were invited to the Field Day and were enlightened on the effect of Striga (witch weed) which destroys crops like maize, soya beans, rice and sorghum by eating up the nutrients of the crop especially in the Southern Guinea Savannah of Nigeria.

The farmers and extension workers were taking round the research farm and showed the effect of Striga on maize and how it can be controlled by improving the fertility of the soil through Nitrogen Fertilizer and planting a leguminous crop known as Aeschynomene histrix.

At the end of the ongoing research, the researchers are expected to observe the effect of Aeschynomene Histrix Inter Crop and Nitrogen Fertilization on Striga Infestation and maize performance in Southern Guinea Savannah, Nigeria.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice- Chancellor has approved with immediate effect the appointment of the followings:

1. Prof. Ezenwa I. Victoria, Department of Science Education as Dean, School of Science and Science Technology for a period of two years with effect from October 8, 2012.
2. Dr. Dukiya Jaiye Jehoshaphat, Department of Transport Management Technology as Ag. Dean, School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology for a period of 1 year with effect from October 8, 2012.
3. Mr. Idris Nda Abdullahi, Department of Geology as Ag. Head, Department of Geology for a period of one year.

#### **APPOINTMENT AS VISITING LECTURERS**

The Vice- Chancellor has approved the appointments of the following to the University:

1. Prof. Sanjay Misra, as Visiting Professor to the Department of Cyber Security, School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT).
2. Igboro Sunday Bamidele, as Visiting Lecturer to the Department of Water Resources Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET).

#### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT**

The Vice- Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment of Dr. Tologbonse Emmanuel Bamidele, Department of Agric Econs. and Extension Technology as Visiting Associate Professor for 2012/2013 Academic Session.

#### **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice- Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointments of the following for a period of one year:

1. Prof. Mustapha Zubairu, Department of Urban and Regional Planning with effect from November 1, 2012.
2. Abdullahi Mohmoud Kullu, Department of Soil Science with effect from October 10, 2012.
3. Zakari Hassan, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from October 18, 2012.

#### **SABBATICAL**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical of the followings for a period of one year:

1. Dr. Umaru Ahmadu, Department of Physics, tenable at Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU) Zaria with effect from 2012/2013 Academic Session.
2. Engr. Aguwa James Isiwu, Department of Civil Engineering, tenable at University of Ilorin, Kwara State with effect from October 8, 2012.

#### **NOTICE FROM REGISTRY**

This is to inform staff members of the University that henceforth, they are required to process their Annual Leave at least **TWO WEEKS** earlier to the date of commencement of the leave.

Consequently, staff are expected to receive their leave approval before proceeding on leave.

### **POSTING**

The Registrar has approved with immediate effect the posting of Mrs. Comfort F. Dania of the Registry Department to the Department of Geology, School of Science and Science Education.

### **RELEASE OF PORTAL**

This is to inform both new and returning students that on Monday, October 22, 2012 the Portal for hostel allocation would be released by 9:00a.m.

However, CEPES Students should collect their Allocation Form through the Director, CPES.

Payments for bed space and caution deposit of N500 only should be made at FUT, Minna Microfinance Bank.

**NOTE:** Revocation will be after 48 hours of non payments.

### **CUSTOMERS' FORUM**

This is to inform the University community that there will be an interactive session with all staff who are registered with Sigma Pension Limited as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012

**Time:** 10:00 am prompt

**Venue:** School of Agric Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The session is aimed at informing the clients about recent developments and opportunity to interact with their PFA's.

### **COMMISSIONING OF FUT MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL**

The Staff and Management of FUTMIN Ventures cordially invites the University community and the general public to the official commissioning of FUT, Minna Model Secondary School scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, October 25, 2012

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Venue:** FUT Model Secondary School's Temporary Site, Bosso Campus, Minna, Niger State.

### **CHANGE OF NAME**

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the Vice- Chancellor has approved the Change of Name of Mr. Bello Ibrahim to **Mr. Bello Enesi Ibrahim**, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies with effect from October 5, 2012.

### **MID-TERM BREAK**

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the University Staff School will be on Mid-Term Break between Thursday 25 and Friday 26, October 2012.

Normal school activities resume on Monday, October 29, 2012.