



Fresh Crisis Looms in Varsities as SSANU Issues Ultimatum

...Staff Groan over Salary Delay, Massive Deductions

By Lamara Garba

There has been palpable fear of a looming crisis in the Federal Universities following the enrolment of staff into the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System (IPPIS).

Initially, government had allayed the fears of university staff that IPPIS had captured all their peculiarities, but alas, the situation is far from the truth as members have been complaining of delay in the payment of their monthly salaries and unexplained deductions among others.

Federal public Universities and other tertiary institutions across the country were enrolled into the IPPIS sometimes in December 2019 while payment of salary through the system began in February 2020.

However, since the commencement of the IPPIS controlled salary, members have been experiencing delays in the payment of the monthly salary as well as massive deductions, a situation which they view as a deliberate policy aimed at further destroying the education system in the country.

Many of the conventional allowances in the university package such as the hazard, responsibility, sabbatical, visitation, overtime and other peculiar allowances were

removed from the salary package thereby reducing the staff income by almost 30% in addition to the introduction of some deductions which are unknown to the staff.

In Bayero University, hundreds of staff across all cadres are yet to receive their salaries since February while those who got theirs have witnessed a massive cut ranging between 20% and 40%.

Some of those who spoke to our correspondent on the issue decried the ugly scenario which they said have already demoralized them.

Already, the National body of SSANU has given an ultimatum to the government to resolve all issues or face industrial dispute.

A letter sent to the Minister of Labour and Productivity dated 15th May, 2020 and signed by the National President of SSANU, Comrade Samson Ugwoke, has given up to 30th May, 2020 ultimatum to the government to resolve the issues or embark on indefinite, total and complete strike.

“After three installments of salary payment and going into the fourth month, the IPPIS has not met the expectations of our members,” it stated.

It could be recalled that many members across universities have claimed that in February, March and April 2020 they observed shortage of over N80,000 in each of the month from their salaries and nobody could give any satisfactory explanation.

“As at today, Wednesday, 19th May, 2020 I am yet to receive my April Salary, although some of my colleagues who got theirs have told me that the deduction was even higher than the previous months,” another respondent claimed.

Meanwhile, a University don, Professor Ibrahim Bello Kano has described IPPIS as a gateway to destroying the education sector at least at university level.

In an article published recently by Professor Ibrahim Bello Kano (IBK) who teaches in the Department of

English and literary Studies lamented that government is implementing a wholesale set of neo-liberal economic policies “which is meant to transfer resources from the poor to the rich and from the improvised workforce to the government or the state.”

Titled “My ASUU Colleagues and Doomsday Prepping,” he alleged that Nigeria is changing for the worse and very rapidly. He pointed out that IPPIS is only the opening shot in the case of the lecturers negotiated agreements on pay allowances and other non-salary entitlements.

It could be recalled that there has been allegation of corruption, extortion and seeking of favour from management of Universities and other tertiary institutions by the officials of IPPIS.

How I Survived Covid-19 Infection – Prof Abdulrazak Habib

By Nura Garba

The co-chairman of the Kano State Task Force and former Provost College of Health Sciences, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Abdulrazak Garba Habib, has revealed how he survived COVID-19 infection while on admission for 20 days.



The experience of the don, who has now tested negative to the virus, was posted via the Twitter handle of the Kano State Ministry of Health @KNSMOH.

Prof. Habib, who was discharged from a Kano isolation centre last week said he contracted the infection while serving as a member of the Kano State COVID-19 Task Force.

Prof Jibrin's Tenure as Director CDA Extended up to End of ACE Impact Project

By Nura Garba

The University Principal Officers at their 4th (2020) meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2020 upon submission of end of tenure report approved that the tenure of Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin has been extended as Director of Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) up to the end of the ACE Impact Project.

According to a statement signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed said the Principal Officers considered

“I suffered a moderately severe disease with high fever, cough, mild shortness of breath, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, hypokalemia (low level of potassium), severe weakness, and ultimately, mild shock. “I was sick for about one month and was on admission for 20 days,” he said.

According to him, he was treated with many medications, intravenous fluids, oxygen by nasal cannulae as well as steam inhalation using black seed, clove oil, ginger tea, among other things. “Overall, I lost 7Kg in weight,” he said.

The experienced medical practitioner reiterated the need for healthcare workers to adhere to the preventive measures of social distancing, lockdown, use of face masks and provision and utilisation of personal protective equipment.

“I am saddened to learn several colleagues have been infected and I pray none has a stormy course. I also pray they have a fast and full recovery. I would like to seize this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to God the Almighty, and to friends, well-wishers, colleagues within the healthcare industry who rallied around my care through consistent prayers and actual provision and facilitation of care.

“I believe we should not relent on all the measures, the preventive measures, curative measures, palliative measures, while praying to God Almighty to bring an end to the pandemic here in Nigeria and everywhere.

Prof Jibrin's extension in order to ensure continuity and to make sure that the University does not lose the ACE Impact Grant with him being a signatory.

Recall that the Centre for



Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano won a World Bank Africa Centres of Excellence (ACE) Impact Grant along with 43 other centres from 12 West and Central African countries. The Centres were competitively selected under a \$300 million World Bank and French Development Agency- funded project aimed at scaling up postgraduate education and applied research.

