



Accreditation is a Process of Attaining Academic Excellence

- DVC Academics

Bayero University has always considered accreditation exercise as part of the necessary process through which academic excellence could be attained.

This was disclosed by the outgoing Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Monday 13th October, 2014 when he received a team of Accreditation Panel from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.

He said accreditation exercise is so serious that 'we in BUK regarded it as a major requirement that will ginger the much desired development expected in the university education'.

Professor Yahuza Bello further stated that constant accreditation exercise by the NUC had always put most universities on their toes, saying that 'I believe that is how it should be if we are desirous of achieving excellence in the quality of products we graduate', he remarked.

He said accreditation exercise was nothing but a process through which universities allow an ombudsman to judge them that was why BUK always welcomed such exercise with enthusiasm.

Professor Yahuza said 'tell us how we look to enable us improve for that is the essence of accreditation. Tell us areas where we went wrong so that we can make amends, tell us

where we are good so that we can build upon it', he stated.

He said BUK's capacity for Postgraduate training was very high, adding that at the moment there are over 400 academic staff undergoing postgraduate training both at home and abroad, this he said demonstrated how serious BUK considered manpower development.

The DVC Academics wondered why most people preferred to travel abroad for their Postgraduate programmes, this development he reasoned do not often speak good of 'our universities' Postgraduate programmes' saying that 'if you do not train your staff in house it means you have rated your certificate low', he fumed.

He said BUK never begins any new programme without having the required structure/facilities both human and material on ground, saying as part of the ongoing efforts of the Vice-Chancellor to reposition the university, 'BUK is today looking like a construction site. I urge you to go round and see things for yourself', he stated.

Earlier, the accreditation team leader, Professor Wilfred Iyiegbuniwe told the university management that they were in BUK to look at Postgraduate programmes in the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences with a view to strengthening the university's M.Sc and other Postgraduate programmes.

He said ‘that is not to say the NUC is questioning the quality of the university’s Postgraduate programmes, no, but is a kind of wakeup call and a re-strengthening initiative’.

Professor Iyiegbuniwe, who is from the University of Lagos further stated that this was the first time NUC is looking at Postgraduate programmes across the nation’s universities, saying that in the past it had only looked at MBA programmes, adding that ‘we are here to exchange ideas and to help you keep excelling in your academic programmes. We ask for cooperation and understanding as you have been extending to us each time we are here to enable us together with you carry out a successful exercise’.

Poverty, Ignorance Cause of Youth Electoral Violence – Idris Rogo

Poverty and ignorance have been described as some of the major factors that trigger youth to engage in electoral violence, Malam Idris Rogo of the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) has said.

Delivering a keynote address at the Nigerian Youth Summit Against Election Violence organized by the National Youth Council of Nigeria, held at the Giginya Hotel, Sokoto, on 11th October, 2014, Malam Rogo said “it is common knowledge that youth are mostly the leading agents of electoral violence in the country, citing the violence generated in the aftermath of 2011 general elections”.

Malam Rogo also attributed the electoral violence to the lack of patriotism, which renders the youth vulnerable at the mercy of dominant force of selfish political elites. He said this unwanted practices constitute

serious obstacles to democratic consolidation.

The speaker expressed optimism that the workshop would address the ongoing debate on electoral violence perpetrated by the youth and provide a good atmosphere for healthy electoral practices in Nigeria.

BUK’s Dentistry Program Can Surpass Others in Nigeria - MDCN

Impressed by the University’s gigantic effort of establishing College of Health Sciences, the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) believes that with more determination the University’s Dentistry programme can surpass others being offered in some Nigerian Universities.

Registrar of the Council, Dr. A.A Ibrahim, mni, who made the statement on Thursday 16th October, 2014 when a 17-man accreditation team for Dentistry programme paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR said he was particularly happy that the Vice Chancellor had realized his potential of transforming Faculty of Medicine into College of Health Sciences.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed said science and Information Technology now hold keys the world over, as such, the University has been making frantic efforts to upgrade its programmes in line with the international standards. He said the NUC has recently approved two new programmes; Nutrition and Dietetics.

