

VC BUK Elected President, Oxonia University Network

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR, has been elected President of Oxonia University Network for a term of two years.

Professor Rasheed was elected on Thursday, 26th June 2014, during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Oxonia University Network, at New College, University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Prof. Rasheed came first with an overwhelming majority of votes ahead of the runner-up, Prof. Stefan S. Kostianev, of the Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria while Dr. Heidy Schwarczova, Rector of the University of Central Europe in Skalica, Slovakia was elected as the Vice President.



R-L: Secretary General of Oxonia University Network, Dr Heirani Moghaddam; Vice President, Dr Heidy Schwarczova; Chancellor, Prof Clark Bundin; President, Prof Abubakar Rasheed; and Council Member, Prof Hermann Bell.

The President in his acceptance speech thanked all the member-institutions for finding him worthy of their confidence and trust. He thanked the Honorary Chancellor, Prof. Clarke Brundin, and Prof Hermann Bell (a Council

Member) for providing inspiration, guidance and good counsel to the network. Professor Rasheed pledged to continue to work very closely with the Chancellor and the Advisory Council toward achieving the noble goals of the Network.

He thanked the Secretariat of the Network, headed by the Secretary General, Dr. Heirani Moghaddam for their tenacity, hard-work and commitment to the aspirations of the Network. He specifically mentioned Dr M. Ansari, Mrs. Fiona Smart, Ms. Christyna Likostikohva and Mr. Nick Taylor and thanked them for the very good work they have been doing at the Network Secretariat.

The Oxonia University Network has member-institutions from across the world, including Universities from Jordan, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Russia, United Arab Emirates, Bulgaria, Saudi Arabia, Finland, Poland, Armenia, Mexico, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Brazil and Malaysia.

The BUK delegation included Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, Director, Centre for Biotechnology; Prof. Sule Kano of Pol. Sci. Dept; Dr. Nasiru Fagge, Physics Department; and Dr. A. B. Baffa, Director CIT and HOD, Computer Science.

Send forth for M.D. Nasiru:

BUK Becomes a Mother Institution - Registrar

Bayero University, Kano is not only a premier institution but also a mother citadel of learning in the country, producing Vice Chancellors and Registrars who nurture other Universities.

This was disclosed by the Registrar, Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, while speaking at a send forth organized in honour of Malam Muhammad Danlami Nasiru, the University's former Director, General Administration, recently appointed pioneer Registrar of the Jigawa State University, Kafin Hausa.



The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin (first right) presenting a gift to the former Director, General Administration, now Registrar, JSU Kafin Hausa, M.D. Nasiru while Director VC's Office, Barrister Abubakar S. Umar watches with keen interest.

He said BUK's leading role did not begin today, adding that credit must be given to its past and, above all, present leaders who have worked tirelessly to reposition, upgrade and transform the university through honest, sincere and transparent leadership.

Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin, therefore, charged the new Registrar to carry the flag of BUK very high in his new place of work, adding that "the Muhammad Danlami Nasiru I know is not only equal to the task but his competence, sincerity, honesty and strict observance of University's rules and regulations are enough to make him succeed in his new challenging assignment."

He said the send forth was organized by staff of the Registry Department to say "thank you" for the services he rendered to the university and to wish him success in his new job.

The Registrar said when M.D. Nasiru joined BUK in 1999, he worked directly with him and before his latest appointment he was working closely with him as the Director, General Administration. "I stand in the best position to assess his competence and performance. based on what I know of him, M.D. Nasiru is a committed, open-minded, straight-forward, sincere and transparent administrator, who deserves the post of a Registrar," he stated. He wished the new Registrar successful tenure of office and Allah's guidance.

Three Directors, Alhaji Sabo Mijinyawa in the School of Postgraduate Studies, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Amin, Directorate of Establishment Matters and Barrister Abubakar Sadiq Umar of the Directorate, Vice- Chancellor's office, who also oversees the Directorate of General Administration, showered encomiums on the new appointee, whom they described as a "workaholic" who not only deserved the appointment, but merited it.

