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MINISTER INAUGURATES NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR FUTMINNA

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu has inaugurated the newly constituted governing council for the Federal University of Technology, Minna, along with those of 22 other federal universities, with the charge to live above board in the discharge of their duties.

The Minister stated this during the inauguration ceremony held at the Idris Abdulkadiri Auditorium,



The Minister, Mallam Adamu (middle) in a warm handshake with FUT, Minna Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Olufemi Odekunle (right) and the NUC Executive Secretary, Prof. Rasheed (left) while Prof. Akanji watches with keen interest.

National Universities Commission (NUC) Secretariat, Abuja on Tuesday, May 10, 2017.

Mallam Adamu stated that the inauguration came on the heels of the completion of the tenure of the immediate past governing councils appointed by the Federal Government in April, 2013.

"It is worth mentioning that the selection process leading to the inauguration we are witnessing today has been painstakingly accomplished in order to ensure that only men and women of character, integrity, and knowledge, who will add value to the Nigerian university system are constituted into the governing councils of federal universities," he disclosed.

He disclosed that the governing councils are charged with the responsibilities of approving the financial guidelines of the universities; determining the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chancellors and Principal Officers of the universities as well as annually reviewing the universities' budgets to monitor their performance and assess the overall impact of their implementation, among others.

The Minister tasked the council members to join the war against corruption, adding that any corrupt practice by

councils including condoning cases of indiscipline by staff, is bound to have a destructive effect on the system and, on the products of the system.

"If any governing council fails in its statutory responsibility of properly managing the governance crisis in its university, including appropriate sanctions on erring officers, after following due process and due diligence, such a governing council shall be dissolved for incompetence in line with the provisions of the Act appointing you," the Minister warned.

"In view of the current economic situation in the country, I call for the prudent management of the scarce resources, while efforts should be intensified to broaden the Internally Generated Revenue Base of each university," the Minister emphasised.

Speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed charged the new council members to be committed in the discharge of their duties, saying that their actions can make or mar the progress of the universities.

Prof. Rasheed assured the newly inaugurated council members of NUC support in the discharge of their duties.

In his address at the event, the Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, Comrade Suleiman Aminu urged the council members to work closely with the Vice-Chancellors in order to ensure unity of purpose.

He assured the council members that the legislature would continue to champion the call for increase in budgetary allocation to federal universities in the country.

Speaking with Campus News after a brief meeting with Management and other council members, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Olufemi Odekunle said he would bring his over forty years' experience in the university system to bear in advising the University on issues that would enhance its mission and vision.

The Pro-Chancellor expressed joy with the fact that the University is not known to be an abode for cultists or rancorous university characterized with crises, adding that he would work with other council members in line with its mandate as enshrined in the University laws and statutes.

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EMIR OF KANO LAUDS FUTMINNA, GIVES KUDOS TO COUNCIL

The Emir of Kano, HRH Alhaji Muhammadu Sanusi II, CON has described the Federal University of Technology, Minna, as a foremost institution with research and innovation as its hallmark.

The Emir made the remark on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 while receiving a delegation of the University Muslim Community which was in his palace for a thank-you-visit. The team, led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, comprised the University's Executive Committee of the Muslim Community.



Emir of Kano, HRH. Alh. Muhammadu Sanusi II (6th from left), VC (5th from left) and members of University Muslim community in a group photograph.

According to the team, the visit was in the best tradition of African culture to show appreciation to the Emir for honouring their invitation during the commissioning of its ultra-modern Jumuah Mosque in January this year.

The Vice Chancellor, who spoke on behalf of the team, said the Emir's presence at the commissioning, the

singular honour of leading the first Friday prayers in the mosque after its inauguration and his sermon on peaceful co-existence of all faiths, had elevated Islam and gingered up all adherents of Islamic faith in the University to further dedicate themselves to Allah. He thereafter, delivered the goodwill messages of the immediate past and in-coming Councils of the University.

