



Campus News

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DON CALLS FOR DOCUMENTATION, PRESERVATION OF AFRICAN CULTURE

The need to preserve and document African culture in libraries in order to pass the knowledge of the continent to future generations have been emphasized. Prof. (Mrs.) Juliana Nkechi Udensi made this known during the 55th Inaugural Lecture of the University, titled: ***“Cultural Information: A Gateway to Sustainable Development in Africa,”*** delivered on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus.

Prof. Udensi, a Professor of Library and Information Technology, School of Information and Communication Technology described culture as a “collectivity of



Prof. (Mrs.) Udensi presenting her lecture

human activities and general principles that tend to guide ideas of a group of people with shared traditions, which is passed on and instilled into generations and reinvigorated or sustained by members of the group.”

According to her, if culture stands out as the key acquisition, documentation, preservation and dissemination of the African culture in our libraries is therefore a task that must be done.

Highlighting the effects of western civilization on African culture, the don stated that the arrival of Whiteman on African shore has brought huge distortions of the well established and organized African culture. She further revealed that they disorganized African natural boundaries and indigenous institutions.

Information professionals, she advised, should apply specialized knowledge and skills to collect, record, organize, store, retrieve and disseminate printed or digital information. “Information professionals work with the intent to get the right information from the right frame in the format most suitable for use to which it is to be put and at a cost that is justified by its use.”

she reiterated.

On her contributions to knowledge, the first Professor in the Department of Library and Information Technology (LIT) revealed that within the past two decades, she has conducted researches to determine the extent of utilization of Africana Resources by Postgraduate lecturers and students in the Nigerian University Libraries.

Prof. Udensi also took a look at the influence of users’ discipline on the utilization of Africana Resources in Nigerian University Libraries. She investigated the factors that affects the utilization of Africana Resources in Nigerian Universities and the cultural values and norms of the three major tribes in Nigeria, as well as how different traditional practices sustained our identity and cultural heritage.

She found that Postgraduate (PG) lecturers, Master’s and Doctoral students have varying perceptions on the usefulness of Africana resources and it affected their usage of the resources. She also discovered that the extent of usage of various Africana subject formats differ from one user to another and that poor library services hinder usage of Africana resources in Nigerian University Libraries.

The lecturer who called on Library Management to create awareness in the usage of the resources by both Arts and Science users, recommended that University Librarians should endeavor to send qualified and experienced professionals as unit heads, equipped with ICT retrieval tools such that staff in the unit are trained and retrained in the use of ICT. Also, that new arrival of literature in Africana should be displayed at strategic places so as to attract more users.

She further stated that semi open access should be considered for the Africana resources while calling on parents to teach their children cultural norms and values by ensuring that children know their roots.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji *FAS, FNSBMB*, acknowledged the array of traditional institutions present at the occasion as well as other dignitaries. He described the lecture as food for thought and a reawakening of cultural heritage and consciousness.

PROF AKANJI LAYS FOUNDATION FOR SSANU SECRETARIAT

... Donates ₦2.5m to SSANU

... Declares SSANU Zonal Exco. Meeting Open

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji has laid the foundation for the construction of secretariat for Senior Staff Association



The University POs flanked by Northern Zonal Executive Council members in a group photograph

of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), FUT, Minna branch to address the problem of office accommodation for the Union executive members.

The event took place today at the site located behind the University Security Office at the Main Campus.

Performing the foundation laying exercise, Prof. Akanji said the building when completed would add to the aesthetic of the University. He commended the Union for initiating the project during his tenure and urged them to ensure timely completion of the project.

The Vice-Chancellor later announced the donation of ₦2.5m by the University Management to the Union, adding that the donation was to encourage the Union for contributing to the development of the University.

He thanked the Union for being responsible and responsive while admonishing other unions in the University to emulate SSANU.

Speaking earlier, the Chairman, FUT, Minna SSANU Branch, Comrade Aliyu Abubakar expressed appreciation to the University Management for giving the Union land to build its secretariat and assured Management that the project would not be abandoned.

"We are dedicating this project to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji for being a union friendly leader. The Union will work on this site so that you can flag it off before the end of your tenure", the Chairman disclosed.

He disclosed that the Union would concentrate on the office section in the first phase of the plan while other aspects would take off later.

The project is in three phases with provision for officials office, 1,000 capacity auditorium and 15-room guest house.

In a related development, speaking before declaring the SSANU zonal executive council meeting open, the Vice-Chancellor said the University Management has

robust relationship with the Union, stating that the University was happy to host the zonal executive council of the Union.

