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Prof. Mustapha Ahmad Isa is New Vice Chancellor, Northwest University, Kano – Profile: *Prof. Mustapha Ahmed Isa*

Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa of the Department of English and Literary Studies has been appointed as new Vice Chancellor of Northwest University, Kano by the Governing Council of the University.

A letter signed by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Malam Sule Yahaya Hamma, said, “the Governing Council of Northwest University, Kano, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Northwest University Law No. 8 of 2012, at its meeting held on Thursday, 19th March, 2015 considered the submission from Selection Board and hereby approve your appointment as the substantive Vice-Chancellor of Northwest University, Kano for a period of five years with effect from Monday, 4th May, 2015.”

Until his appointment, Professor Mustapha Isa was the Director Academic Planning in Bayero University.

Professor Mustapha Isa obtained a PhD in Linguistics from Indiana University, Bloomington, U.S.A. His special areas of interest are morpho-syntax, lexicology, semantics and new Englishes.

He is the (co-) author or (co-) editor of over 35 academic publications mainly in Linguistics and Democratic Studies.

2015 Convocation Schedule

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Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa is a Professor of English Language, the Director of Academic Planning, and member of the Bayero University Governing Council. He is also a former Director of the Management Information Systems Unit (MIS). He was born in May 1965, at Yola Quarters in Kano city. He obtained a Primary School Certificate from Shahuci Primary School in 1977, and a Grade II Teachers' Certificate, from the School for Arabic Studies (SAS) in 1982. He had a B.A. Hausa (Language) degree from Bayero University, Kano in 1987, missing a First Class by a fraction of a parentage. He later obtained an M. A. in 1990 and a PhD in 1994, from Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, with a Major in Theoretical Linguistics, and a Minor in Applied English Linguistics.

Prof. Mustapha Isa has been with the Department of English and Literary Studies, Bayero University Kano, since 1994, where he has taught virtually all the courses in the language section – undergraduate, PG Diploma, Masters and PhD. He has co-authored nine books and published 32 articles in University-based journals and chapters in books. Some of his works were published in the USA, Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom.

Prof. Isa has supervised numerous B. A. projects, Masters theses, and PhD dissertation in various areas of English Language and Linguistics. For 15 years, he has served as an External Examiner in five Federal and three State Universities in Nigeria. During this time, he has examined over 50 Masters and 17 PhD candidates, mainly in the areas of

Morphosyntax, Word Formation Semantics, Pragmatics, Media English, Critical Discourse Analysis, Applied Linguistics, and the Teaching of English as a Second Language.

In addition to teaching and research, Prof. Isa has also had numerous other responsibilities at the departmental, faculty and University levels. He is currently the Editor, Bayero Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies; and Chairman, Bayero University Annual Report Committee.

NASU Election Ends in Deadlock Caretaker Committee to be Appointed

The election for new executive members of the Non-Academic Union of Universities (NASU), BUK branch has ended in deadlock following a document read at the venue of the election barring some candidates from contesting.

The members of the union who besieged Theatre One Old Campus, venue of the election as early as 9am to cast their votes went back home frustrated, with many accusing the national body of the union of partisanship.

After the dissolution of the former executive members, the NASU General Secretary, represented by Mr. Augustine Gabriel read the document which he said was a prerequisite for the conduct of the election.

Part of the document was that in any election some posts are reserved for women, and in an event where a woman is contesting with men that post must be given to her.

As soon as he read this, it automatically disqualified the contenders for the position of treasurer, where a woman happened to be among the contestants and the position was among the keenly contested. This caused serious stir that led to the cancellation of the election.

According to the NASU Chairman, Kano and Jigawa States, Comrade Bello Gadanya, the document was given to the former executives to notify the congress about the new development. He said it was clearly stated by the International Labor Organization at the conference held recently that women must contest in any election of organized associations in order to give them a pride of place in the scheme of things.

In a swift reaction, former Secretary of the union, Malam Rufa'i Idris debunked the claim made by the NASU chieftain and said that the document was given to the BUK leadership barely 24 hours into the election, "which is too late for us to call the congress members and notify them."

In an interview with some members who pleaded anonymity, they alleged that there was a serious conspiracy in the election to pave way "for some people."

Following the cancellation of the election, a caretaker committee will now be appointed to steer the activities of the union pending a new date for election.

FUPA Elects New Excocs

The Federal Universities Pensioners' Association (FUPA) BUK branch, has elected new executive members following the expiration of tenure of the former excocs.

