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Senate Approves Adjusted Academic Calendar For 2014/2015

The University Senate at its 326th meeting held on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 has approved the adjustment of the coming 2014/2015 academic session calendar.

The adjustment according to a statement signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Fatima Binta Mohammed was due to the postponement of 2015 general elections, the need to streamline Undergraduate and Postgraduate time-tables, as well as give rest to some staff members who worked all year round.

The new approved calendar of academic activities is as follows:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	13 th April, – 3 rd May, 2015	Normal registration for Undergraduate students
2	4 th – 10 th May, 2015	Late registration for Undergraduates (with Surcharge)
3	20 th April, – 10 th May, 2015	Normal registration for Postgraduates Students
4	12 th – 17 th May, 2015	Late registration for Postgraduates (with Surcharge)
5	April 27 th – July 31 st , 2015	1 st Semester Lectures (14 weeks, including Mid-semester Break week).
6	15 th – 21 st June, 2015	Mid-Semester Break (1 Week)
7	3 rd – 15 th August, 2015	1 st Semester Examinations (2 Weeks)
8	16 th – 30 th August, 2015	End-of-Semester
9	31 st August – 5 th December, 2015	2 nd Semester Lectures (14 Weeks, including Mid-Semester Break week)
10	18 th – 25 th October, 2015	Mid-Semester Break (1 Week)
11	7 th – 19 th December, 2015	2 nd Semester Examinations (2 Weeks)
12	20 th December, 2015 – 7 th February, 2016	Between Sessions Break (7 Weeks)
13	8 th February, 2016	Commencement of 2015/2016 session

BUK Willing to Collaborate with CSO to Advance the Cause of Women - VC

Bayero University, Kano will be willing to collaborate with Civil Society Organizations to advance the cause of women in our society, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has said.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Sadiq Isah Raddah spoke at the occasion of the celebration of the International Women's Day on Thursday 5th March, 2015 at the Twin Theatre of the Faculty of Science, Old Campus.

He said the doors of BUK are widely open for any collaboration that would result in the protection of not only the rights of women but also one that would be geared towards integrating them into the scheme of things to make them have a sense of belonging.

Professor Rasheed said the Women's Day that was celebrated was "an important occasion for BUK because of the fact that the place of women in Nation's building cannot be overemphasized," this according to him made it imperative for all and sundry to join hands in the on-going efforts to accord women their rightful place in the society.

He said women are the major victims of social upheaval, rape, domestic violence and also used to suffer so many deprivations, saying that time has come for a change of attitude towards them. "In spite of all these atrocities against the women folk, yet we need them for stability, peace and happiness of our homes," he said.

The Vice Chancellor said the women's day is worthy of celebration and that the time has come to analyze the role of women with a view to according them such unique position for the

advancement of not only humanity but also the society.

He commended the British Council which made the programme possible through her projects such as Active Citizens, Justice for All and Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme and also wished participants a fruitful and successful conference.

Also speaking in a keynote address, Chairperson of the occasion, Dr. Binta Tijjani Jibrin who is the Kano State Commissioner for Women Affairs thanked the organizers of the occasion and noted that given the immense political, social and economic importance of the International Women's Day, which she said was being commemorated globally on the 8th of March was meant to focus attention on the status of women and their plight, as well as celebrate their achievements and successes.

She said the theme of this year's celebration is 'Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity, picture it', which she said echoed the prophetic tradition which says; to educate a woman is to educate the nation.

The commissioner who took time to explain the achievements of the Kano state government in the area of empowering women and the girl child, stated that progress on women's right is a collective responsibility, saying that "all of us present here today are stakeholders in this task and we must join hands together to dismantle barriers and create platforms that will make additional progress possible."

Most of the participants at the conference, NSRP, J4, Isa Wali Foundation, WOFAN and BUK showcased some of their activities.

BUK is One of the Best Centres of Excellence in ICT ... NCC

The National Communications Commission (NCC), the only statutory body responsible for the regulation of communication industries in the country has described Bayero University, Kano as one of the best Centres of Excellence in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The commission's Commissioner, Alhaji Mohammed Batube, who led other management staff of the organization to a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mini*, MFR on Monday 2nd March, 2015 said, "we are highly impressed by what we saw on ground. Your effort in prioritizing Information Technology both in the area of teaching and research is by all standards encouraging and commendable."

Alhaji Batube said, by the commission's standard and based on "our assessment of what we practically observed on ground, we have no option but to classify BUK's ICT experimentation as one of the best Centres of Excellence in the field of ICT," he remarked.

He said NCC would continue to identify and support BUK and any other institutions that prioritize ICT, because according to him, doing that was part of its social responsibilities to the society.

