

VC Inaugurates Committee to Investigate Suicide Case

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has inaugurated a five-member Committee to investigate the circumstances leading to suicide by a female student from the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Miss Sara Imoleayo.

The Committee, which is chaired by the Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, had been given three weeks from Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 to submit its reports.

Inaugurating the Committee on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 in his office, the Vice Chancellor told the members that they should not be afraid to investigate the issue thoroughly, as the University was very much concerned with the health of students not to talk of their lives.

Professor Yahuza Bello said the aim was to address students' problems and to avoid future occurrence, saying that members, including two female lecturers were carefully selected to ensure that students were protected, guided and counselled.

He told the committee members to liaise with the Department of Sociology, which had a good working relationship with the police in case they needed additional information or guidance.

The Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Nu'uman Habib, assured the Vice Chancellor that they would do their best to submit a report that would facilitate the realization of a suitable atmosphere for students in the University.

Dr. Nu'uman Habib said that looking at the capacity of members of the committee, he hoped to deliver within the limited timeframe, adding "we are here for the students and we would do our best to provide a conducive learning environment for them to pursue their studies." The terms of reference of

the Committee are to determine the circumstances under which the late Miss Sara Imoleayo sat for the examination on the course and to determine why she was initially informed that she had passed the course and later told that she had failed it.

The rest are to determine the roles played by various individuals on the matter, to determine the relationship between the late student and some staff members, to consider any issue related to the matter and to make appropriate recommendations.

Make BUK Press a World Class....VC Charges New Board

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has charged the newly inaugurated Board of the University Press to strive hard to make it a world class University Press that can compete favourably in quality production.

Inaugurating the Governing Board of the BUK Press in his office on Thursday, 27th May, 2016, Professor Yahuza Bello noted that most of the Universities Press in Nigeria were more of a printing house, which is a deviation from the normal practice.

"This is something very significant; the university management is not comfortable with the quality of our journals as well as the content of our researches, hence the need to have a formidable team that will ensure quality," Professor Yahuza Bello said.

The Vice Chancellor explained that the desire of the management is to make the BUK Press to lead in publishing high quality in terms of content and outlook; therefore, every publication must go through a rigorous process that can stand the test in every standard.

"We want a situation that whatever comes out of BUK Press is something that can make the university proud. We hope to get quality in content and quality in presentation. We can never

compromise in that, as we are building a system,” he explained.

As pioneer members of the Board of BUK Press, the Vice Chancellor said they have a big responsibility of setting the agenda even as he assured the team of all the necessary support and assistance with a view to achieving the desired goal.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Board, Professor Afolabi J. Falola, in his acceptance speech promised to justify the confidence reposed in them, pointing out that emphasis would be on strict adherence to standards and will do everything humanly possible not to turn the unit to a printing house.

Although, he said the task was enormous, it was surmountable with the full support and cooperation of the university management.

“The dream of the University Press has been a very long one, we have the task well defined and the expectation of the management. I am so confident that the management is so careful in the selection of the team,” said the Chairman of the Governing Board.

The 17 member-Committee’s terms of reference are to develop an in-house style for the Press, examine, screen and approve manuscript submitted to the press for consideration and publication and to recommend peer reviewers for manuscripts among others. It has Professor Falola J. Afolabi as the Chairman while Director of the BUK Press Prof. Yusuf Muhammad Adamu would serve as Secretary. Other members include Director Academic Planning, Professor Bala Sidi Aliyu and the Dean School of Continuing Education, Prof. Salisu Shehu.

Also in the Board are Professor Sunusi Gaya, Prof. Akintade Dare, Prof. Atiku Kano, Prof. Zubair Iliyasu, Prof. A.R. Adebola and Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf. Others include Prof. Talatu Garba, Prof. A.U. Alkali, Prof. Aminu Kabir, Prof. T.I. Oyeyi, Prof. Habu Muhammad, Prof. Umar Ibrahim Gaya and the Editor of BUK Press will serve as Assistant Secretary.

