

MANDATE LECTURERS TO ACQUIRE TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS - PROF. WUSHISHI

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PROF. WUSHISHI DELIVERING HIS LECTURE. PHOTO: ELIJAH YISA

A Professor of Chemistry Education in the Department of Science Education, School of Science and Technology Education, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi has implored relevant authorities to mandate lecturers who have no teaching qualifications to acquire one with a view to ensuring the production of quality graduates in our universities.

The university don made this call on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano while delivering the 82nd Inaugural lecture titled: *Science Education and the Politics of L1-L2 in Nigeria: Adoption of the Teacher's Language for Liberating Education*.

He said that all persons teaching in any educational institution without the prerequisite qualification are referred to as auxiliary teachers.

Prof. Wushishi affirmed that education is an instrument for achieving national development in the society, hence, the teacher is central to the realization of education and national goals.

The inaugural lecturer also observed that the influence of English Language in the process of knowledge acquisition in Nigeria is not sufficiently enhancing educational development as a result of the importance of language influence on educational variables for knowledge acquisition.

According to him, the inadequacies of the National Policy on Education (NPE) to address the needs and aspirations of Nigerian people from the multicultural dimensions of Nigeria is the major problem of Nigeria and its education system. "For instance, the transition from the use of mother-tongue (L1) to the progressive use of the English Language (L2) created the following problems for learners at all the

levels of education in Nigeria: difficulty in learning English language because of the sudden break from the familiar language to the non-familiar one and the development of an alternative language called Pidgin English," Prof. Wushishi lamented.

The Professor also stressed the need for the adoption of mother tongue as medium of instruction across all levels of education, describing it as the most suitable for instruction in schools.

He opined that while a comprehensive Nigerian language policy for instruction in our schools is ensured on one hand, science curricular materials should be massively produced in Nigerian languages, just as teachers in each of the six geo-political zones should be trained in the major language of their zones for proper implementation across all levels of schooling.

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Prof. Wushishi also advocated for paradigm shift from a curriculum model currently in practice, which is objective in nature, to a model that will nurture a liberating education for Nigeria.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, enjoined the inaugural lecturer to partner with Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) on the issue of mandating lecturers to acquire

teaching qualifications. He also appreciated the lecturer for his presentation and thanked dignitaries for attending the lecture.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved sabbatical for **Dr. Idris Abubakar Mohammed**, Department of Industry and Technology Education, tenable at University of Ilorin, Kwara State, for a period of one year, with effect from August 30, 2021.

EXPULSION

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the expulsion of **Ojoh, Sunday O.** (2016/1/62189TI) 400 Level and **Ugwa Kizito Kennedy** (2014/1/50849TI) 500 Level, Department of Industrial Technology, Education from the University due to their involvement in examination misconduct during the first semester of 2019/2020 session.

2021 SIWES ORIENTATION EXERCISE

The SIWES Unit, in conjunction with Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Minna Area Office, is organizing the 2021 Orientation Exercise for the 300 level students of SAAT and SSTE as follows:

Venue: Caverton Hall, SAAT Main Campus

Date: Tuesday, 29th June, 2021

Time: 10:00am

Attendance is compulsory for all 300 level students of the stated schools.

Money Matter

Weekly Financial Digest for **Monday, 31st May – Friday, 4th June, 2021**

SN	RECEIPTS	₦
1.	Transcript	220,000.00
2.	Collection of Certificate	79,000.00
3.	Registration of Clubs	5,000.00
4.	Turnitin	18,000.00
5.	Verification/English Proficiency	24,000.00
6.	Clearance Fees	54,000.00
7.	Commercial Activities (Shops)	443,000.00
8.	Commercial Activities (Motorcycle Operators)	63,300.00
9.	Prepaid Meter	73,000.00
10.	Replacement of I. D Card	12,000.00
11.	Purchase of Academic Gown	30,000.00
12.	Jamb Mock (Examination)	137,200.00
13.	Acceptance Fees	740,000.00
14.	Sale of Forms Pre-Degree	196,000.00
15.	Post Graduate School Fees	6,326,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,420,500.00
16.	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	196,000.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	778,420.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Federal Fire Service - Disinfection/Decontamination	200,000.00
	(b) Department of Geography - Field Trip	1,950,000.00
	(c) Sauki Group of Companies - Supply	481,213.44
	(d) MJD Ventures Ltd. - Construction	21,171,404.65
	(e) Mahadi Services & Res. - Construction	42,273,622.60
	(f) Elnita Nig. Ltd. - Construction	4,380,037.20
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	71,430,697.89