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Registrar Receives Report of Staff Automation - Says All Records Now Converted into Electronic Data System

The committee charged with converting personnel records into an electronic database under the chairmanship of Malam A.B. Shehu, has finally completed its work and submitted its report to the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM.

The Registrar, who received the report on Thursday, 19th February, 2015 in his office in the presence of the Director, Establishment Matters, Mohammed Sani Aminu and members of the committee, expressed appreciation to the committee for fine tuning strategies of converting all staff records into an electronic database.

He said it was a landmark achievement for the Registry Department which is the custodian of records in the university to have automated all the staff records in line with the management's agenda of completely moving towards an electronic system of records management.

The Registrar, who was highly impressed with the new development tasked the committee to try as much as possible to further upgrade the system to accommodate some peculiarities that would make it more efficient.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Committee, Malam A. B. Shehu introduced members of the committee and said the Registrar constituted the committee through a letter dated 15th June, 2014 to assess and update all personnel records and establish an electronic database on all personnel

records. He explained that during the period of their work several duplications of staff records found were rectified.

Malam A. B. Shehu said the system was tested several times and is working very well. He said other upgrades are being done to improve the system.

Abdullahi Habu Ibrahim and Mohammed Sabi'u Isma'il, who made separate power point presentations said the new system ensures data consistency of all staff and removes any form of duplication. It also facilitates easy search of staff information rather than going through analogue filing system.

According to them, it generates all activities of staff, including leave, appointments, staff list by departments and units, gender, rank and provides a platform for instant messaging among the staff.

In a separate interview, Chairman of the Committee, A. B. Shehu, said as soon as the university completes the ongoing project of mounting ground cables, communication among departments and staff would be done electronically. He said the committee has the emails and phone numbers of almost all staff. "We have asked staff whose emails and phone numbers are not with us to supply them", he added.

Update on PG Second Semester Calendar

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BUK Conference Advocates Inclusion of Qur'anic Teachings on Civic Responsibilities in Islamiyyah Curriculum

Participants at the just concluded international conference at Bayero University, with the theme “Social Responsibility and Freedom of Expression from the Qur’anic Perspectives,” have advocated the inclusion of Qur’anic teachings on civic responsibilities in the curriculum of Islamiyyah schools alongside enlightening the general public on the issue in order to promote responsible political participation and good governance in the country.

This was contained in a communiqué signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference Communiqué Committee, Professor Abubakar Mustapha and Dr Muhammad Babangida Muhammad respectively, after the two-day conference, from 11th to 12th February, 2015, which was organized by the Center for Qur’anic Studies, Bayero University, in conjunction with the *Hira* magazine and *Nusret* Educational and Cultural Company of Turkey.

The communiqué stressed that texts of the Qur’an related to social responsibility and freedom of expression should be researched and contextualized by Muslim scholars with a view to promoting a comprehensive approach to social responsibility in Muslim societies.

It urged Muslim individuals and organizations to support and promote social responsibility and freedom of expression as essential religious duties and for the establishment of a peaceful, harmonious and egalitarian society, adding that Muslims, particularly in Nigeria, should pursue a constructive team work and utilize the institution of Waqf to promote social work and community service so as to solve their socio-economic problems.

The participants further appealed to the Muslims, especially in the West to design an effective programme of engagement with the other, with a view to promoting a more tolerant perception and reporting of Islam and discouraging provocative denigration of its sacred figures.

The conference noted that the Qur’anic approach to fundamental human rights has freedom of speech and fair hearing as embedded concepts in it, saying further that the Qur’an contains very rich texts related to social responsibility and freedom of speech in wider and more comprehensive perspectives than conventional perception of the two terms in the present democratic system.

According to the participants, freedom of expression from the perspectives of the Qur’an is value-oriented and should be viewed from the moral values of the society in question and utilized for public interest, preservation of the societal sense of security and problem-solving.

The participants said the divide between the Western world and the Muslim world in understanding the meaning and functions of social responsibility and freedom of expression is fundamentally informed by the sharp divide in societal ideological base. The participants observed that ignorance, poverty and disunity are major problems facing the Muslim world and these have further exposed the Muslims to global media hostility.

The participants said the concept of social work has been misconceived and given a restrictive meaning and interpretation by many people in the discharge of their individual and collective responsibilities which have been ordained by the Qur’an. They appreciated the good efforts of the organizers of the Conference and lauded the Bayero University, for establishing the Centre for Qur’anic Studies.

A total of twelve papers were presented in four sessions and the various sub-themes were deliberated upon, debated and discussed, after which the Conference noted that Social Responsibility is built upon the *Tauhidi* framework of Islam and forms a central and essential theme of the Qur'an and an integral part of state policy in Islam.

The opening ceremony was chaired by Professor Muhammad Sani Zahradeen, former Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University and the Grand Imam of Kano. Professor Abubakar Mustapha, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Maiduguri delivered the guest speech. Goodwill messages were delivered by Husayn Baydar and Dr. Nawzad Sawash of Nusret and Hira respectively, followed by the address of the Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, who declared the conference open.

