

No More Sabbatical Leave Until the End of 2011/2012 Session

The Committee of Deans and Directors has decided that no more applications for sabbatical leave from or to the University will be considered until the end of the 2011/2012 session.

Applicants are therefore advised to apply only at the end of the stated academic session.

In a letter signed by the Acting Director, Personnel Affairs, M. S. Aminu on 16th April, 2012 and copied to all the heads of Department and Deans of Faculties, all the Heads are urged that they should not endorse any recommendation or application for sabbatical leave.

BUK Honours Former Bursar, Librarian

Bayero University organized a grand send forth reception for the former Bursar, Alhaji Abdu Gimba, and the former Librarian, Alhaji Misbahu Na'iyah, for their

meritorious service to the University at the Golden Dragon Restaurant on Saturday 14th April, 2012.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, said the ceremony was organized to express appreciation for the two former principal officers, who served diligently for 10 years each.

Prof. Rasheed congratulated the celebrants for their successful 10-year stint as principal officers and expressed the hope that after their sabbatical leave they would return to continue their active service to the University.

On his part, the Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, who was represented by the Acting Director-General Administration, Malam M. D. Nasiru, said the honour was well deserved, as the celebrants served two consecutive tenures successfully and wished them success in their future endeavor.

In appreciation for the gesture, the two celebrants spoke:

The former Bursar, Alhaji Abdu Gimba, said the gesture was highly

appreciative, as the University considered their service worthy to celebrate.

Alhaji Gimba, who served under four different Vice Chancellors, said he enjoyed working with all of them and tasked the University staff to dedicate their service to growth and development to deserve such an honour.

On his part, the former Librarian, Alhaji Misbahu Na'iyah, said he felt honoured for the grand reception, which demonstrated that the University appreciated their positive contributions.

Alhaji Na'iyah remarked that his greatest achievement was the transformation of the University Library, which was a challenging task.

The former Librarian, who is currently teaching at the Umaru Musa Yar'adua University, Katsina commended the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed, for finding him worthy to be the first former Librarian honoured by the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed, later presented some decorated gifts to the celebrants.

Professor Dandago Now Fellow of ICAN

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) has conferred its Fellowship status on the Chairman of the Bayero Consultancy Services Unit, Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago.

Professor Dandago, who received the prestigious Fellow status at a ceremony held in Lagos on 4th April, 2012 was a past Chairman of the Kano/Jigawa District Society of ICAN.

He is also a Fellow, Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM), Institute of Treasury Management of Nigeria (ITMN), full member, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), and life member, the Nigerian Economic Society (NES).

Economics Dept. Hails Dr. Danjuma Mahmoud For Donating 4 Computers

The Economics Department expresses its deep sense of appreciation to the Accountant General of Kano State, Dr. Danjuma Mahmoud Sani, for donating four (4) Desktop computers (DELL) to be installed at the e-library.

The Head of the Department, Professor Ummu Ahmed Jalingo, who

expressed gratitude for the gesture said, “This generous act of intervention is not surprising given the fact that you were and still one of the most outstanding and committed members of staff in the department.”

Appointments And Reappointments

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, has approved the appointments of:

- 1) Professor Abdulrazaq Garba Habib, as Dean, Faculty of Medicine with effects from March 16, 2012.
- 2) Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, as Director, Centre for Information Technology (CIT) with immediate effect.

And the reappointments of

- 3) Dr. S. R. Yusuf, as Head, Department of Crop Protection with effect from January 25, 2012.
- 4) Dr. Abdu Lawan, as Head, Department of Ophthalmology with effect from June 2, 2012.

All the appointments and reappointments are for a period of two years.

Streamlining Sponsorships and Fellowships

Following the University Management Committee’s approval of recommendations of the Committee of Deans and Directors, a number of aspects on sponsorships and study fellowships for the training of academic staff has been streamlined. The details are as follows:

1. Conditions for Sponsorship and Study Fellowship

The following general guidelines on sponsorship and study fellowship for various categories of academic staff are now in place.

- a) **Sponsorship and Fellowship Abroad:** Only confirmed members of staff qualify for sponsorship by the University for study **abroad** (subject to the availability of funds). Such sponsorships could be from MAGIC, TETFund, PTDF and other types of grants and could cover Ph.D and Masters Programmes. Such staff could be awarded study fellowships and shall be **bonded** for the duration of period of study.

- b) **Study Fellowship Only: Unconfirmed** members of staff who secure full external sponsorship for Ph.D or Masters abroad qualify for award of study

fellowship only. For those going for Masters degrees, the Committee of Deans and the Directors will take into account the nature of the programme and staffing situation in their Department in deciding whether to recommend the study fellowship or not. The University shall continue to pay the salaries and allowances of those awarded the study fellowship. They are to be **bonded** also.

