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Good I.C.T. Policy Facilitates University Education – NgREN

The Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) has appealed to all Nigerian Universities to develop good ICT policy in order to facilitate the teaching, learning and research.

In a communiqué issued at the end of a two-day workshop organized in collaboration with the Association of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) for Deputy Vice Chancellors, Directors of Academic Planning, Directors of Information and Communication Technology, Deans of Faculties as well as Directors of Research held at the C.I.T, Bayero University, Kano between Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th May, 2014, the NgREN said good ICT policy “serves as a guide to the use of ICT resources within the university”.

It advised that ICT policy should capture the back-up policy, acceptable use policy, ICT security policy, data retention policy, wireless device policy as well as privacy policy.

The communiqué noted that campus network is the key component and building block for a successful REN. As such, all universities

should invest in the establishment of good campus networks that should be simple, reliable, accessible, resilient, sustainable and available in line with the agreed minimum standard.

It also charged the universities to constitute NgREN Contact Groups and Help Desk Support Officers, while NgREN provides possible support tools as may be required by members.

Earlier in the opening ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Academics), Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, commended the NgREN for championing the cause of the network thus far while acknowledging the robustness of the plans for network growth, including the ongoing first phase of the inter-campus connectivity project linking Teaching Hospitals with their associated main campuses.

Meanwhile the workshop was conducted to among other things familiarize NgREN members of the Kano cluster with current status, discuss modalities for advancing research and qualitative education in the universities, and discuss modalities and challenges of joining the NgREN and its sustainability.

Timetable for the Completion of 2012/2013 Activities

This is to remind the University community to note the following timetable for the completion of the activities for the 2012/2013 session which is drawn based on the Senate-approved guidelines of such activities.

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Monday, 19 th May, 2014	Last Examination Paper
2	Monday, 19 th to Friday, 30 th May, 2014	Faculty Committees on Examination Misconduct and Leakage to consider all suspected cases of Examination Misconduct. *(Within 2 weeks of last paper).
3	Wednesday, 4 th June, 2014	Central committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leakages to consider reports from Faculty Committees.
4	Saturday, 6 th June, 2014**	Latest day for completion of marking and submission of raw marks by examiners – three weeks after last paper
5	Monday, 7 th to Saturday, 21 st June, 2014	Final Year projects Presentation/Defence (where applicable); Moderation by External Examiners ***; Departmental and Faculty Boards of Examiners to Consider the Results.
6	Monday, 23 rd to Friday, 27 th June, 2014	SBC on Second Semester Examinations Result (Seven weeks after the last paper. Same as what obtained last session).
7	Wednesday 16 th July, 2014	Senate on 2 nd Semester Examinations Results

- *: Faculty Examinations Officers should notify all students accused of involvement in examination misconduct (in writing) that they should stay behind/return to defend themselves – as soon as each case arises.
- ** : This is the latest date for this activity. Departments should encourage examiners to submit their results before this date whenever possible, and Level Coordinators to start compiling the results as soon as some examiners submit their raw marks.
- ***: Arrangement will be made for the prompt payment of External Examiners' claims. Departments are advised to complete the claim forms so that the examiners sign them immediately on arrival. A copy of the approved form is attached.

A statement signed by Prof. Muhammad Y. Bello DVC (Academics) who is also the SBC Chairman said the College Provost, Faculty Deans, Director ICE, HODs, and Faculty Examinations Officers are requested to kindly bring this timetable to the attention of all concerned for information and necessary action, and to take all necessary steps to ensure its implementation. "Note that we need to adhere strictly to the timetable to ensure that the 2013/2014 Session commences on 30th June, 2014 as earlier decided by the Senate," the statement added.

PLANS FOR 2013/2014 REGISTRATION EXERCISE

The Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records would like to draw the attention of students to the following plans for registration for the 2013/2014 Session. Students should take note of the plans and abide by them.

Registration Procedure: The registration procedure has not changed. A student is to login to **myBUK** portal, print his/her personalized Payment Invoice, pay the **exact amount** at any of the designated banks, then login to the portal again to register for the courses. A student who pays an amount different from what is on the Invoice would not be able to continue!

Registration Timetable: The following timetable will be strictly enforced:

PERIOD	ACTIVITY
23 rd June – 13 th July, 2014 (3 weeks)	Registration of fresh students
30 th June – 13 th July, 2014 (2 weeks)	Registration of returning students
14 th July – 20 th July, 2014	Late Registration period (with ₦5,000 surcharge)

Any student who fails to register by 20th July, 2014 would be deemed to have withdrawn, unless his/her application for suspension of studies for the session has been approved by Senate.

