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BUK Holds Staggered 5-Day Convocation 19 – 23 May

Bayero University, Kano is set to innovate a staggered five day convocation to enable students and their families interact with lecturers, with three or four faculties graduating students daily, over a few hours.

Therefore, the 31st Convocation Ceremonies for the graduands of 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic sessions will hold from Monday, 18th to Saturday, 23rd May, 2015.

It would be recalled that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR had during the 30th Convocation ceremony in 2013 said the University would split the ceremony to enable the actual celebrants (the graduands), their families and teachers to truly celebrate in a relaxed atmosphere.

In a statement issued and signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the activities are scheduled as follows:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Monday, 18 th May, 2015	Arrival of Graduands/Guests
2	Tuesday, 19 th May, 2015	Convocation ceremony for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 graduands of Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies, Education and College of Health Sciences.
3	Wednesday, 20 th May, 2015	Convocation ceremony for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 graduands of Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering and Social and Management Sciences.
4	Thursday, 21 st May, 2015	Convocation ceremony for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 graduands of Faculties of Computer Science and Information Technology, Law and Science
5	Friday, 22 nd May, 2015	Convocation Lecture
6	Saturday, 23 rd May, 2015	Convocation ceremony for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 graduands of School of Postgraduate Studies and Award of Professor Emeriti.

All the activities will take place at the Convocation Arena, Bayero University, New Campus by 9:00am daily except for the Convocation Lecture, which is scheduled to take place in Musa Abdullahi Auditorium by 4:00pm.

The statement further added that: “Graduands are expected to pay the sum of two thousand Naira only ₦2,000 for Undergraduates and three thousand Naira only ₦3,000 for Postgraduates for the collection of Academic Gown, Order of Proceedings and Certificate.

“Failure to collect the certificate during the week of convocation will attract a surcharge of ₦2,000 for Undergraduates and ₦3,000 for Postgraduates, respectively.

“Academic Gowns can be collected from the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) upon evidence of payment from Thursday, 14th May, 2015.”

2015 Elections Set Roadmap for Democratic Consolidation

The 2015 presidential election has set a roadmap for democratic consolidation and ushered in a new dawn for free, fair and acceptable elections in Nigeria.

In separate interviews with the Bulletin, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Professor Habu Muhammed Fagge of the Department of Political Science, argued that the democratic climate of the last Presidential election in Nigeria, where an incumbent president was unseated by the opposition candidate, should be emulated, especially in the African continent.

Professor Radda said it was a historic moment in Nigeria where the actual votes of the electorate counted and the wishes of the people had been reflected, saying the country’s democratic system had started maturing and through this a lot of progress would be made in socio-economic development.

The DVC Admin took time to praise President Goodluck Jonathan for saving Nigeria from serious internal crisis for conceding defeat, saying that this has really placed him among the globally respected leaders.

He attributed PDP’s lack of focus, people’s loss of confidence in the party, INEC’s sincerity and good electoral reforms as some of the factors

that led to the success of the last election, hoping that the gubernatorial and state House of Assembly elections would be a replica of the earlier one.

On his part, Professor Habu Fagge said Nigeria had transferred from the dark days of undemocratic culture to a more refined and sustainable democratic system where the elected officials were the true choices of the people.

Prof. Fagge commended President Jonathan’s heroism and crystal display of true leadership, saying that what he did should serve as a lesson to politicians. He said that the role of civil society organizations, INEC reforms, politicians and security agencies had combined together to make the election a success.

Also speaking, Malam Salisu Idris Rogo, of the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE), said Nigerians had really elected a new President whose campaign strategy was issue-based. He expressed optimism that the endemic corruption bedeviling this country would surely be eradicated by the new President-elect.

Convocation: BUK Inaugurates Six Sub-Committees

Bayero University has inaugurated six sub-committees in preparation for the 31st convocation whose staggered ceremonies are slated to hold from Tuesday 19th to Saturday, 23rd May, 2015.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, who inaugurated the committees on 8th April, 2015 at the Senate Chamber, said the convocation was to cover 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic sessions' graduands.

The six committees inaugurated are the Publicity Sub-Committee, the Security Sub-Committee, the Physical Facilities Sub-Committee, the Health Services Sub-Committee, the Publications Sub-Committee and the Convocation Lecture Sub-Committee.

Professor Sadiq Radda said the university management decided to split the convocation ceremony into five in view of the fact that the previous one-day convocation did not give room for the needed interaction among students, parents and lecturers.