- c) **Return After Masters Programme:** When an unconfirmed member of staff is awarded a study fellowship under (b) above, he/she must return to the University and discharge the bond signed before qualifying for sponsorship for a PhD by the University. However, the study fellowship and bond could be extended to cover a Ph.D programme if the concerned staff secures another full external support for the degree programme.

2. Types of Study Fellowship

For the purpose of bonding, Study Fellowship is now classified into two – full-time and part-time, as follows:

- a) **Full-Time Study Fellowship:** This is for all study fellows studying outside Bayero University, be it aboard or in other Nigerian Universities – irrespective of whether they are being sponsored or not. Such study fellows are to be bonded and expected to pursue their studies on full-time basis. They should be relieved of all departmental and faculty responsibilities to enable them to concentrate on their studies and complete the programmes within the shortest time possible.

- b) **Part-Time Study Fellowship:** This is for all study fellows pursuing their studies in Bayero University. They are expected to concurrently carry on with their normal duties (but with reduced workload, so that they could graduate within the stipulated period). They are to study on part-time basis and **shall not be bonded**.

3. Living Expenses and Warm Clothing Allowance for Fellows Abroad

The following **harmonized** rates of living expenses and warm clothing allowance for those on full

sponsorship by the University (irrespective of the source of support) are applicable:

- a) **For Metropolitan London and large American Cities:** \$1,300 per month.
- b) **For Western Europe and Other Parts of UK and USA:** \$1,200 per month.
- c) **For All Other Countries:** \$700 per month.
- d) **Warm Clothing Allowance:** A once-off payment of \$200 for those studying in temperate countries.
- e) **Book Allowance:** \$1,000 paid only once.

4. Beneficiaries of TETFund Local Scholarship

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund; formerly Education Trust Fund, ETF) has clarified that the scholarship given to those pursuing their studies in Nigeria is meant to cover all the aspects of their studies. These include the payment of tuition fees, book allowance, and the like. All the beneficiaries of such scholarship should therefore take note of this development.

5. Conference Attendance For Study Fellows Abroad

Staffs on study fellowship abroad do not qualify for sponsorship to attend any conference throughout the duration of the fellowship.

6. Departure of Staff Granted Fellowship Before Discharging Bond

Staff granted full-time fellowship must on return serve the University continuously for at least the period spent on the fellowship before being released on Study Leave, Research Leave, Leave of Absence and the like. Those who wish to leave the service before discarding the bond should be required to pay for all the expenses incurred on them proportionate to the period left unserved.

7. Minimum Service After Sabbatical

Staff who went to Sabbatical must be required, on return, to serve for at least one year before they are released on Leave of Absence, Study Leave, Research Leave and the like.

Deans, Directors and heads of Department are requested to bring this to the attention of their staff for guidance.



S.P.S

Approved Calendar For the Completion of 2010/2011 Academic Session

The School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS) has approved a calendar for the completion of the 2010/2011 academic session.

The calendar is as follows:

S/N	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
1	Monday 13 th February – Saturday 10 th March, 2012 (4 weeks)	Resumption and commencement of lectures.
2	Monday 12 th – Saturday 31 st March, 2012 (3 weeks)	Revision and Examinations
3	Monday 2 nd – 28 th April, 2012 (4 weeks)	Marking and Compilation of Results (Raw Marks)
4	Monday 30 th April – 11 th May, 2012 (2 weeks)	Consideration of Results (Raw Marks) by the Board of SPS.
5	Monday 2 nd April – Saturday 30 th June, 2012 (3 weeks)	Project/Long Essay Writing.
6	Monday 2 nd – 16 th July, 2012 (2 weeks)	Consideration of Final Results by the Board of SPS.

Heads of Department and Programme Coordinators should note that the Board of SPS will consider and approve raw marks/results to enable both returning and those with problem(s) to register in good time.



Excellence in Science Innovation for Agricultural and Rural Development

**“Feeding 1 Billion in Africa in a
Changing World”
2012/2013 Africa-wide Young
Professionals in Science
Competitions**

Deadline – May 14th, 2012

This competition is open to all young professionals (**25-40 years**) in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), North Africa and the Diaspora¹. It seeks to promote scientific excellence and **recognize and reward** outstanding young professionals who are undertaking innovative communicating the outputs (knowledge, technologies and approaches) to improve agricultural performance and socio-economic development in Africa.

Who Can Participate?

