



BUK Expels 17 Students, Exonerates 3 for Irregularities in Entry Qualifications

Bayero University Senate at its 355th Meeting held on Wednesday 16th August, 2017 has approved the expulsion of 17 students due to irregularities discovered in their entry qualifications. It has also exonerated three others for failure to establish any case of irregularities against them.

This was contained in a statement jointly signed by the Chairman and Secretary, Senate Committee on Entry Qualifications, Professor Bala Sidi Aliyu and Hajiya Amina Umar Abdullahi. The punitive measures were taken in accordance with category 3.6 of the General Examinations and Academic Regulations (GEAR) and after following due process.

The statement gave the names of the expelled students as follows:

1. Yahaya Shuaibu Muhammad (SCI/09/BCH00541)
2. Khadija Ibrahim (CSI/13/BIO/00284)
3. Yusuf Usman Abdullahi (SCI/11/CHE/01652)
4. Mansura Mohammed Danjuma (SCI/11/CHE/01717)
5. Sumayya Said Ismail (SCI/14/BIO00526)
6. Ado Auwalu Malam (AIS/10/HAU/00387)

7. Aliyu Musa (AIS/12/ISL/00113)
8. Aminu Muhammad Usman (AIS/13/ISL/00570)
9. Ibrahim Aminu Dahiru (SMS/11/MAC/01280)
10. Surajo Ahmad Adamu (SMS/13/MAC/00434)
11. Aliyu Haruna (SMS/12/POL/00041)
12. Nurudeen Yunusa Kuta (SMS/11/ACC/01613)
13. Anas Abdullahi Muhammad (SMS/14/POL/00895)
14. Nusaiba Ado Gwarjo (SMS/12/ACC/00247)
15. Idris Kawuwa (EDU/13/ADE/00422)
16. Saidu Araga Ahmed (EDU/13/LIS/00439)
17. Rafatu Abdulkareem Oyiza (EDU/13/LIS/00362)

Three students, Abdulmajid Saleh (SMS/13/PAD/00002), Mahmud Danladi (AGR/07/AGR/00008) and Yusuf Abdulmateen (ENG/11/MEC/00754) were exonerated after being cleared of irregularities in their entry qualifications. Ibrahim Idris Yakasai (SMS/10/BUS/00850) was withdrawn because the committee found him with a deficiency in his entry qualification. One other case is pending, subject to instructions given, involving Abubakar Sarkin'ya Saidu (TEC/09/MEC/00516).

BUK Spends Six Million Naira in Conferences and Study Fellowships in Six Months - VC

By: Abubakar Yusuf

The Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said, between February to July 2017, Bayero University spent about Six million naira to sponsor its teaching and non-teaching staff to

attend conferences and for study fellowships.

Professor Bello disclosed this while presenting a report at the 51st Congregation meeting held on Saturday 12th



The Vice Chancellor, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting his address at the Congregation meeting

August, 2017 at Mahmud Tukur Theater Old Campus.

He said the Committee of Deans and Directors and the Non-Teaching Staff Training Committee had continued to meet monthly, among other things, to consider applications for conference/workshop attendance, study fellowships and other forms of training and capacity building activities from academic, non-academic and non-teaching staff. The management he said had continued to sponsor and support staff to attend conferences and workshops and to go for higher degrees.

The Vice Chancellor said a committee was set to look into the possibility of creating a way that physically challenged persons could equally benefit from the University Main Library, which has a section on the ground floor dedicated to their needs. He said the committee would also advise Management on how to build toilets for the physically challenged persons.

Professor Bello thanked members of the congregation and all other staff and students of the University for the kind of cooperation and understanding given to his administration. "I personally appreciate the team spirit between Management, on the one hand, and all unions, on the other, as well as among members of the various

unions. I applaud this understanding and commitment to our common goal. Together, we are working to build a system that, we hope, will serve as a model for the Nigerian University System." The Vice Chancellor concluded.

