



Campus News

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VC INAUGURATES CODEL GOVERNING BOARD

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, has inaugurated the Governing Board of the Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (CODEL) of the University.



The VC, Prof. Akanji (5th left, front row) poses for a group photograph with other members of CODEL Governing Board shortly after their inauguration.

The inauguration took place yesterday at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, who is the Chairman of the Board said the ceremony was a rejuvenation of the existing Board, adding that Management wants the Centre to be fully effective from 2017/2018 session while noting that Council is interested in seeing all Centres of the University in a functional state.

Prof. Akanji gave assurance that Management was willing to do everything possible to ensure that the Centre fully starts operation by 2017/2018 academic session.

He thanked other members of the Board for attending the ceremony while charging them to pay unscheduled periodic visits to the Centre in order to put the Centre on its toes to achieve its set goals.

The Director of the Centre, Prof. Abiodun Aibinu, said the essence of the Centre is to provide access to higher education to a large number of interested students through e-learning, he highlighted the problems faced by the Centre and appealed to Management to look into them so as to ensure that the Centre takes off fully by next session.

Members of the Governing Board include: all the Principal Officers, Directors of CODEL, Academic Planning Unit (APU), Information Technology Services (ITS), Legal Unit and also the HODs of Computer Science and Entrepreneurship and Business Studies. Others are the Deputy Director CODEL as well as the Secretary of the Centre.

DISCARD RUMOUR OF TUITION FEES HIKE - PROF AKANJI

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, has appealed to parents, guardians, students and other stakeholders to ignore the recent publication in some national newspapers where the Chairman of the University of Ibadan Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Dr. Deji Omole alleged hike in tuition fees by 38 Federal Universities, including the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Prof. AKANJI made the appeal yesterday at a meeting held in Council Chamber, Main Campus where he condemned the allegation, which he described as untrue, baseless and capable of causing panic and confusion.

According to him, the University does not collect tuition fees from its Nigerian students, but only charges minimal fees for other services, adding that for the past two years, the fees have not been reviewed.



The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. M. A. Akanji speaking at the meeting

The VC disclosed that the review of fees and other charges are the responsibility of the University Senate and there has not been any meeting of such in recent times where fee increment was discussed.

"The University is currently in the middle of second semester of the 2016/2017 academic session and normally such reviews are done at the beginning of a new academic session," he reiterated.

FST UNDERGOES NUC ACCREDITATION SCRUTINY

The Department of Food, Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna has undergone the mandatory National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation exercise aimed at ensuring that the programme meets with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (B-MAS).



L-R: Prof. Akanji, the team leader, Prof. Ariaahu (4th & 5th from left) flanked by other members of the team, POs, staff of Academic Planning Unit and the department of Food, Science and Technology in a group photograph after the event.

The members of the accreditation team were in the University between June 15 and 17, 2017 to look at the department's curriculum and other aspects as laid down in NUC guidelines for accreditation.

Speaking while presenting the team's preliminary report to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS*, in company of other University top brass at the Boardroom, School of Science and Technology Education, Bosso Campus, the leader of the team, Prof. Charles Ariaahu from University of Agriculture, Makurdi, expressed appreciation to the University Management for the warm reception accorded the team during the course of carrying out the exercise, stating that the University is a good host.

Prof. Ariaahu commended the department for ensuring that the philosophy of the course was adequate and clearly defined to address the problem of food security in the country while advising that some courses need to be added to the curriculum in order to meet the NUC B-MAS.

"We are happy with the fact that more than 70 percent of the departmental staff are Ph.D. holders in different fields of food, science and technology," he said.

He urged the University Management to ensure timely completion of the second phase of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology so that the department would have more places to house some of its laboratory equipment which he noted would boost teaching, learning and research.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji thanked

members of the accreditation team for working hard within two days to look at the department's programme. He disclosed that the department is dear to the University and that Management would do everything possible to make sure that the programme scales through the accreditation exercise.

The VC praised the new system of programme accreditation exercise introduced by the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed on assumption of office, adding that the system is favourable to the accreditation panel and the University.

DRID CALLS FOR VIBRANT PROPOSAL

The Directorate for Research Innovation and Development (DRID) calls for submission of vibrant research proposals from researchers in the University for TETFund Institutional Based Research Intervention (IBRI) Grant.

