



# BUK Plans to Establish Faculty of Architecture – VC

*By Mustapha Gide*



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Bayero University plans to join the first set of Nigerian Universities to establish a Faculty of Architecture, having been readily waiting for the National Universities Commission (NUC) to release the enabling guidelines, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed.

Professor Bello, who was speaking in his office on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, while receiving an accreditation team of Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), said Bayero University had a passion on Architecture related programmes.

He disclosed that “Bayero University had passion for Architecture for long that was why we pulled resources to make our B.Sc Architecture programme a better one, and now the programme is a growing one, getting our attention to make it among the bests”.

Professor Bello assured that the University was aiming to see that every student possessed his drawing board and also to dedicate a studio for each student's level. He expressed delight that right from Level 100, students of the Department were undergoing rigorous training day and night at their studios.

He maintained the University's position to graduating qualified architects who could stand on their feet and employ others. “That is why we intend to make our BSc Architecture programme among the bests in the country,” the Vice Chancellor emphasized.

Earlier, the team leader and Chairman of the Council, Professor Bode Ogunrayewa, told the Vice Chancellor that they were in the University to conduct accreditation on the B.Sc Architecture programme. He said they were in the University last year during which they offered some advice on how best to run the programme and, as such, they came to ascertain conformity by the University.

The team leader said that ARCON would not compromise in seeing that institutions offering B.Sc Architecture across the country had provided facilities and manpower to the world standard.

## ... Hosts 33<sup>rd</sup> SSANU NEC Meeting

*By Nura Garba*

The National Executive Committee Meeting of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) took place in Bayero University, Kano for the first time since 2005 during the tenure of former Vice Chancellor, Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega.

Over 60 federal and state universities converged in BUK for the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting in the series to deliberate on issues that affect the development of the association on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

“We are honored to host the important meeting of SSANU where critical issues that affect the

development of university education will be thoroughly discussed,” said the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, during the opening session.

The Vice Chancellor said unions in the university were critical stakeholders that helped the management to take meaningful decisions in the overall interest of the system, saying that they were partners in progress.

Professor Bello, while responding to requests made earlier by the SSANU Chairman on capacity building, said already, about five non-teaching staff were pursuing their PhD, while the Bursar, Alhaji Sulaiman Bello, had completed his PhD in Malaysia. He added that the University would continue to do its best to improve on

the capacity of its staff in order to get good results.

He noted that a committee had already been set up to look into the possibility of creating directorate system in the Bursary Department, as done in the Registry some years back.

The SSANU National President, Comrade Samson Chijioke Ugwoke, expressed happiness over the harmonious coexistence among unions in Bayero University, commending the Vice Chancellor for being unions friendly. He said as long as he remained SSANU President, BUK would never have any misunderstanding with the union.

Comrade Ugwoke urged the federal government to as a matter of urgency pay the N8 billion as part of the agreement with three non-teaching staff unions of universities when they suspended a three-month industrial action in March. He said the government promised to pay the earned allowances money within five weeks, “but it is seven weeks now the government has not fulfilled the agreement”.

The Accountant General of the Federation, Alhaji Ahmed Idris, who was at the occasion, said SSANU had brought a new dimension to unionism in the country by identifying some prominent people to recognize for the contributions they rendered to the development of the country.

He said unionism was not all about embarking on industrial action, but serving as critical stakeholders in

addressing challenges that bedevil the country, noting that the award of excellence given to them would boost their morale to do better for the country.

Presenting a goodwill message, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said she was happy with the large gathering of SSANU members in Bayero University. She said the union had a critical role to play in the development of university education in Nigeria. She urged all members to be committed and dedicated in order to add value to the system.

In his remark, earlier, Chairman of SSANU-BUK, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, said SSANU had witnessed massive transformations under the current Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, in terms of career progression, promotion and capacity building.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chancellor to sponsor PhD studies for non-teaching staff and a new promotion guideline that would give room for SSANU members on professional cadres terminating at CONTISS 13 to progress to CONTISS 14.

The opening ceremony featured the presentation of SSANU Distinguished Award Excellence on the Deputy Governor, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, MFR, Accountant General of the Federation, Alhaji Ahmed Idris, Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano and Alhaji Sabitu Muhammad Jifatu for their enormous contributions to the development of education and society at large.



From left: AGF, Alhaji Ahmed Idris; Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed; VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello; SSANU President, Samson Ugwoke and other dignitaries observing solidarity song

## BUK Mngt. Condoles with Late Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u's Family

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

The Management of Bayero University has paid a condolence visit to the family of the Late Sheikh Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u, describing his death as a colossal loss to the Muslim Ummah.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who led the delegation on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at the residence of Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u (Khadimul Qur'an) said the deceased would be remembered for his tremendous contribution towards the propagation of Islamic Religion.

Professor Bello stated that his death had created a very wide vacuum that would be difficult to fill. Also speaking, the Chief Imam of Kano and former Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Sani Zaharaddeen, said the contribution of Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u was enormous, particularly in the area of building mosques and Islamic schools across the country of



Management of BUK condoling the family of the Late Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u

which Bayero University was among the beneficiaries. "We indeed lost a rare gem", he said.

Responding on behalf of the family, the eldest son, Alhaji Nafiu Isyaku Rabi'u, expressed appreciation to

the Management of Bayero University for the visit and promised that the family would continue to uphold the virtues of the late Khalifa.