Kano Governor Commissions Women’s Wing of VC’s Mosque

The Kano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR, has commissioned the newly constructed women’s section of the Bayero University VC’s mosque, New Campus that will accommodate 200 women worshipers.

The Governor said while commissioning the project on Monday, 6th June, 2016 that the Ganduje Foundation, which executed the project, had also provided hijabs, copies of the Qur’an, carpets and water to further motivate the worshipers.

Dr. Umar Ganduje said the Foundation was established to accomplish such and related objectives, adding that the Foundation was more focused in converting non-Muslims into accepting Islam and bridging the gap needs of the people at large.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, commended the Foundation for constructing the women’s wing, adding that it had been contributing to the development of the University, including feeding students during the month of Ramadhan, organizing Qur’anic recitation competitions, assisting physically challenged persons and the treating of polio victims.

Professor Yahuza Bello appealed to the Foundation to also renovate the male wing of the mosque, so as to enable the male worshipers to have a good atmosphere for worship.

The Chairman of Kano State Hisba Board, Mallam Aminu Ibrahim Daurawa, emphasized the importance of the construction and renovation of a mosque, saying the reward of such deeds was in the hereafter. He encouraged the Muslim ummah to do good at all times and support the Foundation in carrying out its activities.

The occasion was graced by the Chief Imam of the VC’s Mosque, Dr Yahaya Tanko, the Chairman of Kano State Council of Ulama and Special Adviser to Governor Ganduje, Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil; the Chief Imam of the Old Campus Mosque, Sheikh Abubakar Jibril, and Professor Ibrahim Danchiroma, amongst other dignitaries.

New MacArthur Competition to Award \$100 Million to Help Solve a Critical Problem of Our Time

A new competition launched on 3rd June, 2016 will award a \$100 million grant to a single proposal designed to help to solve a critical problem affecting people, places of the planet. MacArthur's competition, called 100&Change, is open to organizations working in any field of endeavour anywhere.

Applicants must identify both the problem they are trying to solve, as well as their proposed solution. Competitive proposals will be meaningful, verifiable, durable and feasible.

For more details visit www.100andchange.org

Alumni Present Prizes for Best Mass Communication Graduands

The Class 1991 Chapter of the Department of Mass Communication has kept aside a prize of Laptop and ₦100,000 to the best graduating student of Mass Communication while each of the best students in Print Media, Electronic Media and Public Relations will be given ₦50,000 as prize beginning from the next Convocation Ceremony.

This was disclosed by the Chairman of the Class, Alhaji Abdulhamid Adamu Majia, a former veteran journalist and now business tycoon in Abuja, on Saturday, 4th June, 2016 during the chapter's meeting at the Dandatti Abdulkadir Twin Theatre, New Campus.

Alhaji Abdulhamid said that the prizes would last for five years, appealing to all and sundry to support the class, which had imminent personalities, including the Director Information, the Nigerian Army, Colonel Sani Usman Kukasheka, in the effort to move the Faculty of Mass Communication and the University forward.

The Dean of the Faculty, Professor Umar Pate, a former Head of Department of Mass Communication, University of Maiduguri, told the Bayero University alumni from Mass Communication Department that he was not happy that out of the prizes announced during the last Convocation none had been presented to the graduating students of Mass Communication.

Professor Pate said the Faculty was past growing owing to the combined efforts of the Departments and the University Management, urging the alumni irrespective of their class to come forward and contribute to the development of the University. He said the Faculty in recent years had been graduating students at PhD and other levels without stress due to its capable and competent lecturers.

The Head of the Mass Communication Department, Dr. Balarabe Maikaba, had assured that they would not rest in seeing that they produced the best Mass Communication graduates, urging staff, students and alumni to remain committed to supporting the Faculty of Mass Communication and the University.

Bayero University Bulletin reports that the occasion was well attended by the Class 1991 members, who came from far and near to distinctively demonstrate their support to their chapter, and delicious foods and drinks were served to further energize those in attendance.

