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Timetable for the Completion of 2013/2014 Activities

This is to draw the attention of the members of the University community to the following timetable for the completion of the activities for the 2013/2014 session. The timetable is drawn based on the Senate approved guidelines for such activities, according to a statement signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records, (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed.

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Saturday, 31 st January, 2015	Last Examination Paper
2	Monday, 2 nd to Friday, 13 th February, 2015	Faculty Committees on Examination Misconduct and Leakages to consider all suspected cases of Examination Misconduct.* (Within 2 weeks of last paper)
3	Monday, 23 rd February, 2015	Central Committee of Examinations Misconduct and Leakages to consider reports from Faculty Committees.
4	Saturday, 21 st February, 2015**	Latest date for the completion of making and submission of raw marks by examiners – three weeks after last paper.
5	Monday, 23 rd February to Saturday, 14 th March, 2015	Final Year Projects Presentation/Defense (where applicable); Moderation by External Examiners***; Departmental and Faculty Boards of Examiners to Consider the Results.
6	Monday, 16 th to Saturday, 21 st March, 2015	SBC on Second Semester Examinations Results (Seven weeks after the last paper. Same as what obtained previous sessions).
7	Wednesday, 16 th April, 2015	Senate on 2 nd Semester Examinations Results

The statement stated that:

- *: Faculty Examinations Officers should notify all the 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.
- ***: Arrangements will be made for the prompt payment of External Examiners' claims. Departments are advised to complete the claims so that the examiners sign them immediately on arrival. In line with the new e-payment policy, the payments will be made

directly into the External Examiners' accounts. A copy of the **modified claim form** is available at the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR).

The statement urged Deans to notify all Heads of Departments, Faculty Examination Officers and Level Coordinators concerned to ensure its implementation. "Note that we need to adhere strictly to the timetable to ensure that the 2014/2015 Session commences on March 16, 2015 as earlier decided by the Senate," the statement added.

BUK Can Compete With the Best Citadels of Learning Internationally **- Prof. Jega**

The former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University and now Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Muhammad Attahiru Jega, says, "BUK has really come of age and is capable of competing favorably with some the best citadels of learning not only within the continent of Africa, but also internationally."

Professor Jega was speaking shortly after he commissioned some projects both in the New and Old Campuses of the University on Monday, 19th January, 2015.

He said the level of development on ground in terms of infrastructure and academic exploits had convinced and made him conclude that "BUK has really come of age and is in a position not only to rub shoulders with some of the finest universities within the continent of Africa but also compete with the best internationally."

The INEC boss said all these unprecedented developments were attributable to the commitment, sincerity and dedication of its current leadership led by Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR.

Professor Jega said each time he had the opportunity of visiting BUK, he would see a different and an improved environment, saying that "this time around after visiting the new and old campuses, I am almost confused and at a

loss, I sincerely doff my hat for Professor Rasheed for this wonderful achievements."

The INEC Chairman who said he was eager to come back to the classroom at the end of his national assignment urged Professor Rasheed to maintain the tempo of development, saying that posterity would judge him as among the best Vice Chancellors BUK produced.

The projects commissioned were: new faculty of Agriculture buildings, housing the departments of Agronomy and Crop protection; the new Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore and a 500-capacity lecture theatre at the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences.

We are Committed to Ensuring Hitch-Free Elections in 2015 **- INEC Chairman**

The Chairman of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Attahiru Jega, has said that the commission has succeeded in the distribution of over 75 percent of the Permanent Voter Cards (PVC) to the registered members across the country, as part of the efforts to ensure a hitch-free conduct of 2015 general elections.

Professor Jega who was speaking on Monday, 19th January, 2015 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium during a two-day Conference, titled **INEC and the 2015 General Elections: Expectations, Prospects and Challenges** organized by Bayero University, assured that the commission had decentralized the distribution of

the remaining cards from local governments to ward levels.

The chairman said INEC is doing everything possible to give every eligible voter his PVC within the stipulated time before the election, saying, however, the commission would not allow collection of the voter cards by proxy. He said that politicians attempting to forge the PVCs should know that “cloned cards cannot work in the INEC reader machines,” as the commission had taken all measures to tackle problems experienced during the 2011 general elections.

He urged politicians to change their attitude so as to support the conduct of hitch-free elections. He expressed concern that seeking political office by ‘hook or crook’ is an attitude that will endanger democracy.

