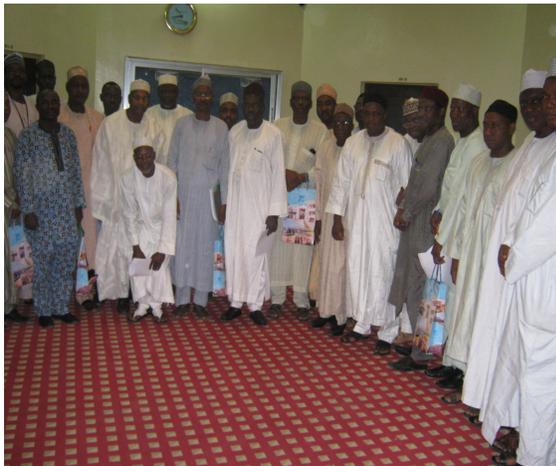




COREN Accreditation: BUK Gets Pass Mark on Staff Devt, Admission

The Council for Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has applauded Bayero University for its staff development drive and upholding standards on admission in the Faculty of Engineering.

Engr. A. A. Nahuce, MNSE disclosed this on Wednesday when the Council presented its three-day accreditation report of the Faculty of Engineering to the Vice Chancellor.



COREN accreditation team in a group photo with BUK Management & Faculty of Engr. Staff.

Engr. Nahuce, who is the leader of the accreditation team, said the Council was impressed with the University's gigantic strides of sending many staff abroad for PhD, saying it would boost

the academic strength and carrying capacity of the University.

“We have noticed that admission is strictly based on classroom seating capacity. Every student has a seat,” he added.

The team leader expressed appreciation to the University management for equipping laboratories and workshops with modern equipment. He further expressed optimism that with the vibrant technical staff across the departments, the Faculty of Engineering “is a force to reckon with in Nigeria”.

Engr. Nahuce, who was escorted by senior staff members of the faculty, also told the Vice Chancellor that the council had made some observations that the University and the Faculty should try to pay attention to.

He also said the council noted the amity and cordial relationship among all the staff of the faculty.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Muhammad

Yahuza Bello, said “Bayero University values the accreditation exercise by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and professional bodies, as some weaknesses will be amended and areas of strength further upgraded”.

He said the University’s aim was to transform the Faculty of Engineering into a strategic centre of excellence. That was why it invested a one billion Naira (₦1bn) TETFund grant for the installation of equipment for teaching, research and practical work.

The Vice Chancellor pointed out that in the area of ICT, the University has invested a lot to ensure both staff and students become ICT compliant, with 12-hour free internet access at both campuses. He said recently the Centre for Information Technology (C.I.T.) conducted the Post-Unified Tertiary and Matriculation Examination and all the candidates got their results within 24 hours through text messages, saying the University would not rest on its oars but ensure that all its systems are digitized.

Prof. Rasheed stressed that the University has recently installed interactive boards at 9 theatres and is in the process of installing same at all the theatres in line with the modern best teaching practices.

The Vice Chancellor told the council that all the observations made would be amended and congratulated the faculty for having a good working relationship, which he said was a tradition from their previous leaders.

Meanwhile, the panel said that having been satisfied with its accreditation on all the three current Engineering programmes, the final result and detailed report would be communicated after decision by the council.

The COREN team had on its arrival on Monday paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor and told him that the accreditation was for partnership and growth, not witch-hunting.

The team head said it was a major mandate of the council to conduct accreditation to ensure the quality assurance of programmes in Polytechnics and Universities.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, assured the team of the University’s full cooperation and support throughout its stay.

He stated that part of the University’s drive was the introduction of two new courses; Mechatronics and Communication Engineering, and also assured that by next year, the University would build a department of chemical/petroleum engineering.

Botanical Garden Attachment Students Vow To be Self Reliant After Graduation

The Bayero University students, who underwent a six-month industrial training at the Kano Botanical Garden, have vowed to be self-employed after their graduation.

Speaking at the end of their training in a ceremony organized by the management of the garden at Birnin Kudu local government last weekend, Hadiza Garba Mohammed, a 400 Level student of Plant Science, B.U.K, on behalf of other colleagues, said they were exposed to various ornamental plants, vegetable gardening and landscaping and establishing plant nurseries.

The students expressed appreciation to the Managing Director of the Garden and other staff who have encouraged them to learn many things that would help their career in future.

On her part, the Managing Director, Professor Fatima Batulu Mukhtar, said the students devoted their time and energy to learning about various species of plants and watering them and had started a nursery, which had already grown.

