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## FUTMINNA COUNCIL MEETS STAFF, STUDENTS

- Pro-Chancellor Assures of Fairness, Justice
- Urges Students to Shun Sentiments

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Femi Odekunle has assured that the Council under his leadership has listening ears and would uphold justice in the discharge of its duties.



The Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle addressing FUT, Minna students at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus

Prof. Odekunle who gave this assurance on Monday, June 12, 2017 during a meeting between members of the newly inaugurated Council and the University Congregation at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus said that the Council would always be guided by the existing law, principles of fairness, justice and common sense.

He however, appealed to staff to remain committed to the University's mandate and as well continue to cooperate with the Council and Management of the institution.

The Pro-Chancellor who stressed the need for mutual respect and cooperation among all cadres of the University staff in order to achieve the vision and mission of the institution, said everybody in the system is important.

On Staff-Student relationship, he urged lecturers to help students imbibe integrity and anti-corruption attitude.

He however, warned that Council would deal "squarely" and "ruthlessly" with any case of corruption brought before it.

Prof. Odekunle described FUT, Minna as a peaceful, secure and performing university.

Earlier, in an interactive session with students at the same venue, the Pro-Chancellor enjoined the students to shun primordial, ethnic and religious sentiments when dealing with others in order to make their lives better.

He disclosed that Council decided to meet with them first because they were the most crucial stakeholders in the University and leaders of tomorrow on whom the country would depend for technological advancement.

Prof. Odekunle emphasised the importance of good character and admonished them on the need for critical thinking and objectivity in all they do.

The Pro-Chancellor told the students that FUT, Minna has one of the best environments among Nigerian universities, which they should be proud of.

There was a question and answer session where the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji responded to questions from the students.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji, urged the students to always report service failure and challenges they face to the authorities, just as he assured them of improvement in all the identified areas.

### Pro-Chancellor Addresses Senate

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, members of Council had an interactive session with the University Senate.

Addressing the Senate at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle said the Senate is the soul of the University based on its representation in Council, Congregation as well as other committees of the University and urged them to put the interest of the institution first in all their deliberations.

The Pro-Chancellor informed the University Senate that Council under his leadership would not interfere with the statutory responsibilities of the Senate, adding that the Council would be guided by the extant laws of the institution. He admonished them to be objective in their decision making.

"As Senate members of the University, your decision should be objective and do not allow parochial sentiments to override your sense of judgment. You must ensure that good conscience and fairness determine the outcome of your decisions," the Pro-Chancellor advised.

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# GEN ABUBAKAR EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN ODEKUNLE LED COUNCIL

**F**ormer Head of State, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar has expressed confidence that the new Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna will lead the University to greater heights.



*Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar (m) flanked by Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle and VC, Prof. Musbau Akanji in a group photograph with FUT, Minna Council members and 5th from left (front row), Rtd. Justice Fati Abubakar*

Gen. Abubakar who stated this on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 when members of the Governing Council paid him a courtesy call at his Hill-Top residence in Minna hinged his optimism on the exposure and experience of the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle as well as the

composition of the Council.

Noting that education is facing challenges in Nigeria, like in other developing countries in view of economic challenges and the ever increasing demand for university education, Governing Councils now have an enormous responsibilities, he said.

He thanked them for the visit and wished them success in their assignment.

Speaking earlier, the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle said the visit was to appreciate him for his kind and fatherly disposition to the University.

Prof. Odekunle disclosed that he considers himself lucky to be assigned to FUT, Minna, which is a peaceful, secure and performing university.

He promised to do his best to improve on what the University has achieved.

As the visit coincided with Gen. Abubakar's 75th birthday, the Pro-Chancellor led the members of Council on a birthday song for the former leader, while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji later presented a customised birthday card to him on behalf of the University.