The former Chief Justice of the Federation, Justice Muhammad Lawal Uwais, who was the chairman of the occasion lamented that the behavior of some politicians doesn’t help, as they seek to cut corners through rigging and committing various electoral offences.

Justice Uwais warned that a repeat of post-2011 electoral violence would not be tolerated, pointing out that lives and property were lost after the announcement of the 2011 presidential election result. He commended INEC and other stakeholders who are holding conferences to stave off violence during the forthcoming elections.

Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, in his welcome address said the university was proud of the INEC chairman for achieving a lot in the commission, as a former Vice Chancellor of the university.

He said the two-day conference, during which the INEC Chairman presented a keynote address, was intended to enrich the ongoing

conversation on the forthcoming 2015 general elections by refocusing the discussion to the core issues of the necessity and requirements for free, fair and credible elections.

Professor Rasheed said Bayero university organized the conference in keeping with its good traditions of organizing scholarly discourse on topical national and international issues, saying that in 2011, just before the general elections, the INEC Chairman delivered a post-convocation lecture at the Bayero University titled **Challenges and Prospects of Credible Elections in Nigeria**, where issues on the elections were discussed and clarified.

The Vice Chancellor assured that Bayero University identifies with the supports and commitments of INEC to organize free, fair and credible general elections in the country, such as its commitment to enfranchise all eligible voters, including the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of the North-East.

BUK Lecturer Institutes Leadership Excellence Award for Students

Inspired by his desire to develop and promote responsible leadership culture among Nigerian youth, Mallam Adams Adeiza of the Department of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship has instituted “Leadership Excellence Award” for young undergraduate students of BUK. Speaking at the maiden edition of the award held at Tahir Business e-class on 16th January, 2015, the sponsor whose primary research and teaching interests are leadership, entrepreneurship and strategic thinking, submitted that the objective of the award was to inspire all students of the University to take up leadership roles of being responsible, and most importantly maintain the character of honesty, humility, excellence and dedication to serve humanity selflessly at all times.

Thirty students of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences who have distinguished themselves in noble character and academic excellence were recognized and the top-three were given cash awards as prizes. The top-three awardees are:

1. Bilkisu Wamba Muhammad
2. Iyabo Felicia Akelere
3. Bashir Usman

While commending the sponsor of the award for the wonderful gesture and the first of a kind initiative, the Chairman of the occasion and HOD of Business Administration, Dr. Abdu Ja'afaru Bambale, expressed optimism that the gesture would go a long way in spurring BUK students towards greater leadership excellence and consequently make the University proud wherever they are in the world tomorrow.

PENSION UNIT: Calling Staff Due for Retirement Between January and December 2016 Under the Contributory Pension Scheme

In line with the provision of section 15 of the Pension Reform Act 2014 and as part of the implementation process of the issuance of Federal Government Retirement Bond, the National Pension Commission Plans to organize a verification and enrolment exercise for employees in the service of the Federal Government of Nigeria that are due for retirement between January and December 2016 by virtue of attaining the age of 65 years (for Non-Professors and Non-teaching staff) and 70 years for Professors.

A statement signed by Malam Muhammad Bello Garba, Senior Assistant Registrar, Pensions, said staff who will attain the age of 65 years and 70

years (for Professors) between January and December 2016 are requested to forward their notice of retirement to the Registrar between Monday, January 12th and Friday, 13th February, 2015. Staff who wish to retire voluntarily can also forward their notice of voluntary retirement to the Registrar within the period. Staff who voluntarily/mandatorily retired or whose appointment were terminated and are yet to be verified and enrolled for payment of retirement benefits can also come to the Pension Unit for necessary arrangement, the statement concluded.

End of Tenure & Dissolution of the USSA Executives

This is to inform all the USSA members that the three-year tenure of the current executives expired in December 2014. The Congress had at a meeting held on 15th January, 2015 dissolved the current executives and constituted the following Caretaker Committee to conduct new election:

1. Israel Audu, Department of Microbiology – *Protem Chairman.*
2. Ali Umar Makinga, Dean's Office, Law – *Member.*
3. Murtala Ibrahim, Information, Publication & Documentation Division, Registry – *Member.*
4. Bridget Nwosu (Mrs), Ophthalmology – *Member.*
5. Ishaq M. Ishaq, University Health Services – *Secretary.*

The Committee was given three (3) months minimum in the first instance to prepare and conduct elections. This is to allow members enough time to campaign and contest for the various positions.