Job Ethics A Lead Way to a Good Teacher

A one-day workshop with the theme "Job Ethics on Teacher-Student Relationship" was organized by Faculty of Education on Thursday, 2nd June, 2016.

The Chairman of the occasion, Professor Ruqqayatu Rufa'i, who was represented by Dr. Garba Sa'ad expressed her happiness towards the developmental ideas of moving the faculty forward.

"I hope the workshop will serve as an impact of reflecting our good moral behavior to our students." Professor O.A. Oyerende expressed that it was the responsibility of teachers to make sure that students are developed mentally, physically, emotionally, morally and academically. This is because education in any society, anywhere and at any given time is basically the sum total of all the processes by which adults develop abilities, attitudes and other forms of behavior, which are of immense positive value to the society in which they live.

The basic aim and objective of your being a teacher is to produce an individual who is honest, skilled, respectable and cooperative and conforms to the

social order of the day. Dr. Bala Zakari called the attention of level coordinators that they should take their students as their sons and daughters. “Be like a father and mother to them,” he disclosed. A good and effective level coordinator always guides and advises his students to abide by the rules and regulations of the University, so as to achieve their moral, social and academic goals. He also advised them to shun any unacceptable character that may lead to the demise of their level of integrity.

The Dean, Faculty of Education, Professor Ali Tijjani, commended the efforts of all the participants, who were always ready to promote and contribute towards the development of the Faculty. He said “we promised students that Centre for Guidance and Counselling would soon take off at the Faculty.”

Association Confers on Registrar a Medal, Award of Excellence

The National Association of Northern Nigerian Students’ Association (NANNSA) has conferred on the Registrar, Bayero University, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, an award of Excellence for her colossal record in the administration of the University.

The President of the association, Comrade Mukhtar Musa, from Ahmadu Bello University, said they had been following with interest the performance of the Registrar since she was in her former position as Director, Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR).

Comrade Mukhtar Musa said while conferring the medal and certificate of excellence on Tuesday, 7th June, 2016 at her office that she had made gratifying contributions to the University during her last few months as Registrar.

He said that very few administrators had taken the honour to do good as the Registrar did, assuring the people of noble heart and integrity, such as the Registrar, that they would continue to receive awards.

The Speaker, NANNSA, Comrade Adamu Adamu Matazu, told the Registrar that the association was representing 19 states of the federation and had

about 21 million memberships, contributing to the unity and development of the country.

He said the society was having a lot of hopes from them as leaders of tomorrow and as such they couldn’t provide such leadership quality without identifying themselves with the people of track records like the Registrar.

Comrade Adamu Matazu said that as the first female substantive Registrar in Bayero University, who had demonstrated skills and honesty to service, it became necessary for the association to honour her since they were condemning others who had done wrong. He disclosed that the association was, amongst others, calling for the adoption of free education nationwide to be able to move the nation forward.

Responding, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, said though she assumed office a few months ago, she was in an academic office for 13 years and had been a teacher since 1985. As such, she urged the students to be more concerned about their studies for them to be good leaders.

Hajiya Fatima Mohammed, however, said that it would be unfair to the nation and the people for government to provide free education because that would be tantamount to a loss in quality, saying the token-fee being given by the people would enable them to value the system.

She thanked the association for having identified her worthy of the award, assuring that she would redouble her efforts to providing quality leadership, “just as I want to see how students would grow up to be leaders of tomorrow through a dedicated effort on your studies.”

Indiscriminate Parking of Motorcycles in Campuses Premises

The University Management has made laudable efforts at providing fenced parking lots for staff and student motorcycles at designated locations in the New Campus premises. An additional parking lot is about to be completed in the Faculty of Education. The staff motorcycle parking lot located behind the proposed Senate Building project appeared to be under-utilized. It was observed that the rate of motorcycle theft on the campus has not been substantially curtailed despite the giant strides made

by the University at constructing these new facilities and the deployment of security personnel to man them. Non-compliance for the use of existing parking lots and newly constructed ones by both staff and students has remained the major obstacle in reducing theft.

