

FUTMINNA SIWES, EDC, UIL GET NUC POSITIVE REVIEW

By Abdullahi Umar Danbakaba



Prof. Kuta, VC, (front row, 4th left) flanked by Prof. Yawe, Lead, NUC Assessment Team and Mrs. Acuma, member of the team (6th from L), Mrs. Tatabe, and some staff of the University in a group photograph.

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An assessment team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) has applauded Federal University of Technology, Minna for the mode of operations in the Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC), the University Industrial Linkages (UIL)/Advancement Office, and the Students, Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES).

The Team lead, Prof. King David Yawe gave the applause during an exit session with the University Management team on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano following two-day assessment and evaluation exercise of the three centres.

The exercise was carried out to ascertain the level of compliance to NUC guidelines in the mode of operations and management of the centres.

Prof. Yawe who earlier explained that the Commission has decided that the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) should incorporate entrepreneurship studies as a course in the university curriculum in order to produce graduates that are not only self-employed, but also providers of employment, further reaffirmed that entrepreneurship studies has come to stay in Nigerian universities.

Prof. Yawe who described the products showcased during the exercise and the concept of community service offered by the Entrepreneurship Development Centre as great innovations for the University community, also expressed satisfaction with the level of organisation and quality of staffing in the centres.

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He further remarked that the University has done an excellent job in the areas of industrial linkages and SIWES programmes, adding that many industries are readily available for partnership.

The Team Lead, however, pointed areas where the University would need to improve.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta who described the observations raised by the team as vital,

also expressed the Management's commitment to working round the clock to bridge the gaps pointed out.

Other members of the assessment team are Mrs. Victoria Acuma and Mrs. Yakanumbu M. Tatabe.

SCMS DECLARES ₦8.8M PROFIT

. EXCO Mandate Renewed

By Aliyu Jidda Ibrahim



The representative of VC, Prof. Uno Essang Uno (DVC Admin) speaking at the event.

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The Staff Cooperative Multi-purpose Cooperative Society (SCMS) of Federal University of Technology, Minna has declared a net profit of ₦8,825,753.00 (Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Three Naira Only) for the year ended December, 2022.

The President of the Co-operative Mal. Isah Abubakar made the declaration at the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society held on May 18, 2023 at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

Speaking at the occasion the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta who was Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Uno Essang Uno, advised co-operators to be mindful of their savings and avoid lavish lifestyles, especially

as such savings may be their fall-back option after retirement.

The VC appreciated the leadership of the Society for their prudence and living up to expectation of members.

Giving further details, the President of the Society stated that in the year ended December, 2022 members will enjoy bonus of 1.5% of their total savings and 5% of their shares.

The society, he said, has membership strength of 1,291 out of which 20 are inactive with a total share capital of Twenty-three Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ten Naira Only (₦23,492,810.00).

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The President of the Society stated that the large turnout of members at the meeting attests to the strong support and faith in the EXCO. Such support, he added, will inspire them to achieve greater milestones of successes for the Society.

He highlighted that under the Platform Rescue Mission as captured in their campaign manifesto, the process of digitizing the Society's account has been completed, adding that when deployed, members can access and monitor their accounts with respect to savings, deductions and outstanding months for loan repayment.

Members unanimously agreed to renew the tenure of EXCO by two years with effect from August 7, 2023.

They also unanimously voted in support of the elongation of loan term from 24 months to 36 months, as well as increasing the

interest rate from 5% to 10% and increasing the minimum savings to ₦5,000:00.

At the end of the meeting, Goodwill Messages were given by the Secretary of PG School, Mal. Mohammed Aliyu who represented the Registrar, Mr. Amos Kolo, the Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje represented by Deputy Bursar, Mal. Mohammed Kudu, Mal Aliyu Zarumai representative of the State President and Mr. Oledibe Chidiebere, President of National Examination Council (NECO) Cooperative.

Highlights of the occasion include the unveiling of the Automation of members' records by the former Director, Information Technology Services, Prof. Adamu Mohammed.

BLOCKCHAIN TECH: PROF IWOKWAGH REPRESENTS FUTMINNA IN THE NAT'L IMPLEMENTATION STEERING C'TTEE

A significant leap and opportunity to create an enabling environment through investments in talents, access to technology and domestication has been achieved by the Federal Government of Nigeria as it launched a National Policy on Blockchain Technology.