BUK Congratulates Prof. Gambari over Appointment as Chief of Staff to President Buhari

By Nura Garba



Prof. Ibrahim Gambari (left) and VC, Prof. Yahuza Bello (right)

Bayero University, Kano has congratulated Chairman of 13th Governing Council, Professor Ibrahim Agboola Gambari over his recent appointment as the new Chief

The Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, formally launched the CDA's Africa Centres of Excellence Impact Project on Friday, 20th December, 2019 in which he congratulated the Bayero University and specifically the CDA for winning the World Bank's \$5m ACE Impact grant.

of Staff to President Muhammadu Buhari.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on behalf of the management, staff and students said the appointment of Prof Gambari is well deserved owing to his vast experience, pedigree and commitment to service.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha announced this at the commencement of virtual meeting of the cabinet held on Wednesday last week.

The appointment of Professor Ibrahim Gambari followed the death of former Chief of Staff to President Buhari, Malam Abba Kyari, who died on 17th April, 2020 as a result of coronavirus pandemic.

According to him, “presidency stands to gain from his tremendous experience as an accomplished academic, a seasoned administrator and a diplomat of international repute,” saying that while he held sway as the BUK's Council Chairman, the University had benefitted immensely.

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To: Members of the University Community

COMPULSORY USE OF FACE MASK

As part of measures to ensure the safety of all and the need to curtail the spread of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), as advised by medical experts, the Management of the University has resolved to enforce the compulsory use of face mask by everyone within the University premises including staff, students and visitors to the campuses of the University.

This policy is with immediate effect.

Consequently, security personnel have been authorized to ensure full compliance.

Keep social distancing, wash your hands and use hand sanitizers to stay safe.

SIGNED:

Lamara Garba

Secretary, Information and Publication Division

For: Registrar

Prof. Hafiz Appointed Chairman Governing Board of Mambayya House

By Lamara Garba

The University Principal Officers at their 4th (2020) meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2020 approved the appointment of Professor Hafiz Abubakar as the Chairman of the Governing Board of Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed said the appointment which is for an initial two-year term is with immediate effect.

Other members of the Board include three representatives of Kano Community which are; the District Head of Albasu Katakin Kano, AIG Bashir Albasu, Professor Mustapha Yahaya and Malam Ibrahim Mu'azzam. Others include the representative of the BUK Governing Council, Honourable Balarabe Wakili, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril (Director IIIBF), Prof. Habu Mohammed, Dr. Nu'uman Habib while the Director Mambayya House would serve as Secretary of the board.

Appointments/Re-appointments

The University Principal Officers' at their 4th (2020) meeting held on Wednesday, approved the following appointments and re-appointments.

In a statement signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed said the appointment is with immediate effect.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENTS	APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENTS	DATE
1	Dr Idris Usman Takai	Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Appointed HOD Obstetrics and Gynaecology	14 th May, 2020.
2	Dr Abdul Iguda	Department of Mathematical Sciences	Appointed Chairman Staff Secondary School Board	20 th May, 2020
3	Dr. Suleiman Yar'Adua	Department of Mass Communication	Appointed Chairman Housing Committee	20 th May, 2020
4	Professor Aliyu Mu'azu	Department of Nigerian Languages	Reappointed as Director, Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore (CRNLT&F)	20 th May, 2020
5	Prof. Suleiman Arabi	Department of Geology	Deputy Director (Research) DRIP	22 nd May, 2020
6	Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu	Directorate of Academic Planning	Extension of Tenure as Director to 31 st December, 2020	20 th May, 2020
7	Prof. Ahmad Murtala	Directorate of Academic Planning	Extension of Tenure as Deputy Director (Academic Support Services) to 31 st December, 2020	20 th May, 2020
8	Prof. (Dame) T. I. Oyeyi	Directorate of Academic Planning	Extension of Tenure as Deputy Director (Quality Assurance) to 31 st December, 2020	20 th May, 2020

Energizing education programme (EEP) phase I - selection of Stem Students to Participate in the Africa Energy Forum

The Energizing Education Programme (EEP) is a Federal Government of Nigeria's initiative, being implemented by the Rural Electrification Agency (REA), which seeks to develop off-grid captive power solutions for the generation and provision of sustainable power supply to 37 federal universities and 7 university teaching hospitals across the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Selected Candidates

- In view of the above, we are pleased to inform you that the following students have been selected from BUK to attend the AEF event:
 - Asiya Yasmin Mukhtar – 500 level student of Electrical Engineering

- Khadija Lawan Sule-Garo – 500 level of student of Computer Engineering
- As a further requirement, they are expected to have an international Passport valid till at least December 2020 and also obtain a written consent from their parents. We therefore kindly request that the university assist in informing the parents of the said students and ensuring that a written consent is obtained in this regard.
 - Enclose are relevant document used during the selection of the above-mentioned students for your perusal.
 - The Africa Energy Forum Brief
 - Application guidelines
 - Students essay
 - Essay and interview evaluation sheets
 - For further inquiries, kindly contact Anita Otuba via anita.otubu@reg.gov.ng or on 08138822835.

Appreciation from Aliyu Fagge on the Death of his Father

I, Aliyu Fagge of SCI (formally of (CIT) wish to extend my appreciation to the entire members of the University community too numerous to mention who found time to visit us, make phone calls, send text messages and/or prayed to

commiserate with us over the death of our father, Alhaji Musa Muhammad, who died on Sunday, 3rd May, 2020. May Allah grant him Jannatul-Firdaus and reward you abundantly, ameen.

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