Notwithstanding the several efforts at creating awareness and compliance with the use of these facilities, a lot of staff and students avoid parking in the designated parking areas. In order to enhance utilization, some restricted parking areas will be identified and designated prohibited areas for compliance by all those concerned. Further violation of these arrangements (the non-use of parking lots and prohibitive parking) will attract the penalty of impounding defaulting motorcycles. Thereafter, the procedure for the recovery of the motorcycle by the owner will entail the following:

- a. Producing proof of ownership
- b. Written undertaking with a pledge not to repeat parking violation in the campus where parking lots are provided.
- c. Payment of a ₦300.00 fine per day per motorcycle and producing a receipt of payment as proof to the Security Office before the retrieval of impounded motorcycle.

It will be highly appreciated if everyone affected with this alert could comply with the new arrangement put in place to improve the security of personal assets and enhance the aesthetic value of the campus.

A team of security officials will patrol all the prohibited parking areas to commence the seizure of defaulting motorcycles 7 days from the date of the publication of this reminder/warning to all those concerned.

Dr. Nura Ibrahim Appointed Pioneer Acting Head, Information and Media Studies Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Nura Ibrahim as pioneer Acting Head, Department of Information and Media Studies.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 1st July, 2016.

Dr. Abdulkadir Magaji Magashi Reappointed Head, Microbiology Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the reappointment of Dr. Abdulkadir Magashi as Head, Department of Microbiology.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the reappointment is for a period of two years, from 7th June, 2016.

URGENT REMINDER:

Wednesday Noon is Deadline for All Bulletin Materials

All Faculties, Centres, Administrative Departments and Service Units in the University are reminded that Wednesday Noon each week is the deadline for submission of materials meant for the Bulletin. This is to allow for proper processing, to meet the distribution target of Friday morning.

Other than seminars, conferences and similar announcements, all materials meant for the Bulletin should be routed through the Registrar and should therefore be sent in good time, for the vetted copy to reach the Editor before the deadline. While hard copy of the material is sent to the Registrar, a softcopy should be sent to: bukbulletin@gmail.com or submitted on CD/flash drive.

As a matter of policy, all materials that are more than two paragraphs should be sent in softcopy to ensure accurate reproduction and avoid errors during word re-processing.

Have You Obtained Your National ID Card?

All B.U.K. Staff, students and their families who have not obtained their national ID card are reminded that the National Identity Card Management Agency staff are still expecting them to come and be registered for issuance of the document. They can bring along dependants, 16 years and above.

VENUE: Advancement Office, behind Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

TIME: 8a.m. to 4p.m.

GUIDE TO BETTER GRAMMAR

With Sheriff Ahmed

Common Mistakes in Subject-Verb Agreement (5)

Our lesson on the above subject matter continues.

- The role played by prominent lawyers like Chief Gani Fawehinmi, Prof. Ben Nwabueze, Alao Aka Bashorun, and indeed the Nigerian Bar Association in advancing democratic struggle against military dictatorship are fairly well documented.

There is no subject-verb agreement in the above sentence. Obviously, the *headword* of the subject ‘role’ (singular noun) does not agree with ‘are’ (plural verb). It should be noted that the subject (headword) is not ‘prominent lawyers’; it is the ‘role’ played by the ‘prominent lawyers’. Therefore, the verb must be singular.

Correct: *The role played by prominent lawyers like Chief Gani Fawehinmi, Prof. Ben Nwabueze, Alao Aka Bashorun and, indeed, the Nigerian Bar Association in advancing democratic struggle against military dictatorship is fairly well documented.*

- “Recent developments, the Boko Haram insurgency and the general level of conflict and insecurity has created unbearable conditions for a great number of people to bring about serious social and economic dislocation.”

What would you say about the auxiliary verb ‘has’? Does it agree with its subject in the sentence? Of course, it doesn’t. Yes, the subject of the sentence contains four items: ‘developments’, ‘insurgency’, ‘conflict’ and ‘insecurity’. It is called compound subject.