"Meeting like this will help Management to know the pains and desires of members towards attaining industrial harmony. We are up to date on the issue of staff promotion and salary", the VC enthused.

Delivering his address, the Chairman, Northern Zonal Executive Council, Comrade Alpha Solomon thanked the University Management for all the support given to the State branch of the Union and commended the University for the peaceful process during the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor for the institution.

In his address, the Branch Chairman of the Union, Comrade Abubakar Aliyu said the Union is honoured to host the Northern Executive Council meeting and thanked them for finding FUT, Minna worthy to host the event.

He noted that SSANU under his leadership has worked towards attending to all various staff matters.

The Chairman urged members to remember the Union's agitations on the 12-point issues that led to the just suspended strike.

He appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to look at the issue of creation of directorates cadre for non-academic staff, usurpation of headship of non-academic units and the forthcoming tranche of earned allowance.

APPOINTMENTS

(i) Visiting

The Vice-Chancellor has approved appointment of **Nkemdilim A. Ofodile**, as Visiting Lecturer to the Department of Mechatronics Engineering, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET) for a period of one year with effect from December 11, 2017.

(ii) Renewal

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Visiting appointments of **Prof. Bioye Tajudeen Aluko**, Department of Estate Management and **Dr. Abdulfattah Adelani Aboaba**, Department of Computer Engineering for a period of one year each, with effect from October 1, 2017 and December 1, 2017 respectively.

FUTMINNA, FED POLY, OFFA SIGN MOU

The Federal University of Technology, Minna and the Federal Polytechnic, Offa, Kwara State are to partner in the area of research, training and capacity building.

This agreement was reached during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Council Chamber, Main Campus.



L-R: Prof. Akanji presenting a signed copy of the MoU to the Rector, Dr. Olatunji

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FAS, FNSBMB**, while speaking at the brief ceremony commended the Management of Federal Polytechnic, Offa for the bold step, saying that the

affiliation would further push the institution up the ranking scale of Polytechnics. He encouraged the Management of the Polytechnic to join international organisations in terms of peer review, which would enable them to learn and copy new ideas from other institutions.

Prof. Akanji congratulated the Polytechnic, saying that the new agreement which is a direct move to play a major role in the training of skilled and innovative workforce which is expected to positively transform the economy of the country, noting that the success of the MoU is the success of both institutions.

Responding, the Rector of the Polytechnic, Dr. Lateef Ademola Olatunji expressed delight at the collaboration considering the fact that in ranking of specialized universities in the country FUT, Minna occupying 1st position in specialized University in the country and 5th position out of 153 Universities in Nigeria.

Dr. Olatunji while thanking the Vice-Chancellor for the opportunity given to the polytechnic assured FUT, Minna that they would take the MoU seriously while promising to adhere to all the conditions attached to it and make success out of it.

Speaking earlier, the Director, Collaboration, Affiliation and Linkages, Prof. Emmanuel Udensi said the process for a workable MoU between the University and the Federal Polytechnic, Offa has been on for a while which has now resulted in the signing of the MoU.

FUTMINNA BAGS AWARD ON SOUND ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Federal University of Technology, Minna has bagged the 2017 Gold award in recognition of its sound ethical conduct.

The award was presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof.



Prof. Akanji (5th from left) flanked by CESVO members and other POS.

Musbau Adewumi Akanji **FAS, FNSBMB**, today at his Conference Room, Main Campus by the Centre for Ethics and Self Value Orientation (CESVO).

Presenting the award, the Executive Director of the International Non - Governmental Organisation, Prince

Salihu Yakub described the University as an excellent institution headed by a Vice-Chancellor who has demonstrated the highest level of dexterity and found to be ethically sound in his conduct.

He disclosed that FUT, Minna was being conferred with a Certificate of Credence and enlisted amongst the 50 ethically sound institutions in Nigeria for 2017 based on assessment carried out by their whistle blowers.

During the occasion, the VC was presented with a public officer performance appraisal score card where his personal leadership trait was independently assessed in the following areas, innovative leadership and ethical conducts, time management skill, Servicom compliance, integrity, staff/student coordination, welfare and discipline and tertiary educators policy performance and he scored excellently.

The Registrar of the institution, Mrs. Victoria Kolo was also conferred with an ethical conduct award certificate for demonstrating the highest level of professionalism, ethical and moral conduct, dedication, self discipline, compliance to public service rules amongst others. The certificate was received on her behalf by the Deputy Registrar, Mr. Eli Usman Gbadafu.

