National Assembly Urges Varsities to Emulate BUK’s Center for Qur’anic Studies

The Chairman Education Committee of the House of Representatives, Honorable Aminu Sulaiman Goro, has said that the creation of Centre for Qur’anic Studies in Bayero University will greatly help to solve social problems in the country, urging other universities to bring similar innovations for the containment of insurgency and other related challenges.

Alhaji Aminu Goro, who disclosed this on Friday 23rd January, 2015 at the Council Chamber, when he led other committee members to Bayero University to inspect TETFUND projects, said the National Assembly will heartily assist the university to innovate similar programmes that have a direct bearing on the lives of people in the country.

He commended the Management and entire staff of the University for creating what he perceived to be a great weapon in solving the problems the government is fighting to solve today, saying the Centre will curtail the menace of unemployment and other social vices.

The chairman told the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, that they were aware of the laudable performances of Bayero University, as such the House wished to encourage the management and staff of the university in doing even better.

He said, “We are part of the struggle; we joined ASUU in the agreement to fund projects through TETFUND, if there is anything the country has achieved is the establishment of TETFUND because without it today we could have been in trouble. We are in the process of reviewing the law that established TETFUND that’s why we have to go round universities to inspect projects handled under the programme”.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mini, MFR, commended the visiting members of the education committee, saying that apart from the laudable projects executed, Bayero University was very much conscious of the national character, being the only university in Nigeria having a composition of indigenes of six states in its management and representation of all the local governments of Nigeria in students’ admission, with the exception of only two local governments.

Professor Rasheed said Bayero University has 14 faculties, and Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences was taking-off this year, many new Centers, Colleges and Departments had been created and that the university was progressing rapidly in research, with many staff members pursuing PhDs and Masters Degrees within and outside the country.

He, however, said that in the last three years the university collected less than 20 percent each of its capital and recurrent grants. He said that TETFUND and NEEDS programmes remained the major sources of funding, adding that Bayero University was the only university in Nigeria that accessed all its TETFUND project allocations, an indication of its commitment and judicious use of the funds.

The Vice Chancellor said “We respond to the needs of the country, we have today eleven research centers from the two we inherited, we are the only university that responded to the
needs of almajirai and the local Ulama by establishing the Center for Qur’anic Studies, which will go a long way to curtail activities of thugs and other vices, and with the support of government and philanthropists more of these centers will be established.

“The problem that prompted the establishment of the center is real because there are more people attending Islamic schools whose age range from 4 to 16 years than those attending western education schools in Kano, teachers in those schools are not salary earners, neither has the government any provision to engage them, as such we would at the Center hope to give them formal training to be co-opted in the system so that they can be employable,” he added.

Professor Rasheed also said the university’s Center for Dryland Agriculture remained a model in the country, as such it would complement the efforts of government at federal, state and local government levels to harness wealth creation in agriculture, apart from giving impetus for the growth of individuals.

RAPE: BUK Expels Two Students

Bayero University has expelled two students of the Department of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship and Department of Political Science, Daniel M. Bako (SMS/12/BUS/00049) and Julius Oshakpembe (SMS/13/POL/00574) respectively.

A letter signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, explained that the expulsion followed the Vice Chancellor’s approval of the recommendations of Students’ Disciplinary Committee, which found the students wanting in a case of criminal conspiracy, intimidation and rape against a female student.

Bulletin enquiries confirmed that the victim reported the suspects to University security staff, who investigated and reported to higher authorities, resulting in the appropriate disciplinary action.

The letter dated 27th January, 2015, which was addressed to their respective Heads of Departments and copied to the Publications and Documentation Division, directed each of the Head of Department to inform the students and their level coordinators about the expulsion, which is with immediate effect.

The statement further directed that the expulsion notice be reflected in the remarks column of the students’ second semester results.

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(Signed)
Clemson Aygebusi

Driving By Underage Children on Campus

The Director Security Colonel A. A. Mohammed (rtd), issued the following notice on 28th January, 2015:

“1. It has been observed that some members of the University community are releasing their cars to underage 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 along with damage to University property. Several times culverts are damaged and in some cases electric poles destroyed.

“2. In the light of this problem being experienced, members of the University community are advised to desist from releasing their cars to underage children or persons who have no knowledge of driving at all to learn how to drive within the campus. Learning how to drive on campus is prohibited.

“3. In future any person found violating this rule will have, the vehicle impounded. In case of accident or damage to the University property, the vehicle owner will be held liable.”

PENSION UNIT: 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 appointments 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.

SEMINARS

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

Department of Human Physiology: MSc Proposal Defense

Presenter: Ruqayya Babale Shu’aibu (SPS/11/MHP/00010)

Topic: PREVALENCE OF MICROALBUNURIA AND GLYCATED HAEMOGLOBIN AMONG TYPE 2 Diabetes mellitus PATIENTS ATTENDING ATBU, BAUCHI.

Supervisor: Dr. I. U. Yarube

Date: Thursday, 30th January, 2015
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Physiology Department (Old Campus)
Department of Education: Weekly Seminar Series

1st Set of Presenters:
a) Hafsat Sani Chindo (SPS/13/MED/00138)
b) Nuraddeen Adamu (SPS/13/MED/00144)
c) Aisha Bala Iliyasu (SPS/13/MED/00135)
**Topic:** Factors Affecting Career Aspirations among Secondary Schools Students in Nigeria.

