The Vice -Chancellor,

Bayero University,

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Through: The Head of Department,

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Dear Sir,

RE-SENATE COMMITTEE ON 30% ADDITION TO CCMAS

We received with great surprise the request to add 30% to CCMAS. The surprise grew from the library science programme (B.Ed Library and Information Science) to which this 30% CCMAS will be added. B.Ed Library and Information Science (offered mainly by the University of Benin) was one of such Library and Information Science Programmes which existence was not only approved., recognized and accepted but also provided a generally approved Bench marks by the National University Commission (see the attached BMASS). Others are B.A and B.Sc. Library and Information Science (BUK), B.Tech Library and Information Technology (Fed. Uni. of Tech., Minna) and BLIS, (ABU) etc. Each of these programmes has its philosophical leaning by which the existence of each is justified. For example:

1. Bachelor of Library and Information Science, which is the oldest Library and Information Science Programme in the country is run by the University of Ibadan, ABU, University of Maiduguri etc. Its philosophy is to TRAIN SPECIALIST FOR LIBRARY AND, INFORMATION CENTRES.
2. B. A/B.Sc. Library and Information Science Programme: Its philosophy is to TRAIN DUALLY QUALIFIED SUBJECT LIBRARIANS, who can work in any organization, irrespective of its areas of discipline or professional choice.
3. B.Ed. Library and Information Science (University of Benin) exist to train Teacher-Librarians. Specialist that can work perfectly well in Kindergarten/Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools.
4. B. Tech, Library and Information Technology, which is established to train specialist/librarians that can work perfectly well in Science and Technology Institution, Organizations and related centres.

It is therefore, surprising that the same NUC can just pick one of those programmes for recognition; more so, B.Ed. Library and Information Science. This is a policy contradiction that must be addressed. It is absolutely difficult for other library schools established on the basis of one philosophical orientation or another (and have been recognized as such for a long time) to easily concede to this sudden unwarranted development, which lack any atom of consensus and outrightly failed to take the peculiarities in these programmes into consideration.

For example, virtually all the other Library and Information Science Programmes, with the exception of B.Ed. Library and Information Science make SIWES a compulsory course for the students not Teaching Practice. Subjecting Library and Information students to undergo Teaching Practice is ridiculous; which subject will they teach in the schools, knowing fully well that Library and Information Science is not one of the subjects taught in our secondary schools? There are quite a number of other reasons why we are in the Department of Library and Information Science, Bayero University finds it uncomfortable to comply, hook, line and sinker with the CCMAS

**Prayers**

We in the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Bayero University, therefore, pray the university to stay action on this matter until there is a consensus to it. Most painful is the total neglect of the Librarians Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN), which is the body legally recognized and charged with the responsibilities of recognizing, regulating and coordinating library schools in the country, by the NUC.

We hope that our prayer will merit your favorable consideration. However, attached is the 30%

addition to CCMAS, minus all education courses.

Professor S. O. Bello,

Chairman of the Committee.