

PRO-CHANCELLOR CALLS FOR INNOVATIVE REVENUE DRIVE

...Prof. Ajenka Calls For Entrepreneurial University System in Nigeria

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. 'Femi Odekunle has tasked Management of the institution to develop innovative revenue generating strategies in order to address the problem of funding.

The don stated this while declaring open a 3-day **Strategic Planning Retreat** organised for members of Council, the Vice-Chancellor designate, and other selected staff of the institution held at the Boardroom, Barcelona Hotels, Abuja on Wednesday, November 8,



L-R: The Pro-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Odekunle applauding a point by a participant at the retreat while the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji raises his hand to make a point.

2017.

Prof. Odekunle stated that government alone cannot continue to fund tertiary education in the country, adding that there is utmost need for Management to think outside the box on how to boost its internally generated revenue and to cut down on the cost of operations.

The Pro-Chancellor said for the University to continue to be relevant in the 21st century, there is need for massive investment in research and development, as well as recruitment of competent manpower towards achieving the vision and mission of the University.

He disclosed that the rationale for the approval of the retreat for Council members and the Vice-Chancellor designate was the desire to further enhance the development of the University.

"The Council was inaugurated in May, 2017, and is made up of eminent personalities. We believe that this retreat at this point in time will be beneficial to members in order to forge common agenda on ways to actualise the vision and mission of the University," the don disclosed.

The Chairman of Council noted that the retreat would also enable the University to improve on its local and

international rankings, saying that the decision to fix the retreat for Abuja was to avoid distractions that would have characterised such event in Minna.

While delivering his address at the retreat titled: **The Journey So Far**, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSMBB*, said the purpose of the retreat was to chart a strategic plan for the University in the next five years in line with the vision and mission of the institution, saying that the strategic plan would also direct the activities of the University in terms of funding, research and development in the next five years..

Prof. Akanji stated that there was a massive improvement in all facets of the University when compared with what he met on assumption of office in 2012 while noting that he has launched the institution into international recognition, adding that the University has accomplished a lot in terms of research breakthrough, teaching, collaborations and service delivery.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that FUT, Minna now has active Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and collaboration with institutions in Nigeria, Africa, Asia, Europe and America. He noted that the decision to upgrade the hitherto University Board of Research to a directorate status has resulted in the University researchers winning many competitive research grants.

On the University present ranking, the helmsman disclosed that FUT, Minna was number 17 in Nigeria and not among the best 100 universities in Africa when he assumed duty in 2012 while revealing that the University has moved geometrically from being 17th in 2012 to 5th in Nigeria in 2017, first among the specialised universities in Nigeria and 45th in Africa out of over 4, 345 universities that were rated by various international ranking bodies.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that in line with global best practices, the University has fixed specific dates for its matriculation and convocation ceremonies. He also stated that the University has hosted several national and international conferences, imbibed openness in running its affairs as well as running an inclusive administration.

He advised the Vice-Chancellor designate, Prof. Abdullahi Bala to improve on inclusiveness of the various tendencies in the University, aggressive revenue drive, regular meetings of the different organs of the university, maintain harmonious working relationship with Council and address the paucity of bed spaces on campus.

The lead resource person at the retreat, Prof Joseph Atubokiki Ajenka who was the former Vice-Chancellor, University of Port-Harcourt said that Nigerian universities should adopt the entrepreneurial system of university in order to address the problem of funding since government at various levels are no longer funding the sector properly.

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Prof. Ajiienka one of the resource persons making his presentation at the retreat

He disclosed this while delivering a paper titled: ***Becoming An Entrepreneurial University: Why it Matters.***

The don stated that to become a successful entrepreneurial university, the University's entrepreneurial and innovation agenda must reflect in its policies, mission, budget allocation, incentives and curriculum. He advised that the agenda must be furthered through student competitions and incubators.

He advised researchers to discard the hitherto held view of *publish and imbib* the evolving trend of *patent -publish and produce* in order to generate funds for the University and also contribute to sustainable development.

