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FUT, MINNA GETS NEW PROFS.

The Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna at its 94th meeting held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 has approved the promotions of Dr. Nwadiakor Jonathan Ifeanyi, Department of Surveying and Geoinformatics and Dr. Oyedum David Onyedi, Department of Physics to the rank of Professor.

We shall bring you brief on the new Professors in our subsequent edition.

Meanwhile, Council at the same meeting approved the promotion of the following to the rank of Associate Professor:

1. Dr. Oguagwu Obiajulu Vincent, Department of Mechanical Engineering.
2. Dr. Makun, Hussaini Anthony, Department of Biochemistry.
3. Dr. Udensi, Juliana Nkechi of the University Library Service.

UBR HOLDS SEMINAR ON WRITING RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The University Board of Research yesterday held a seminar on "Writing Research Proposals" at the SAAT Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Muhammed Salihu Audu, represented by the Deputy

Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Abdullahi Bala in his address noted that through UBR his administration has funded 40 research projects and established School Board of Research Sub-Committee which has improved research management by the Board.

Other notable achievements amongst others he said is ensuring of competition between the University Researchers and their national counterparts at the National University Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) and incorporation of some Senior Researchers of the University and the leadership of UBR into the West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA).

In spite of these achievements however, Prof. Audu said the paramount challenge is the failure of the researchers to write successful research proposal that will attract both internal and external fund. According to him between 2009 and 2012, only 40% (35.4%) out of 113 UBR research grant applications were successful.

He urged researchers in FUT, Minna to use the opportunity of the seminar to further develop their skills in grant application writing as it will go a long way in capacitating them to write competitive applications to access the 3 billion naira TETFUND grant and other national and international funding opportunities.

In his presentation, the speaker Prof. Matthew Kolo, Dean, School of Agric and Agricultural Technology who spoke on writing a grant winning research proposal elaborated on the procedure, development and characteristics of a good research proposal.



Prof. Kolo making his presentation.

Prof. Kolo emphasized that Research Proposal for Grants are highly competitive therefore they must be concise, timely, well conceived, written without ambiguities and convincing to the grant awarding institution to part with their money.

Earlier, the Chairman UBR, Prof. Edward Okosun in his remarks said the UBR was established with the mandate of initiating, coordinating and sourcing finances for research in the University. The Board he said is expected to serve as a source of information for research grants opportunities for the researcher through the School Board of Research Sub-Committee.

In her vote of thanks, the Chairperson, USCC, Prof. (Mrs.) Zinach Osunde thanked management for the initiative in organizing the seminar and applauded the speaker for a well researched presentation.

CHANGE OF NOMENCLATURE FOR TECHNICAL OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS

This is to inform University community that the Appointment and Promotion Committee at its 41st meeting held on March 7, 2012 has approved the change of Nomenclature for all Technical Staff in Schools who possess Higher National Diploma (HND). Consequently, those in the Laboratories of Academic Departments are to be addressed as “**Technologist**” while those in Service Departments are to remain as “**Technical Officers**”, accordingly.

NOTICE ON WEB CONTENT TEMPLATE

This is to inform Heads of Unit and Department who are yet to submit the Web Content Template Form to the committee on Web Content to do so on or before Wednesday, September 26, 2012. This is to enable the Committee complete its assignment.

ADMISSION INTO POST GRADUATE Department of Geography

Applications are invited from suitable A qualified candidates for admission into the Ph.D (Full-Time and Part-Time) programme of the Department of Geography, FUT, Minna for the 2012/2013 academic session in the following areas of specialization:

- i. Geography (Meteorology)
- ii. Geography (Remote Sensing Applications)
- iii. Geography (Environmental Management) in the following areas of specializations:
 - a. Natural Resources Management
 - b. Environmental Development Planning

c. Environmental Pollution and Waste Management.

Candidates with Science-based background are normally considered.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSION

- i. Candidates applying for Postgraduate Studies in the Federal University of Technology, Minna must have obtained five (5) Credits including English Language and Mathematics in WAEC, NECO, NABTEB and GCE (O'Level) or their equivalents at not more than two sittings. No admission shall be made on the basis of awaiting any O/Level result and no exemption is made for admission into any programme.
- ii. Appropriate courses may be prescribed for candidates whose background is considered weak for the areas of specialization. This is done at the discretion of the School/Department within the approved general regulations/guidelines of the Postgraduate School.
- iii. Candidates for Admission for any of the Ph.D Programmes shall be Masters Degree graduates of the Federal University of Technology, Minna or any other University recognized by the Senate or holders of equivalent qualifications acceptable to University Senate.
- iv. A Master Degree holder applying for the Ph.D Programmes of the University must have maintained a weighted score average of 60% or a 'B' grade or a **CGPA** of 3.50 in overall performance of the Masters Degree programme.
- v. In all cases of admission the final decision on qualified candidates rest with the Postgraduate School Board.

Method of Application

Application forms are obtainable from Microfinance Bank FUT, Minna, Bosso Campus on payment of a non- refundable application fee of **₦5, 000.00**

Completed application forms must be returned to the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Bosso Campus, Minna on or before October 3, 2012.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical leave of Prof. Olasehinde Peter Ibikunle, Department of Geology tenable at the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, (LAUTECH), Ogbomosho with effect from end of 2011/2012 Academic Session.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Council, Management, Staff and Students of the University, condoled Dr. Ahmed E. M. Sadik, Department of Information and Media Technology over the death of his beloved father, which sad event occurred on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.