They said one unique feature of M.D. Nasiru is knew his job very well and that he was always willing to accept corrections not only from his colleagues but also from subordinates, adding that was one of the secrets behind his success in his career as an astute university administrator.

Responding, Malam M.D. Nasiru thanked the Registrar, his colleagues and all the staff of the Registry for the honour, saying that he was short of words to describe how grateful he was for all the support and assistance he enjoyed in the course of carrying out his duties.

The new Jigawa State University Registrar promised to always project the image of BUK wherever he found himself, saying that he would bring to bear all the experiences and lessons he learnt while serving in BUK. He dedicated the honour done to him to his colleagues.

FRSC Trains BUK Drivers

The Bayero University in collaboration with Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has conducted a three-day professional drivers training for drivers of the University.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, on Tuesday, 30th June, 2014, the Registrar,

Alhaji Sani Ibrahim Amin said the university organized the training to ensure safety and perfection among drivers, which will go a long way in reducing road accidents.



Kano ACC, Christopher Haruna Kuje (l), Director VC's Office, Barr. Abubakar S. Umar (m) & Staff Training Coordinator, Hajiya Halima Hayat during the training of Drivers at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Represented by the Director, General Administration, Barrister Abubakar Sadiq Umar, said the university is training and retraining staff in their respective professions in an effort to achieve maximum result.

He said the university management wanted attitudinal change and improvement on driving, saying that the Federal Road Safety Corps was identified as the best organ to conduct such a training, pointing out that the university would continue to sponsor training of teachers, administrators and other staff to ensure quality performance.

The Assistant Corps Commandant, Christopher Haruna Kuje, expressed concern that Nigeria has the second highest road crash record in the world behind Ethiopia, noting that the reason why Ethiopia was placed first was because it records all sorts of accidents contrary to what is obtained in

Nigeria where many accidents are not recorded.

He said the training, with the theme “Safety is not Automatic: A Trained and Retrained Driver is the Key” would go a long way in acquainting the drivers with methods and strategies of safe driving, including the type of diet the drivers are expected to observe, more especially the aged ones.

Kuje said there was no single day when road crashes will not occur in Nigeria, saying “in Sweden three accidents were recorded in one year and that prompted authorities to organize a stakeholders’ conference to be able to avert reoccurrence of such accidents.”

He also said records available show that the more new roads are constructed in Nigeria the higher the number of accidents recorded. He urged all people driving on the highway to keep a first aid box in their vehicles for assisting accident victims.

Kuje said drivers must change their attitude on driving to be able to reduce the rate of accidents, appealing to motorists to desist from using second hand tyres, over-speeding, and all other actions that will cause accidents, because in Nigeria road crashes claim more lives than clinical diseases and civil strife, put together.

He said “in Nigeria today there is no family that has not been touched by a road accident, we must avert this, people do complain of bad roads but the moment new roads are constructed the rate of accidents skyrocket.”

Dr. Balarabe Maikaba Reappointed HOD Mass Communications

Dr. Balarabe Maikaba has been reappointed as the Head of Department of Mass Communications for another two years with effect from 30th June, 2014.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed *nni*, MFR, dated 19th June, 2014, advised the HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Library Registration Commences 7th July, 2014

All registered students, especially fresh and direct entry should come to the University Library for registration along with the following items, beginning from 7th July, 2014, Monday to Friday.

For Fresh Students:

- 1) Admission Letter (Original)
- 2) A photocopy of Student Information Form (SIF)
- 3) Two passport photographs

For Returning Students:

- 1) A photocopy of Student Information Form (SIF)
- 2) Two passport photographs
- 3) Clearance letter from the Student’s Faculty Library. Engineering students from Engineering Library, Medical students from AKTH Library. Agricultural students from Agricultural library and Old Campus students from Science Library.

Staff Team Demolishes BOIR 6 – 1

BUK Staff football team's preparation ahead of the Nigerian Universities Staff Games received a major boost on Friday, last week, with a 6 – 1 rout of Kano State Board of Internal Revenue team (BOIR).

