



# CAMPUS NEWS

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## PROF. AKANJI ASSUMES OFFICE

**P**rof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, the 6th substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University assumed duty on Monday, December 3, 2012.

On arrival, the new Vice-Chancellor met with the Principal Officers and on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 with Deans to rub minds for the purpose of actualizing the Mission and Vision of his administration. Prof. Akanji on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 attended the 370th Senate Meeting where he assured them of better times during his tenure.

*FUT, Minna new VC, Prof. Akanji.*

Meanwhile, Prof. Abdul-ganiyu Ambali, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Shamsideen Amali, Vice-Chancellor, Nassarawa State University and Prof. Abdulrasheed Na'Allah, Vice-Chancellor, Kwara State University on Thursday, December 6, 2012 paid a courtesy call on the University to congratulate him on his new appointment.

Details of his address at the Senate Meeting will be in our subsequent edition.

## FUT, MINNA HOSTS NANOMEDICINE SEMINAR

Federal University of Technology, Minna in collaboration with Science and Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP-B) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Pretoria, South Africa recently hosted a One-Day sensitization seminar on Nanomedicine. The event took place on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Chemical Engineering PTDF Lecture Hall, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Declaring the seminar open, the Acting Vice-Chancellor who was represented by DVC (Admin), Prof. Abdullahi Bala commended the team for embarking on nanomedicine research geared towards eliminating poverty related diseases in Africa.

“FUT, Minna has made a mark in vaccine development and drug research into natural herbs for the treatment of various diseases attested to by National Universities Commission (NUC) which made the institution emerge as overall winners during the just concluded NURESDEF,” he said.

*Dr. Swai delivering her paper at the Nanomedicine Seminar recently at FUT, Minna*

He also noted that Management approved the seminar because of its desire to promote excellence based on CSIR landmark achievement in research of economic importance and also congratulated the group for the

success recorded during the recently concluded **1st Pan-African Summer School on Nanomedicine** which FUT, Minna was also a participant.

Dr. Hulda Swai, and Lonji Kalombo, the guest speakers revealed that six million people are affected annually in Africa by malaria, HIV and tuberculosis which are unconnected to therapeutic but treatment failure as a result of high dosage, long treatment duration and toxic effects of the drugs.

They also noted that nanomedicine would save lives, reduce dose frequency, cost and time of treatment and toxic effects of the drugs on patients.

In his closing remark, Prof. Bala applauded the guest lecturers for delivering their papers eloquently and called for multidisciplinary research.

Project Manager, Step-B, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre thanked the speakers for their educative lectures on nanomedicine and commended the University Management for supporting the seminar.

## **NUC ACCREDITATION TEAMS VISIT FUT, MINNA**

The National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team to the School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) and School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology (SEMT) has applauded the Management of FUT, Minna for meeting up with its standards.

*DVC (Admin), Prof. Bala presenting souvenir to the leader of NUC accreditation team.*

Chairman of the panel, Prof. Ayuba Aminu from the University of Maiduguri made this known recently

during their exit meeting at the Office of the DVC (Admin.), Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

According to him, the aim of their visit was to assess the followings: Curriculum, Admission Requirements, Academic Regulations, Financing, Courses Evaluation, Students' Course Evaluation, External Examiner's System, Staffing, Physical Facilities and Library books amongst other requirements for accreditation of programmes in SICT and SEMT.

He commended the Departments for adhering to NUC-BMAS standard and meeting other requirements.

The team leaders who thanked Management for the warm reception accorded them noted some areas of needs and challenges in the departments such as inadequate books and journals for the departmental libraries.

In his remarks, the DVC (Admin.), Prof. Abdullahi Bala who received them on behalf of the Acting Vice-Chancellor thanked the team for their fair assessment and promised that Management will look into all the areas of challenge as noted by the panel.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Prof. H. A. Akanya, Department of Biological Sciences as the Chairperson, University Health Services Management Board. Other Members of the Committee are:

- i. Dr. A. A. Aliyu – Director, UHS
- ii. Mrs. S. A. D. Usman – Rep. Registrar
- iii. M. K. Ahmed – Rep. Bursar
- iv. Dr. Y. A. Iyaka – Dean, SAD
- v. Prof. S. B. Oyeleke – Senate Rep.
- vi. Dr. A. A. Jigam – Senate Rep
- vii. One Rep of each School
- viii. One Rep. of Student Union
- ix. Mrs. Grace Kolo – Registry (Secretary)

He has also approved the appointment of Dr. R. O. Ojutiku, Department of Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology as the Deputy Dean, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology.

Also approved are the appointments of Dr. D. N. Tsado, Department of Animal Production as the Registration/Time-Table Officer and Mal. Haruna Ibrahim, Department of Crop Production as the Assistant Examination Officer for the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology for period of two years each, effective from September 25, 2012 respectively.

