

## VC FLAGS OFF RE-CONSTRUCTED UNIVERSITY CLINIC

The newly re-constructed University Clinic of the Bosso Campus, Federal University of Technology, Minna, was flagged off on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

The Clinic was burnt down in the wake of the students reaction to the unfortunate occurrence where a student



VC, Prof. AKanji, PO's and committee members in a group photograph after the event.

slumped and died while playing football mid February this year.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, while speaking at the event said that without doubt, the unrest had a lot of consequences ranging from the abrupt disruption of the semester to the unconventional arrangement of semesterial examination. It also caused additional burden to parents and guardians with regards to payment of restitution fees and the discomfort of setting up a temporary Clinic, he said, noting that all of these could have been avoided or minimised had emotions been properly managed.

The VC advised everyone, particularly the students, to embrace the virtue of thowing the path of peace and dialogue as the most logical route for resolution of grievances. He said it was a moment of sober reflection for the entire University and prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased student.

Prof. Akanji explained that the clinic has been re-engineered to enhance functional and optimised space utilization, while noting that the annex has similarly undergone restructuring to meet contemporary requirements of a compatible clinic.

He further expressed the University's appreciation to members of various committees who worked tirelessly to make the day come to pass while appreciating all stakeholders who contributed to the speedy return of the Clinic to its modernized status.

He said, in the spirit of transparency and openness which the University is known for, the account of income and expenditure as regards the restitution fees charged, would be made available for interested person(s) at the end of the Committees work.

## UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of **Samuel O. Patrick**, Department of Biological Science and **Yakubu M. Mustafa**, Department of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer with effect from October 31, 2016 and February 13, 2017 respectively.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Federal Fire Service - 09063966661

### NIGER STATE FIRE SERVICE

1. Headquarters - 08062420591
2. Bosso Road Station - 08053583632
3. Tunga Station - 07066176346
4. Kontagora Station - 07063331022
5. Suleja Station - 07063331060
6. Bida Station - 07063331020

**NEMA** - 07030243675

**FRSC** - 08077690546  
- 08077690702

Red Cross - 08032425860

General Hospital - 08025877700

Police - 08035800898  
- 07055718263

# UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHARGED TO IMBIBE SAFETY CULTURE

**M**embers of the University community have been charged to imbibe fire safety culture. The charge was given by the Commandant, Federal Fire Service Training College, Minna, ACF Musa Sunday Abiola while speaking in a public lecture held yesterday at the Caverton Lecture Theater, Main



VC, Prof. AKanji, presenting a plaque to the Commandant's Rep.

Campus.

Speaking on a topic titled: **"Fire Risk Reduction—Promoting A Culture on Fire Safety,"** the Commandant represented by ACF 1, Oba Anthony said fire risks are inevitable but fire control, prevention and reduction is achievable using proactive measures and the best form is the adoption of fire safety.

He noted that a proactive and deliberate approach must be taken by individuals to achieve safety in our environment.

"If we as individuals are safe in our homes, offices, schools and organizations, then by extension, we will have a safer society, therefore fire safety should also be taught in homes by parents and imbibed as a culture."

The Commander in his in-depth lecture said some of the ill effects of fire include loss of lives, property, employment, displacement of persons, high cost of renovation, promotion of food insecurity, injuries and compensation.

According to him, depending on fire fighters to always respond is not reliable because of low ratio of Nigerian fire fighters, deficiency of fire equipment, low budget on safety, lack of certain critical infrastructure like fire stations.

These challenges, he said, make fire outbreaks insurmountable and has led to loss of lives.

ACF Abiola admonished the Vice-Chancellor on the need to adopt safety culture and reduce risk by treating safety as an important part of our job, enlightenment on

safety rules, collaboration with relevant stakeholders like the federal and state fire services, setting up of fire safety committees to help formulate safety policies, provision of detection systems equipment, review of fire policies and fire insurance to compensate fire victims.

He also noted that one trained fire safety person in a safety equipment building at the incident stage of a fire outbreak may be worth more ten fire fighters from their station.

Dr. Williams Akanmu, Department of Building, Federal University of Technology, Minna who spoke on **Fire Safety Awareness and Preparedness: A Case Study of FUT, Minna** noted that although fire was responsible for industrial revolution, it is also a foe when its objective is to kill and destroy the content of any built environment.

Dr. Akanmu informed the audience that the probability of fire occurring in any situation is 50% and what kills most people during fire outbreak is not the fire but not knowing what to do.

He called for continuous and progressive fire trainings, proper awareness of usage of equipment like extinguishers, orientation for staff and students at point of entering the institution, fire drill and training for our security personnel, provision of fire fighting equipment, allocation of resources for fire facility management and familiarization with emergency procedures like alarms, siren bells.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, **FNSBMB, FAS**, commended the speakers for the enlightening and interesting lecture.

He thanked the Commandant of the Fire Service Training College, Minna for the opportunity given which he said has educated the University community on what to do in event of fire disaster.

Prof. Akanji also commended the Director, CDRM&DS, Prof. Jehosaphat Dukiya and other staff of the centre for organising the lecture and encouraged more of such lectures which will help mitigating disasters.

At the end of the lecture, there were various practical demonstrations on how to combat fire using fire extinguishers and other fire fighting equipment.

# NCC TEAM VISIT'S FUTMINNA, COMMENDS FUTMINNA RESEARCH, TRAINING

**W**ith a determination to secure the necessary patent for its research output and secure the much needed funding for more, the Management of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on Monday, July 10, 2017 played a host to officials of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC).