She said through this training students could be less dependent on government and since they were

females it offered them automatic employment even at their matrimonial homes.

The M.D. donated to each student different species of plants to sell or start a small business.

Medical Lab Accreditation:

BUK'11 Implement MLSCN Recommendations, Says VC

Bayero University will implement fully all the observations/recommendations made by the team of the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria that was in the University for routine accreditation exercise.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR who spoke through the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Professor Yahuza Bello told members of the team that the University has always regarded accreditation exercise by the council as being more strict than that of the National Universities Commission (NUC), which was why it always considered its observation/recommendations very unique and important, which, if implemented, would go a long way towards enabling its products getting the best of training in medicine.

Professor Rasheed added that it was the desire to make the University

achieve its objective of giving its medical students the best of training and make them compete favourably with products of other Universities that made it imperative for the institution's management to fully implement the council's sincere observations/ recommendations.

He informed the team that the University, as part of its own commitment towards improving standard in medical training, was considering establishing a centre of excellence in that area in order to encourage scholarship.

The Vice Chancellor assured the team that the University would liaise with the management of the Aminu Kano University Teaching Hospital (AKTH) with a view to ensuring that its recommendations as it affects the hospital was complied with.

Earlier, the leader of the team, who is also the Registrar, the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria, Professor Anthony Emeribe, who read the observations/ recommendations of the council after the accreditation exercise, told the Vice Chancellor that they were pleased with what they saw on ground in most of the areas they visited.

He called on other Universities in the country to emulate the good example of BUK.

Professor Emeribe stated that the accreditation exercise being carried out by the council was being done to ensure that there was full professionalism in the practice of medicine, especially in terms of training, saying that medicine was a unique discipline, which requires full and standard training with modern facilities fully in place.

He said the council would never compromise a standard which was why he advised the University not only to take note of its observations but also implement its recommendations, especially in the area of laboratory equipment, staffing, curriculum, reference books and other sundry issues that affected AKTH, especially the signing of an MOU between the University and management of the hospital.

New HODs for Pathology, Medical Micro. & Agric. Engineering Depts.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed *nni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Faruk Sarkinfada as new Head of the Medical Microbiology and Parasitology Department, along with Dr. A. T. Atanda, as the new Head of Pathology Department, both in the Faculty of Medicine, and the reappointment of Dr. M. A. Ali as head of Agricultural Engineering

Department, in the Faculty of Engineering. 

In separated letters dated 11th March, 2013, the Vice Chancellor urged the appointees to “give sound academic and administrative leadership” to their Departments and to “encourage democratic participation by Your colleagues in running the affairs of the Departments”.

Announcing the Ibsen Scholarship 2013

This is to inform members of the University community that nomination for the Ibsen Scholarship 2013 is in progress. Any candidate wishing to submit his/her nomination/application could do so. The deadline for submission of application is 30th April, 2013.

The Ibsen scholarships are awarded annually and applicable to individuals, organizations or institutions within the artistic and cultural community.

The scholarship was initiated by the Norwegian government and the 2013 session is the 6th of such awards.

Beneficiaries will be entitled to 135,000 Euro or 180,000 US Dollars.

Winners of the scholarships will be presented at Skien International Ibsen conference¹ on September 16th and 17th 2013 at Skien Norway.

For further information, statutes and application form, kindly visit www.ibsenawards.com

Registrar’s Office New Phone Number

All four directorates of the Registry Department have been urged to substitute the old “064” number of the Registrar’s office on their letterhead with a new number, **0818601075**.

The acquisition of the new number was notified in a letter dated 20th March, 2013, sent to all Directors by Tijjani Hassan, a Secretary in the office of the Registrar.

Staff Model Secondary School

This is to inform members of the University community, particularly parents of SS3 (2012/2013 session), that payment of their ward’s tuitions fees for the 2nd and 3rd term in 2nd term is mandatory.

It therefore strongly appeals to such parents who have not settled their fees to do so within this term and before the commencement of the 2012/2013 WAEC or NECO examinations.



Constitution Review Lecture:

Politicians Responsible for Failure of the Nation's Constitutions

– Dr. Mahmoud

Dr. Mahmoud M. Lawal of the Department of Political Science has blamed politicians for not allowing the nation's constitution to work and move the country forward.

Dr. Mahmoud who was a Discussant at a recent public lecture on “2013 Proposed Constitution Review: Issues at Stake” delivered by Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu observed with sadness that from 1979 to date, Nigerian politicians have flagrantly refused to respect provisions of the constitutions which was why he said it failed to address the nation's lingering problems.