In his acceptance speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akanji thanked the NGO for the honour and urged them to continue the good work.

FUTMINNA STAFF SCHOOL PUPILS SHINES

Pupils of the Federal University of Technology, Minna Staff School has once again made the institution proud.

This is coming on the heels of their performance at the last common entrance examination into Federal Government Colleges (FGC).



Cross section of Management (L) and members of staff from University Staff School during the courtesy visit

This was made known during a curtesy visit to the University Management, Federal University of Technology, Minna today at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.

The Head Teacher of the school, Mrs. Elizabeth Sode-Shinni disclosed that the pupils performed very well

and out of the 15 shortlisted pupils for the Nigerian National Petroleum Company/Shell National Exploration Company (NNPC/SNEPCO) ten are FUT, Minna staff school pupils.

Mrs. Sode-Shinni also disclosed that after the organised test in Abuja, the school picked all the expected three slots for the State which has earned the students a scholarship for their secondary education at Premiere Academy, Lugbe, Abuja.

She commended the Management for their support and for the VC's sterling leadership in the face of difficult times.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS* expressed delight at the pupils' performance.

He said Management is appreciative of the effort of the teachers in spite of challenges, the school is still performing.

Prof. Akanji also noted that Management are always happy with the presentation of the pupils during inaugural lectures and pledged his continuous support to them.

2ND INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE (IEC 2017)

School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Federal University of Technology, Minna cordially invites the University community and the general public to its **2nd International Engineering Conference (IEC 2017)** scheduled as follows:

Theme: *"Green Research, Innovation and Sustainable Development in Engineering and Technology: A Means To Diversification of Mono-Cultural Economies."*

Keynote Speakers:

Engr. Nwosa Joseph Ukweh Lucky

Director, (Technology Acquisition and Research Coordination) National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion.

Prof. Edison Muzeda

Head of Chemical, Material and Material

Engineering, Botswana International University of Science and Technology.

Chief Host: Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*,

Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Host: Prof. O. K. Abubakre,

Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), Federal University Technology, Minna.

Date: 17th - 19th October, 2017.

Time: 9:00am - 6:00 pm daily

Venue: PTDF Lecture Theatre, Chemical Engineering Complex, Main Campus.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Mr. **Emmanuel Jacob** of the Centre for Preliminary and Extra-Mural Studies cordially invites the University community and the general public to his Solemnization of Holy Matrimony with **Stephany George (Oluchi)**, which will by the grace of God take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: God's Chapel International, Off Nursing House, Chanchaga, Minna, Niger State.

Reception: follows immediately at De-Trafford and Resort Events Centre, Behind Chanchaga Primary School, Minna Niger State.

3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Management of Federal University of Technology, Minna Microfinance Bank cordially invites shareholders to its 3rd Annual General Meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

Money Matters

Weekly Financial Digest (Monday, October 2 – Friday, October 6, 2017)

N	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Clearance Fees	52,000.00
2	Collection of Certificate	209,000.00
3	Academic Transcript Fees	285,000.00
4	Verification/Confirmation of Certificate	38,000.00
5	Turnitin	20,500.00
6	Statement of Result	6,000.00
7	Post UTME Scratch Card	115,000.00
8	Commercial Activities	36,000.00
9	Replacement of I.D. Card	12,500.00
10	Proficiency in English	2,000.00
11	Hiring of University Property (ICAN)	60,000.00
12	Inter University Transfer Form	10,000.00
13	Confirmation of Certificate	3,000.00
14	Semesterial Result	3,600.00
15	Letter of Introduction	2,000.00
16	Campus Radio	100,000.00
17	S.U.G. Form	93,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,047,600.00
	PAYMENTS	
18	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	15,245,858.11
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Niger State Board of Internal Revenue - Bill	52,700.00
	(b) A. G. Office Equipment Service - Supply	2,972,250.00
	(b) Doko Int'l Hotel Ltd - Hotel Bill	257,895.00
	(c) " " "	297,895.00
	(d) Polar Medical Ltd. - Supply	4,820,000.00
	(e) Sarki Pawa - Repairs	205,500.00
	(f) Nation Westminster Bank Plc. - Membership Fees	396,360.00
	(g) Mrs. O. Oladejo - Supply of Newspapers	50,700.00
	(h) " " "	4,200.00
	(i) Huggely Castle Global Ltd., - Supply	1,748,850.00
	TOTAL PAYMENT	26,052,208.11

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of the Federal University of Technology, Minna condoled the pioneer Registrar of the University, Mrs. L. S. J. Ahmad, over the death of her sister, which sad event occurred recently.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.