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HOUSE C'TTEE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION VISITS FUTMINNA

In view of the need to have first-hand information on budget implementation in federal tertiary institutions in the country, the House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 visited the Federal University of Technology, Minna to ascertain the level of 2016 budget implementation.

The Honourable members were received by the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi



Principal Officers of the University and Hon. Members, House Committee on Tertiary Education during the meeting

Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, in the company of other Principal Officers at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.

In his address during the interactive session, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Aminu Suleiman said the purpose of the visit was to ascertain the level of the 2016 budget implementation and performance by the University, adding that the visit was not geared at witch-hunting the University.

Hon. Suleiman said the Committee opted for physical visit rather than correspondence from both parties which may not reflect the exact state of things in the University, while noting that the Committee is ready to support the University towards ensuring full implementation of the budget.

The Chairman disclosed that the committee's ongoing tour of Federal universities across the country was part of its oversight functions of tracking funds contained in the 2016 appropriation allocated to the universities towards ensuring its compliance.

"We need to re-focus our educational drive as it relates to technical and entrepreneurial education in order to fast

-track development of the country," he stated.

He commended the University Management for its prudent utilisation of funds and urged the University to continue to support manpower development of its staff.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji expressed appreciation to the Committee members for coming to the University to look at its financial books, which he noted complied with International Accounting Standards.

The VC said the University had attained a certain level of financial accountability that is worthy of mention based on the fact that all income and expenditure of the University are always published on weekly basis in the University Campus News for public scrutiny.

Prof. Akanji reiterated the University Management's commitment to research and development, adding that the University researchers have brought several honours to the University.

The Committee members went through some financial documents presented to them by the University and later received the leadership of other federal institutions in the state at the University's Senate Chamber.

CHILDREN GOVT HONOURS FUTMINNA, SEEKS PARTNERSHIP

In recognition of its child friendliness, the Federal University of Technology, Minna, has received a Children Education Merit Medal from the Children Government of Nigeria. The award is first of its kind to be given to any Nigerian University by the Children Government.

Similarly, the Department of Mechanical Engineering got the Children Education Merit Medal as a mark of recognition for designing a Solar Powered Car, which was on display during the 26th Convocation Ceremony exhibition.



Prof. Akanji being decorated by the Children Government President, Miss Fatima Musa

And just as the Children Government appointed the University as Children Partner, it also appointed the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, Children Peace Ambassador and Life Patron, again making FUT, Minna and Prof. Akanji the first to be so appointed.

Speaking during the presentation which took place at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus on Friday, February 3, 2017, Child President of Nigeria, Miss Fatima Musa, thanked the University for giving them the opportunity to attend the 34th Founder's Day and 26th Convocation Ceremony and for the opportunity given to her Vice-President, Nuraini Abdullahi Usman to present a paper at the Convocation lecture.

The child-president expressed her appreciation on what they saw at the Convocation exhibition and made a vow that children of Nigeria will not allow it to go as mere exhibition, recalling that a Nigerian invented an electric yam pounder but because of lack support, he took it to China and now Nigeria is the highest importer of electric yam pounder.

She stated her determination to partner with the University to build the first technological play station.

Her words: "We will raise money for our project during the children's day and you will give us land to lay the foundation for the facility and every year, children from

across the nation will come together during a long vacation to rub minds with professors and get exposed to technology."

She disclosed that the Children Government is going to organise the biggest children conference in the world where children will come from all the 36 states, including the Federal Capital Territory, as well as parents, and professors.

"But on that day, no adult will speak. We will address the problems of Nigeria from the beginning to the end. We will produce a development master plan and handover to adults for implementation," she added.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor assured the Child President that FUT, Minna will do everything possible to encourage the Children Government to carry out its projects.

Prof. Akanji who expressed gratitude for the honours given to the University and to the Department of Mechanical Engineering said "We are now happy you know the value of education and we now know there is hope for Nigeria. Children are the leaders of tomorrow and it means that if we destroy this country, children will be affected the most."

SET HANDS OVER MASTER PLAN MODEL TO V.C

The School of Environmental Technology (SET), Federal University of Technology, Minna, has handed over the model of the reviewed University Master Plan to the Management.

Presenting the model to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Senate Chamber, the Dean, SET, Prof. Asimiyu Junaid dwelled extensively on the importance of sticking to the Master Plan and appreciated the Management's support to the school, which made the review of the master plan that started in 2011 a reality.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor who described the work as a master piece thanked the Dean as well as all those who have in one way or the other contributed to the design. He promised that the design will be auspiciously displayed in his office.



VC, Prof. Akanji (2nd right), receiving the model of the Master Plan from Dean, SET, Prof. Junaid (2nd left), supported by other staff members

ARCHITECTURE UNDERGOES ACCREDITATION

In view of the need to ensure compliance with professional requirements for the training of architects, the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 visited the Federal University of Technology, Minna on accreditation exercise for its architectural degree programmes.

The ARCON team on arrival at the University was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB, FAS**, in company of



Principal Officers of the University and ARCON accreditation team in a group photograph

other Principal Officers at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.