Correct: *Recent developments, the Boko Haram insurgency and the general level of conflict and insecurity **have created** unbearable conditions for a great number of people to bring about serious social and economic dislocation.*

- “Corruption and problem of accountability and plundering of Nigeria’s public wealth has become one of our major banes of development, it goes without saying that the legal profession must rise to the challenge.”

The conjunction ‘and’ after ‘corruption’ signifies additional item in the subject of the sentence. In other words, a compound subject must combine with a plural verb. Again, the use of comma after ‘development’ is not appropriate. The writer should have used a full stop because a complete thought has been expressed. A semicolon (;) may also be used.

Correct: *Corruption and the problem of accountability and plundering of Nigeria’s public wealth **have become** some of the major banes of our development; it goes without saying that the legal profession must rise to the challenge.*

- “However, investigation and trial of corruption cases in Nigeria has almost failed.”

Like our previous analysis, the verb ‘has failed’ does not agree with its compound subject ‘investigation and trial of corruption cases’.

Correct: *However, investigation and trial of corruption cases in Nigeria **have** almost failed.*

- “The ultimate consumers of legal services is the public.”

Try to identify the subject and the verb and say whether or not they agree. In my humble opinion ‘consumers’ and ‘is’ do not agree. One is plural and the other is singular.

Correct: *The ultimate consumers of legal services **are** the public.*

When the trend is reversed, you have the following: *The public **are** the ultimate consumers of legal services.*

Note that each of the following sentences is correct:

- a. *The public **has** a right to know what is contained in the report.*
- b. *The public **have** a right to know what is contained in the report.*

- “There have been some successful prosecution.”

You should be extremely careful whenever you begin a sentence with the following words: *there, here, who, what, when*, etc. as in the above sentence. Many a writer has failed in this regard. Indeed, in sentences beginning with *there* and *here*, be careful to anticipate the subject and make sure that the verb agrees with it. This rule means that 'there' and 'here' may take singular or plural verb depending on the subject that comes after the verb in a sentence that begins with either of the two adverbs. Study the following examples:

- a. NON-STANDARD: There **is** one thousand people in the village.
- b. STANDARD: *There **are** one thousand people in the village.*
- c. NON-STANDARD: Here **is** the books.
- d. STANDARD: *Here **are** the books.*
- e. NON-STANDARD: How **is** mummy and daddy?
- f. STANDARD: *How **are** mummy and daddy?*
- g. STANDARD: *There **has been** some successful prosecution.*
- h. STANDARD: *There **have been** some successful prosecutions.*

Health and Safety Advice from the Health Services Department

STDs could remain uncured...

- ❖ This can happen, if there is no bilateral treatment between the coition partners; so no amount of unilateral treatment would be effective as long as the coition partners remain together.
- ❖ It happens, if there is no total sex abstinence between couples throughout the period of treatment.
- ❖ It happens, if the toilets used by infected couples are not seriously on concurrent disinfection with effective disinfectants.
- ❖ It may happen, if there is no proper diagnosis and treatment from recognized health professionals.
- ❖ It may happen, if the dosage of the drugs given for treatment is not complete by the patient, (non compliance)

SALES OF BROILER BIRDS

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano informs the University Community that there are few broiler birds for sale at the Poultry Unit of the Centre.

The sales commence Friday 10th June, 2016 and the price per bird is ₦1000:00 only.

Payment should be made to Mrs. Opeoluwa Temitope Falola at the CDA between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily, while collection of the birds will be at the Poultry Unit of the Centre.

Note that purchase is on **first come first served** and **cash and carry basis**.

SEMINARS

The following Faculties/Departments/Centre invite the University Community to their seminars/workshop, scheduled as follows:

International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance: M.Sc. Internal Proposal/Defense

Presenter 1: Nura Yahaya (SPS/13/MIF/00003)

Topic: An Assessment of Non-Interest Financing Products of JA'IZ Bank in the Light of Maqasid Al-Shari'ah.