He urged the committee members to work hard and overcome possible challenges, saying that the convocation lecture would hold on Friday, 22nd May, 2015 while on Saturday, 23rd May, 2015, the final ceremony with outside guests would take place

Dr. Faruk Sarkinfada Re-appointed HOD Microbiology and Parasitology

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the reappointment of Dr. Faruk Sarkinfada as the Head of Department of Microbiology and Parasitology for another two years with effect from March 2015.

A letter signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM dated 8th April, 2015 called on the HOD to "promote democratic participation in running the affairs of the department."

Mrs. Hadiza Jummai Mohammed Now Head of Legal Unit

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Mrs. Hadiza Jummai Mohammed as Head of Legal Unit with effect from 1st March, 2015.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, dated 2nd April, 2015 was issued to that effect.

7 BUK Staff Among Best Scientists in Nigeria

Seven staff of Bayero University have been listed among the over 500 best scientists in the Ranking of Scientists in Nigerian Institutions according to their Google Scholar Citation public profile.

According to the ranking based on staff of the university, Dr. Mohammed Ajiya, the Head of Electrical Engineering, tops the chart after emerging the 173rd in the whole ranking list. The chart is as follows:

Name	Department	Position in BUK	Web Rank
Dr. Mohammed Ajiya	Elect. Engr.	1	173
Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu	Geography	2	235
Dr. Umar Ibrahim Gaya	Chemistry	3	291
Dr. Dahiru Sani Shu'aibu	Electr. Engr	4	361
Dr. Bashir Ali	Mathematical Sci.	5	398
Dr. Ahmad A. Maiyaki	Business Admin	6	471
Dr. M.Y Waziri	Mathematical Sci.	7	483

The scholars were ranked based on the h-index. It is an index that attempts to measure both the scientific productivity and the apparent scientific impact of a scientist. The index is based on the set of the scientist’s most cited papers and the number of citations that they have received in other people’s publications.

**Pensioners Association BUK Chapter
Election of New Executives**

Following the successful completion of one term of four (4) years of executive members of Bayero University, Kano Pensioners Association on 31st March, 2015, the Electoral Committee was constituted at a meeting held on 5th April, 2015 with the following members:

1. Jibril Muhammad – Chairman
2. Munkaila Sa’id – Member
3. Yahaya Sa’ad – Member
4. Musa Yaro - Member
5. Young Sidi – Secretary

The committee was charged with the responsibility of conducting elections into the following positions.

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman
3. Secretary
4. Assistant Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Financial Secretary
7. Auditor
8. P.R.O.

Members seeking to contest for the following posts are to pay non-refundable fees into the associations account, as follows:

Post	Fee
Chairman	₦3,000.00
Vice Chairman	₦2,000.00
Secretary	₦1,000.00
Asst. Secretary	₦1,000.00
Treasurer	₦1,000.00
Financial Secretary	₦1,000.00
Auditor	₦1,000.00
P.R.O.	₦1,000.00

A letter signed by the Electoral Chairman said the original copy of the payment teller should be submitted to the Chairman or any member of the Electoral Committee. The payment should be made on or before Monday, 20th April, 2015 as the elections are scheduled to take place on Sunday, 26th April, 2015 at 10:00am at Theatre One, Old Campus.

VC Staff Unions’ Tournament

This is to inform the university community that the basketball match for Wednesday, 8th April, 2015 was shifted to Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015 and all the subsequent matches are to be played in New Campus Basketball Court.

Also, as a result of gubernatorial and house of assembly elections, there will be a one-week break except in racket games. Therefore, matches will resume on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015.

In football NAAT defeated ASUU by 3-1 to reclaim its 3rd position behind SSANU and NASU. This is how the table stands:

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts	GF	GA	GL
NASU	2	1	1	0	4	2	0	+2
SSANU	2	1	1	0	4	2	1	+1
NAAT	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
ASUU	2	0	0	2	0	2	5	-3

Next Fixture Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015

Football: ASUU Vs NASU

Basketball: SSANU Vs NASU

Department of Adult Education & Community Services: Departmental Seminar

Presenter: Aishat Umar

Title: Exploring Creativity in Narrative Fiction: A Stylistic Analysis of Characterization in Gimba’s Witness to Tears.

Chairman: Prof. M. B. Shitu

Date: 13th April, 2015

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room