Addressing Management during the courtesy visit, the Chairman ARCON, Arc. Dr. Khalil Sani commended the University for providing the much needed relevant facilities for the training of the students while disclosing that the facilities have made teaching and learning more effective.

Arc. Dr. Sani urged the University Management to expand the present structure of the department in order to provide more office spaces for staff and studio workshops for students for practical engagement.

He further applauded the University Management for its massive support to the training of staff of the department.

Speaking earlier while receiving the team, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji thanked the team for coming to the University within short notice to look at its Architecture programme, adding that the department needs the professional backing of ARCON to successfully carry out its functions of training the next generation of architects that would transform the nation.

The VC urged the team to feel free to inspect the department and to ask for anything that would aid the process of the exercise while stating that the University is ready to learn from ARCON.

He revealed that the University is planning to build a new

complex for the department to accommodate studios for students' practical.

The ARCON team had since concluded the accreditation exercise with preliminary report submitted to the Vice-Chancellor of the institution who assured the team that all their observations would be looked into promptly.

The Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) is mandated to set bench marks and to control the training and practice of Architecture in Nigeria through Architects Registration Act No. 10 of 1969.

APPOINTMENTS

Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Visiting appointment of the following Lecturers for a period of one year each:

1. **Prof. Okechukwu C. Ugweje**, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, with effect from January 1, 2017.
2. **Prof. Achuen Emmanuel**, Department of Building, with effect from February 4, 2017.
3. **Dr. A. C. Wada**, Department of Crop Production, with effect from January 5, 2017.

Similarly, he has approved the renewal of contract appointment of the following staff members of the University Security Services:

1. **Naomi Majin**, effective from December 3, 2017.
2. **Yahaya Abubakar**, effective from December 5, 2017.
3. **Aliyu Arazimi**, effective from February 9, 2017.
4. **Basher Moh'd Bawa**, effective from February 3, 2017.
5. **Judith Auta**, effective from February 4, 2017.

COUNSELLING TIP

In an attempt to overcome your numerous challenges of life, do not assume to be who or what you are not. The more you attempt to be who or what you are not, the more you remain the same.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**

BAUCHI STATE GOVERNMENT RENAMES COLLEGE

Bauchi State Government has renamed the College of Education, Azare to **AMINU SALEH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, AZARE (ASCOEA), BAUCHI STATE**, forthwith.

The renaming was to immortalise Late Alhaji Aminu Saleh, former Secretary to the Government of the Federation.

CORRECTION

In our edition of Friday, January 27, 2017, we mistakenly published that the promotion of Ocheme, Ocheme Boniface, Department of Food Science and Technology was effective from October 1, 2016.

The error is regretted as the effective date of his promotion is October 1, 2015.

CALL FOR MEMORANDA

The Anebira Staff Forum of the Federal University of Technology, Minna calls for memoranda from all members of the Forum who are interested in making contributions/input in the ongoing constitution review of the Forum.

The contribution should be addressed to: The Chairman, Constitution Review Committee, Barr. Rufayi Abdulmaleeq, Legal Unit, Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano or e-mail: rabdulmaleeq@gmail.com and must reach him on or before Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 3, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	5,573,000.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	270,000.00
3	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	8,000.00
5	Semesterial Result	1,200.00
6	Loss of I.D Card	20,000.00
7	Turnitin	22,500.00
8	Under Graduate School Fees	30,000.00
9	Commercial Activities	5,000.00
10	Clearance Fees	96,000.00
11	Add & Drop	1,000.00
12	Proficiency in English Language	14,000.00
13	Farm Land	2,000.00
14	Renewal of Association	10,000.00
15	Post Graduate School Fees	1,540,500.00
16	SIWES Fees	40,000.00
17	Hostel Fees	42,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,735,200.00
	PAYMENTS	
18	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	25,462,078.85
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Doko Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	157,325.00
	(b) " " " "	274,325.00
	(c) Dogon Koli Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	166,330.00
	(d) " " " "	26,000.00
	(e) Princess Az-zahra Lodge - "	69,000.00
	(f) " " " "	85,500.00
	(g) Haske Hotel Ltd. - "	158,750.00
	(h) " " " "	81,400.00
	(i) High Level Resort - Ltd "	67,987.50
	(j) " " " "	79,852.50
	(k) A. G. Office Equipment Service - Ser.	281,250.00
	(l) Hugely Castle Global - Supply	1,501,500.00
	(m) DHL Int'l - Courier Service	8,592.15
	(n) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	218,000.00
	(o) Summit Chambers - Legal fees	512,000.00
	(p) Zingo Intercent Company Nig. Ltd - Rehabilitation	728,280.00
	(q) El-Tij Global Venture Ltd - Supply of Diesel	3,580,500.00
	(r) " " " "	3,580,500.00
	(s) " " " "	3,580,500.00
	(t) Ola Dandy (Tailor) & Co. - Supply	2,935,012.50
	(u) Yanna Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	71,792.86
	(v) Haske Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	194,150.00
	(w) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	222,500.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,043,126.36