Prof. Ajiienka said that the latest trend around the world is that most universities are now transforming their campuses to entrepreneurial universities based on its inherent benefits ranging from job creation and regional economic development, additional sources of revenue and nurturing an entrepreneurial and innovative spirit among students, faculty and administrators.

The former VC advised Management of the University to develop partnerships with private industries to support and fund research; license University-owned technology and make entrepreneurship and innovation training available to staff, students and the community.

Presenting his paper titled: ***Sustaining Your Strategy Through Dynamic Leadership***, the CEO, NiTech, Dr. Segun Ogunkola said the University's strategic plan must be in tandem with the vision and mission of the institution and that all departments must key into the plan.

Dr. Ogunkola disclosed that for the University to continue to be relevant among its peers in the 21st century, emphasis must be on research that would lead to patent, saying that the University can be self-sufficient through money accruable from research, patent, spin-off companies and commercialisation.

The CEO advised Council members and the Vice-Chancellor designate to look inward by cultivating its alumni and friends to generate funds through endowments to run its activities rather than depending on government subvention.

He stated that the content of the retreat was built around four perspectives namely: purpose, stakeholders, internal process and people in order for the university to continue to add value in all its activities.

Another experienced resource person at the retreat, Mr. Kolawole Ajuwon, FCA, former Bursar, University of

Ibadan, while delivering his paper titled: ***Budgeting Control as a Tool in Strategic Planning*** said the University's budgeting provision must be in consonance with the vision and mission of the institution.

Mr. Ajuwon commended the University Management for publishing its weekly financial transaction in its *Campus News* and advised them to carry out appraisal analysis on the financial statement on a monthly basis.

In an exclusive chat with *Campus News* after the retreat the Vice-Chancellor designate of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala said the retreat came at the right time during the transition period to enable members of Council look at different issues that can be articulated for the development of the institution.

"The retreat is essential for us to look at where we are and where we want to go. We all agreed that the University has attained an enviable status in terms of ranking and what to do to improve on it," he stated.

Prof. Bala stated that the issue of infrastructural development would be pursued vigorously in line with the vision and mission of the University, adding that the University would explore the concept of entrepreneurial university system to address the problem of funding through research and development that would lead to commercialisation and enterprise.

He expressed satisfaction with the advice given to him by the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor at the retreat while assuring them that Management under his leadership would do everything possible to take the University to greater heights.

On the issue of revenue generation, Prof. Bala admitted that the University is underperforming in its revenue drive, saying that his administration would explore the University's potential as a University of Technology to boost its revenue base through agricultural ventures and research that would lead to products for national development.



Participants in a group photograph after the retreat at the Barcelona Hotels, Abuja.

"The retreat has opened our eyes to the fact that most of the world universities do not get much from students tuition fees, but they generate more money from products of research and their association with government and industries," the scholar disclosed

The training tagged: ***Take a Lead*** was organised by a United State of America based Company, Global Business Management and New InfoTech Consultants.

PROF AKANJI FLAGS OFF FREE ICT TRAINING

... Emir of Suleja Commends FUTMinna

In furtherance of the University's quest towards bridging the gap between town and gown as well as contributing to the development of Niger State, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, has flagged off a 5-day free Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training for 100 youths selected from Tafa, Suleja and Gurara local government areas of the State.

The training titled: **Computer Fundamentals and the Internet of Things Overview** commenced on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the FUT, Minna Study Centre, Suleja.



The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Akanji, POs and other dignitaries in a group photograph with the participants after the flag-off ceremony.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, accompanied by other Principal Officers of the University said the free ICT training was geared at equipping youths in the State with the pre-requisite ICT knowledge needed in the 21st century to excel in life, adding that the University is committed to training of skilled manpower that would transform the natural resources of the country.

Prof. Akanji stated that the world is driven by ICT and urged the participants to take the training serious in order to earn the University certificate. He disclosed that the institution's ICT experts would put them through all the nitty-gritty of ICT and computer usage.