# ACTING GOVERNOR TASKS FUTMINNA ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

**T**he Acting Governor of Niger State, Alh. Ahmed Muhammed Ketso has called on the Federal University of Technology, Minna to undertake research that would add value to agriculture as the country's dependence on crude oil revenue has led to her being unable to feed herself.

Alh. Muhammed Ketso made this call on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 when he received members of the University Governing Council at the Government House, Minna.

Such research, he added, would help the country to be self-reliant and industrialized.

Describing the University as a "value addition" to the country, he assured the Council of the state government's continued cooperation.

"When you have an institution like FUT, Minna in your location, it is normal to accord them all respect," said the Ag. Governor.

Speaking earlier, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Femi Odekunle expressed gratitude to the government and people of Niger State for the cooperation and support they have consistently given the University over the years.

He expressed hope for a sustained mutually beneficial relationship between the State and the University.



*Ag. Governor of Niger State, Alh. Ahmed Muhammed Ketso (l) in a warm handshake with a member of Council, Hon. Halims Agoda as VC, Prof. Musbau Akanji (m) and others looked on with keen interest.*

Prof. Odekunle who maintained that Council will continue to ensure that FUT, Minna contributes its quota to the development of Niger State also assured that they would execute their mandate honestly and transparently.



# ETSU NUPE ASSURES FUTMINNA COUNCIL OF MAXIMUM COOPERATION

**F**rom the Etsu Nupe and Chairman, Niger State Council of Traditional Rulers, HRH, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, CFR, has come an assurance of maximum cooperation with the new Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna.



*FUT, Minna Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle poses for a snapshot with Etsu Nupe, Alh. (Dr.) Yahaya Abubakar, CFR shortly after a courtesy visit to the Monarch in Bida*

Etsu Yahaya Abubakar gave this assurance when the members of Council paid him a courtesy call at his Wadata Palace in Bida on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

The Monarch further pledged to contribute his quota to the development of FUT, Minna, maintained that his doors would remain open to the Council.

Noting the enormity of the Council's responsibilities, especially in the present times with lean resources but high expectations, he prayed for Allah's guidance, knowledge, wisdom and strength for them to succeed.

Earlier, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. Femi Odekunle told the Etsu Nupe that the visit was to pay homage to him and thank him for his support to the University over the years and to as well assure him of living in harmony with the host community.

He said that FUT, Minna is one of the most peaceful universities in the country, a situation that would not have been possible if the host community was not peaceful.

## MEMBERS OF FUTMINNA 12TH GOVERNING COUNCIL

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|--------------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| 1. Prof. Femi Odekunle               | - | Chairman | 9. Representative of Federal Ministry of Education |
| 2. Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji       | - | Member   | 10. Prof. Abubakar N. Saidu - "                    |
| 3. Prof. Oluwole Olakanmi Morenikeji | - | "        | 11. Prof. Oladiran K. Abubakre - "                 |
| 4. Prof. Yahaya A. Iyaka             | - | "        | 12. Prof. Elizabeth N. Onwuka - "                  |
| 5. Alabi Gaffar Babatunde            | - | "        | 13. Prof. Uno E. Uno - "                           |
| 6. Hon, Agoda John Halims O, OFR     | - | "        | 14. Dr. Faruq A. Kuta - "                          |
| 7. Madigawa Musa Jibril              | - | "        | 15. Dr. A. S. Abdulrahman - "                      |
| 8. Alfa Abdulrahman M.               | - | "        | 16. Victoria N. Kolo (Mrs.) - Registrar/Secretary  |

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### Council On Facility Tour

In order to get a first-hand impression of facilities at the University, members of the newly inaugurated Governing Council, led by the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Femi Odekunle had on Monday, June 12, 2017 embarked on a familiarisation tour of the Bosso and Main Campuses of the institution.

At the Bosso Campus, they visited the male and female hostels where they inspected the facilities and interacted with the inhabitants.

They were also shown the schools there, just as they visited, the Library, FUTMIN Ventures and the Centre for

Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

Campus Radio Search FM 92.3 was the first port of call at the Main Campus, where the Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Odekunle granted a brief interview.