He accused the politicians for being “selfish, vindictive, arrogant and corrupt”.

Dr. Mahmoud who is also the Chairman of ASUU, BUK Chapter called for the deletion of “we the people” in the preamble of the constitution, unless and until the citizens are allowed to “debate, dialogue and consult” as a step towards creating a new social order, by crafting a people's constitution. He said the present constitution is a “unitary constitution”, contrary to the

political history of Nigeria, which ought to have a federal constitution, with autonomy for the constituent units,

The political scientist stated that Nigerians need an open, transparent and people driven constitution, saying that such document could only be obtained through a referendum where everybody including the common man have a say.

He also suggested that the use of technical language in the constitution be addressed to allow for full understanding of the document by the citizens.

In his speech, the Chairman of the occasion, Alhaji Abubakar Mahmoud, SAN, CON said the event was meant to allow for cross fertilization of ideas, as the tradition in Universities.

The Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Sa'idu Babura Ahmad delivered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Chairman, Public Lecture Committee, Professor S. I. Radda, who is also the DVC Administration.

The Vice Chancellor

**Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed,
mni, MFR,**

Cordially invites the entire University community and the general public to the

Tenth (10th) Professorial Inaugural Lectures scheduled as follows:

Topic: *‘Enzymology and Radiation Biology in the Understanding of Biochemistry’*

Lecturer: Professor M. S. Sule.
Department: Biochemistry, BUK.

Date: Saturday 23rd March, 2013

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Professor Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.

Launching of Habibu Sani Babura Documentary Film

This is to invite the members of the University community to the launching of a Documentary Film on Malam Habibu Sani Babura scheduled as follows:

Special Guest of Honour: H.E. Malam Sunusi Lamido Sunusi, Danmajen Kano & CBN Governor.

Guest of Honour: Executive Governors of Kano, Jigawa, Katsina and Hon. Minister of Education.

Chief Launcher: Dr. Aliyu Modibbo Umar, Dan Baren Gombe and former FCT Minister.

Royal Father: HRH Alh. (Dr) Ado Bayero, Emir of Kano.

Chairman of the Occasion: Justice Dahiru Mustapha, former Chief of Justice of the Federation.



Chief Host: Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, V.C., B.U.K.

Date: 30th March, 2013

Time: 10:30am prompt

Venue: Professor Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Site.

Department of Geography

PhD Seminar

The Department of Geography invites the University community to its PhD seminar as follows:

Topic: *‘Variability of Harvested Rain Water Quality in parts of Maiduguri Metropolis and health Implications’.*

Presenter: Wakil Malah Bukar
Chairman: Dr. Maharazu A. Yusuf

Date: Wednesday 27th March, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: A43, Geography Department

Dept. of Agricultural Engineering

Seminar Series

The above department invites members of the University community to its monthly seminar series scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Dr. M. S. Abubakar
Title: *‘Scientific Research: Publication and Ethics’.*

Date: Thursday 28th March, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room.

Department of Mass Communication

PhD Seminar Presentation

The Department of Mass Communication wishes to invite members of the University community to its Ph.D Seminar presentation scheduled as follows:

Presenter 1: Hajara Umar Sanda (SPS/07/SMS/03765)

Topic: *'Media Awareness and Usage of Antenatal Health Care Services by Pregnant Women in selected Health Institutions of Kano State'*.

Chairman & Supervisor: Dr. Balarabe Maikaba

Presenter 2: Nura Ibrahim (SPS/09/PMC/00005)

Topic: *'Intermedialities of Images: A Semiotic Analysis of the 'Occupy Nigeria Protest' Images on Social Media'*.

Chairman: Dr. Balarabe Maikaba

Supervisor: Prof. Abdallah U. Adamu

Presenter 3: Mainasa Yakubu Kurfi (SPS/09/PMC/00004)



Topic: *'Intermedial Transformation of Contents: A Textual Analysis of the Story of King Abdulrahman in Magana Jari Ce'*.

Chairman & Supervisor: Dr. Balarabe Maikaba

Date: 26th March, 2013

Time: 11:00am

Venue: HOD's Mass Communication

Wedding fatiha

(1) Abdulkadir A. Idris of the Department of Library and Information Science wishes to invite the entire University community to his wedding fatiha scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday 24th March, 2013

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Usman bn Affan Mosque, Gadon Kaya, Kano.

(2) Dr. Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam wishes to invite the University to his wedding fatiha, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday 30th March, 2013

Time: 12:00noon

Venue: Gidan Waziri, Rafindadi, Katsina

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