"With this training, we have formed a friendship with you and we will monitor your progress after this training," the VC stated.

The Don expressed appreciation to the Suleja Emirate Council for donating the Study Centre to the University and assured them that the University is doing everything possible towards ensuring that the Centre is put into active use.

Delivering his address, the Emir of Suleja, HRH. Mallam Muhammadu Awwal Ibrahim, *CON* commended the University for initiating the free ICT programme for some selected youths in the State, adding that the Emirate Council is pleased with the community development programme of the University.

The Emir who was represented by the District Head of

Bagama, Alhaji M.B. Yunusa stated that the free ICT training introduced by the University would make the youths in the State to be fully engaged towards contributing their quota to the development of the State and the country at large.

The Royal Father advised the youths to pay rapt attention to the training, noting that the ICT training has the power to improve their fortunes in life and urged them to take full advantage of the training to enhance their skills.

"You must be good ambassadors of this Emirate Council and the State. Remember that many people wanted to be here but they could not; you should count yourselves lucky. I expect you all to gain the knowledge and use it to better the community," the Monarch urged.

In his goodwill message, the Vice-Chancellor designate of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala congratulated the participants, adding that the training is a mark of promise being delivered by the University.

Prof. Bala informed participants that FUT, Minna is one of the leading universities in Nigeria, saying that the University is first among specialised universities in Nigeria, fifth in Nigeria and 45th in Africa.

He stated that the participants are lucky to have the University certificate and urged them to use the training to improve their knowledge of ICT.

The VC designate applauded the participants for being worthy ambassadors of the Suleja Emirate Council and prayed that the training would bring a source of employment for them.

Also speaking at the event, the former Deputy Chief Whip, House of Representatives, Hon. Engr. Mukhtar Mohammed Ahmed thanked the University for giving back to the community through the free ICT training, while disclosing that the training would go a long way in empowering the youths of the State.

Earlier in his opening remark, the Ag. Director, Information and Technology Services (ITS), FUT, Minna, Dr. Adamu Mohammed said the free ICT training was aimed at developing the ICT and computer knowledge of the participants so that they would be useful to the society. He disclosed that the training is part of the University's corporate social responsibility to the three selected local government areas of the State.

Dr. Adamu encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the training to improve their skills of ICT by being attentive during the training while expressing appreciation to the University Management for supporting the programme.

The 5-day free ICT training was organised by the ITS Unit of the University.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Appointment

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the following appointments. Serial number "1" and "2" are for a period of one year each, while serial number "3" to "7" are two years each:

1. Prof. S. M. Tsadu, as the Head, Department of Water, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology (WAFT) with effect from December 1, 2017.
2. Prof. N. A. Egharevba, as the Head, Department of Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering with effect from December 1, 2017.
3. Dr. F. O. Arimoro, as the Head, Department of Biological Sciences with effect from October 1, 2017.
4. Dr. Faruk A. Kuta, as the Head, Department of Microbiology with effect from December 1, 2017.
5. Dr. R. O. Ojutiku, Department of WAFT as the Chairman, Sports Unit with effect from December 1, 2017.
6. Dr. M. B. Nuhu, Department of Estate Management and Valuation as the Director, Centre for Human Settlement and Urban Development (CHSUD) with effect from November 1, 2017.
7. Dr. T. O. Alabi, Department of Educational Technology as the Coordinator, Bus Park with effect from November 1, 2017.

(ii) Sabbatical

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for **Prof. Emmanuel O. Oni**, Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies, tenable at the Kaduna State University for a period of one year, with effect from January 2, 2018.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Jatropha Plantation Development and Maintenance Committee in collaboration with the Society for the Conservation of Phytodiversity and Sciences, University of Ilorin cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (JATROPHA 2017)** slated as follows:

Theme: "Jatropha Curcas For Biodiesel Production, Livestock Feeding and Environmental Stewardship."

Date: 27th - 30th November, 2017

Time: 10:00am Daily

Venue: University of Ilorin Auditorium.