The Council members also visited the students' hostels at the Main Campus and had interactions with some of the inhabitants.

They were also at the School of Information and Communication Technology, (SICT), where the Acting Dean, Engr. Prof. Elizabeth Onwuka showed them some facilities.

# AGAIN, NUC ACCREDITATION TEAMS VISIT FUTMINNA

In pursuit of academic excellence in the country and to ensure that programmes run in Nigerian universities are in tandem with the National Universities Commission (NUC) benchmarks, four different teams assembled by the regulatory body have visited the Federal University of Technology, Minna on accreditation exercises.



*Prof. Morenikeji (5th from R) flanked by members of accreditation team to SSTE after their courtesy visit to the Management in a snapshot*

The programmes that underwent the accreditation scrutiny were; Chemistry, Mathematics, Biochemistry and Science Education departments (Chemistry education, Biology education and Mathematics education). The teams presented their preliminary reports at different venues within the Bosso and Main Campuses of the institution.

Presenting the report for the department of Chemistry held at the School of Science and Technology Education Boardroom, the leader of the team, Prof. Percy Onianwa, from the University of Ibadan, maintained that the department's curriculum was in line with NUC standards and commended staff for scaling up research in the department.

Prof. Onianwa applauded the department for having large numbers of professors and Ph.D. holders and urged those who are yet to enroll for their Ph.D. to do so without further delay.

While presenting the report for Mathematics department, the team leader, Prof. Donatus Igbokwe from University of Uyo, expressed satisfaction with the department's curriculum, philosophy, admission requirements and quality of its staff.

Early this week, it was the turn of the accreditation team who visited three programmes in the of Science Education, namely; Chemistry education, Biology education and Mathematics education, School of Science and Technology Education (SSTE).

During their exit visit to the University Management, the leader of the team, Prof. (Mrs.) Uche Agwagah, from University of Nigeria, Nsukka thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the warm reception accorded the team during the period of the exercise, adding that the effective leadership exhibited by the Management has accounted for the effective performance by lecturers in the department.

The Professor of Science Education praised the department in terms of excellent learning environment, hardworking lecturers, and standard electronic library to boost teaching and learning. Others were; competent academic staff and comprehensive students' handbook with zero tolerance for examination malpractice.

Presenting the report for Biochemistry department, the leader of the NUC team, Prof. Godwin Ichekanu Adoga from University of Jos, said the team was impressed with the department's admission requirements, curriculum, students' handbook and physical facilities, saying that the department has all what it takes to produce quality graduates.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FAS, FNSBMB, said the notable achievement of the present Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed is the re-organisation of the accreditation procedures by using professionals to assess their own fields.

"I think what the Executive Secretary is doing is very commendable and is bearing fruits; that is why it is easy for the accreditation teams to come to conclusion after thorough assessment of the programmes," he disclosed.



*A group photograph of NUC accreditation team to SPS with Prof. Akanji (7th from left), some POs and other staff of the University.*

The Vice-Chancellor assured the teams that the University Management under his leadership would look into all their observations and wished them safe journey back to their respective destinations.



# 300L SAAT STUDENTS PROCURE PROTECTIVE FIELD COATS

The 300 level students of the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT) have procured and launched protective field



The Dean, Prof. Kolo (m) flanked by staff and students in a group photograph after the event

coats. The event took place recently at the SAAT Lecture Room.

The Dean, SAAT, Prof. Reuben Kolo, while addressing the students said that it was the first time students of the School would procure field coats which will be used during their practicals in the farm.

The Dean said he was very proud of the students for taking the initiative to procure the protective field coats while advising them to also get protective boots as well. He stated that the coats and boots would protect them from injuries and accidents while working on the farm.

Prof. Kolo further implored them to continually come up with ideas that would benefit them and the University as a whole, and promised them of the School's support in all their programmes.