Responding, Emir Sanusi posited that for the country to become competitive in the global economy, she must explore, exploit and utilize science and technological innovations through her higher education and research institutions. He urged education managers across the universities to discover challenges that are peculiar to their system and address it systematically to enable them fulfill their mandate.

The Emir said he had overtime apprised himself with the Federal University of Technology, Minna and its Governing Council, noting that the University has remained in the vanguard of technology education in the country. He particularly gave kudos to the Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali-led immediate-past Governing Council for its selfless service to the University and for putting in place policies, structures, and processes that made for effective management and service delivery.

While describing the former Chairman of the Council as a versatile administrator, he said, "Professor Alkali is a very hardworking and intelligent man, who loves education to no end. He left good legacies, which the in-coming Council must build on."

Fortunately, he said, "The in-coming Chairman, Professor Olufemi Odekunle, my former teacher, is a highly cerebral academic who is up to the task. I am sure he will help the University to re-strategize for the future."

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Other members of the University Governing Council are: Abdulrahman Muh'd Alfa, Alh. Musa Jibrin Madigawa, Chief Hon. Halims Agoda and Barr. Gafar Babatunde Alabi.

Prof. Odekunle is now the 8th Pro-Chancellor of the University. It will be recalled that Chief Edwin K. Clark served as the pioneer Pro-Chancellor from 1983-1984. Late Dr. Suleiman Kumo served as the second Pro-Chancellor from 1984-1993 while Alh. Muhammed Kaloma Aliyu served from 1993-1994 and late Alh. (Dr.) Hamidu Alkali served between 1994-2000. Others are HRH Alh. (Dr.) Muhammed Zayyanu Abdullahi, Emir of Yauri who served from 2000-2005; Chief B. M. Wifa (SAN), from 2005-2009 while Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali served from 2009-2017.

The appointment is for a period of four years.

In a related development, the Dean, School of Physical Sciences (SPS), FUT, Minna, Prof. Abubakar Sadauki has been inaugurated as the Chairman, Governing Board, Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, Ogun State.

The ceremony took place yesterday at the Idris Abdulkadiri Auditorium, National Universities



Prof. Sadauki

Commission, Abuja, where the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu inaugurated the Governing Boards of 25 Federal Polytechnics.

ANEBIRA FORUM HONOURS PROF SADIKU, GARBA, OTHERS

The Anebira Forum of the Federal University of Technology, Minna has honoured Professors Suleiman Omeiza Sadiku, Prof. Samuel Ahmed Garba, Prof. Emmanuel Jose Ohize and late Dr. Nasiru Bello in recognition of their contributions to the development of the forum in the institution.



L-R: VC representative, Prof. Saidu, Mr. Abdulazeez, Prof. Sadiku and his wife displaying the award at the event

The award ceremony took place on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Multi-purpose Hall, Gidan Matasa, Bosso, Minna, Niger State.

In his address at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS* commended the Forum for their landmark achievements and for what they have done for the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Dean, Students' Affair Division, Prof. Abubakar Saidu admonished the Forum to continue to support the present administration and congratulated the recipients while wishing them more

recognitions in future.

Speaking earlier at the event, the Chairman of the occasion and former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu urged the Forum to continue to work closely for the good of the Epira Kingdom, Kogi State and FUT, Minna at large.

Prof. Audu expressed appreciation to the Forum for finding him worthy to chair the occasion while assuring them of his continuous support to the growth of the Forum. He congratulated the awardees on their well-deserved awards and tasked them to continue to provide fatherly advice to the Forum.

In his welcome address, the Chairman, Anebira Forum, FUT, Minna, Engr. Dr. Salawu Abdulrahman said the Forum thought it wise to recognize and reward its deserving members who have distinguished themselves over the years in the course of service to the people.

The Chairman expressed delight with the University Management, staff and students of the University as well as the host communities for providing the enabling environment for them to excel.

Delivering his goodwill message, the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University, Prof. Akim Osunde applauded the Forum for honouring their illustrious sons who have carved a niche for themselves in their chosen fields of endeavour, adding that the event is a show of unity among members.

