



# Campus News

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## OBAFEMI CALLS FOR RE-ENGINEERING OF UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

**A**dministrators in Nigerian universities have been called upon to ensure they prepare themselves to match the demands of re-engineering in the institutions.

The call was made during the 3rd Annual Registry Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna titled: **Re-Engineering University Administration**



Mr. Obafemi delivering his lecture

**Towards Achieving Institutional Goals**, delivered by Mr. Emmanuel Dada Obafemi, former Registrar, University of Ilorin on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at the Caverton Lecture Hall, Main Campus.

Mr. Dada pointed out that the idea of re-engineering in organization is not new and is a term used for radical change processes whereby the organisation focuses on key processes with high value and do away with irrelevant side processes that have minimal value.

According to the seasoned administrator, re-engineering brings about improved overall productivity because the process would have identified elements in the organisation that are creating costs with little benefits and make the necessary adjustments.

The guest lecturer said universities were established with the aim of achieving teaching, research and community service but they are derailing from their goals hence the need to re-engineer this through a thorough review.

Mr. Dada explained that in universities, the different administration, strata of administrators, as well as teaching, research and community service all need to be re-engineered.

He added that there was need to re-engineering our ICT development and compliance, just as there was need for skills development, putting our shortcomings to test with a view to dropping practices that are obsolete and

taking on those that will put us in good stead in our performance. These, he said, are to be acquired through training and retraining for perfection.

He further added that as professional administrators, we must make frantic effort to develop all the necessary skills required to survive in a re-engineered administration. These skills, he said, include: teaching, negotiation, conflict resolution and communication.

He also urged for the re-engineering of staff, students, parents and alumni members attitude to work.

While appreciating the roles of the university administrators to ensure that they are not swept away by whatever re-engineering that may take place, he urged colleagues in the registry who are professional administrators to ensure that they prepare themselves to be able to match the demands of re-engineering without stress, flow on with the change.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution Prof. Abdullahi Bala, **fsssn**, in his remark congratulated the Registrar Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo for initiating the lecture series in the University, adding that it has been of enormous benefit. He thanked her for her unrelenting passion towards making the Registry one of the best in Nigeria.

The helmsman, while appreciating the guest lecturer for his rich lecture, said the lecture is unique because it is coming at a time when almost all our operational aspects need to be re-engineered for effective and efficient service delivery.

Prof. Bala stated that if we all understand our roles in the University there will be no room for competition and disharmony. "The essence of lectures like this is to continue to draw our attention to our various responsibilities and for us to be mindful of the fact that the University largely rest on the kind of input we put in the administration of the institution," he said.

He further urged members of staff to continue to aspire to be committed to the best practices of the university system so that the University can continue to move in leaps and bounds. "There is no doubts that FUT, Minna is one of the leading universities in Nigeria and is recognised for excellence," Prof Bala reiterated.

In her speech, the Registrar of the institution, Mrs. Victoria Kolo who is witnessing the registry lecture for the last time in her tenure said the topic for this year is apt in view of the need to equip university administrators and other staff of the University with the necessary skills required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to accelerate the development of the university towards attaining its core mandate. **Contd. on the next page**

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Mrs. Kolo noted that the university administration provides the matrix which binds the different integral parts of the university and the university would not function effectively without committed and hardworking administrators who would take a broad view of the institution's interest vis-à-vis its vision and mission. As such, she said, for university administration to be effective in achieving institutional goals, best practices and global standards must be maintained and never compromised thus the need to address the retinue of problems militating against the effective functioning of universities.

The outgoing Registrar intimated the gathering of milestones of her tenure which include: prompt issuance of transcript/certificate, staff promotion, staff training, discipline and inauguration of Association of Nigerian Universities professional Administrators ANUPA, FUT, Minna Branch.

In his vote of thanks, Chairman, organising committee, Mr. Eli Gbadafu thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his management team for making the 3rd edition of the lecture a reality. He further thanked the Registrar for her unrelenting passion for excellence in the registry, assuring that her legacies will be sustained.

Mr. Gbadafu appreciated the guest lecturer for accepting the call at short notice, adding that his lecture has reengineered administrative processes in the university. He also thanked all registry staff and other units for their cooperation and support towards the success of the lecture.