The submissions must be in accordance with TETFund and DRID's guidelines and format. This includes:

1. The lead researcher must be clearly indicated being the first on the table of researchers.
2. Submissions should be endorsed by all the researchers, the lead researcher's HOD, Chairman of the School research Sub-committee for assessment, and the respective Deans. Recommendations should be made in clear terms before being forwarded from the Schools collectively with a covering letter to DRID.
3. All proposals **MUST** be collaborative or Multi-disciplinary as no individual proposal will be processed.
4. Three (3) hard copies and a soft copy of each proposal are to be submitted to DRID.
5. Note that the **Maximum amount** obtainable for this grant is **N1, 500,000 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Naira only)**. Ensure that your budget does not exceed this.
6. Photocopies of certificates of DRID's Workshop on writing award winning research grant proposal should be attached by researchers
7. All research proposals should be submitted to DRID on or before Friday, July 28, 2017. Any proposal submitted after this date will not be entertained.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Dr. A. A. Abdulrahman**, as a Visiting Lecturer to the Department of Biological Sciences, School of Life Sciences (SLS) for a period of one year, with effect from May 3, 2017.

(ii) Renewal

He has also approved the renewal of visiting appointments of **Dr. Ishaya Luka Chechet and Dr. Chinedu Chimdi Adindu** both of Department of Project Management Technology, School of Entrepreneurship and Management Technology (SEMT) for a period of one year each, with effect from May 26 and June 26, 2017 respectively.

Also, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of contract appointment of **Abbas Abdullahi** of the University Security Services Division for a period of one year, with effect from May 18, 2017.

(iii) Sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Dr. I. K. Olayemi**, Department of Biological Sciences, tenable at the Bingham University, Karu, Nasarawa State for a period of one year, with effect from December 1, 2017.

(iv) Retirement

Similarly, he has approved voluntary retirement of **Mrs. Maria B. Oyegbile**, c/o Dr. (Mrs.) Naomi Popoola, Department of Estate Management and Valuation from the services of the University with effect from December 13, 2010.

COUNSELLING TIP

No matter how much you feel hurt with a man's mistake, do not put out the history that is good because of your dislike of the mistake. Correction and dialogue in the spirit of give and take will heal your pains and better history will be written.

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

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

The University Sports Committee weekly special dance and aerobics exercise for both campuses will hold as follows:

Date: Saturday, July 1, 2017

Time: 6:30 a.m. prompt

Venue: Bitrus Sawa Sports Complex, Bosso Campus and School Gym, Main Campus.

For details, please call 08035966255 or 08033733709.

ACPU WORKSHOP

Academic Publishing Unit (ACPU), Federal University of Technology, Minna in conjunction with Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **International Workshop On Manuscript Development and Handling** scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday 4th - Wednesday, 5th July, 2017.

Time: 9:00am prompt

Venue: Chemical Engineering Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

Host I: Prof. O. O. A. Fasanya,

Chairman, Academic Publishing Unit, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Host II: Executive Secretary,

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Chief Host: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS,

Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

YORUBA FORUM

This is to inform all members of Yoruba Forum that there will be a general meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Time: 4:00pm prompt.

Venue: D Block, Room 3, Bosso Campus.

NOTE: All members are advised to be in attendance as important issues will be discussed.

CAMPUS NEWS FACEBOOK PAGE

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Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, June 19 – Friday, June 23, 2017)

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	12,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	260,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	330,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	2,000.00
5	Turnitin	26,500.00
6	Semesterial Result	1,400.00
7	Farm Land	1,500.00
8	Add & Drop	3,000.00
9	Campus Radio	18,200.00
10	Missing Result	500.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	655,100.00
	PAYMENTS	
15	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	3,256,393.90
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Philip A. Olusola - Legal Fee	1,000,000.00
	(b) Niger State Water Board - Bill	166,088.56
	(c) O. Oladejo - Supply Newspaper	41,500.00
	(d) Askan Global Solution - Supply	1,090,862.00
	(e) Nigeria Postal Service - Service	212,415.10
	(f) Maib Ltd. - Supply	1,617,000.00
	(g) Lanison Commercial Service - Supply	2,000,000.00
	(h) Kpada Ventures - Supply	553,000.00
	(i) Ask and Partners - Construction	2,489,451.25
	(j) Abu Yahaya (Nig) Ent. - Supply	1,286,500.00
	(k) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	140,000.00
	(l) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	237,500.00
	(m) Nigeria Postal Service - Service	171,885.00
	(n) Doko Int'l Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	836,625.00
	(o) Ask & Partners - Construction	3,481,351.25
	(p) Polarmed - Supply	2,538,100.00
	(q) Kem Nigerian Ltd. - Supply	2,383,736.91
	(r) MoDelt Medical Gad Service - Supply	3,616,832.40
	(s) Amazon Mevance Ltd. - Supply	2,112,100.00
	(t) Minthread Association Ltd. - Supply	3,652,950.00
	(u) Nigerian Postal Service - Service	76,282.50
	(v) Sarki Pawa - Service	157,900.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	33,118,473.87

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Shehu Joke Iyabo of No. 11, Tagwai Dam Road, Chanchaga, Minna over the death of her husband, Dr. Shehu Amada Tijjani, which sad event occurred on Monday, June 19, 2017.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.