The Federal Government also inaugurated a Steering Committee to oversee its implementation. Hence the Director, International Centre for Emerging Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Nicholas Iwokwagh was nominated to represent the University in the committee as member.

A publication of the *Nigerian Tribune* dated May 17, 2023 indicated that the Hon. Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof. Isa Pantami, launched the policy that is targeted at promoting the adoption of blockchain technology in Nigeria and positioning the country as a leading player in the global

blockchain ecosystem.

According to the Hon. Minister, technology is important to the nation's digital economy drive, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution is comparatively the one that has not relegated the African continent to the background, especially as African nations, particularly Nigeria are actively participating in the revolution.

"Blockchain Technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Cloud and Quantum Computing, Virtual and Augmented Reality, Autonomous Vehicle, Bio-Technology, 5G, Cyber Security, are all disruptive technologies brought by the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Nigeria is one of the, at least, three countries in Africa, that are actively involved in the 4th Industrial Revolution," Prof. Pantami stated.

WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the withdrawal of service from the University of Ndagi Adamu Suleiman, University Security Service with effect from May 1, 2023.

APPOINTMENT

The School Board, School of Life Sciences has approved the appointment of Dr. Jeremiah D. Bala as **Deputy Dean** of the School with effect from May 15, 2023.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION AND GRADUATION OF STUDENTS

Some of the associated corrupt practices in examination administration and graduation of students in the Universities are:

- Sale of examination questions and other examination-related information.
- Gratification and inducement to manipulate award of marks and grades.
- Swapping of grades.
- Writing of examination by proxy.
- Direct cheating in examination.
- Delay in the release of results.
- Delay of students from graduating due to poor record keeping and deliberate victimization by staff.
- Manipulation of internal examination processes.

Preventive actions by the Universities

- Adequate intelligence should be deployed in the monitoring of examinations.
- Question papers should be printed on the day of the examination to reduce leakages.
- Careful selection of people of integrity to handle examination.
- Computerization/Automation of the entire record (Academic and Administrative) management system from department to all relevant organ.
- There should be a stipulated time line for lecturers to process results after examinations.
- Introduction of standard record keeping system and upholding of official discipline.
- Enforcement of the University's code of conduct for examination.
- Allotment of manageable number of courses to lecturers.
- Students should be encouraged to read the Students' Handbook to familiarize themselves with examination rules and procedures and sanctions for malpractices.
- Arrangement of seats in the examination halls should be such that the students are adequately spaced to curb malpractices and enhance effective supervision.
- Lecturers should alleviate students fear for examinations by avoiding discouraging comments.

MUSLIM UMMAH TA'ALIM

The weekly Ta'alim programme of the Muslim Ummah will hold as follows:

Date: **Saturday, May 20, 2023**

Time: **8:30am prompt.**

Venue: **Bosso Campus, Mosque.**

COUNSELLING TIPS

As the students are resuming on campus. Make an impact by giving necessary assistance to those that may ask you for it. By doing so, you will be adding value to the University Community and your relevance will be acknowledged.

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

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for 8th May - 14th May 2023

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1	ACCEPTANCE FEES	760,000.00
2	TRANSCRIPT	1,003,760.00
3	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	206,000.00
4	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	73,000.00
5	POST GRADUATE (SCHOOL FEES)	4,787,500.00
6	SALE OF FORMS (PG)	570,000.00
7	TURNITIN (PG)	46,000.00
8	TURNITIN (UNDERGRADUATE)	130,000.00
9	CLEARANCE FEES	9,000.00
10	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	52,699,000.00
11	POST UTME	2,000.00
12	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	45,000.00
13	CODEL REGISTRATION	44,600.00
14	SALE OF FORMS (PRE-DEGREE)	161,000.00
15	PREPAID METER	21,000.00
16	COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES (SHOP)	45,000.00
17	HUAWEI ACADEMY	12,000.00
18	TEACHING PRACTICE	6,000.00
	TOTAL	#60,620,860.00
	PAYMENTS	
19	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	3,521,646.00
	(b) Advance	2,814,800.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Abuja Electricity Dis. Company Plc - Electricity Bill	9,118,292.58
	(b) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	47,450.00
	(c) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	741,600.00
	(d) Leah Eyagi Yisa - Refreshment	665,400.00
	TOTAL	#16,909,188.00