The NCC Commissioner recalled that in the year 2000 when Mobile Telecommunications business came into the country there were only 400 lines/subscribers, but that as at December last year, there were well over 130,000,000 lines. Because of this tremendous growth, the country lacked the required expertise to manage the growth, hence the need to support and encourage any institution that shifted emphasis in training personnel on ICT.

He said it was not by accident that NCC was assisting BUK in its ICT development, adding that "even today we are donating about 87 copies of books on ICT to BUK to assist the institution continue to expand and improve on its ICT transformation."

Alhaji Batube explained that part of the reason why they visited BUK was for them to see the level of advancement the university recorded in the area of its ICT, saying that "we are fully satisfied with what we saw in the faculty and Centre of ICT."

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, said the university was touched by the level of support and assistance it had been receiving from NCC, saying that apart from establishing Information and Technology learning centres, donation of computers, "today you are again donating ICT Books to us. We feel seriously encouraged, and we promise to redouble our efforts in joining the crusade to help spread the gospel of ICT in Nigeria."

Mentoring Critical to Grooming Young Academics - *Scholars*

Senior academics in the university have been enjoined to instill professional mentoring skills on the young colleagues and their students in order to entrench the culture of excellence in teaching, learning and academic leadership.

Scholars at a one day mentoring workshop organized by the Faculty of Social and Management Science (FSMS) held on Thursday 5th March, 2015 at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium argued that effective mentoring system would enhance professionalism, promote a high sense of discipline and lay foundation for good future of young academics.

In his paper titled **Academic Mentoring: An Overview**, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu of the Department of Mass Communication said being mentor does not necessarily place one at an advantaged position, rather it is an avenue to encourage, guide and assist the mentee. He said the real mentor “is someone who always opens his door and be ready to give any meaningful assistance to the mentee”.

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who presented his paper on **Mentoring Process** said common processes of mentoring included working together, building rapport, reaching an agreement, making periodic overview and assessment of the mentee and if these are achieved the formal relationship can come to an end.

Prof. Yahuza eulogized the indelible mentoring achievements recorded by the late Professors, Musa Abdullahi and Muhammad Kabir Galadanci; Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir, Professor Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, Professor Emmanuel Olofin, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu and Professor Umaru Pate, whom he said were role models in the university.

Prof. Bello cautioned the mentors against any exploitative tendency or using any undue advantage on their mentees.

In his paper **The Roles and Responsibilities of Mentor**, Professor Sadiq Isah Radda said both mentor and mentee benefit tremendously in the mentoring activities in that the mentor “gains insight from the mentee’s personal background and history that can be used in his professional and personal development, gains satisfaction in sharing expertise with others and re-energizes mentor’s career”. He added that the mentee “develops a sharper focus on what is needed to

grow professionally within an organization and receives critical feedback in key areas.”

The conference had three sessions and papers were presented in each session.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Dean of SMS, Professor Tijjani said the workshop was borne out of the Senate decision challenging all faculties to organize such a conference. He said the faculty has been organizing series of seminar where issues pertaining to mentoring were raised.

The Dean extended the Vice Chancellor Professor Abubakar Rasheed’s goodwill message that he said was unavoidably absent due to some pressing official duties.

NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND: TETFUND Calling all Academic Staff

The Director of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP), Prof. Sagir A. Abbas would like to notify the academic community of Bayero University, Kano that the TETFund has recently released a call for PROPOSALS/APPLICATIONS for the year 2015. The release is related to the NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND. See DAILY TRUST of Thursday, 26th February, 2015 for details.

Every lecturer in a public Tertiary Institution in Nigeria is Eligible. Multidisciplinary Researches comprising of Researchers from various disciplines are allowed.

Research Areas:

- a) Science and Technology and Innovation. THERMATIC AREAS: Agriculture, Food Security and Foot Technology/Processing; Health and Social Welfare; Transport; Energy and Power; ICT and Telecommunications; Engineering

Construction and Building Technology; Space Science.

- b) Humanities and Social Sciences: THERMATIC AREAS: National Integration; National Security and Peace Studies; Education and Training; Economic Development and Tourism; Social Welfare; Population Studies; Tourism.
- c) Cross-Cutting Themes. THERMATIC AREAS: Entrepreneurship and Wealth Creation; Environment, Housing and Urban Development; Climate Change; Resource Governance; Science and Technology Management; Sports and Recreation Development.

Deadline for Submission of Proposal is Friday, 20th March, 2015.

For Format/Template please visit www.tetfund.gov.ng

For Further information contact the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) office Tagged “Professors Offices” near Main Library, behind T. Y. Danjuma Building New Campus.

BUK Model Primary School Pupil Emerges Fifth of Nigeria – Turkish International College Mathematic Competition

A pupil in Bayero University Staff Model Primary School, Abdulsamad Mika'il of primary 6 room 26 has emerged fifth position during the 2015 Nigerian – Turkish International College Annual National Mathematical competition.