Highlight of the occasion was the honouring of immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Musbau Adewumi Akanji, *FNSBMB, FAS*, who was represented by Prof. Yahaya Iyaka, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and presentation of a Biography of the Registrar, Mrs. Victoria Kolo .

## SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved Sabbatical for the outgoing Registrar, **Mrs. Victoria Nnawo Kolo**, tenable at the Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai for a period of one year, with effect from June 12, 2018.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the renewal of Visiting appointments of **Dr. B. M. Mustapha**, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering and **Dr. A. A. AbdulRahaman**, Department of Plant Biology for a period of one year each with effect from May 5 and May 3, 2018 respectively.

Similarly, he has approved the renewal of contract appointment for **Yusuf Garba** of Works and Maintenance Services for a period of two years with effect from June 1, 2018.

## PROF BALA SEEKS CSR PROJECTS FROM FIRST BANK

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fsss has appealed to officials of First Bank Nigeria Plc to remember the University in their corporate social responsibility programmes.



The VC, Prof. Abdullahi Bala (4th from left) flanked by officials of First Bank of Nigeria Plc and other POs in a group snapshot.

Prof. Bala made this appeal today when officials of First Bank Nigeria Plc, Minna Branch paid him a courtesy visit at the Vice-Chancellor's Conference Room, Main Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor said the bank should consider the university in its corporate social responsibility programmes in order to assist the institution in the provision of some critical infrastructure that would boost teaching and learning, adding that any investment in universities has multiplier effects.

"I want to appeal to you to always remember us in your corporate social responsibility programmes. We are particularly disturbed about our inability to provide transportation for our students to commute them from Bosso to Gidan Kwano Campus and hostel accommodation," The VC stated.

He assured the bank of the University's continuous support, while commending the bank for providing the much needed assistance to the institution's Microfinance bank.

"I assure you that if we find it necessary to look for a commercial bank again for any reason, First Bank will be our first choice," he disclosed.

Speaking earlier, the Business Manager of the bank, Mrs. Ummi Ndaliman said the purpose of the visit was to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment as well as to appreciate the University for the cordial business relationship between FUTMinna Microfinance Bank and First Bank Plc.

On the issue of corporate social responsibility, she stated that First Bank had donated a lecture theatre to the University in the past and assured the VC that the Bank would do more for the University.



# FUTMINNA, SCAGRIC, EDU INTEGRATED SIGN MOU

The Federal University of Technology, Minna along with SCAGRIC Investment Ltd and Edu Integrated Agro- Projects Ltd are to partner in the area of investment, agricultural produce, training and research.

This agreement was reached during the signing of a



The three parties in a group photograph shortly after the signing of the MoU.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the three parties on Monday, June 4, 2018 at the VC's Conference Room, Main Campus.

The Managing Director, SCAGRIC Investment Limited, Mr. Samil Asha while expressing delight at the partnership said the collaboration shall establish a structure that will allow students of the institution conduct research and have Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) under the project.

The MD acknowledged the support of Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL), which, according to him, has made the whole process possible.

Mr. Asha thanked the University Management for the opportunity to collaborate with the institution and prayed for a bountiful harvest at the end of the season.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, commended the parties involved for the confidence reposed in the institution and the opportunity to begin to showcase what agriculture can do for the country, adding that the University has a large expanse of land that they can utilize for the project.

Prof. Bala assured the companies of Management support to see to, not only the success of the project but also its sustainability. He also noted that with their wealth of experience, any challenges faced will be properly handled.

Speaking earlier the Director, Collaboration, Affiliation and linkages, Prof. Emmanuel Udensi said the process of the Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the two companies has been on for a while and the signing of the MoU marks the official take off of the farm project.

The MoU is expected to be for a duration of five (5) years, commencing from the date of joint signing and is subject to renewal at expiration. The project is expected to take two hundred hectares of the University land.