Young nationals of all African countries are encouraged to participate. Individual and group entries will be accepted. The role and contribution of the young professional(s) must be clearly demonstrated in group submissions. Entries should demonstrate effective partnerships and combination of skills and/or engagement with peers and/or rural communities.

What is the Scope?

Any science, technology and innovation (ST&I) related activity linked to the topic **“Feeding 1 billion in Africa in a changing world”**, which has been undertaken within the last five years and whose measurable impact (potential or demonstrated) **on agricultural development or rural livelihoods of African communities**. Thematic areas include: agricultural productivity and food security; postharvest and value addition; policy; environmental and eco-system sustainability; economics and trade; knowledge management and ICT; and agricultural machinery/engineering. Communications strategies, methods and tools used to disseminate results – scientific findings, knowledge, technologies, or approaches must be included.

Guidelines:

Entrants must submit a two-page (A4) abstract (**1500 – 2000 words**) that clearly details the successful ST&I project. State the title, objective(s), methodology/approach, results, discussion, conclusion, information and communication strategy, and impact (potential or demonstrated). Included the heading **“Young professionals in Science”** and full contact details; name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address and proof of age and citizenship. Abstracts should be e-mailed to schcom2012@cta.int and copied to infor@fara-africa.org. The

deadline for submission is **May 14th, 2012**. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered.

Evaluation (Stage I):

Abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of experts including scientists, policy makers, farmers, gender and information and communication experts. Semi-finalists will be announced on **16th July, 2012**. Semi-finalists are required to submit full draft papers of not more than 4 – 6 pages by **August 20th, 2012**. The **top 20** young professionals will be invited to attend the Scientific Writing Workshop, which will be held in conjunction with the 3rd reform bi-annual conference, in **Dar Es Salam, Tanzania** from **September 24-28, 2012**.

Evaluation (Stage II):

Final papers are due **16th November, 2012** after completion of the scientific writing course. All semi-finalists who fulfill the requirements will be invited to attend the **Finals and Award Ceremony**, which will be held during the **6th Africa Science Week and FARA General Assembly** scheduled for **June 2013**, in **Accra, Ghana**. The **top 10** finalists who will compete for the cash awards, prize and trophies will be notified of the requirements in April, 2013.

Competition Organizers:

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (ACP-EU), the

Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), the African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), the International Foundation for Science (IFS), the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), in collaboration with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

Inventory of Research Equipment

This is to inform all Heads of Department, Units and Deans of Faculty that the University Management has constituted a committee on research equipment policy. Part of the terms of reference of this committee is to conduct a comprehensive audit of the research equipment available in all Departments/Units of the University. To this effect, you are kindly requested to forward a list of such equipment in your department. Technologies in various laboratories/workshops/studios are expected to complete the forms in respect of the equipment under their custody.

The inventory encompasses all research equipment both functioning and non-functioning, as well as the new ones, which have not been

commissioned or installed. However, non-specialized equipment, which are usually many in number and are used for routine undergraduate practical teaching, should not be included. Completed inventory forms should be submitted to Dr. Ahmed A. Yakasai (Department of Chemistry) or Malam Musa Beli (Central Laboratory, BUK Old Campus) at most by 30th April, 2012. The committee will subsequently make a visitation to the departments for on-site evaluation and discussion on other important issues related to the equipment and not covered by the inventory.

Security Division

Driving by Under Aged Children On Campus

It has been observed that some members of the University community are releasing their cars to under-aged children or people who have no knowledge of driving at all to learn how to drive on campus. The risk involved is enormous. In some cases, minor traffic accidents occur, causing damage to University property. Several times culverts are damaged and electrical poles destroyed.

In the light of this problem being experienced, members of the University community are advised to desist from releasing their cars to under-aged children or persons who

have no knowledge of driving at all to learn to drive within the campus. Learning to drive on campus is prohibited.

In future, any person found violating this rule, will have his or her vehicle impounded. In cases of accident or damage to University property, the vehicle owner would be held liable.

University Health Services

Processing of Medical Refund

This is to inform members of the University community that the University Health Services Consultative Committee at its 103rd meeting of Thursday 15th March, 2012 agreed that in order to maintain sanity in the processing of claims for medical refund, all requests for such claims should, in addition to names and departments, include:

- a- Bank name
- b- Account Number and
- c- Staff Number e.g. P100/..... or JP..... as applicable.

Use of Official Vehicles

This is to inform all Deans, Directors and Heads of Department/Unit that the attention of the Management has been drawn to the improper use of official vehicles by the some officers in the University.



