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VC Explains Why Academic Staff Encroach on Non - Teaching Staff Responsibilities

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has challenged non-teaching staff of the institution to show reason why academic staff would not encroach into what purely ought to be their exclusive responsibilities.

He advised non-teaching staff to prove that they are academically and administratively competent, by taking higher degrees and carrying out research like their counterparts in the academic field, "otherwise they will continue to be left behind and academic staff will keep encroaching into their responsibilities and there is nothing anybody can do about it."

Professor Rasheed was speaking during the closing ceremony of a three-day in-house training of some selected staff of the Registry and Bursary departments on myBUK software application which took place at the Senate Chamber on Thursday, 13th March, 2015.

He said in the United States of America specifically in Harvard University where non teaching staff have proved their mettle both in academics and administration, "they have always been appointed as Vice-Chancellors in preference to academic staff. The challenge is now before the non-teaching staff of tertiary institutions to sit up and measure up to their colleagues in the academics or remain permanently in the doldrums," he counseled.

The Vice Chancellor stated that this was the first time the management was conducting an in-

house training using a software developed by its staff and commended the university's Centre for Information Technology (CIT) for the creativity, innovativeness and highly patriotic gesture which would go a long way in promoting efficiency.

Professor Rasheed said the world is exploiting the power of Information Technology, adding that BUK and its staff could not afford to lag behind, hence the training was put together to re-profile the staff. "We must aggressively embrace IT. It will definitely bring about harmony and understanding among staff that will now be compelled to work together having been linked by IT."

Earlier, the Director of CIT, Dr. A. B. Baffa, said participants who underwent the training are now in a position to upload information, generate data through query and could also manage myBUK software. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the management for giving the CIT the opportunity to facilitate and conduct the training. The system has PUTME, UG and PG Applications; Revisits processing modules, as well as payroll and personnel management applications.

In their separate remarks, the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin represented by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed and the Bursar, Alhaji Buhari Musa expressed happiness over the training of their staff, saying that the computerization of the Bursary and the Registry departments was a step in the right direction.

They said the training programme and the computerization of the university were part of

the revolution introduced into BUK by the Vice Chancellor, saying “this will link the Registry and the Bursary and ease the management of funds and personnel.”

Responding on behalf of the participants, Mustafa Ibrahim and Abdul Maitama of the Registry and Bursary departments respectively expressed appreciation to the management for choosing them to participate in the training programme, saying that the exercise had actually improved their knowledge of computer and also exposed them on the operation of myBUK software. They promised to impart the knowledge gained to other staff of the University.

TETFund Commends BUK for Judicious Utilization of Intervention Funds

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Funds (TETFUND), Professor S.E. Bogoro, has described Bayero University, Kano as a veritable centre of academic excellence in teaching, research and infrastructural development.

Professor Bogoro was speaking during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *nni*, MFR on Tuesday, 17th March, 2015 in his office.

He said after touring some project sites in the university to see things for himself, “I have seen evidence of responsible and effective utilization of TETFUND intervention funds in Bayero University, Kano,” he remarked.

The TETFUND Executive Secretary stated that he was convinced that the judicious utilization of TETFUND funds was made possible because of the focused leadership in BUK being given by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed. He challenged other universities in the country to take a cue from BUK in the area of TETFUND utilization.

Professor Bogoro also commended the Professor Rasheed led management team for the responsible manner in which it utilized its Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for several infrastructural projects including constructing good network of roads and

providing street lights within the two campuses of the university.

He commended the management and assured them that TETFUND would give priority to any tertiary institution that shows evidence of judicious utilization of TETFUND intervention funds.

The Vice Chancellor had earlier conducted the TETFUND Executive Secretary on a tour of few of the projects being executed by the TETFUND intervention funds and other donor individuals. Among the project sites visited include the just commissioned Faculty of Education Administrative building; Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science, Centre for Renewable Energy, and Faculty of Law, its library and courts, all under construction.

Others are: International Conference Centre being built by Senator Bello Hayatu Gwarzo, Dangote School of Business Studies, Female Hostel and the School of General Studies’ building under construction among others.

BUK Expels Four Students, Rusticates One

The Management of Bayero University has approved the expulsion of three students for criminal conspiracy/threat to life and rape of a female student.

A letter signed by the Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed listed the students as Abdussalam Abduljalil with school number (SMS/12/BUK/00232), Tijjani Mohammed (SMS/12/BUS/00037) and Willaim Seyi Solanke (SMS/12/BUS/00252).

The letter, addressed to the Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, directed that their second semester results be withhold and “expelled” be written in the remarks column, directing also the Dean to inform the Level Coordinator about the development.

In another development, the University Management has approved the expulsion of another student, Tariq Tahir (SMS/10/ACC/00919) and the rustication of

Abdullahi Umar Ibrahim (SMS/10/ACC/01446) on grounds of academic misconduct.

A letter also addressed to the Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences and signed by the Director, DEAR, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, directed that Abdullahi Umar Ibrahim should come back and register as a spill-over II student in the 2014/2015 academic session.