“In spite of our commitment to science programmes we are equally paying much

attention to social science, humanities and all other programmes in the university”.

He commended the Registrar for his support and encouragement towards ensuring the realization of the College of Health Sciences and said he was looking forward to hearing the team’s report on accreditation.

Other members of the team were: Prof. S.O Jebola, Dr. I.S Danfillo, Prof. D.C.O Olojede, H.U. Pindiga, Prof O. Olasoji and Mr. M. Ogundele.

Entrepreneurship is Panacea to Addressing Nigeria’s Insecurity- Prof Sagagi

The concept of entrepreneurship should be used as a yardstick to addressing insecurity challenges in the country, if the government and people of the country could cohesively join hands and look at the problem through national and individual perspective.

This was disclosed by Professor Murtala Sabo Sagagi, while presenting a Departmental Seminar Series paper at the Conference Room of Centre for African Entrepreneurship, Research and Training titled ‘Social Entrepreneurship as a Panacea for Insecurity Challenges in Northern Nigeria on 14th October, 2014.

Prof. Sagagi said from the national perspective, security is the pre-requisite in the maintenance of the survival of state with government in power taking bold step to use economic, diplomatic and political powers at its disposal in addressing the insecurity menace.

Professor Sagagi, who is the Director of the Centre and Dean, Bayero Business School (BBS) said effective national security ensures that crime rate and anti-social vices resulting from high rate of unemployment

and gross restiveness are arrested through job creation and acquisition of the right skills.

Professor Sagagi said at the individual perspective, security encompasses issues relating to job security, social security, food security and security against both natural and manmade disasters, saying generally from both national and individual perspectives, security has to do with protection, perversion and safeguard of human life, health, justice and liberty.

He expressed concern that an average Nigerian today is being faced with increasing incidences of insecurity, making the living condition of people unpleasant and volatile. He said the incessant Boko Haram attacks, terrorism, robbery, killings, stealing and riot had continued to deteriorate the living condition of people in the country more especially those in the North Eastern part of Nigeria.

Professor Sagagi pointed out that poverty, unemployment, corruption, lack of basic infrastructure and education as well as unavailability of job opportunities among youth constituted the major causes of insecurity and youth restiveness. He expressed concern that such problems generate amongst others deprivation of people access to education, good healthcare systems, food and nutrition.

The Dean described terrorism as the major security challenge in the country, saying that understanding of the root-cause of the phenomenon must include both economic and socio-psychological dimensions. He said a number of studies have also related the increased violence in Nigeria to government

apathy, inaction and general economic mismanagement from the side of government.

He said limited government control on the proliferation of religious sects caused increased religious violence, saying further that economic deprivation and marginalization created by poor governance continue to fuel terrorism in the country.

Professor Sagagi said that for the nation to achieve greatness there should be proactive approaches for managing preventive and recovery efforts, saying government and organizations are expected to develop and maintain programmes for the prevention and protection of the generality of people.

He, however, said currently, social organizations are set up to find innovative solutions to the complex social problems. The insecurity problems he said are being addressed through various social networks and arrangements, adding that there are many organizations in Nigeria that attempt to help towards regaining peace and security, that include Peace Initiative Network (PIN), Inter-faith Mediation Centre (IMC) and Civilian Joint Task Force (JTF).

Professor Sagagi recommended that for Nigeria to overcome insurgency and other related problems it had to holistically address developmental issues and improve governance. He said the government should create a mechanism for integrating relevant social groups that demonstrate genuine and creative solutions in its wider efforts to address such menace.

SEMINARS

The following departments invite the University Community to their departmental seminars, scheduled as follows:

Islamic Studies and Shari'ah: M.A Internal Defense

Presenter 1: Ibrahim Musa Bilal (SPS/11/MIS/00029)

Topic: "The Contribution of Kano Scholars in the Qur'anic Exegesis: Shaykh Yusuf Makwarari as an Example".

