

TETFUND BOSS WORRIES OVER POOR QUALITY MANUSCRIPTS

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa has expressed displeasure over the poor quality of manuscripts submitted by authors to TETFund for consideration and approval.

The TETFund helmsman stated this on Tuesday, July 6,



The workshop keynote speaker, Prof. Iyuke, TETFund ES, Dr. Baffa, FUT, Minna VC, Prof. A.Kanji (3rd, 4th & 5th from left) flanked by other POs and guests in a group photograph after the opening ceremony of the workshop at the PTDF Lecture Theatre

2017 during a 2-day international workshop titled: **Manuscripts Development and Handling** organised by the Academic Publishing Unit (ACPU) of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, in conjunction with TETFund. The event took place at the PTDF Lecture Theatre, Main Campus of the University.

Dr. Baffa said the quality and contents of the manuscripts submitted to TETFund are far below the expected standard, adding that the volume of manuscripts and publications by Nigerian scholars are highly gratifying but the quality is no way near international standards.

The TETFund boss disclosed that good books are expected to go through peer review and editorial scrutiny handled by professionals in the field in order to increase the book's pool of knowledge while expressing hope that the workshop organised by FUT, Minna would address all the inherent challenges affecting the publication of quality books and journals by Nigerian authors. He commended FUT, Minna for championing the campaign.

"We are not interested in the number of manuscripts submitted; we are only concerned with the quality, contents and processes of the manuscripts because we do not want our logo to appear on substandard books,"

he disclosed.

Dr. Baffa said TETFund has a huge allocation for manuscripts development and research grant. He, however, frowned at the fact that researchers are not accessing the funds because of poor quality of manuscripts and research proposals.

He stated that the workshop was well timed because it falls within TETFund's mandate of supporting research and publications in tertiary institutions in the country, while stating that under the research and publications mandate, TETFund has also created additional five interventional lines namely; institutional based research, national research funds, manuscripts development, academic journal and books publication.

On journal publication, he stated that Nigerian researchers have all what it takes to publish in any top-class journals but are always in a hurry to publish in predatory journals just to beat promotion deadline. He, however, advised them to publish their findings in reputable journals that are indexed.

The TETFund boss disclosed that 90 percent of journals published in Nigeria are not indexed, saying that opening a website for a journal does not make it visible and advised that such journal should be linked to a knowledge gateway and indexed by any of the appropriate bodies.

He assured FUT, Minna that TETFund would do everything possible to ensure that the newly flagged off Academic Publishing Centre meant for the North-Central zone takes off soon.

Speaking earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, thanked the TETFund boss for making out time to declare the workshop open while noting that his presence at the workshop showed the importance of the event.

Prof. Akanji commended TETFund for its annual allocation to Nigerian universities for manuscripts development and journal publications. He expressed sadness that only few researchers are benefiting from the funds because of poorly written manuscripts and proposals.

"Because of the importance of this workshop, I have directed the Academic Publishing Unit to make proceedings from this workshop available to all staff and others who are not here," the don disclosed.

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NIESV LAUDS ESTATE MGT DEPT

The Education Committee of Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) has lauded the Department of Estate Management and Valuation of the Federal University of Technology, Minna for meeting up to standard.



Prof. Akanji (middle), PO's, NIESV team and other officials of the University in a group photograph after the exit meeting

The commendation was given on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 during an exit visit at the VC's Conference Room at the Main Campus.

Chairman of the team, Dr. Bamidele Ogunleye from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, said their visit to the institution was for the accreditation of Postgraduate Diploma in Estate Management and Valuation of the School of Environmental Technology (SET).

Giving highlights from the report which will be submitted to the national council of NIESV, the Chairman commended the philosophy and objective of the programme and the curriculum which he said is generally acceptable and provides insight into the several core and allied areas of the profession.

Prof. Ogunleye said it was worthy to observe that students dissertation are subjected to anti-plagiarism test. He also praised the VC for the University's admission requirements, staff development, ICT Centre and studio.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FNSBMB, FAS*, thanked the team for their sacrifice and assured them that all the areas that need improvement would be worked upon to improve delivery.

FITNESS! FITNESS!!

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

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017

Time: 6:30 a.m. prompt

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

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He applauded TETFund for its support to the development of tertiary institutions in Nigeria and urged the Executive Secretary to assist the University in the supply of printing equipment so that the Academic Publishing Centre can commence operation.

Welcoming guests to the event, the Chairman, FUT, Minna Academic Publishing Unit, Prof. Omotunde Fasanya said the workshop was timely in view of the need to improve the quality of manuscripts written by authors.

Prof. Fasanya disclosed that the resource persons for the workshop are well grounded in research and manuscripts writing while assuring participants that they would find the workshop useful.

He commended TETFund and the University Management for their support for the workshop.