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CONFERENCE INVITATION

Nigerian Institute of Physics (NIP), Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State Chapter cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (NIP 2017)** slated as follows:

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

Special Guest of Honour:

His Excellency,
Alhaji (Dr) Abubakar Sani Bello,
Executive Governor of Niger State.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Emeritus P. N. Okeke FNIP, FAS

Chief Host: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS,
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Host: Prof. D. I. Malgwi FNIP, MINST P
President, NIP

Co-Host: Prof. A. S. Abubakar
Dean, School of Physical Sciences (SPS),
Federal University Technology, Minna.

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

PUBLIC LECTURE

The Registrar, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Mrs. Victoria N. Kolo cordially invites the University community and the general public to the Registry Public Lecture slated as follows:

Theme: "University Culture and Ceremonies: Mindfulness as a Key Factor."

Lecturer: **Chief Mojisola Ladipo**,
Former Registrar,
University of Ibadan.

Chairman: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, FNSBMB, FAS,
Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Host: Mrs. Victoria Kolo,
Registrar,
Federal University of Technology, Minna

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Caverton Lecture Theatre, School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology, Main Campus.

NOTE: Attendance is mandatory for all Registry staff.

APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2017/2018 SESSION

FIRST SEMESTER: MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2017 TO SATURDAY 19TH MAY, 2018, 24 WEEKS (ONLINE REGISTRATION 3 WEEKS, LECTURES 12 WEEKS, e-TEST 3WEEKS, e-EXAM 3 WEEKS AND LARGE CLASSES EXAM 2WEEKS)

Monday, 4 th December, 2017 – Saturday 16 th December, 2017	-	Online Registration for New Students (2 weeks)
Monday, 11 th December, 2017 – Friday 15 th December, 2017	-	Arrival and Documentation for New Students (1 week)
Monday, 11 th December, 2017 – Saturday, 16 th December, 2017	-	Online Registration for Returning Students
Monday, 18 th December, 2017	-	Lectures Begin for All Students
Wednesday, 3 rd January, 2018	-	Lectures Continue for All Students
Thursday, 11 th January, 2018	-	Matriculation Ceremony for New Students (2017/2018 Session)
Tuesday, 30 th January, 2018 – Thursday 1 st February, 2018	-	Convocation Week
Monday, 19 th February, 2018 – Saturday 3 rd March, 2018	-	e- Test & Mid- Semester C.A. (2 weeks)
Monday, 5 th March, 2018	-	Lectures Continues for All Students
Monday, 9 th April, 2018 – Saturday 28 th April, 2018	-	e-Exam 100 Level Students & Large Classes (3weeks)
Monday, 30 th April, 2018 – Saturday 19 th May, 2018	-	First Semester Examination (3 weeks)
Monday, 21 st May, 2018 – Tuesday 22 nd May, 2018	-	SIWES Orientation for 400 Level Students
Tuesday, 22 nd May, 2018 – Saturday, 2 nd June, 2018	-	First Semester Break (2 weeks)
Wednesday, 28 th May, 2018 – Saturday 17 th November, 2018	-	SIWES for all Schools with exception of SAAT & SSTE Students (24 weeks)
Wednesday, 13 th June, 2018	-	School Board to Consider First Semester Results
Wednesday, 27 th June, 2018	-	Senate to Consider First Semester Results

SECOND SEMESTER, 2017/2018- MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2018 – SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2018, 22 WEEKS (LECTURES 12 WEEKS, e-TEST 3 WEEKS, MID-SEMESTER BREAK 1WEEK , e-EXAM 3 WEEKS AND EXAMS 3WEEKS)