In some cases the vehicles are driven by unauthorized people other than the official drivers to whom the vehicles are assigned.

This is to draw the attention of all staff allocated official vehicles to take note for compliance. Any officer found to have disregarded this instruction would be sanctioned appropriately.

General Studies Unit

Topic: For Memoranda on the proposed Re-organization of the General Studies Unit

The University community is hereby informed that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, has set up a Re-organization Task-force Committee to do a thorough review of the teaching materials (course readings), the quality and quantity of teaching, and the general assessment and administration of the general studies examinations.

Members can submit written memoranda to the Secretary GSU or appear before the committee to make oral presentations two weeks from today at the GSU Committee Room.

Lost & Found

- 1- A Remedial Science result belonging Sadiq Bala Mohammed SCI/08/REM/0280.
- 2- A Student patient's card belonging to Mohammed A. Adamu.
- 3- A Student patient's card belonging to Umar Sarki Hadiza.
- 4- A lady's black bag containing Franck Wood's Business Accounting 1.
- 5- A lady's brown glass.
- 6- A bunch of keys
- 7- A UBA ATM Card

The owners should come to the Publications and Documentation Division to collect.

Department of Economics

PhD Seminar

The Department of Economics invites the University community to its PhD Seminar, scheduled as follows:

Chairman: Prof. Ummu Ahmed Jalingo

Supervisor: Prof. Shehu Usman Rano

Title: *'Natural Resource Abundance and Economic Growth in Nigeria: Empirical Evidence'*



Presenter: Sani Bawa
(SPS/08/SMS/03036)

Date: Wednesday 25th April, 2012

Time: 10:00am.

Venue: Departmental Conference Room

Department of Accounting

PhD Seminar

The Department hereby invites the University community to its PhD Accounting Seminar as follows:

Candidate: Hannatu Sabo Ahmed
(PGS/06/SMS/02803)

Topic: *'The Impact of Financial Reporting and Audit on Public Accountability of Jigawa State Government (2000-2008).'*

Internal Examiner: Professor Ali Suleiman Kantudu.

Proposal Defence:

Candidate 1: Mahmoud Mukhtar Sa'id (PGS/06/SMS/0360)

Topic: *'The Impact of International Public Sector Accounting Standards on Budget Classification and Chart of Accounts at State Level in Nigeria.'*

Candidate 2: Dije Muhammad Suleiman (PGS/07/SMS/01857)

Topic: *'Stakeholders' Perception of Internal Audit Outsourcing in the Nigerian Banking Sector.'*

Date: Friday 27th April, 2012

Time: 9:00am.

Venue: Conference Hall, Aminu Alhassan Dantata School of Business, New Campus.

Chairman: Professor Bashir Tijjani, Head of Accounting Department.

The Department of Political Science

Departmental Seminar

The Department of Political Science invites the University community to its Departmental Seminar, scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Dr. Massoud Omar

Topic: *'The Local Government in Nigeria.'*

Chairman: Dr. Haruna Salihi

Date: Thursday 26th April, 2012

Time: 11:00am.

Venue: Department of Political Science Seminar Room.



Department of Sociology

Ph.D Seminar

The Department of Sociology invites the University community to its Ph.D Seminar, scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Bello Ibrahim
(PGS/SMS/05/2635)

Topic: *'A Study of Conflict Resolution Mechanisms in Kaduna Metropolis, 1999-2006.'*

Supervisor: Dr. Sabo Suleiman Kurawa

Chairman: Dr. Isma'ila Z. Mohammed

Date: Tuesday 24th April, 2012

Time: 11:00am.

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

M.Sc Proposal Defence

Presenter: Olubadewo Esther Jumoke (SPS/09/mso/00004)

Topic: *'Poverty and Child Abuse Among Parents in Gwale Local Government Area, Kano State.'*

Supervisor: Dr. Sabo Suleiman Kurawa

Chairman: Dr. Isma'ila Z. Mohammed

Date: Tuesday 24th April, 2012

Time: 11:00am.

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

Wedding Fatiha

Professor Mu'azu Sani Zaria of the Department of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Dr. Wasilat, which is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: Saturday 21st April, 2012

Time: 2:30pm.

Venue: No. 7, Salmanduna Quarters Off Fadawa/Kaura Road Babban Dodo, Zaria City.

Appreciation

Malam Murtala Garba Yakasai of the Department of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics wishes to express his appreciation to members of the University community for commiserating with him over the death of his mother.

Special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, Principal Officers, Deans, Directors, HOD's, ASUU delegation and the entire staff of the Nigerian Languages and Linguistics Department.

May Allah reward you all, amin.