Supervisor: Dr. Umar Hamza

Panel of Examiners: Prof. Muhammad Kabir Yunus, Dr. Abubakar Muhammad Tahir K/Naisa and Dr. Usman Sani Abbas

Presenter II: Muhammad Auwal Muhammad (SPS/10/MIS/00003)

Topic: The Role of Masjid (Mosques) in Jigawa State in Disseminating Islamic Knowledge: A Case Study of Ringim Local Govt.

Supervisor: Dr. Ahmad Murtala

Panel of Examiners: Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, Dr. sani Umar Rijiyar Lemo and Dr. Umar Abdulkadir Abbas

Date: 21st and 23rd October, 2014

Time: 10:00am and 10:30am

Venue: H.O.D's Office

Pharmacology Dept: MSc Proposal Defense

Day 1

Candidate 1: Tajuddeen Yusuf Bello (SPS/12/MPC/00008)

Topic: *Hypotensive effect of methanolic and aqueous extracts of Welcheriaindica, Landolphiaowariensis leaves and Anonasegalensis roots*

Chairman: Dr Musa Aliyu

Supervisor: Prof (Mrs) O.A. Salawu

Candidate 2: Ayekame Tini Uloko (SPS/12/MPC/00010) **Topic:** *Antivenom studies on the aqueous extracts of Guierasenegalensis leaves on Najanigricolis venom*

Topic: *Comparison of the efficacy, tolerability and side effect profile of vildagliptin-metformin versus metformin-glibenclamide among Nigerians with type 2 diabetes mellitus*

Chairman: Dr Musa Aliyu

Supervisor: Prof (Mrs) O.A. Salawu

Chairman: Dr A. H. Yaro

Supervisor: Dr B.A.Z. Chedi

Candidate 3: Kuku Mohammed (SPS/12/MPC/00019) **Topic:** *Physician's knowledge, awareness and adherence to JNC VII guidelines in the management of hypertensive patients in Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital*

Topic: *Antimalarial Screening of methanolic and aqueous extracts of Tamarindusindica and Luffacyclindera*

Chairman: Dr Musa Aliyu

Supervisor: Prof (Mrs) O.A. Salawu

Topic: *Physician's knowledge, awareness and adherence to JNC VII guidelines in the management of hypertensive patients in Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital*

Chairman: Dr A.H. Yaro

Supervisor: Dr Musa Aliyu

Candidate 4: Zuwaira Yakub Ma'aruf (SPS/12/MPC/00007) **Topic:** *Some toxicological & pharmacological properties of methanolic stem bark extract of detariummicrocar*

Topic: *Anticonvulsant and toxicity studies of hydroalcoholic root bark extract of Erythrasenegalensis in laboratory animals*

Chairman: Dr. Musa Aliyu

Supervisor: Dr A.H. Yaro

Date: 17th October 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Postgraduate Class, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences

Candidate 4: Yusuf Bello Baba (SPS/12/MPC/00012)

Topic: *Some toxicological & pharmacological properties of methanolic stem bark extract of detariummicrocar*

Chairman: Dr. A. H. Yaro

Supervisor: Dr A.H. Yaro

Date: 24th October, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Postgraduate Class, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences

Day 2

Candidate 1: Adamu Saidu Adamu (SPS/12/MPC/00002)

Topic: *Evaluation of prescription errors in paediatric epileptic patients attending neurology clinic in Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital*

Chairman: Dr A.H. Yaro

Supervisor: Dr B.A.Z. Chedi

Private and Commercial Law

Presenter 1: Professor Aminu Kabir

Topic: "The Utility of the Use of the Principle of Legitimate Expectation in the Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights in Mineral Resource Development".

Chairman: Dr. A.M Bello

Presenter 2: Dr. Juwairiyya Badamasuiy and Muhammad Bello

Topic: "Realization of the Right of Food in Nigeria: The Missing Elements".

Chairman: Dr. Mamman Lawal Yusufari

Candidate 2: Yahaya Saidu Gwarzo (SPS/12/MPC/00003)