# VC TASKS STAFF ON POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AS CEFE TRAINS TECHNOLOGISTS

In a bid to improve productivity, the Competency-Based Economies through the Formation of Enterprise (CEFE) has held a three-day training for technologists from the two schools of engineering in the Federal University of Technology, Minna, with the theme *Positive Attitude to Work*.

Addressing participants yesterday during the closing ceremony of the training held at the Entrepreneurship Centre, Main Campus, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, said positive attitude to work is what is expected of every staff, adding that it is important to have a never-say-die attitude as that is what differentiates successful people from those that remain stagnant.

He said that positive attitude to work means that one is passionate about what they are doing adding that it rubs off, not only on colleagues, but also on work environment and effectiveness.

Prof. Bala admonished the participants to note that people who go the extra mile to do certain things tend to be more



The VC, other PO's and participants pose for a snap shot after the ceremony.

successful than those who cannot think of how to surmount obstacles.

The VC, who was impressed by the positive testimonies from participants, expressed hope that Management would consider extending the training to other schools.

The lead trainer, Prof. Zinash Osunde expressed appreciation to the University Management for approving and funding the training.

Speaking earlier on behalf of the trainees, Mohammed Isyaku who is the University Chapter, Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologist (NAAT) disclosed that with the training, their attitude to work has improved as they are determined to work as collectively to achieve the University's mission and vision. He implored Management to extend the training to technologists in other schools.

In the vein, another trainee, Osai Anthony lauded the training, saying it helped them to think outside the box.

From Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the participants were taught X -Y exercises, which involved how to collaborate, cooperate and compete with colleagues; goal setting; problem solving; operational safety; communication skills and networking, among other things.

More than 40 technologists from the School of Infrastructure and Process Engineering (SIPET) and School of Electrical Engineering Technology (SEET) attended the training.

The VC and other Principal Officers presented certificates to the participants at the end of the training.

## VC RECONSTITUTES SERVICOM MARSHAL/COMMITTEE

In order to ensure effective and good service delivery in the University system, the Vice-Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, *fsssn*, has reconstituted a twenty-three member committee to serve as the University SERVICOM Marshal.



Prof. Bala (m), in a group photograph with other Principal Officers and SERVICOM Marshals.

Speaking at the event on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Prof. Bala said that the SERVICOM Marshal would continue to provide oversight functions and ensure that the University is seen to be providing appropriate services and in terms of failure they would immediately intervene to salvage the situation.

He noted that the complimentary services of SERVICOM Unit, Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) and Quality Assurance and Productivity (QAP) Unit would ensure sanity and equity in the system, while admonishing them to work closely together for a wider coverage and more efficient and effective service delivery in the University.

The VC expressed satisfaction with the performance of SERVICOM Unit saying it has made the University a reference point for others to follow in the country. He assured them of the Management support to help them maintain their leading status and urged them not to rest on their oars.

Prof. Bala further commended the Focal Officer Prof. Yusuf Kabiru and his team for bringing positive development to the Unit and congratulated members of the Marshal for being selected by their various Units and Departments to serve based on their integrity. He charged them to maintain the good name which the University is noted for in the discharge of their duties.

Earlier in his remark, the Focal Officer, Prof. Kabiru said that SERVICOM was predicated on the principles of ensuring commitment to service, providing enabling environment for Nigerians to attain their fullest potential.

He assured the Vice-Chancellor that committee members are people of good character and integrity that would assist in ensuring services are delivered adequately and timely, which are some of the core values of the University.

## SALE OF ONLINE POSTGRADUATE APPLICATION FORMS

The general public is hereby informed that the sales of online postgraduate application forms for admission into the 2018/2019 academic session has commenced.

### Requirements:

All applicants must possess the basic entry requirements in addition to five O'level credits, including English and Mathematics.

### Application Fee:

University charges an application fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only plus, N250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only Remita charges making a total of N10,250.00 (Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Naira) only payable online via Remita platform with the use of Master or Verve card through the School portal.

### Closing Date:

Completed application forms must be submitted online through the University portal latest Friday, August 31, 2018. All necessary instructions on filling of forms must be adhered to and failure to do so is sufficient ground to disqualify an applicant.

### Important Notice:

Interested applicants should visit the Federal University of Technology, Minna website: [www.futminna.edu.ng](http://www.futminna.edu.ng) for further details on entry requirements, purchase, filling and submission of the online forms.