While delivering the workshop's keynote paper titled: **Knowledge Management and Intellectual Capacitation through Patent and Technology Transfer**, the Chief Executive, Petroleum Training Institute, Warri, Prof. Sunny Iyuke urged researchers to conduct cutting-edge researches that are capable of being patented.

Prof. Iyuke said authors should patent their research breakthrough, adding that universities can make money through spin-off from staff research, just as it is been done in US and UK.

The TETFund boss, in company of other Principal Officers of the University, later inspected facilities at the Academic Publishing Centre with the assurance that the printing component of the Centre would be given urgent attention.

The workshop lived up to its billing by attracting international resource persons, scholars, participants and researchers from the United States, United Kingdom, South Africa and Nigeria.

RE: FORWARDING OF PHOTOCOPIES OF EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

The deadline for submission of photocopies of educational certificates used at the point of documentation with the University to the Office of the Registrar has been extended to Friday, July 28, 2017. This is as agreed on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the 49th Congregation Meeting.

Also, staff are to forward their recent passport photograph to the Registrar for record update.

DRID CALLS FOR VIBRANT PROPOSALS

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) HOD

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of **Dr. Ayuba Philip**, Department of Architecture, School of Environmental Technology (SET) as Head, Department of Architecture for a period of one (1) year, with effect from April 3, 2017.

Also approved is the appointment of **Dr. A. M. Olutoye**, Department of Chemical Engineering as Deputy Director, Directorate for Research, Innovation and Development (DRID) for another period of two (2) years with effect from May 24, 2017.

(ii) Sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Prof. S. A. Ma'aji** Department of Industrial Technology Education, tenable at Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil for a period of one year, with effect from November 1, 2017.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, June 28 - Friday, June 23, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	9,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	197,750.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	280,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	6,000.00
5	Turnitin	12,000.00
6	Semesterial Result	100.00
7	Farm Land	11,500.00
8	Add & Drop	2,000.00
9	Campus Radio	26,800.00
10	Missing Result	500.00
11	Academic Gown	30,000.00
12	Inter University Transfer Form	5,000.00
13	Proficiency in English	4,000.00
14	Replacement of I.D. Card	2,000.00
15	Commercial Activities	1,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	587,650.00
	PAYMENTS	
16	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	7,088,290.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Cymballta International - Construction	4,692,526.28
	(b) Toudaves & Co Ltd - Construction	8,662,533.88
	(c) Mamtaz Global Resources Ltd - Construction	144,133.85
	(d) Progressive Educations Service Ltd. - Construction	4,245,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	24,832,484.01

YORUBA FORUM

This is to inform the University community that the Yoruba Forum at its General Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 has re-elected its Excos for another two (2) years.

1. Prof. Y. A. Yahaya Chairman
2. Dr. Ojoye Samsudeen Vice Chairman
3. Dr. A. A. Rafiu Treasurer
4. Dr. R. O. Ojutiku Public Relation Officer 1
5. Mr. Hafis O. Omoniyi Financial Secretary
6. Mr. Bukola A. Olawuyi General Secretary

SCMC COMMODITY SCHEME

This is to inform all financial members of FUT, Minna Cooperative Multipurpose Society Ltd (SCMC) that the Cooperative has the following commodities for sale to its members. Any interested member should obtain form at rate of N300:00 from the following within seven (7) days:

1. Simon B. Gana, Room FF 129, Senate Building, Main Campus **(08036783103)**
2. Adamu Umar, Staff School, Bosso **(08035989124)**

	STANDING FAN	Inches	
1	Henry Rechargeable Fan	16	22,000.00
2	Henry Rechargeable Fan	18	25,000.00
3	Skyrun Rechargeable Fan	18	22,000.00
4	OX Standing Fan	16	21,000.00
5	OX Standing Fan	18	22,000.00
6	OX Standing Fan	20	25,000.00

	GENERATOR SETS		
1	T1900 Generator 1200		36,000.00
2	Summec Generator 3500		88,000.00
3	Navigator Generator 3500		90,000.00
4	Summec Fireman Generator 7KVA		215,000.00
5	Fireman Generator Set10KVA		225,000.00
6	Summec Generator 2500		73,000.00
7	Manpower Generator Set 3500		101,000.00
8	Eleenamax Generator Set 3500		88,000.00

	TELEVISION SETS		
1	LG Led TV 32"		63,000.00
2	LG Led TV 43"		115,000.00
3	LG Led TV24"		36,000.00
4	LG Led TV 22"		31,000.00
5	LG Led TV 55"		405,000.00
6	LG Led TV 60"		455,000.00
7	SAMSUNG Led TV 32"		63,000.00
8	SAMSUNG Led TV 24"		37,000.00
9	SAMSUNG Led TV 22"		32,000.00
10	SAMSUNG Led TV 40"		125,000.00