New SUG Executive Officers

The Students Union Government wishes to inform all students with any form of complaint(s), difficulties, question(s), etc not to hesitate to call on or text any of the Union (SUG) officials, “as we are dedicated towards enhancing the welfare of the students at all times,” according to a statement signed by the P.R.O., Mujibullahi Dahiru Abdu.

Below is the list of names, ranks and contact numbers of the newly elected Executives Council and Leadership of the House:

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

S/N	NAME	RANK	CONTACTS
1	Yuguda Abdul’aziz Kabir	President	08064322290
2	Hasiya Umar	Vice President	08031575229
3	Abubakar Sadiq Bello	Secretary General	08135588125
4	Usman Sa’idu	Asst. Sect. General	08037398743
5	Ahmad Usman	Financial Secretary	07036897786
6	Mohammed Auwal Abdullahi	Treasurer	07039821610
7	Ibrahim Usman Dan Zaria	Welfare Director	08036781338
8	Yusuf Mohammed A.	Social Director	08061570073
9	Abdullahi A. Bala	Sales Director	08162127327
10	Shittu Habibatu	Food Director	08056176056
11	Abdulrahim Toyeeb	Sport Director	08064253487
12	Mujibullahi Dahiru Abdu	P. R. O.	08135412062

LEADERSHIP OF THE HOUSE

S/N	NAME	RANK	CONTACTS
1	Aliyu Yazid Gusau	Speaker	08067341545
2	Rabi’u M. Abbas	Deputy Speaker	08036871258
3	Abdulrahman Zakariyyah	Parliamentary Sect.	08038388262
4	Almaliky Muhammad Aliyu	D.P.S.	07039624628

SEMINARS

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

Department of Biochemistry: *PhD Course Work & MSc Completion Seminar by the following eligible students:*

- Maryam A. Dangambo (SPS/13/PBC/00002)
- Jamila A. Mashi (SPS/13/PBC/0003)

3. Misbahu Sambo (SPS/11/MBC/00020)

4. Muhammad I. Usman (SPS/12/MBC/00026)

Date: Saturday, 24th January, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Biochemistry Complex Old Side, BUK

Department of Geography: *PhD Departmental Seminar Series*

Presenter: Uba Lawal (SPS/08/SMS/02257)

Title: Diffusion and Determinants of Cholera Epidemic in Adamawa State.

Chairman: Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu

Date: Thursday, 29th January, 2015

Time: 10:00am prompt.

Venue: A43 Lecture Hall

Department of Mathematical Sciences

Departmental Seminar Series:

Presenter: Hassan Muhammad

Title: Barzilai-Borwein Method for Large-Scale Nonlinear Systems of Equations

Chairman: Dr. Suraj M. Umar

M.Sc. Proposal Defense:

Presenter 1: Jamilu Sabi'u
(SPS/12/MMT/00019)

Title: Conjugate Gradient Method for Solving Symmetric Monotone Systems of Nonlinear Equations.

Presenter 2: Ya'u Balarabe Musa
(SPS/12/MMT/00011)

Title: Regularized BFGS Method for Solving Symmetric Monotone Systems of Nonlinear Equations.

Presenter 3: Lawal Muhammad
(SPS/12/MMT/00017)

Title: On Solving Non-Smooth Systems of Nonlinear Equations via Smoothing Conjugate Gradient Method.

Supervisor: Dr. M. Y. Waziri

Chairman: Dr. Suraj M. Umar

Date: Wednesday, 28th January, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: Computer Lab.

Wedding Fatiha

Malam Nasiru Garba (Dan Kasa) of the Student Affairs invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday, 31st January, 2015

Time: 11:30am

Venue: Residence of Sheikh Muhammad Mai Yan Makaranta, Kanawa Bichi.

Appreciation from Prof. Abdulkadir Dangambo

I write to express my appreciation and profound gratitude to all that attended the formal presentation of a Festschrift in my honour on Wednesday, 7th January, 2015.

My sincere appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR, the Head of Department of Nigerian Languages, members of the Festschrift Committee, all the Professors, all the colleagues, friends, family members, relatives, well wishers and all the students from within and outside the University.

Also, my sincere appreciation to the Royal fathers, the Emir of Daura, Sarkin Tarihin Daura, Tambarin Daura, Sa'in Katsina, Sa'in Kano, Sa'in Zuru and all the Hausa Poets and singers, as well as the Muryar Dala Association and Goron Dutse Primary School Old Students Association.

May Allah reward all abundantly, amin.

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