According to the Chairman, Electoral Committee, Jibril Muhammad, the election was conducted on Sunday, 26th April, 2015 in the presence of the National Chairman of the association at Mahmud Tukur Theatre (One) Old Site. The new executives are:

Mohammed Isa	-	Chairman
Iliyasu F. Bichi	-	Vice Chairman
Mohammed K. Maikaba	-	Secretary
Joshua Akanyi	-	Treasurer

Isa Abubakar - Financial Secretary
 Ahmad M. Gumel - Auditor
 Bashir A. Usman - P.R.O

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Wedding Fatiha

According to the chairman, the election took effect from 1/5/2015 for four years.

SEMINARS

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

Faculty of Economics: PhD/Departmental Seminar

1. PhD Pre-Proposal Seminar Presentation for MPHIL/PhD Students

Chairperson: Dr. Aminu Isma'1

Date: 18th – 19th May, 2015

2. Weekly Departmental Seminar

Topic: *Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of using Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets for the Prevention and Control of Malaria Fever in Kano, Nigeria: A Theoretical Discourse.*

Presenter: Dr. Mustapha Mukhtar

Chairman: Professor Badayi M. Sani

Date: 20th May, 2015

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: MSc, Economics Lecture Hall, Department of Economics, BUK

Department of Physics: MSc Seminar

Presenter: Musa Bawa (SPS)/12/MPY/00047)

Topic: *Study of Surface Radio Refractivity Variation Across some selected Cities in Nigeria*

Chairman: Dr. I.D Adamu

Date: Thursday, 21st May, 2015

Time: 10:00 am

(1) M. A. Sadiq former University Librarian invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his son, Engr. Sadiq Mohammed Sadiq (Babu), scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Friday, 29th May, 2015

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: 2nd Gate Janbulo Juma'at Mosque, Kano.

(2) Bashir Abubakar Kaba-giwa of the Department of Business Administration invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 6th June, 2015

Time: 12:00Noon

Venue: No. 246 Unguwar Karfe, Zaria City

New Publication

This is to inform members of the university community that a new book titled *Ethnic Conflicts in Nigeria: Insight into the Tiv-Jukun Crisis* has been published by a staff of Aminu Kano Center for Democratic Research and Training, Mambayya House, Moses T. Aluaigba, PhD.

Publisher: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

Place of Publication: Saarbrucken, Deutschland/Germany

Number of Pages: 276

ISBN: 978-3-659-66331-1

EAN: 9783659663314.

The Vice Chancellor

BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mnj*, MFR

Cordially Invites

The University Community &

The Graduands and their Families to the 31ST Convocation Ceremonies for 2012/2013 & 2013/2014 Sessions

Scheduled at **9:00am daily, Convocation Arena, New Campus, Gwarzo Road**, 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 Graduands of Faculties of Arts and Islamic Studies, Education and College of Health Sciences.
3	Wednesday, 20 th May, 2015	Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Agriculture, Engineering and Social and Management Sciences.
4	Thursday, 21 st May, 2015	Convocation Ceremony for Graduands of Faculties of Computer Sciences and Information Technology, Law and Science
5	Friday, 22 nd May, 2015	Convocation Lecture holding at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium , New Campus, Gwarzo Road, at 4:00 pm . Chairman: Prof. Attahiru M. Jega, Chairman INEC. Speaker: (Dr.) Mahmud Yayaje Ahmed, Pro-Chancellor & Chairman of Council. Topic: Transition 2015: Realities, Expectations and Challenges
6	Saturday, 23 rd May, 2015	Award of Professors Emeriti; Award of Prizes and Higher Degrees.

- ✓ Postgraduate students are to pay the sum of ₦6,000 only, being cost of hire of Academic Gown, purchase of Order of Proceedings and collection of certificate. While Undergraduate Students are to pay of ₦4,000 only, being cost of the same items. Diploma students are to pay the sum of ₦1000, being cost of Order of Proceedings only.
- ✓ All payments are to be made at the cash office and Academic Gowns are to be collected from the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) as from Thursday, 14th May, 2015, (upon evidence of payment) while the Book of Order of Proceedings will be issued in the Directorate upon return of the Academic Gown.
- ✓ Certificates will be issued at the Registrar's Office upon evidence of payment of ₦3,000 (Postgraduate), and ₦2,000 (Undergraduate), provision of Clearance Form, ID Card, and original statement of Result, on the day the Candidate has convocated.
- ✓ Please ensure that you present yourself for the collection of Certificate on the stipulated date stated above i.e. when students of your Faculty are suppose to graduate, while Saturday, 23rd May, 2015, will be reserved for Postgraduate students only.
- ✓ Please ensure that you go to the Registrar's Office for the Collection of your Certificate on the stipulated date you are suppose to convocate. Collection of Certificate after Convocation will attract a surcharge of ₦2,000. Saturday 23rd May, 2015, is reserved for Postgraduate students only.