	DEEP FREEZER		
1	LG Deep Freezer 250		83,000.00
2	LG Deep Freezer 400		105,000.00
3	LG Deep Freezer 350		98,000.00
4	Skyrun Deep Freezer 180200		78,000.00
5	Skyrun Deep Freezer BD155		63,000.00
6	Skyrun Deep Freezer BD100		58,000.00
7	Skyrun Deep Freezer 100		73,000.00
8	Skyrun Deep Freezer 160		88,000.00

	WASHING MACHINE		
1	LG Washing Machine 750kg		63,000.00
2	LG Washing Machine 900kg		78,000.00
3	Skyrun Washing Machine 65kg		53,000.00
4	Skyrun Washing Machine 7g		58,000.00
5	Skyrun Washing Machine 8kg		68,000.00

	AIRCONDITIONER		
1	LG Split Air Condition 1HP		115,000.00
2	LG Split Air Condition 1.5HP		120,000.00
3	LG Window Air Condition 1HP		78,000.00
4	LG Window Air Condition 1.5HP		88,000.00
5	Skyrun Split A/C 1HP		91,000.00
6	Skyrun Split A/C 1.5HP		105,000.00
7	Royal Split A/C 1HP		88,000.00
8	Royal Split A/C 1.5HP		115,000.00
9	Panasonic Split A/C 1.5HP		170,000.00
10	Panasonic Split A/C 2HP		225,000.00

	GAS COOKERS		
1	Sky run gas cookers 2 x2		68,000.00
2	Royal gas cookers 2 x2		68,000.00
3	Skyrun Table gas cookers 2 x2		18,000.00
4	Skyrun gas cookers 3 x1		58,000.00
5	Royal all Gas Gasasoted allgas		53,000.00

	FRIDGES		
1	Skyrun Fridge 131		47,000.00
2	LG Fridge 131		47,000.00
3	Skyrun double door Fridge 128		65,000.00
4	LG Double door Fridge Big size		115,000.00
5	Skyrun Double door fridge Big Size		125,000.00

	MOTORCYCLES		
1	BAJAJ BOXER		217,000.00
2	JINCHENG 110-19		223,000.00
3	JINCHENG 110-19v(FOCUS)		230,000.00
4	TVS Motorcycle		210,000.00

VITAFORM PRODUCTS

SIZE	INCHES	PLAIN(N)	SUPER(N)
6X7	8"	49,000.00	51,000.00
6X6	8"	42,000.00	46,500.00
6X6	10'	51,000.00	53,500.00
6X6	12'	61,000.00	63,000.00
6X7	10'	59,000.00	64,000.00
6X7	12'	70,000.00	76,000.00
6X6	14'	71,000.00	76,000.00
6X7	14'	78,000.00	90,000.00
6X6	16'	79,000.00	86,000.00
6X7	16'	90,000.00	105,000.00
6X6	20'	106,000.00	117,000.00
6X7	20'	121,000.00	131,000.00
4 ¹ /2X6	8'	33,000.00	34,000.00
4 ¹ /2X6	10'	39,000.00	51,000.00
4 ¹ /2X6	12'	45,500.00	48,000.00
4 ¹ /2X6	16'	60,000.00	62,000.00
4 ¹ /2X6	20'	73,500.00	78,000.00
6X6	Orthopedic	101,000.00	
6X7	Orthopedic	119,000.00	

THERMOCOOL DEEP FREEZER

THERMOCOOL 379	190,000.00
319	143,000.00
219	110,000.00
203	108,000.00
166	83,000.00
129	79,000.00
103	73,000.00

GENERATORS

TEE Generator	IGWE 8100	255,000.00
	OGA6900	225,000.00
	BIG BOY 440	205,000.00
	HUSTLER 380	145,000.00
	HUSTLER ELECTRIC 3500	125,000.00
	MANUAL 3500	115,000.00
	BOBO ELECTRIC 250	105,000.00
	BOBO MANUAL 2500	93,000.00

GAS COOKER THERMOCOOL

Gas Cooker 3 X 1	68,000.00
All Gas	63,000.00

WASHING MACHINE THERMOCOOL

Washing Machine 13KG	105,000.00
Washing Machine 8KG	73,000.00
Washing Machine 7KG	70,000.00

AIR CONDITIONER THERMOCOOL

Air conditioner 2HP	165,000.00
Air conditioner 1.5HP	120,000.00
Air conditioner 1HP	105,000.00

MOBLE PHONES

TECHNO	AMOUNT (N)
W3	27,000.00
W5	35,000.00
WX3	27,000.00
CX	61,000.00
CX AIR	48,000.00
L9	40,000.00
L9+	50,500.00
L8 LIGHT	32,500.00
W2	23,000.00
W1	21,000.00
Y2	19,500.00

GIONEE

AMOUNT (N)	
P8W	35,000.00
P5W	30,300.00
AR	99,000.00
M6	102,000.00
M5	69,500.00

INFINIX

AMOUNT (N)	
NOTE 3	57,500.00
HOT 42GB	40,500.00
HOT 41GB	35,500.00
HOT 53GB	53,500.00
HOT 52GB	58,500.00

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