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NUC ACCREDITATION TEAMS VISIT FUTMINNA ... THUMBS UP BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES LAB

In view of the need to ensure that programmes in the University are run in tandem with the National Universities Commission (NUC) requirements, three different accreditation teams were in the Federal University of Technology, Minna to look at the programmes of the Departments of Biological Sciences, Physics and Microbiology.



Prof. Akanji (5th from right), other Principal Officers and some members of the accreditation teams in a group photograph after their exit meeting

Presenting their preliminary reports to the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FAS, FNSBMB*, at the Senate Chamber today, the leader of Biological Sciences team, Prof. Ediga Bede, Agbo from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi commended the University for providing a world class laboratory for students to conduct research, while noting that the team tested all the equipment at the laboratory to ascertain that they are functional.

The leader of the team attributed the quality of students' projects in the department to the quality of facilities at the laboratory, adding that the students should also take advantage of the presence of the Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology to conduct more researches in natural products.

Prof. Agbo applauded the department for having seventy-seven percent of its staff with PhDs while stating that the students - staff ratio in the department is in line with NUC Benchmark. He urged the University to look at the departmental programme in order to make the students job creators after graduation.

On the departmental library, the don expressed delight with the University for having a functional e-library with more than five different online sources for books and journals with the aim of scaling up research in the department and the institution at large.

Presenting its preliminary report for Microbiology department, Prof. Chikezie Ihebuzoaju Owuama from Modibbo Adama University of Technology (MAUTECH) Yola, expressed appreciation to the University Management for the hospitality accorded the team since their arrival.

Prof. Owuama praised the University for adhering to the admission requirements of the department while stressing that the department philosophy is in order.

The team leader appreciated the University for having good students - staff ratio in line with NUC benchmark and urged the University to procure latest titles in the field of Microbiology.

Presenting its report for Physics department, the team leader, Prof. Victor Chukwuma from Olabisi Onabanjo University, (OOU), Ogun State, hailed the University Management for providing current books and journals for students in the University library.

Prof. Chukwuma commended the University Management for the good work they are doing in the University, adding that the reward for hard work is more work and urged them not to rest on their oars.

Responding, the VC, Prof. Akanji thanked the teams for the volume of work they have carried out objectively within two days and expressed delight with the procedure of accreditation exercise since the appointment of Prof. Abubakar Rasheed as the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC).

The Vice-Chancellor said based on the University's vision and mission, the present administration of the University is committed to quality teaching, learning and research, which has accounted for the local and international honours won by the institution's researchers in recent times.

He assured the teams that all the gray areas highlighted for improvement would be looked into promptly with the aim of addressing the challenges noted.

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FUTMINNA DONATES BOOKS TO UNIJOS

...This Is An Outstanding Demonstration of Solidarity –UniJos VC

In the spirit of solidarity and empathy, the Federal University of Technology, Minna has donated 148 titles with 458 volume of books worth over N1 million naira to the University of Jos as part of efforts to assist the institution in its rebuilding process after the fire incident that razed the university's library at the



R-L: Representative of UniJos VC, Dr. Akintunde receiving some copies of the books from FUT, Minna University Librarian, Dr. Alhassan while others watched with keen interest.

Permanent site in September, 2016.

The donation was made by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, represented by the University Librarian, Dr. Jubril Attahiru Alhassan during a courtesy visit on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 to the Management of the University of Jos to commiserate with them over the incident.

Speaking before presenting the books, Prof. Akanji expressed FUT, Minna heartfelt sympathies with the university over the colossal loss of its library books and equipment that were destroyed during the inferno, describing it as a national calamity.

The VC disclosed that the incident was a big loss not only to University of Jos but to the entire nation, adding that a university library is a centre of civilization of all culture because it is a custodian of knowledge.

"When a library is burnt, it is like a culture is destroyed. It is not easy to re-build a lost library," the VC noted.

He disclosed that the University Librarian made a recommendation to Management to assist the University of Jos after the fire incident, which was approved in the spirit of brotherliness "because when your brother is disturbed, you are also disturbed."

He expressed gratitude to University of Jos for training some of its library staff in the past, disclosing that the impact of the training is now been felt in the institution's

library.

Responding after receiving the books, the Vice-Chancellor of UniJos, Prof. Seddi Sebastian Maimako applauded FUT, Minna for coming to the aid of the institution. He added that the university is encouraged by the kind gesture.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed. On behalf of Council, Senate, staff and students, we appreciate this token. It is not just small as you think, it is the idea of felicitation and identification to a person that is in need," the VC stated.

The Vice-Chancellor of UniJos who was represented by the University Librarian, Dr. Stephen Akintunde, assured FUT, Minna delegation that the books would be properly channeled and classified for the use of students.