In his speech earlier, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Congregation (SCC) Dr Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, of the Islamic Studies Department said the meeting was the second in the year, as part of the resolutions made by the congregation in its 49th meeting that would be held twice in a year. He said the meeting was very important considering the fact that it was an avenue where members meet with management and discuss the way forward in terms of University administration.

Dr. Aminu Bukar of Biological Sciences Department, Dr Dalha Wada Taura of Biological Sciences and Dr Sani Yahaya of Micbiology Department were elected during the Congregation to represent the new Faculty of Life Sciences at the Senate. Also, Dr Muttaka Naiya Ibrahim of Civil Engineering Department was also elected as the Senate Representative of Faculty of Engineering to replace Dr Nuradeen Saludeen, who became the Head of Chemical Petroleum Engineering.

BUK to De-Affiliate Institutions Compromising Standards – VC

By: Hauwa H. Sale & Khadija Abdullahi

Bayero University would not hesitate to de-affiliate with any institution found compromising academic standards, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has warned.

The Vice Chancellor gave the warning while presenting his score card at the 51st Congregation meeting held on Saturday, 12th August, 2017 at Mahmud Tukur Theatre, Old Campus. He was speaking against the backdrop of the recent Senate decision to de-affiliate with any institution due to inadequate facilities in line with academic standards.

He explained that after a visit to the institution in question by BUK's Quality Assurance team, the team, in its report, raised serious issues pertaining to the available material resources and funding, saying that in spite of the adequate time given

to the institution to address the issues, it still failed. "We have no better alternative than to de-affiliate with the institution," Professor Bello stated.

He said Bayero University was determined to ensure that the students to be produced in the name of the



Cross section of members of the Congregation

university on its Campuses or at affiliated Institutions were of highest quality, 'no more no less,' he remarked.

The Vice Chancellor informed members of the congregation that affiliations were part of the

University's Community Service as well as assistance in creating more access to higher education, which was why he said BUK would continue to affiliate with serious and committed institutions that were prepared to play the game in accordance with the rules.

He disclosed that in line with such community service, the Senate had approved the affiliation of two

institutions to run degree programmes subject to clearance by the National Universities Commission (NUC). He said the approval was after a rigorous assessment of the human and material resources available at the institutions. The institutions were: A.D. Rufa'i College of Islamic Legal Studies, Misau (B.A. Arabic and B.A. Islamic Studies), and Sheikh Ibrahim El-Tayyib Institution, Kano (B.A. Arabic).

Former SUG Honours Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed

By: Lamara Garba

The former Executives of the Students Union Government (SUG) of Bayero University Kano have bestowed a distinguished award of an "Icon of Educational Development" on the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed.

Presenting the award in her office on Friday, 4th August, 2017, the SUG President, Comrade Tijjani Bilal Paki, said the Union found in the Registrar humility, dedication, commitment and inspiration per excellence, as well benevolent disposition that had come to bear on many students.

"Ma, we are pleased to present to you this award today in order to serve as a motivator to other administrators in this university. It is also in recognition of your motherly support to all the students of this institution as well as your good administrative qualities. We are indeed very much proud of you," he said.

Comrade Paki said the Union had remained indebted to the Registrar for her kindness and career counseling to students when she was in charge of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), and then God elevated her to the position of Registrar.

Responding, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, expressed delight at the award; she said she was humbled by the students' recognition of her little contribution. "I was taken unawares, but in any case, it will inspire me to do more."

However, she dedicated all the awards bestowed on her to the members of the registry staff, who she said without their support and cooperation, she wouldn't have achieved anything.

"This award and many others that I receive from the day I assumed this office to date, could not have been possible but for the commitment, dedication and perseverance of the registry staff. Therefore, I hereby dedicate them all to my teeming staff in the registry department," said the Registrar.

She announced that already the university had computerized its staff records and now plans were under way to fully computerize students' records with a view to digitalizing the university records.

The registrar commended the students' body for the award.



The Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed (middle), in a group photograph with the SUG executives after receiving the award

Party Supremacy Key to NEPU's Success, Says Stalwarts

By: Lamara Garba

For Nigeria and indeed world democracies to grow and be viable, the supremacy of a political party over its followers must be sacrosanct. These were the submissions of the participants at a round-table discussion held as part of the commemorative activities on the founding day of the defunct Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU).

The meeting, which was organized by the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (Mambayya House), held at the Sa'adu Zungur Auditorium on Tuesday, 8th August, 2017, and was attended by prominent living figures in the NEPU struggle, said that NEPU succeeded wholly because all its members and supporters must submit to the dictates and decisions of the party in all manner.

In his opening remarks, the Director of the Centre, Professor Haruna Wakili, said the idea of organizing the meeting was aimed at reflecting on how the defunct NEPU conceptualized its ideology and funding procedure with a view to gaining some lessons in our present-day democratic process. The theme of the Round table discussion was *"The Process of political party funding in Nigeria: a Reflection on NEPU."* The discussion invited prominent stalwarts of the party to relive their experiences of those days.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the occasion, who is also

one of the living legacies of the defunct NEPU stalwarts, a veteran broadcaster, Alhaji Sale Aliyu Hadejia, gave a brief biography of the NEPU ideology and its formation, which he said was founded some 67 years ago, on the 8th of August, 1950 at 8:00 am. Alhaji Hadejia explained that the party was principally aimed at empowering the common man to have the rights to democratic participation unhindered. He said that although, NEPU could not form the central government, however, it had accomplished its mission by reawakening the political consciousness of Nigerians, particularly the common man.

Emeritus Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir and Professor Isah Hashim separately spoke on their relationship with Malam Aminu Kano that dated back to their studentship in the elementary school, describing him as humble, fearless, God-fearing and always dedicated in the service of humanity.

Alhaji Muhammadu Dauda Dangalan, an old NEPU disciple in his presentation, recalled the ways of funding NEPU activities which included selling party membership, monthly voluntary contributions by all members, donations from party men, selling tickets during social gatherings organized by the party and a 10 percent of monthly income of all party members in positions of authority.



Jarman Kano, Prof. Isa Hashim (1st left), Alh. Sale Aliyu Hadejia (centre), Alh. M. D. Dangalan & Emeritus Prof. Ambassador Dandatti Abdulkadir (1st left, inset) amongst other Defunct NEPU stalwarts present

Prof. Rasheed, Four Other Scholars Now Fellows of NAL

By: Bala G. Abdullahi

The former Vice Chancellor of Bayero University and now Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, and four other erudite scholars were on Thursday, 10th August, 2017 at J. F. Ajayi Auditorium, University of Lagos admitted as Fellows of the prestigious Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL).

The Nigerian Academy of Letters is a body that has the primary objective of promoting research and scholarship at

the highest level in all the branches of the Humanities. It draws its members from the academics who have been professors for at least five years in various branches of the Humanities, while Regular Fellows are scholars who have been professors for at least 10 years and are not only distinguished but also current in terms of research and publications.

Speaking shortly before the investiture, President of the Academy, Professor Olu Obafemi, said over 500 scholars



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed after the investiture

were shortlisted and screened for the coveted investiture, but that only 'four of you scaled the herculean hurdle. Please accept my congratulations,' he remarked.

He said the theme of the 19th Convocation, 'Patriotism,' was apt, saying that it was chosen to address the need for patriotism in the scheme of national development. He assured that the communiqué to be issued at the end of the event would be forwarded to the Federal Government for consideration.

In his acceptance speech on behalf of the new Fellows, the NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, thanked the President and the College of Fellows for considering them worthy and suitable for admission into the NAL.

He assured that they would continue to make their modest contributions towards achieving the goals, purposes and

aspirations of the founding fathers of the Academy, which were upheld till today, adding that the fact that the theme of the Convocation was "Patriotism", denoted and connoted the commitment of the Academy to the redesigning project of a united and developed Nigeria presently in the throes of 'fractious dystopia' and worrisome incoherence.