"The Anebira Forum is the most vibrant association in FUT, Minna and I urge you all to keep it up. You constitute a significant voting bloc and no group will ignore you because of your number," he declared.

Prof. Osunde commended the former Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Audu for continuing to identify with his people and advised the Forum to work for the good of the University.

Responding on behalf of other recipients, Prof. Garba thanked the Forum for honouring them and assured them that the recipients would continue to make the Forum proud. He also prayed for the repose of the soul of late Dr. Nasiru Bello.

Prof. Garba was awarded with the title of **Oh-Udi** (The Founder), the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin) of the institution, Prof. Sadiku was honoured with the title of **Omeizakuavo** (The exceptional philanthropist), Prof. Ohize was bestowed with the title of **Okwuozagu** (The Convener) while post-humorous award was given to late Dr. Nasiru Bello, the pioneer University Librarian.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of Paul Abutu, University Library Services from Assistant Librarian to Librarian II, with effect from February 22, 2017.

COUNSELLING TIP

In climbing the ladder to success, endeavour to climb on the ladder of sound moral. Only successes built on sound moral can endure. The effect of our actions may be postponed but they are never lost.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,

51ST INAUGURAL LECTURE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, cordially invites the University community and the general public to the **51st Inaugural Lecture of the University** slated as follows:

Theme: "Housing For The Nigerian Urban Poor: A Reality or A Mirage?"

Lecturer: Prof. Asimiyu Mohammed Junaid, BSc., MURP (Ibadan), PhD (FUT, Minna), MNITP, RTP. Professor of Urban and Regional Planning

Chairman: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Time: 2:30pm prompt.

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

SALES OF STAFF SCHOOL FORMS

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the University Staff School, sales of application forms for admission into Primary One and Nursery One will commence on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the cost of (N2,000:00) Two Thousand Naira each.

SCMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the FUT, Staff Co-Operative Multi-Purpose Society Ltd (SCMS), Minna will hold her 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Time: 12:00pm prompt.

Venue: CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

MUSLIM UMMAH CONGRESS MEETING

All FUT, Minna Muslim members are invited to the Muslim Ummah Congress meeting slated as follows:

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Time: 9:00am prompt

Venue: Central Mosque, Bosso Campus.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	288,750.00
3	Turnitin	26,000.00
4	Academic Transcript Fees	220,000.00
5	Farm Land	21,000.00
6	Campus Radio	224,500.00
7	Semesterial Result	1,500.00
8	Replacement of I.D. Card	8,000.00
9	Commercial Activities	3,000.00
10	Verification of Result	26,000.00
11	Use of University Property	3,000.00
12	English Proficiency	2,000.00
13	Personnel Allocation from Abuja	283,962,404.16
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	284,795,154.16
	PAYMENTS	
14	(i) Staff	
	(a) April Salary, 2017	304,969,571.52
	(b) February Arrear, 2017	49,586,123.91
	(c) Refund	1,050,840.00
	(d) Advances	26,753,531.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Abstract Concept - Supply	1,400,000.00
	(b) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	56,450.00
	(c) Abuja Electricity Dist. Company - Electricity Bill	5,990,874.30
	(d) DHL Int'l Ltd - Courier Service	1,002,018.00
	(e) Global Brand Resource Ltd. - Supply	966,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	391,775,408.73

COLLECTION OF RAMADAN CONSUMABLES

This is to inform members of Al-Halal Multipurpose Society Ltd., FUT, Minna who have applied for Ramadan consumables that they should endeavour to check what is approved for them between Tuesday, 16 and Saturday, May 20th, 2017.

Sharing of the items is as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 22nd - Tuesday, 29th May, 2017

Time: 12:00noon - 6:pm daily.

Venue: Al-Halal Secretariat, Bosso Campus.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled Alor Olisaemeka Emmanuel, Department of Chemical Engineering over the death of his father, which sad event occurred recently.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.