# NHIS OFFICIALS VISIT FUTMINNA

The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Minna Office paid a sensitization visit to the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Main Campus on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.



Officials of NHIS on duty at the Convocation Square attending to some members of staff, while the Director UHS, Dr. Adegoke (in black suit) looks on

The sensitization, which took place at Suleiman Kumo Convocation Square was specifically for people who had various issues with their health providers.

Speaking with *Campus News*, the Director, University Health Services (UHS), Dr. Uthman Adegoke said the sensitization was necessary due to the fact that a lot of staff had complaints concerning their health insurance scheme, saying some wanted to change their health providers, some needed to add new dependants and some were not placed in any hospital at all.

Speaking further, Dr. Adegoke said that the UHS decided to invite NHIS to the University to sort out all of these issues while assuring staff that whatever problems they had concerning NHIS would be sorted out.

Many members of staff turned out and were attended to by NHIS officials while expressing joy at the step taken by the UHS in inviting NHIS to the University.

# UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Upgrading of Bisiriyu Muhammed Taoheed, Department of Chemistry from Graduate Assistant to Assistant Lecturer, with effect from February 24, 2017.

# FUT, MINNA 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.

N	RECEIPTS	N
1	Clearance Fees	3,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	395,500.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	385,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	14,000.00
5	Proficiency in English	2,000.00
6	Replacement of I.D. Card	12,000.00
7	Turnitin	8,000.00
8	Semesterial Result	1,600.00
9	Commercial Activities	125,800.00
10	Farm Land	7,000.00
11	Purchase of Academic Gown	60,000.00
12	Campus Radio	132,400.00
13	Overhead Allocation from Abuja	2,631,563.60
14	D.T.L.C. Allocation from Abuja	4,322,319.20
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>8,100,182.80</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
15	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	9,126,688.68
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Doko Int'l Nig. Ltd. - Hotel Bill	154,435.00
	(b) " " " "	359,645.00
	(c) High Level Resort Ltd " "	13,800.00
	(d) Prices Az-zahra Reserve " "	988,400.00
	(e) " " " "	35,400.00
	(f) Adex Kanni Nig. Enterprises - Printing	199,101.00
	(g) High Leeer Resort Ltd. - Hotel Bill	280,245.00
	(h) Mahas Constructions Ltd. - Supply	5,643,750.00
	(i) Sarki Pawa - Service	40,000.00
	(j) Abuja Electricity Company - Electricity Bill	6,751,549.26
	(k) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspaper	4,600.00
	(l) Leah Egayi Yisa - Cost Refreshment	591,350.00
	(m) " " " "	833,950.00
	(n) Northsouth Systems Ltd - Renewal of Software	352,800.00
	(o) Electronic Test Company Ltd. - Electronic Test	6,878,850.00
	(p) " " " "	471,240.00
	(q) Doko Int'l Nig. Ltd. - Hotel Bill	55,650.00
	(r) " " " "	453,565.00
	(s) " " " "	90,140.00
	(t) Lummy Nig. Ltd. - Supply	847,980.00
	(u) Cymbauta Inter Ltd. - Habitation	469,526.28
	(v) Tondaves & Co Ltd. - Construction	662,533.88
	(w) Polarmed Ltd - Refund of VAT	65,350.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>35,370,549.10</b>

**N**igerian 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](mailto: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.

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## COUNSELLING TIP

**L**ife is all about privilege! Some are born but not privileged to live, some lived but not privileged to be educated. Some were educated but not privileged to profit there with. Several others were given all these privileges but failed to profit themselves, society and the giver there with!

Make most of your privileges to please the giver, profit yourself, your generation and generations after you.

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

## SCMS EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING

**T**his is to inform members of FUT, Minna Staff Co-Operative Multi-Purpose Society Ltd (SCMS), that there will be an **Emergency Meeting** as follows:

**Date:** Monday, June 19, 2017.

**Time:** 2:30pm prompt.

**Venue:** CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.