Schedule of Fees: The following is the Schedule of Fees for Undergraduate students:

CATEGORY OF STUDENTS	RETURNING	FRESH
Students from Faculties of Arts & Islamic Studies, Law, and Social & Management Sciences (except Geography); and Mathematics Students	₦24,000	₦27,000
Students from Faculties of Agriculture, Biomedical Sciences, Computer Science & Information Technology, Education, Engineering, and Science (except Mathematics students); and Geography Students	₦27,000	₦30,000
Students from College of Health Sciences*, except those from Faculty of Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy, Biochemistry & Physiology)	₦34,000	₦37,000

*: The fees include ₦5,000 for Health Insurance as agreed to by the students.

The above fees are for Nigerian students. Non-Nigerian are to add tuition fees as follows:

Arts, Social Science and Education: ₦40,000; Agriculture, Computer Science, and Science: ₦50,000; Engineering and Medicine: ₦60,000.

Other Guidelines/Information: Other guidelines and/or information would be provided in due course as the need arises.

Mathematical Sci. Gets New HOD

Dr. Bashir Ali has been appointed as the Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences for two years commencing from 12th May, 2014, according to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed *mni*, MFR, dated 9th May, 2014.

Dr. Mamman Lawan Elected Chairman, NBA Kano Branch

Dr. Mamman Lawan (Yusufari), Head of Department Islamic Law, has been elected as Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Kano Branch. He was elected

unopposed in an election exercise for the Branch officers held on Monday 12th May, 2014 at the Conference Room of the High Court of Justice, Kano. Until this election, Dr. Mamman Lawan served as NEC Representative of the Branch for two years.

Surrender all Unserviceable Items to the University Board of Survey

The University Board of Survey intends to commence auction of all unserviceable items within the University on Monday, 26th May, 2014.

A statement from Bashir Saleh Abdu, Assistant Secretary, Board of Survey urged all Deans, Directors, Heads of Department and Units to kindly sort out and secure all such items within their domain and forward a comprehensive list thereof to the Assistant Secretary on or before Friday 23rd May, 2014 in order to enable the Board inspect the items for onward disposal.

Staff Model Secondary School

Sales of Admission Forms

This is to inform all parents and University community as well as interested individuals that the school management has commenced the sales of admission forms for 2014/2015 JS one and transfer students.

NB: Closing Date: Friday, 25th July, 2014

Venue: School Premises

1. J.S. 1 entrance form ₦2,000
2. J.S.S.2 to S.S. 2 transfer form ₦3,000

Payment could be made through BANK TELLER AT ANY UBA BANK BRANCH.

ACCOUNT NO. 1001602305.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Microbiology: *Departmental Staff Seminar Series*

Presenter: Dr. Nasir Tukur Dabo

Topic: *'Antiplasmodial Activities of Some Plants Extract Used in Traditional Malaria Therapy in Kano, Nigeria.'*

Chairman: Prof. A. H. Arzai

Date: Wednesday, 21st May, 2014

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Biology Remedial Lab

Department of Biomedical Sciences: *Seminar Presentation*

Presenter: Dr. Salisu Ahmed Ibrahim, Department of Human Physiology, BUK.

Theme: *'Oxidative Stress and Serum Antioxidant (Vitamin E) in HIV/TB Co-infection in Kano State.'*

Host Guest: Prof. A. G. Habib, Provost, College of Health Sciences, BUK.

Chairman: Prof. Hafiz Abubakar, Dean, Faculty of Biomedical Science

Date: Tuesday, 20th May, 2014

Time: 11:00am

Venue: New Department of Physiology Building (Old Campus)

Prof. Muyibi Passed On

The Department of Civil Engineering announces the death of Professor S. A. Muyibi, a Senior Professor at the Department of Biotechnology Engineering of International Islamic University, Malaysia.

A statement signed by Dr. A. Y. Abdulfatah, Head of Department of Civil Engineering said, Professor Muyibi was previously a staff member/Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Bayero University, Kano. He died following a heart surgery.

May Allah forgive all his short comings and grant him Jannatul-Firdaus, amin.

Wedding Fatiha

Malam Abubakar Imam Audu of the Student Affairs Division invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Aisha Abubakar Imam and her groom, Alh. Isah A. Mohammed Ojeke, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 31st May, 2014

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Central Mosque, Emekutu Ankpa Local Government, Kogi State.