The meeting, which was at the instance of the University, was aimed at showcasing the successes recorded by the University through NCC research grants, as well as discussing areas of further collaboration, took place at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

It was an interactive session where the NCC's Director, Research and Development, Mrs. Iyabo Solanke, who led the Commission's delegation, disclosed that the regulatory body was impressed with the efforts of FUT, Minna, adding that NCC were on the same page with the University on the issue of patenting.

Mrs. Solanke further disclosed that the Directorate of Research and Development was newly created at NCC, with a view to enhancing interface with the academia.

She said the Commission is ready to support innovations and collaborations that would be for the benefit of the country.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, noted that the relationship between the institution and NCC which he described as beneficial, adding that FUT, Minna researchers have consistently won competitive research grants from the Commission.

Prof. Akanji decried the reluctance of entrepreneurs in the country to invest in research. He appealed to the NCC to further support the University through endowment of physical structures.

Earlier, the Director of Research, Innovation and Development (DRID), Prof. Hussaini Makun, disclosed that five NCC-related research products can be patented, saying that the University has a patent policy on royalty formula hence the need to discuss the way forward on such collaborations with the Commission.

Head of Department, Mechatronics Engineering and Director, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL), Prof. Abiodun Aibinu in a PowerPoint presentation titled, ***FUT, Minna and NCC: The Journey So Far*** said the University has keyed into the vision of the Executive Vice-Chairman of the NCC, Prof. Umar Danbatta, which is to improve quality of service, promote ICT, innovation and investment as well as facilitate strategic partnerships.

Prof. Aibinu also brief the team about the University's

proposed Advanced Engineering Innovation Centre and some of the successes recorded by the institution.

The 3-man NCC delegation were later taken on a facility tour of units of the University involved in NCC-related research – School of Information and Communication Technology, CODEL and Departments of Mechatronics Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Telecommunication Engineering.

The team also had an interaction with some students who gave insight into some on-going researches, as well as some members of staff from the relevant departments.

In her remark after the interactions, Mrs. Solanke said that the students had shown that they were getting the best training and that NCC was impressed with the involvement of students in the researches.

She assured the University of the Commission's support.

## COUNSELLING TIP

**D**o not attempt to harm yourself because you failed or attempt to hurt those you assumed are the causes of your failure. Failing at the course of pursuing a goal does not make one a failure, rather it is a lesson that the steps you took to fail were wrong.

Seek counsel to discover the appropriate steps and pursue your goal again, you will not only succeed but become a teacher of success.

"Quitters never win and winners never quit" - Robert Schuller.

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

# PG STUDENTS DONATE BOOKS TO FUTMINNA

In fulfillment of the promise made by the Postgraduate students of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna to donate books in commemoration of the 45th Inaugural Lecture delivered by Prof. Job Nmadu, the students have donated



VC, Prof. A.Kanji (3rd R), University Librarian, Dr. Jibril Alhassan (2nd R), Dean SAAT, Prof. Reuben Kolo (3rd L), Prof. Job (1st L), Mrs. Sallawu (1st R) and a staff from the Department in a group photograph

six textbooks worth about N100,000.00 to the Departmental Library to support teaching, research and learning.

Presenting the books on behalf of the donors on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mrs. Halima Sallawu said that the donation was to appreciate Prof. Nmadu for his guidance, mentoring and all the necessary assistance they received from him during the course of their studies, which she said can never be quantified. The books are of various categories particularly in the field of Agricultural Science and Technology.

Mrs. Sallawu also commended FUT, Minna for the knowledge impacted on them which has changed them both morally and academically.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, appreciated the students kind gesture and pledged that the books would be put into proper use.

Prof. Akanji noted that the occasion cannot be gloss over because they use their money buying books because they felt they benefited from guidance and mentoring in the University.

He also use the occasion to inform them that those applying for certificate, the maximum period it would take them to get it is two (2) weeks.

Present during the presentations were members of staff of the Department.

# Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, July 3 - Friday, July 7, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	6,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	342,250.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	340,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	6,000.00
5	Turnitin	29,000.00
6	Semesterial Result	6,100.00
7	Add & Drop	5,000.00
8	Campus Radio	102,000.00
9	Inter University Transfer Form	5,000.00
10	English Proficiency	2,000.00
11	Replacement of I.D. Card	17,000.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>860,350.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
12	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) June, 2017 Salary	283,338,161.46
	(b) Refund to Staff	20,023,780.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Mabeel Global Concept Ltd. - Supply	2,383,726.91
	(b) Lafiya Jiki Chemist Ltd. - Supply	2,383,726.91
	(c) I. D. Sabin Investment Ltd. - "	6,987,750.00
	(d) Pioneer Int'l Service Ltd. - Service	62,000.00
	(e) El-Tij Global Venture - Supply	3,811,500.00
	(f) " " "	3,811,500.00
	(g) Sarkin Pawa - Service	280,700.00
	(h) " " "	108,000.00
	(i) Marvelous Olaitan Printer - Supply	378,000.00
	(j) God's Foundation Chambers - Legal Fees	100,000.00
	(k) Sarki Pawa - Service	44,500.00
	(l) Abuja Electricity Disp. Company - Elect. Bill	6,081,265.00
	(m) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	16,190.00
	(n) " " "	1,013,700.00
	(o) " " "	508,750.00
	(p) Association of West African University - Annual Subscription	600,000.00
	(q) Committee of Deans of Postgraduate - "	100,000.00
	(r) Niger State Board of Internal Revenue - Withholding Tax	2,489,289.61
	(s) Global Concept Management - Training	3,078,000.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>337,538,539.89</b>

## CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Dr. (Mrs.) Adejumo Bolanle Adenike, Department of Agriculture and Bioresources Engineering over the death of her mother, which sad event occurred on Friday, June 30, 2017.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.