Staff From All Faculties Trained on Entrepreneurship Skills

Staff selected from all faculties in the university have received a three-day training on entrepreneurship skills and ventures organized by the Center for African Entrepreneurship Research (CAER). The training was held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria between 7th and 9th March, 2015 as part of continuous efforts to ensure the production of graduates with some value addition over and above their field of study.

Presenting the report of the training to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, the Dean, Business School and the Director, CAER, Professor Murtala Sagagi on Thursday, 12th March, 2015 said workshop was part of the university's management agenda to optimize capacity building and expose the master trainers to the new methods to imparting entrepreneurial skills on students.

Prof. Sagagi explained that the trainees were selected from across all the faculties and they presented papers about entrepreneurship in their disciplines.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed said entrepreneurship skills were important requirements for development the world over and expressed happiness that staff from all faculties came together to deliberate on issues that affect the development of the university.

The Vice Chancellor commended Director, CAER, Prof. Sagagi and staff of his directorate for this noble idea of expanding entrepreneurship skills acquisition beyond the business climate to other

disciplines and reiterated the university's continued determination to give any form of assistance on teaching, research and training of entrepreneurship.

BUK Creates Translation Division, Appoints Prof. Miko Deputy Director

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR has approved the creation of a Translation Division in the Center of Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore (CRNLF) and appointed Professor Hafiz Miko Yakasai as pioneer Deputy Director.

A letter addressed to the Director, (CRNLF) signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, stated that the Division will be solely responsible for translation activities in order to boost the scope of translation activities in the university.

Also, a separate letter of appointment addressed to Professor Hafiz Miko Yakasai which was signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin stated that the appointment is for a period of two years with effect from March, 2015.

100 BUK Indigent Students Get 5m Naira Namadi Sambo Scholarship

Vice-President Muhammadu Namadi Sambo, GCON has awarded scholarships of 50,000 Naira each to 100 indigent students of Bayero University, Kano. The beneficiaries cut across various faculties and departments.

The Vice-President awarded the scholarship in his capacity as a private citizen of Nigeria, after paying an official visit to BUK on Monday 9th March, 2015 to commission some projects executed through the intervention of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND).

A statement signed by the University's Director of Public Affairs, Ahmad Shehu said the Scholarship will be disbursed to the successful beneficiaries in April 2015 after the University Indigent Scholarship Award Committee has concluded the screening exercise.

It said BUK will continue to remember and cherish such humanitarian gestures from wealthy individuals who used to award scholarships to indigent student of the University, adding that such humanitarian gestures are today seriously needed from wealthy individuals, public office holders and politicians who Allah has blessed to assist students from humble background who often study under excruciating hardships because of poverty.

The Management of Bayero University, the statement added, wished to recall with pride the gestures of other donors like the former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of BUK, Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu now PDP National Chairman, Dr. Danjuma Mahmud, the Accountant General of Kano State, Chief Executive of Azman Oil and Gas, Alhaji Abdulmunaf and the Chief Executive of Jifatu, Alhaji Sabitu Mohammed Jifatu. Alhaji Jifatu was the first to plant the seed of individual scholarship awards to indigent students in BUK in the year 2012, a scheme that later inspired several other philanthropists who emulated him.

The statement said the beneficiaries will have to pass through thorough screening exercise with a view to ensuring that only students who satisfy the laid down criteria will emerge successful. 'Thank God through such screening exercises the University's Indigent Scholarship Award Committee has been able to ensure that in the previous exercises, only indigent students' who satisfy the stipulated conditions actually benefits.'

The Management charged the benefiting students to consider the award as a loan not to be repaid to the donor, but to be repaid back to the society through selfless service after graduation.

Dr. Buba Luka Now HOD, Geography

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Buba Luka as Head of Department of Geography for two years from 2nd March, 2015.

A letter dated 2nd March, 2015 called on the HOD to "give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department."

VC Staff Unions' Tourney

- NASU Beats NAAT in Football
- SSANU Tops Basketball Category

The VC Staff Unions' Tournament has entered its second week with Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) recording a 2-0 victory over National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) by 2 - 0 in football, scored by Murtala Garba (Leader) and Umar Salisu (Lazy) on Wednesday, 18th March, 2015.

In basketball, the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) basking in the euphoria of beating NASU 18-11 last week also defeated ASUU 25 - 23 to top the basketball chart.

Below is how the football table stands

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GL	PTS
NASU	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
SSANU	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
ASUU	1	0	1	0	1	2	-1	0
NAAT	1	0	1	0	0	2	-2	0

Upcoming Fixtures:

Football

- Wednesday, 25th March, 2015: NASU VS SSANU
- Wednesday, 1st April, 2015: ASUU VS NAAT
- Wednesday, 8th April, 2015: NASU VS ASUU
- Wednesday, 15th April, 2015: NAAT VS SSANU

Basketball

- Wednesday, 25th March, 2015: NASU VS ASUU
- Wednesday, 1st April, 2015: NASU VS SSANU
- Wednesday, 8th April, 2015: SSANU VS ASUU
- Wednesday, 15th April, 2015: ASUU VS NASU

Also, on Wednesday, 25th March, 2015 Taekwondo (male/female) and Table tennis matches will be played.