The two-day conference brought together reputable international scholars and experts in Islamic Studies, Law, Education, Media and Mass Communications from Morocco, Turkey and Nigeria.

Dr. Bala Zakari Re-appointed HOD, Adult Education & Community Services

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Bala Zakari as Head of Department of Adult Education and Community Services for two years from 11th February, 2015.

A letter dated 12th February, 2015 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Department of Physiotherapy Gets HOD

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Shmaila Mustapha Hanif as Head of Department of Physiotherapy with effect from 1st February, 2015.

A letter dated 12th February, 2015 advised the HOD to give sound academic and administrative

leadership to the Department, as well as encourage democratic participation in running the affairs of the department.

Dr. A. A. Muhammad-Oumar Now HOD, Architecture

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. A. A. Muhammad-Oumar as Head of Department of Architecture for two years from 17th February, 2015.

A letter dated 17th February, 2015 called on the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

5 Staff Unions to Compete in Football, B/Ball, Badminton

Five staff unions in the university, ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, NASU and USSA are set to compete in Football, Basketball and Badminton as preparation for staff union games commenced.

A meeting organized by the Sports Directorate to deliberate on the games with representatives of all the unions took place on Thursday last week. It was chaired by the Deputy Director, Technical, S. A. Usman in the presence of the Director of Sports, Malam Tijjani Salisu Sa'id and Deputy Director Games, Dr. M.Y. Waziri, as well as other staff of the Directorate.

The meeting resolved that football, badminton and basketball were proposed as the three competing games and the unions were asked to go and find out before the next meeting if there should be additional games. It also asked each union to present 18 players in football; 10-12 in basketball and in badminton it should be based on entries.

It was agreed that the games are to be played every Wednesday to allow staff prepare adequately and to complement the university's effort of using Wednesday as sports day. The meeting suggested that SSANU is to come with green jersey; ASUU (lemon green), NAAT (blue), NASU (red) and USSA (white)

Due to the shortage of players in NAAT, it was proposed that staff in the University Clinic, junior staff in the laboratories, workshops and studios should be part of the NAAT teams and this rule will apply in football and basketball.

Update on PG Second Semester Calendar

Due to the prevailing circumstances in the country and the need to streamline Postgraduate and Undergraduate Calendar, the Vice Chancellor has given the approval of further revision of 2013/2014 Calendar. The Calendar below, therefore supercedes the earlier one. All Deans and Heads of Department are to ensure compliance.

1. **2nd Semester Lectures (14 weeks)**
Monday 8th December – Saturday 14th March, 2015.
2. **2nd Semester Examinations (2 weeks)**
Monday 16th March – February 27th March, 2015.
3. **Marking/Compilation of Results and External Moderation (3 weeks)**
Saturday 28th March – Saturday 18th April, 2015
4. **Departmental/Faculty PG Committee and SPS Board Consideration of Results (2 weeks)**
Monday 20th April – Saturday 25th April, 2015
5. **Deadline for submission of Long Essays/Projects/Dissertations and Theses**
Monday 25th May, 2015
 - a. PGD Engineering - 2012/2013 candidates
 - b. PGD (Others) - 2013/2014 candidates
 - c. Regular Professional Masters Degree
 - Full-Time - 2013/2014 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2012/2013 candidates
 - d. Professional Masters (Special)
 - Full-Time - 2012/2013 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2011/2012 candidates
 - e. Regular Academic Masters Degree – 2011/2012 candidates
 - f. M.Phil - 2012/2013 candidates
 - g. Ph.D
 - Full-Time - 2009/2010 candidates
 - Part-Time - 2007/2008 candidates
6. **Consideration of final results for Academic and Professional Programmes by SPS Board**
Monday 1st – Thursday 4th June, 2015
7. **Commencement of the 2014/2015 session**
Monday 27th April, 2015

SSANU Plots of Land

This is to bring to the notice of all staff members that entered into an agreement with SSANU for the purchase of plots of land at Janguza/Langel Area that the clearing and demarcating of the lands have been completed. Thus, all concerned staff who were issued with allocation letter can meet the committee

members of SSANU Land Committee for physical allocation.

Meanwhile, those who are interested and wish to acquire the plots should collect a form from any of the following SSANU executive members:

Abdulmalik N. B. Yunusa - Mambayya House
Haruna Aliyu - Establishment Matters

Nura Garba - Information and Publications

Deputy Director Games Calls for Training

The Deputy Director in charge of games, Dr. M.Y Waziri, has appealed to staff of the university that are interested to participate at the forthcoming staff union games to be punctual in training.

Dr. Waziri made the call shortly after the inaugural meeting of the proposed staff union games to be tagged "The V.C Cup", held last week. He said to ensure mass participation and hitch-free sporting competition among staff unions, the Sports Directorate has made all coaches of the games available at the Old Campus Sports Complex to give assistance.