## CAMPUS NEWS LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

This is to inform our esteemed readers that FUT, Minna Campus News has launched its Mobile App.

Interested persons can visit the android play store, search "Futminna Campus News" to download the App.

You can also follow us via our twitter handle *@infounitfutmx* and our Facebook page *Futminna Infounit* for real time update on live events, details of upcoming activities on campus, exclusive pictures of events, and lots more.

## NOTICE! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!!

This is to inform our esteemed readers that the Unit as from Friday, October 5, 2018 will stop the production and distribution of hardcopy version of the University Weekly Campus News.

Consequently, we advise our readers who are not in our e-mail data base to forward their e-mail address to any of the following: [info@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:info@futminna.edu.ng), [ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng](mailto:ayo.olubiyi@futminna.edu.ng) and [ayoyemifavour@gmail.com](mailto:ayoyemifavour@gmail.com) or any of these phone numbers: **08037276484**, **08036537032** or **08060893490**.

Help us in our commitment to serve you better.



## INVITATION

The Information Technology Services (ITS) cordially invites the University community and the general public to the grand finale of 2018 ITS Day event and award of prizes and certificates to the Four Hundred (400) Students from eight (8) public Senior Secondary School in Niger State.

They were trained in Computer Fundamentals and e-Exams as part of the University's Community Service to its immediate community. The event is slated as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018

**Time:** 11am prompt

**Venue:** Caverton Lecture Theatre, SAAT Complex, Main Campus.

## LIST OF NEW ARRIVALS (BOOKS)

S /	Title	Author	Publisher	Year of Publication
1.	Thomas Calculus 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed	Thomas	Pearson	2016
2.	Changing Dynamics Of	Das, K	DPH	2016
3.	Revolutionary Vision For Global Education	Gracy , A	Random	2016
4.	Wheat Crop Cultivation Management	Prasad, S.S	Random	2016
5.	Social Psychology	Sozia, L.D	DPH	2016
6.	Educational Research: Analysis	Clanrye	New Jersey	2016
7.	Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships 14 <sup>th</sup> ed	Enger, E.D	McGraw. Hill	2016
8.	Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries	Mallam, J.R	Venus Books	2016
9.	Biology 12 <sup>th</sup> ed	Mader, S.S	McGraw. Hill	2016
10.	Dairy and Poultry Industries	Gopiah, K.V	Venus Books	2016

## COUNSELLING TIP

For harmonious and effective productivity, let the leader be less forceful, less authoritative but be explicit and firm with his rules and regulations.

Let the subordinates operate by the rules to avoid repercussions that may tarnish the image of any or both parties and the organisation.

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

## APPRECIATION

Engr. Philip Yisa Tsado has, on behalf of his family expressed sincere appreciation to the University Management, Staff and students for their prayers, gifts, visits presence and other forms of support during the passing on to glory and burial ceremony of his wife late **Mrs. Hannah Macinma Tsado**. He prayed God Almighty to bless and reward everyone abundantly.

## Money Matters

**W**eekly Financial Digest (Monday, May 21, – Friday, May 25, 2018)

SN	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Collection of Certificate	312,500.00
2	Academic Transcript Fees	200,000.00
3	Semesterial Result	1,000.00
4	Turnitin	14,000.00
5	Inter University Transfer Form	20,000.00
6	Proficiency in English	2,000.00
7	Verification/Confirmation of Result	14,000.00
8	Farm Land	500.00
9	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
10	Campus Radio	160,500.00
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>754,500.00</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
11	<b>Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	<b>(i) Staff</b>	
	(a) Refund	8,099,654.60
	(b) Advance	2,009,536.00
	<b>(ii) Contractors/Suppliers</b>	
	(a) Polar Med Ltd - Retention Fess	245,000.00
	(b) Royal Gold & Apple Direct Ltd. - Production of Cert.	18,597,010.00
	(c) Doko International Hotel - Hotel Bill	339,862.00
	(d) Machindo Ventures - Renovation	5,445,096.90
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>34,736,159.50</b>