A statement signed by the Principal of the Staff Model Primary School, Malam Haruna Mohammed Shanono disclosed that Abdulsamad Mika'ilu emerged fifth position out of the over 900 candidates from over 100 schools in Kano State.

The statement noted that the competition held at Nigerian Turkish International College, Kano in collaboration with National Mathematics Centre, Abuja on 24th January, 2015.

SPORTS

Staff Unions' Tournament: SSANU to Play BUK All Stars in Friendly

In its continued preparation to the forthcoming V. C. Staff Unions' Tournament, the Senior Staff

Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has concluded arrangement to play a friendly football match with BUK All Stars Football Club. The match will provide ground for screening the 18 players that will represent the union at the fiesta.

According to the Sports Coordinator and SSANU P.R.O, Nura Garba the match will take place at the B.UK Old Site Main pitch on Monday 9th March, 2015 and all SSANU players are urged to be at the union's secretariat before the time.

SSANU will start its campaign in the V. C. Staff Unions' Tournament on Wednesday 11th March, 2015 with ASUU at the Old Campus Football Field.

TABLE TENNIS

This is to inform staff that are interested in playing Table Tennis at the V.C Staff Unions' Tournament which will commence on Wednesday 11th March, 2015 to register their names with the following staff:

Nura Lawan - Sports Directorate, Old Campus
Lawan Abdullahi – Security Division – New Campus.

The registration commenced on 3rd March, 2015 and will end on Monday, 9th March, 2015.

SEMINARS

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

Faculty of Social & Management Sciences: Faculty Seminar Series

Presenter: Zubaida Umar Baba

Title: Solar Energy: An Alternative Source for Northern Nigeria

Date: Thursday, 12th March, 2015

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Faculty Conference Room

Department of Engineering: Seminar

Presenter: Nasiru Bello Kadandani

Title: Harmonics Mitigation and Power Quality Improvement in Grid Connected Wind Power Plants.

Chairman: Dr. Mohammed Ajiya

Date: Thursday, 12th March, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Department of Electrical Engineering Conference Room.

Department of Physics: M.Sc Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Aliyu Sisa Aminu (SPS/12/MPY/00001)

Topic: Bandwidth Enhancement of the Cascaded-Cascade Amplifier Configuration

Chairman: Dr. Abdu Yunusa

Date: Thursday, 12th March, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory.

Department of Library & Information Sciences:

Departmental Seminar: The following took place as follows:

Presenter 1: Manir Abdullahi Kamba PhD P100/4273

Topic: A Phenominological Study on the Information Use Pattern of Teacher Librarians in Rural Areas of Nigeria.

Presenter 2: Ahmed Mohammed P100/4274

Topic: The Role of University Libraries' e-Resources and Services in Complementing e-Learning Projects in Nigeria.

Date: Friday, 27th February, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Conference Room

PHD/MPHIL Seminar:

Presenter 1: Abubakar Dalhatu Zurmi (SPS/08/EDU/00471)

Topic: Assessment of Automated System of Customs Data (ASYCUDA) as Information Management System in the Nigeria Customs Service.

Presenter 2: Kabir Garba Bichi (SPS/08/EDU/02821)

Presenter 3: Hauwa Sani Ahmad (SPS/12/PLS/00003)

Topic: Job Commitment and Leadership Style among Public Librarians in Nigeria.

Presenter 4: Malam Musa A. Auyo (SPS/07/EDU/03764)

Topic: Trends in Achieves and Records Laws in Africa.

Presenter 5: Shehu Umar Mabera (SPS/12/PLS/00001)

Topic: An Exploration of e-records Readiness in Nigerian Universities in Northwest Nigeria.

Presenter 6: Razika M. Yahya (SPS/12/PLS/00002)

Topic: Information Generation, Organization and Use in Agricultural Research Institutes Libraries in Nigeria.

Presenter 7: Hadiza Umar (SPS/12/PLS/00004)

Topic: Management and use of Legal Information Resources Among Postgraduate Students in Faculty of Law Libraries in Northern Nigeria.

Presenter 8: Ibrahim Idi Ahmad (SPS/12/PLS/00005)

Topic: Information Networking and Resource Sharing Activities Among Federal University of Technology Libraries in Nigeria.

Date: Thursday, 12th March, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Faculty of Education Board Room

Lost Items

Abdulrasheed Mohammed Ka'oje, a student of Masters in Development Studies (SPS/13/MDS/00033) has lost his I.D card. If found please bring it to the Information and Publications Division for onward submission to the owner.

BUK Microfinance Bank Car for Commissioning

This is to inform the University community that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed will commission the official car (Ford Ambient) of the BUK Microfinance Bank on Monday 9th March, 2015 at 9am at the bank's Premises, (Old Faculty of Agriculture), New Campus.