Two goals each from Malam Umar Garba Gwale (ICE), Tajuddeen Abdullahi (MSD) and one apiece from Murtala Ibrahim (Publications) and Malam Auwalu Shehu Ali (Computer Science) ensured the B.U.K team record a resounding victory over the revenue collectors.

Meanwhile, the Chief Coach, Dr. M. Y. Waziri, has called on the staff players to make themselves available for training during the Ramadhan fast because the staff games billed to take place at the University of Benin would commence three days after *sallah*.

He said the training/screening exercise had already commenced on Tuesday 1st July, 2014 and only those who train regularly would be screened.

Dr. Maharazu A. Yusuf Reappointed HOD, Geography

Dr. Maharazu A. Yusuf has been reappointed as the Head of Department of Geography for another two years with effect from 25th June, 2014.

According to a letter of appointment signed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed *mni*, MFR, dated 18th June, 2014, the HOD was advised to “give sound

academic and administrative leadership to the department.”

Old Campus Forces New Campus 2 – 2 in Friendly

In what turned out to be a show of skills of Bayero University staff football players last week, the New Site team engaged the Old Site team in a football friendly match.

The match was conducted in an atmosphere of friendliness and fitness among the over 60 academic and non-teaching staff, who came to the Old Site football field to play the match.

New Campus scored two goals in the first half through Murtala Abubakar of Student Affairs, but Old Campus equalized all the goals in the second half, thanks to strikes from Umar Garba Gwale (ICE) and Malam Shu'aibu Baba Ahmed (Yaro) of the Staff Primary School. The match ended 2 – 2.

The Chief Coach of the Staff Team, Dr. M. Y. Waziri expressed happiness over the match which featured staff from all the university campuses.

The match was played in such a way that staff from ICE and AKTH represented Old Campus.

Director Security Issues Alert

The University Director of Security, Col. A. A. Mohammed (Rtd) has issued an alert dated 1st July, 2014 as follows: “Following the general state of insecurity in the country and the world at large, it has become

necessary to remind members of the University community on the need to be extra vigilant and cooperate with the University Security personnel, especially in the implementation of some of the measures adopted to check the state of insecurity. Members of the University community are please requested to bear with the new security arrangements instituted to guard against any unwarranted happening.

“In case of long queue at the main gate (New Site), staff may wish to use the ‘C’ Gate along Gwarzo Road, popularly known as “Tsamiya Gate” to come into the Campus during peak hours. However, staff not known must produce their Identity Cards on demand by the Security staff, and this should not be considered as embarrassing or cause any problem.

“Staff and students are please advised not to leave any luggage unattended, for if discovered such luggage may be destroyed.

“The Security Division implores members of the community to observe simple security tips, such as being extra vigilant, reporting any strange happening or objects promptly to security staff or through any of our telephone numbers earlier circulated and now reproduced below for the avoidance of doubt. The lines are on 24 hour alert. The numbers are:

Director - 07044238158 (8pm-8am)
Duty Officer- 070435318709

(a) New Campus:

1. OIC - 07045318707
2. Duty Room - 07042829723
3. Gate ‘B’ - 07042829722
4. Gate ‘C’ - 07045318708

5. Ramat Hall - 07042829727
6. Fence Patrol - 07046248040

(b) Old Campus:

1. OIC - 07045318706
2. Duty Room - 07042829724
3. Gate ‘A’ - 07045128838
4. Gate ‘B’ - 07044593741
5. Nana Hall - 07045128839

(c) Outpost:

1. OIC - 07046250019
2. Zoo Road - 07042829721
3. Mambayya House 07046243293
4. ICE - 07044238159

“On the part of the University Security Unit, we have strengthened our security arrangement and request members of the University community to effectively contribute positively in the area of community policing. Also, as individuals we must understand that we owe ourselves some degree of personal responsibility for our safety and security. The effectiveness of the Security Unit depends on the cooperation received from the members of the community. Therefore, provide us useful and timely information to serve you better and pray fervently.”