On his part, Professor Rasheed said the idea of partnering with the Academy in the attainment of excellence and high standards in the nation's education was uppermost in his mind in his unalloyed drive to reposition the National Universities Commission for the fulfilment of its objectives. 'I trust that I shall continue to receive and enjoy guidance, co-operation and nurture from our Academy in the task of committing the NUC to raising the standard of university education in Nigeria of the 21st century, impelled by information and knowledge as the sole imperatives of growth and development,' he stated.

Viral Hepatitis is a Global Threat – Prof. Borodo

By: Fausat A. Opayomi

The threat of viral hepatitis was a global one that needed to be addressed globally and if nothing was done it would consume the world, according to Prof. Musa M. Borodo, a consultant physician.

Prof. Borodo made this remark on Saturday, 5th August, 2017 at the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training during the 9th Annual Late Captain Ismail Yadudu Foundation for Viral Hepatitis workshop titled "The Challenges of Counseling, Treatment and Prevention of Viral Hepatitis in Nigeria" organized by AKTH and BUK in collaboration with Phillips Pharmaceutical Nig. Ltd.

The speaker defined hepatitis "as any inflammatory process causing hepato cellular injury, which can be acute or chronic; and that Hepatitis A, B and C are the

most common causes of Viral Hepatitis worldwide." He emphasized the need to sensitize people on the dangers of the disease, which could be in the body for up to 10 – 15 years before it manifested itself and by then it would have caused damage in the liver, showing the end stage or terminal symptom as the case may.

He said the viruses could be detected earlier in children or the new-born, who mostly contract it from their mother or through other children they come in contact with. It can also be contracted through contaminated blood or sexual intercourse between couples and that the only way to prevent the spread was through immunization of children and early testing to know one's status.

He advised medical personnel to be diligent in their

work and ensure the use of standardized laboratory equipment to prevent wrong diagnosis.

The Chief Medical Director of AKTH, Prof. Aminu Z. Muhammad, who was represented by Prof. Auwal Gajidda, lauded the efforts of the Foundation, which, on many occasions, had gone beyond Kano City to sensitize people on the dangers of the disease and added that AKTH was always ready to partner with the foundation because the disease affected millions of people all over and that HBV vaccine for children was

free at AKTH.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. M.Y. Bello, who was the Chairman of the occasion, earlier in his address thanked the foundation for being at the forefront of sensitizing the public and the medical personnel, who were mostly at risk of contracting the disease.

The Chairman of the Foundation, Prof. Auwal Yadudu, was elated at the large turnout of the people, who were willing and ready to be screened. A total of 392 males and 106 females were screened for the Hepatitis Viruses at the occasion free of charge.

Prof. Habu Mohammed Enjoins Youth to be the Vanguard of Peace in Nigeria *By: Laura Farouk Aliyu*

The year's United Nations International Youth Day was celebrated by youth from various walks of life at the Faculty of Earth and Environment's Theater, Bayero University, Kano.

The event which took place on Saturday, August 12, 2017 with the theme: youth Building peace was organized by the impact Nigeria Project, American Corner, Kano and service Delivery CDS Group of the National Youth Service Corps (N Y S C) with the support of Bayero University, Kano.

The keynote address at the occasion was delivered by Prof Habu Mohammed of Political Science Department, who presented a paper titled: The youth and peace building in Nigeria: Expectations versus REALITY. He enjoined youth to strive to participate actively in peace building activities because, globally, the youth not only constituted almost half of the world's population, but they also took the large share of the consequences of violence.

According to the speaker, there was no better time the theme of the International Youth Day matched to the country's aspiration for peace, unity and national integration than in these days of agitation for separation by some groups and the renewed activities of insurgents in the Northeast.

Therefore, the Professor of political science challenged the youth, who he described "as fomenters, triggers and perpetrators of conflict and at the same time the cheap victims of of violence," to develop interest in the culture of civic engagement in the area of peace building through campaigns and the organization of peace clubs on university campuses and other higher institutions of learning as well as secondary schools, among other strategies.