Monday, 4 th June, 2018		Second Semester Begins/Lectures Commence for all Students
Monday, 16 th July, 2018 – Saturday 4 th August, 2018	-	e- Test & Mid – Semester C.A. (3 weeks)
Monday, 6 th August, 2018 – Saturday 11 th August, 2018	-	Mid – Semester Break/Sports Week-Lecture Free (1 Week)
Monday, 13 th August, 2018	-	Lectures Continue for all Students
Monday, 17 th September, 2018 – Saturday 6 th October, 2018	-	e-Exam for 100 Level Students and Large Classes (3 Weeks)
Monday, 8 th October, 2018 – Saturday, 27 th October, 2018	-	Second Semester Examination (3 weeks) except 400 Level
Monday, 29 th October, 2018 – Friday 30 th November, 2018	-	SWEP/Field Trip (6 Weeks)
Monday, 29 th October, 2018 – Saturday 8 th December, 2018	-	Second Semester Break (6 weeks)
Wednesday, 21 st November, 2018	-	School Boards to Consider Second Semester Results
Wednesday, 5 th December, 2018	-	Special Senate to Consider Second Semester Results
Monday, 3 rd December, 2018	-	New Session 2018/2019 Begins

Every Saturday has been declared for staff fitness exercise as from 6.30am – 8:00am. (All staff are advised to turn up for the exercise). Every Wednesday of the week, Lectures to end by 2:00pm for Sporting activities for all students.

NOTE: *Senate reserves the right to amend this Calendar without prior notice.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, October 9 – Friday, November 3, 2017)

N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	120,500.00
2	Collection of Certificate	810,750.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	1,385,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	56,000.00
5	Turnitin	212,500.00
6	Statement of Result	54,000.00
7	Hiring of University Property (ICAN)	3,000.00
8	Commercial Activities	136,000.00
9	Replacement of I.D. Card	87,500.00
10	Bus Registration	6,000.00
11	Add & Drop	4,000.00
12	Signing of Exral Corrs. Of PGD Thesis	3,000.00
13	Semesterial Result	35,400.00
14	Purchase of Academic Gown	120,000.00
15	Post UTME Scratch Card	855,500.00
16	Inter University Transfer Form	25,000.00
17	Proficiency in English	2,000.00
18	S.U.G. Form	65,000.00
19	Campus Radio	226,600.00
20	Teaching Practice	36,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,243,750.00
	PAYMENTS	
21	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	25,949,607.56
	(b) Refund	74,037,871.88
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	46,850.00
	(b) A. G. Office Equipment Service - Supply	267,857.43
	(c) DHL Inl't Nigeria Ltd - Courier Services	73,868.20
	(d) DHL Inl't Nigeria Ltd - Courier Services	260,551.58
	(e) Abass S. Adegboyeya - Courier Services	185,677.50
	(f) Princess AZ-Zahra Ltd. - Hotel Bill	116,479.20
	(g) Sarkin Pawa - Repairs	66,190.47
	(h) Niger State Water Board - Water Bill	160,000.00
	(i) Leah Eyayi Yisa -Refreshment	819,170.00

(j) Leah Eyayi Yisa -Refreshment	589,240.00
(k) Bandwidth Subscription - Bandwidth subscription	10,687,047.62
(l) Electronic Test Company Ltd. - Electronic Test	4,174,761.90
(m) Abuja Electricity Distribution Company - Electricity Bill	3,766,797.27
(n) Nigeria Police Force - Assistance	56,000.00
(o) Ola Dandy Tailor & Co. - Supply	6,618,785.80
(p) Batcol Enterprises - Supply of Diesel	4,478,571.00
(q) Batcol Enterprises - Supply of Diesel	4,478,571.60
(r) Ton daves & Co. Ltd. - Construction	603,900.00
(s) Summit Legal Consulting Services Ltd. - Legal	680,000.00
(t) Nipost Niger - Courier Services	68,970.00
(u) Princess AZ-Zahra Ltd. - Hotel Bill	34,019.04
(v) Omm'a Vincit Hotel Minna - Hotel Bill	168,285.70
(w) Pioneer Int. Services Ltd., - Services	2,334,200.00
(x) Association of Bursar of Nigeria of Uni. - Subscription fees	1,800,000.00
TOTAL PAYMENT	142,523,273.75

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has, on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled **Amina Saidu** of SERVICOM Unit over the death of her mother, which sad event occurred on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.