The Deputy Director added that representatives of the unions have commenced screening and they are expected to submit 18 names of players in football and 12 in basketball.

He said for enquiries, the unions should contact their representatives as follows:

NAAT - Umoru O. Musa, (Faculty of Engineering)
 NASU - Rufa'i Idris, (Security Division)
 USSA - Auwalu Mohammed, (Establishment)
 SSANU - Nura Garba, (Information and Publications)
 ASUU - Mohammed Mustapha Jibrin, (Biochemistry).

USSA: Sports Tournament

This is to inform all members of University Secretarial Staff Association (Secretaries, Typists and Computer Operators) that the staff union games is organized to be hosted by the University Sports Directorate.

Interested members who wish to participate in the football, table tennis and badminton categories are to register their names with the following contact persons for immediate training:

1. Malam Auwalu Mohammed, Establishment Office, New Campus BUK – 08065526083.

2. Malam Murtala Ibrahim, Publications Office, New Campus, BUK – 07036088325.

The registration is free and the training exercise commences immediately.

SEMINARS

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

Faculty of Engineering: *Faculty Seminar*

Presenter: Dr. M. M. Maina

Title: Geospatial Systems as an Advance Technology Tool in Precision Agriculture.

Chairman: Dr. M. A. Ali

Date: Thursday, 26th February, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room.

Department of Education: *PhD Seminar Series (2015)*

Presenter 1: Hannatu Ado (SPS/10/PED/00029)

Topic: The Influence of Educational Interventions Basic Education Delivery in Nigeria.

Discussant: Dr. Bello A. Bello

Presenter 2: Ali Abubakar Ali (SPS/11/PED/00019)

Topic: Predictive Validity of Science and Technical Board School Examinations (STBSE) on NABTEB and WAEC Examinations Among Science and Technical Secondary Students in Kano.

Discussant: Prof. M. Y. Bichi

Presenter 3: Abarkaka Ohieku Kabir

Topic: Effects of Behaviour Modification on Students' Attitude and Learning Outcomes in Mathematics Among Federal Unity Colleges in Kaduna State.

Discussant: Prof. Kabiru Isyaku

Date: Wednesday, 25th February, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Faculty Common Room

Faculty of Social & Management Sciences (FSMS): *Faculty Seminar Series*

Presenter: Gambo Shehu Nababa

Title: Information Credibility on Social Networking Sites: The Study of Salt and Warm-Water Ebola Prevention Joke in Nigeria.

Date: Thursday, 26th February, 2015

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Faculty Conference Room.

Department of Sociology: MSc Proposal Defense

Presenter 1: Ruqayyat Remilekun Bello (SPS/11/MSO/00027)

Topic: Poverty and Health of the Elderly in Kano State, Nigeria: A Case Study of Nassarawa Local Government Area.

Presenter 2: Suleiman Ramatu Mohammed (SPS/11/MSO/00012)

Topic: Influence of Socio Economic Status on Fertility Behaviour of Women: A Case Study of Zaria Local Government.

Date: Friday, 20th February, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room.

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

Members of the university community are cordially invited to attend IIIT Nigeria Group Discuss scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Dr. Aliyu D. Muhammad

Topic: Integration of Waqf and Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Reduction: A Case Study of Nigeria.

Chairman: Prof. Shehu Aliyu Rano

Date: Sunday, 22nd February, 2015

Time: 10:00am Islamic Time.

Venue: F204 Faculty of Law, Bayero University, Kano.

NB: The paper will be made available to you during the seminar.

Institute of Continuing Education: Seminar Presentation

Presenter 1: Malam Balarebe Abubakar

Title: Counselling Services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Multi-Cultural Area of Kano State for Sustainable Family Well-being.

Presenter 2: Malam Suraj Yahaya Muhammad

Title: Social Policy in Nigeria: A Means of Preserving Cultural Values in Kano State.

Presenter 3: Malam Kabiru Ibrahim

Title: Corporate Social Responsibility Disclosure and its Impact on Financial Performance in the Nigerian Banking Industry.

Chairman: Dr. Salisu Shehu

Date: Wednesday, 25th February, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Institute of Continuing Education – Conference Room, ICE Campus, Kofar Dawanau, Kano.

Wedding Fatiha

(1) Dr. Nasir Tukur Dabo of the Department of Microbiology invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with his bride Khadija Abdullahi Sarki Yahaya, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 21st February, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Masallacin Galadanci, Galadanci Qtrs., Kano.

(2) Musa Abubakar Tadda of the Faculty of Engineering invites members of the university community to his wedding fatiha with Zahra'u Ado Sabari scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday 22nd February, 2015

Time: 10:30am

Venue: No. 400 Late Engineer Ado Sabari's Residence, Garin Ali Street, Gadon Kaya Quarters, Kano.

(3) Ibrahim Siraj Adhama of the Department of Mass Communications invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Aysha Rabi'u Abdulhamid scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday 21st February, 2015

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Intishar Mosque, Sani Bello Street, Gama A, Nasarawa Local Government, Kano.