He concluded by arguing that for the youth to make a meaningful impact on peace they had to shun social vices such as cybercrimes by the so-called yahoo-yahoo boys and distanced themselves from youth and adolescent gangs that often served as foot soldiers of "money bag", which he described as political

entrepreneurs. Above all, he advised that for them to make any inroads in this regard, they must forge a synergy with other stakeholders in peace building because "it requires participative, inclusive and inter-generational strategies and programs."

Earlier in her opening remarks, the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Impact Nigeria project, Mrs. Hauwa Liman, reiterated the need to develop the potentials of the youth and rededicate their energies towards involvement in entrepreneurship so as to make them self-employed instead of them to depend on white color jobs, which, in most case, eluded youth persons.

Invited young entrepreneurs, who, in a session on youth and entrepreneurship, discussed their individual motivation for their successes outside the realm of public employment, called on the youth to be industrious and self-motivated to realize their dreams.

The NYSC entertainment troop provided an entertainment at the occasion, which was attended by students, representatives of various civil society group, youth clubs and associations.



Prof. Habu Mohammed delivering his paper

Notification for Subsequent Participation of Doctoral Students in the American Fulbright Scholarship Programme

The National Universities Commission, necessitated by the prevailing requirements for global competitiveness and the internationalization of universities, seeks to acquaint Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities with the American Fulbright Programme.

The Fulbright Specialist Programme, as you are aware, is a non-degree scholarship programme that is opened annually (from 1st February to 1st June) and sponsored by the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which provides unique opportunities for Nigerian Doctoral Degree Students. The programme, which spans two to six weeks, is envisioned to build capacity, promote linkages and intercultural dialogue on a wide range of disciplines to include but not limited to:

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- e. Conducting needs assessments or evaluations for a programme or institution

It is in the Commission's effort to restore the international visibility of our universities that Vice-Chancellors are advised to undertake an aggressive sensitization of their University's Communities to the existence of this and other programme as well as grants, which will give our institutions much needed positive exposure. You are to kindly inform suitable candidates for possible application in subsequent editions of the programme.

For more information and prerequisites for application, interested applicants can contact the following websites: www.apply.embark.com/student/Fulbright/International. You may also wish to contact the undersigned on 08033144115 or email at chia2003dika@yahoo.com.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Hassana S. Darma Re-appointed HOD Special Education

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Hassana Sani Darma of the Department of Special Education as the Head, Department of Special Education for another two years commencing from August 28, 2017.

Dr. Sabo Birnin-Kudu Ibrahim Re-appointed HOD Electrical Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Sabo Birnin-Kudu Ibrahim of the Department of Electrical

Engineering as the Head, Department of Electrical Engineering for another two years commencing from September 2, 2017.

Amina Umar Abdullahi appointed Acting Director, DEAR

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Amina Umar Abdullahi of the Registry Department as the Acting Director of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records. The appointment is with effect from Monday, 14th August, 2017 until further notice.

Wedding Fatiha

Abubakar Abdu Yakasai (Sayyadi) of the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR) invites members of the University Community to his Wedding Fatiha with Zainab Sani Abdullahi scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday, 20th August, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Venue: No.10, Shirawa (Gidan Doki), Kan Titin Alfanda, Kwanar Dala, Kano

Appreciation from the Family of Emeritus Prof. E. A. Olofin

The Family of Emeritus Professor Emmanuel Ajayi Olofin wishes to thank the Bayero University Community for the prayers, voice calls, goodwill and SMS messages to console members of the family on the

occasion of the death and burial of the wife and mother of the family, the late Lady (Mrs) Teresa Adun Olofin. May the Almighty God bless you all and accept her soul in Paradise, Amen.

Appreciation from Jafar Zubairu Maitama

Malam Jafar Zubairu Maitama of the Department of Information Technology, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology wishes to express his appreciation to members of the University community, particularly staff

of the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology for attending his wedding fatiha, which took place on 12th August, 2017.

May Allah reward you all abundantly, amin.



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