Supervisor: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

Reviewer: Dr. Amina A. Isma'il

Presenter 2: Yahaya Suleiman Baguda (SPS/13/MIF/00007)

Topic: An Analysis of the Role of Hisbah Board in Ensuring Ethical Business Practices in Kano State.

Supervisor: Prof. Garba Bala Bello

Reviewer: Prof. Aminu Kado Kurfi

Presenter 3: Zainab Muhammad Bashir (SPS/13/MIF/00009)

Topic: Potentials of Setting up Waqf from Philanthropic Foundation for Enhancing Materila and Child Health Care Service in Kano State: A Proposed Model

Supervisor: Prof. Kabir Isa Dandago

Reviewer: Dr. Binta Tijjani Jibril

Chairman: Director, IIIBF

Date: Thursday, 16th June, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

Presenter 4: Mohammed Abdullahi
(SPS/13/MIF/00014)

Topic: Perceptions, Awareness and Attitudes of Academicians Towards Islamic Banking Products in Jigawa State.

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Mansur Idris

Reviewer: Dr. Ahmad Maiyaki

Presenter 5: Muhammad Duku
(SPS/12/MIF/00010)

Topic: The Role of Sukuk Ijarah in Financing Education Sector. A case Study of Osun State, Nigeria.

Supervisor: Dr. Aliyu Muhammad Dahiru

Reviewer: Prof. Bashir Tijjani

Chairman: Director, IIBF

Date: Friday, 17th June, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: IIBF Conference Room

Department of Mechatronics Engineering: Seminar

Presenter: Dr. Mustapha Muhammad

Topic: Modelling of Non-linear Systems using TAGAKI-SUGENO Fuzzy Technique.

Chairman: Dr. Haruna Musa

Date: Wednesday, 15th June, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

Department of Adult and Community Services: Ph.D Proposal Defense

Presenter 1: Muhammad Shehu Hussein
(SPS/PAD/12/00005)

Topic: Influence of Rapid Awareness Raising Programme on Community Based Material Health Improvements in Kano State, Nigeria.

Presenter 2: Nura Haladu (SPS/MAD/12/00004)

Topic: Appraisal of Facility Health Committee Activities in Promoting Voice and Accountability in Health Service Delivery in Kano State, Nigeria.

Presenter 3: Joseph James Mbavei
(SPS/PAD/13/00004)

Topic: Impact of Diffusion of Short Season Soybean on Social Change among Households in rural communities of Kano State, Nigeria.

Chairman: Prof. M.B. Shitu

Presenter 4: Abbas Mahmud (SPS/PAD/13/00005)

Topic: Knowledge Management Initiatives and Productivity among Adult Education Academic Staff of Tertiary Institutions in North West, Nigeria.

Chairman: Dr. Bala Zakari

Date: 14th June, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Venue: Faculty of Educational Technology Centre

Department of Mathematical Sciences: Ph.D Internal Defense

Presenter: Muhammad Auwal Lawan
(SPS/PAD/1/00001)

Topic: Mathematical Investigation of Airflow Process in Un-stratified Cross-Ventilated Rectangular Domains with Two- and Three-Openings on Vertical Walls.

Supervisor: Dr. A.B. Baffa

Date: Monday, 13th June, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Departmental Computer Lab.

Chairman: Prof. B.M. Yakasai.

Wedding Fatiha

Alh. Ado Isma'ila Abubakar (Madungurun) of the Mambayya House Library invites members of the University Community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Rahma Adam Abubakar and her groom Ali Muhd Rabi'u (Abba Diga), scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 12th June, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Venue: "Yar Maishinkafi near Alh. Sani Buhari (Walin Daura) residence, 'Yar Maishinkafi.

LOSS OF ITEMS

Owner: Barira Salisu Tanko (AIS/15/ARA/00205) of Arabic Department lost her bag containing the following items:

- i. Library ID card
- ii. Hand set
- iii. ₦800

If found, please call 0703 029 3232.