#### **SABBATICAL**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved for Prof. K. M. Baba, Department of Agric. Econs. And Extension Technology, Sabbatical tenable at the Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero for a period of one year with effect from December 3, 2012.

He has also approved for Dr. Muhammad T. Usman, Department of Geography to proceed on sabbatical at the National Universities Commission (NUC) with effect from December 1, 2012 for a period of one year.

#### **RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of appointment of Prof. S. S. N. Okeke, as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Physics, School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS) for one year with effect from 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 each:

1. Prof. Johnson Akinade Oladiran, Department of Crop Production with effect from February 1, 2013.
2. Dr. Nnofuechi A. Oyedum, Department of Science Education with effect from January 1, 2013.
3. Dr. A. A. Muhammad-Oumar, Department of Architecture with effect from January 2, 2013
4. Sanusi Adamu Kuta, Students' Affairs Division with effect from January 1, 2013
5. Mal. Adamu Mohammed, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from January 1, 2013

6. Mal. Mohammed Kolo Memefu, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from January 1, 2013
7. Mal. Danjuma Mohammed, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from January 1, 2013
8. Andrew Michael Onazi, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
9. Mal. Adamu Baba, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
10. Yamma Wakili, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
11. Dan'Azumi Abdullahi Mohammed, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
12. Usman Musa Kuta, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
13. Abdulrahman Momoh, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
14. Mal. Adamu Mohammed, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013
15. Stephen Nmadu, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013.
16. Mohammed Ndagi, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013.
17. Mr. Raphael Albert, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013.
18. Mal. Usman Lafiagi, Works and Maintenance Services with effect from February 1, 2013.

#### **NOTICE FROM REGISTRAR: RE: REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE POLICY IN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA**

Management at its 221st meeting held on November 16, 2012 approved the following recommendations:

- i. That all schedule for deduction/variations from any Co-operative Societies, Union/Welfare Committees should pass through Internal Control Unit before reaching the payroll for implementation.
- ii. That staff can belong to at most two (2) Co-operative Societies but aggregate obligation should not exceed one third (1/3) of monthly salary.

- iii. That there should be sanction for boycotting Internal Control Unit by any Co-operative Society or Welfare Committee.
- iv. That 2nd Friday of every month is fixed to be deadline for passing Co-operatives, Unions and Welfare Committee's variation/deductions to payroll.

Meanwhile, Cooperative Societies must prepare and submit Audited Annual Accounts for approval by the Director, Cooperatives, Niger State.

Approved copies of Annual Accounts shall be submitted to the University Authority for documentation.

**NOTE:** Any Society that fails to abide by the above for two years running shall be deemed unviable and the University Authority shall stop further direct deductions on behalf of such Society.

#### **NOTICE TO ALL FRESH STUDENTS**

This is to inform all fresh students (DE/UTME and PD Absorbed) for 2012/2013 academic session that they are expected to submit their Students Record Files (Green File) to the Academic Office from 10:00a.m to 2:00p.m. in the following order:

1. School of Information and Communication Technology (SICT) and School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology (SEMT), Wednesday, 5 and Thursday, 6 December, 2012.
2. School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) and School of Environmental Technology (SET), Friday, 7 and Monday, 10 December, 2012.
3. School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), School of Natural and Applied Sciences (SNAS) and School of Technology Education (STE), Tuesday, 11to Thursday, 13 December, 2012.

**NOTE:** The affected students are strongly advised to comply with this directive.

#### **CHANGE OF CADRE**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Change of Cadre of Victor Ndako Adama, Directorate of Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages, Linkages

Officer II to System Analyst II in the Registry Department with effect from July 28, 2010.

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the resignations of the following staff from the University:

1. Adejare Quadri, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics, School of Environmental Technology with effect from May 2, 2012.
2. Isah Ismail Okino, Centre for Climate Change and Freshwater Resources (CCCFR) with effect from December 21, 2012.
3. Sumaila Omeiza Sule, University Security Services with effect from December 28, 2012.

#### **DISMISSED FROM THE UNIVERSITY**

The Vice-Chancellor has approved with immediate effect the dismissal of Mr. Agbo Joseph Agbaji, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics from the services of the University for abscondment from duty.

#### **NCS ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS**

The Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) Niger State Chapter at its election held recently has elected Zubayr Emimaru of Information Technology Services (ITS) FUT, Minna as Chairman.

Also Imran Taiwo Olatunbosun, Academic Planning Unit, FUT, Minna was elected the General Secretary of the Chapter.

They are to serve for a term of two years.

#### **CONDOLENCE**

The Registrar has, on behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of the University, condoled Prof. Jacob M. Baba, Department of Geography and Mr. Barnabas Musa Baba, Department of Quantity Surveying over the death of their beloved Mother which occurred recently.