2nd Set of Presenters:
a) Maryam A. Hamza (SPS/13/MED/00157)
b) Hussaini Iyaya (SPS/13/MED/00155)
c) Jamila Tijani Turaki (SPS/13/MED/00142)
**Topic:** Helping Students to Develop Life and Employability Skills in Nigerian Higher Institutions of Learning.

3rd Set of Presenters:
a) Sylvia I. Kemi (SPS/13/MED/00130)
b) Bello Auwal Ibrahim (SPS/13/MED/0013)
**Topic:** Helping School Counsellors to Develop Interpersonal Skills.

4th Set of Presenters:
a) Amina Gausu Ahmed (SPS/13/MED/0013)
b) Rabi I. Hussain (SPS/13/MED/00170)
c) Zainab T. Zailani (SPS/13/MED/00172)
**Topic:** Helping Students to Utilize Guidance Services in Shunning away from Electoral Violence.

5th Set of Presenters:
a) Fauziyya M. Y. Ibrahim (SPS/13/MED/00175)
b) Bushirah Lawan Gadanya (SPS/13/MED/00152)
c) Hamza Hamza (SPS/13/MED/00156)
**Topic:** Developing Confidentiality Skills in Counselling Students of Secondary Schools.

**Date:** 3rd March – 10th March, 2015
**Time:** 1:00pm
**Venue:** Faculty of Education, Educational Technology Centre Common Room

**SEMINAR: ICE**

**Presenter:** Malam Idris Salisu Rogo
**Topic:** Impact of Societal Re-orientation Programme (A Daidaita Sahu) in Minimizing Adolescent Antisocial Behaviour Among Senior Secondary School Students of Kano State.
**Chairman:** Dr. Salisu Shehu
**Date:** Wednesday 3rd February, 2015
**Time:** 11:00am
**Venue:** ICE Conference Hall

**A Seminar Organized By IIIT:**

**Presenter:** Mustapha Hussain Isma’il, PhD
Department of Arabic, BUK.
**Topic:** Islamic Perspective on Alimony (Mut’atu attalaq).
**Date:** Sunday, 1st February, 2015
**Time:** 10:00am
**Venue:** Faculty of Law Conference Hall

**Appreciation from Rabi’u Hussain Sagagi**

Malam Rabi’u Hussain Sagagi of the Central Stores and Purchasing Unit extends his appreciation on behalf of his extended family to members of the University community for condoling them over the death of his maternal grandmother, Malama Rakiya Aliyu, which occurred on Saturday, 24th January, 2015, at the age of 84 years.

“I wish to particularly mention the Bursar who headed the Bursary family team to visit us, the Chief Internal Auditor, the Director of the Vice Chancellor’s Office, African Entrepreneurship Centre and many others who personally visited or called us. We will forever remain grateful,” he said.
Facing the New BUK
Celebrating 2014 UMC Retreat

By Prof. Yusuf Adamu:
Wanting to assess where we are today
How far we have gone or have not
Making re-adjustments on how we worked
On a neutral ground away from home
We have the concentration and focus we needed.

The silver haired seasoned diplomat leads the team
The scribe, the red cap prince and red cap chief of treasury
The Lion-cum-Teddy Bear and the ASUU High Priest
The German Machine and Cold Fire too
Are the crew of the ship cruising the stormy waters

The captain appointed the senior management Imam
The senior Muezzin and the junior Imam too
The Prince in Diaspora and gender space identified
The goal for the retreat was set and outlined
The ground rules or rules of engagement established

We heard the good news and progress made
We applauded and appreciated how much we achieved
We heard the Dina-dinai giving confessions
The directors each told of their successes and challenges
Another together we saw our University in new light

The bourgeoisies and the princes of the left
Debated on the semantics of what we said

The mathematicians made tall towers of paper
While the facilitator dictated who spoke
The secretariat captured our deliberations

Humanities and Scientists signed a pact
Social and Computer scientists taught us strategies
Engineers and farmers exposed their potentials
Education declared its population supremacy
Physician dissected their peculiarities

Within the realms of leadership games
Administrators suddenly became Vice Chancellors
Professors swiftly appointed Registrars
In eight imaginary universities of the facilitator
Many problems solved and millions of Naira spent

One marveled at the revelations made
A lecturer with a palace in the classroom
A dean in between the devil and the deep blue sea
Lecturers who compromised their integrity
And departments where HODs were not trusted

For one thing, we are certain here and now that
We have actually achieved so much in all spheres
From a village college to a metropolitan university
BUK has come of age and is growing really fast
We are a dream that really came true

We must not rest slaken
We must continue to re-strategize and refocus
There is price for success as there is for failure
The challenges ahead are enormous and demanding:
Are we ready to face the future undaunted?

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• That the Environment Needs our Care and Attention?
• That You Have to Nurture Nature in Order to Enjoy It?
• That the Pressure on the Environment is too Great?
• That We are Losing too Many Trees, Fauna and Flora?
• That the University spends a lot of Money to Maintain the Environment?

✓ Plant a Tree Today and Maintain it to Maturity.
✓ Keep Your Office and Residence Neat and Tidy.