BUK Staff Model Primary School Marks “Career Day”

The Bayero University Staff Model Primary School annual ritual, Career Day for over 200 final year primary six and some primary five pupils was held on Wednesday, 25th June, 2014. Members of the School Governing Board, the P.T.A Committee and Special Guest of Honour, Professor Abdulrashid Garba, were among those who graced the function.

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The Career Day featured talks from the Principal, Alh. Haruna Shanono, who addressed the pupils on the importance of a Career Day, as a day set aside for talks to the children on different jobs and the school course that will be needed for the jobs. The school Counselor, Mrs. B. K. Ezugwu, explained further to the children the meaning of CAREER. She used various attractive pictures to convey the meaning of various careers or jobs.

Professor Abdulrashid Garba, the Special Guest of Honour, in his address emphasized that the most important thing in life is to serve God. Serving God, he said, is serving humanity and one can do that by having a good job.

Resource persons, Dr. Sani Ibrahim, the PTA Chairman and Malama Amina Liman of Accounting Department dwelt on the place of Science and Commercial Subjects in the choice of jobs, respectively. Mr. Sule Ademoh, the Vice Principal (Old Campus) and Alh. Auwalu Sa'ad advised the pupils to be good ambassadors of BUK Staff Model Primary School wherever they would find themselves.

Electronic Students' Asso. Registered

The Dean, Student Affairs has approved the registration of the Electronic Students Association.

A letter signed by Garba Abdullahi Barume, Principal Assistant Registrar, said the Students Welfare Board at its 10th Meeting held on 6th June, 2014 considered and recommended the registration.

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

Faculty of Law: **Ph.D Seminar Presentation**

Student 1: Tijjani Musa Baba (SPS/10/PLW/00002)

Topic: *'Sustainable Development a Meadow of Conceptual Conflict: Intervention from Islamic Legal Principles.'*

Supervisor: Prof. A. H. Yadudu

Student 2: Ibrahim Yusuf Oyibo (SPS/10/PLW/00001)

Topic: *'An Examination of the Legal Framework for the Re-Introduction of Islamic Criminal Justice System in Zamfara and Niger States.'*

Supervisor: Prof. M. Tabi'u

Chairman: Prof. B. A. Haruna

Date: Friday, 11th July, 2014

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: F204, Faculty of Law

Faculty of Education: **Seminar Series**

Presenter 1: Prof. Abdulrashid Garba

Title: *'Counseling the University Students: A Panacea to Academic Reconstruction.'*

Presenter 2: Dr. Ahmed Iliyasu

Title: *'Efficacy of Holistic Guidance and Counseling Approach in Youth Empowerment: Towards Curbing the Prevalence of Drug Abuse among In-Mates of Reformatory Institute in Kano State, Nigeria.'*

Presenter 3: Malam Kabir Bello Dungurawa

Title: *'Counseling for Unemployed Youth: A Panacea to Stable Democracy in Nigeria.'*

Presenter 4: Sadiya Mu'azu Sani

Title: *'Predisposing Factors to Youth Involvement in Electoral Violence: Implication for Counseling.'*

Date: Monday, 7th July, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Head of Department's Office

Presenter 5: Binta Abba

Title: *'Counseling Interventions for Youth Invisible Disabled: The Psychosocial Aspects of Adjustment Process of the Blind.'*

15th Professorial Inaugural Lecture: **Prof. Abdallah Uba Adamu**

This is to invite members of the University community to the 15th Professorial Inaugural Lecture to be delivered by Professor Abdallah Uba Adamu of Mass Communication Department.

Discussants:

(1) Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai

(2) Dr. Auwal Muhammad Auwal

Convener: Dr. Mansir S. Kiyawa

Date: Monday, 7th July, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Common Room, Faculty of Education

Topic: Imperialism From Below: Media Contra-Flows and the Emergence of Metro-Sexual Hausa Visual Culture.

Chairman: Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed *nni*, MFR, Vice Chancellor.

Date: Wednesday, 9th July, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

Department of Mass Communications:

Presenter: Dr. Sunusi Iguda

Topic: *'Towards Harmonization of Islamised Mass Media Curriculum in Islamic Universities.'*

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