Prof. Maimako revealed that the University library is host to six faculties, stating that the institution lost over sixty percent of its books and equipment to the inferno while thanking God that no life was lost during the incident.

He disclosed that the Federal Government through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has approved N729 million for the renovation of the library and construction work would soon commence after the bidding process.

He further stated that since the fire incident, the university had received donations from several spirited individuals and organisations within and outside the country.

Prof. Maimako noted that the donation by FUT, Minna is an outstanding demonstration of solidarity, while stating that the University name would be highlighted on the UniJos honour list on their website.

"What FUT, Minna has done today is generational because you are promoting scholarship in the country. Kindly express our appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and Management of the University for this gesture."

The VC used the occasion to appeal to corporate bodies and individuals to emulate FUT, Minna gesture by coming to the aid of the university.

The University of Jos has launched a campaign tagged: **Beauty from Ashes: Rebuilding the University of Jos Library** aimed at raising funds, relevant books and periodicals to get the library back on track.

The fire, which was blamed on an electrical fault, led to the loss of more than half of the books and equipment at the library.

FUT, Minna delegation was later taken round different sections of the University library at the temporary site, along Bauchi road.

NUC ACCREDITATION TEAMS VISIT FUTMINNA

In a related development, the teams had earlier on paid a courtesy visit to the University Management on arrival. The three teams were received at the Senate Chamber by the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Akanji who assured them that the University Management is ready to provide all relevant documents they may require to carry out the exercise.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Yahaya Iyaka stated that the composition of the accreditation teams reflects national unity with people from different parts of the country while expressing optimism that at the end of the exercise, the departments would be better off.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Senate at its 420th regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 elected **Prof. Eno Eno**, Department of Physics and **Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka**, Department of Telecommunication Engineering as Senate representatives on the Council of the University for a period of two (2) years each.

Similarly, at the 48th Meeting of the University Congregation held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 **Dr. A. S. Abdulrahman**, Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering was elected as Congregation Representative on the Council of the University for a period of two (2) years.

CONGREGATION MEETING

This is to inform Members of Congregation that a Special Congregation meeting with the new University Governing Council has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m. prompt

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

FORWARDING OF PHOTOCOPIES OF EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

It has been observed that some staff submitted photocopies of statement of results of their educational qualifications at the point of documentation with the University. However, such staff are yet to forward photocopies of their certificates for record update.

Consequently, all affected staff are to forward photocopies of their educational certificates to the Office of the Registrar on or before June 26, 2017.

NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPER

Nigerian Institute of Physics (NIP), in collaboration with Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** slated as follows:

Theme: "The Role of Physics and Technology In Economic Recovery"

Date: Monday 9th to Friday, 13th October, 2017

Venue: CPES Hall, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Bosso Campus.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

NIP Conference Abstract and advert placement are to be in MS Word of not more than 250 words and should be submitted to: nip40thconf@futminna.edu.ng on or before August 12, 2017. It should include name, full address and the title of the paper to be presented.

For enquiries: +234 (0) 8036544246 or nip40thconf@futminna.edu.ng

FUT STAFF SCHOOL

This is to inform parents and guardians that the University Staff School will be on Mid-Term Break from Thursday 22nd to Friday, 23rd June, 2017 and will resume on Monday, June 26, 2017.

COUNSELLING TIP

Cultivate the habit of building up courage and develop a life of careful planning against the seen and unforeseen challenges of life. They are antidotes against depression and frustration.

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

CAMPUS NEWS FACEBOOK PAGE

Join our online community by following trending University events on our Facebook page. **Futminna InfoUnit** and our twitter handle **@infounitfutmx**.

The platforms are geared at serving the University community and the general public better.

Money Matters

W eekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 29
- Friday, June 2, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Collection of Certificate	216,750.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	330,000.00
3	Turnitin	26,500.00
4	Clearance Fees	3,000.00
5	Farm Land	13,500.00
6	Semesterial Result	200.00
7	Campus Radio	219,000.00
8	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	7,000.00
9	Commercial Activities	22,000.00
10	Letter of Introduction	1,000.00
11	Loss of I.D Card	2,000.00
12	Personnel Grant from Abuja	283,962,404.16
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	284,803,354.16
	PAYMENTS	
14	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	7,526,460.00
	(b) Advance	7,131,646.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Ajiboye Printers Ltd - Printing	696,000.00
	(b) Nigeria Institution of Estate Surveyor - Accreditation	150,000.00
	(c) The Police Division Bosso. - Financial Assitance	50,000.00
	(d) Wandel International Nig. Ltd. - Repairs	410,000.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	15,964,106.00