## BUK to Assist Immigration Service in Capacity Building

*By Abubakar Yusuf*

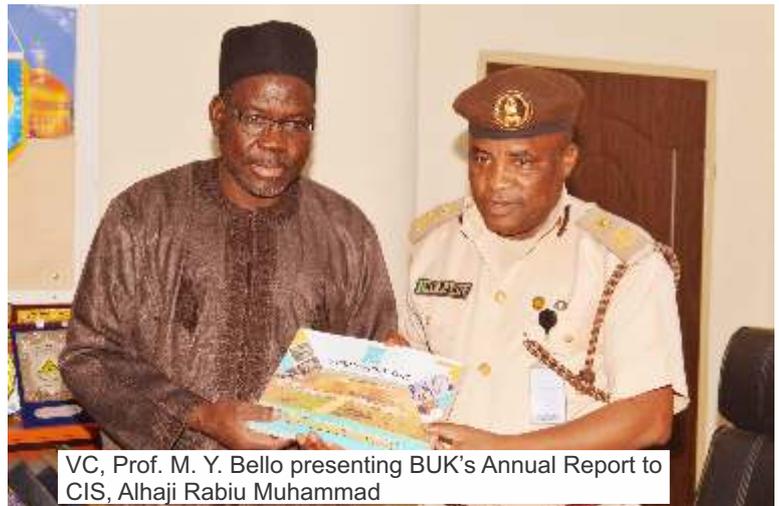
Bayero University has promised to assist the Immigration Service in the area of capacity building, Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has said.

Professor Bello made the promise on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 when he received Comptroller of Immigration Service in charge of Kano State Command, Alhaji Rabi'u Muhammad Yaro, in his office. He commended the Immigration Service for giving priority to capacity building, which he believed would help in the development of any organization. "We will work with you to identify areas of short and long term trainings to your personnel," he added.

The Vice Chancellor expressed happiness over the immigration's concern to enlighten the public on the rules and procedure in order to avoid an act of illegal migration.

In his remark, earlier, the Kano State Comptroller of Immigration Service, Alhaji Rabi'u Muhammad Yaro, said the visit was to strengthen the relationship between the command and the University.

He said the visit was also part of the command's enlightenment campaign to distribute a document containing guidelines and procedure for immigration



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting BUK's Annual Report to CIS, Alhaji Rabi'u Muhammad

related activities for students of the University, who usually engage in seeking greener pastures after graduation.

# VC Commissions New SSANU Secretariat at New Campus

*By Nura Garba*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has commissioned a new secretariat of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) at New Campus in company of Accountant General of the

Performing the commissioning rituals, the Vice Chancellor said many people within and outside the University contributed generously towards building the new secretariat. He said it would serve as an important meeting point not only to SSANU members but other members of the community.



A scene of new SSANU Secretariat before commissioning

The Vice Chancellor promised that the University management would furnish four offices and the committee room, pledging also that the university would provide its assistance on sporting facilities in the secretariat. He congratulated the leadership of SSANU BUK for ensuring that the building of the secretariat became a success in spite of many challenges and also eulogized the good leadership qualities of SSANU National president.

Federation (AGF), Alhaji Ahmed Idris, SSANU National President, Comrade Samson Ugwoke, SSANU BUK Chairman, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, and many other dignitaries.

Chairman of SSANU, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, commended the Vice Chancellor for his purposeful leadership and goodwill gesture, saying that members of SSANU would continue to give their very best for the progress and development of the University.

## Faculty of Basic Medical Science Honours Mrs. Salamatu Suleiman

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences had organized a reception in honour of the former Faculty Administration Officer, Hajiya Salamatu O. Suleiman, popularly known as *Mama*, who recently retired from service.

Speaking at a grand sent-off reception in her honour on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at the Faculty Conference Hall at the Old Campus, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor M. K. Atiku, described her as an excellent and hardworking officer.

“We are here today to celebrate the exit of one of the finest, hardworking, astute administrators and very diligent officer who is very committed to her work. Indeed, we are going to miss her in this Faculty and the University in general,” said the Dean.

According to him, when Hajiya Salamatu informed him that she had put in her notification of retirement, he was dumbfounded and speechless, because he knew they would miss one of the best administrators who had an

extra-ordinary qualities that not many officers possessed.

Professor Atiku, however, advised younger officers to emulate the good qualities of Hajiya Salamatu,



Outgoing and incoming Deans Prof. M. K. Atiku (middle) and Dr. Salim Ali (left) presenting refrigerator to the retired Hajiya Salamatu O. Sulaiman

explaining that if all public servants would take their jobs diligently as exemplified by her, certainly the lost glory in service would be restored.

In his comment, the husband to the celebrant, Alhaji Salihu Sulaiman, said she had been an excellent housewife any man could yearn for. "Hajiya Salamatu is indeed a special person even among women. She is always at the service of her husband, very religious, caring and totally obedient. Throughout our stay as husband and wife, we never had quarrel that will involve a third party. I really thank God for giving me this as a wife."

Many who spoke included the newly elected Dean of the

Faculty, Dr. Salim Ali Muhammad, who extolled her virtues and extra-ordinary human relations, saying the Faculty would wish that Hajiya remained with us till eternity.

Responding, the celebrant, Hajiya Salamatu O. Suleiman, who could not hold back tears, said words were too small to convey her feelings and appreciation for all the kind words and the presentation of gifts, saying she was indeed overwhelmed by the gesture. She said she really enjoyed working with all of them in the Faculty.

As part of the appreciation, the Faculty had presented a brand new refrigerator and plaque.

## Parents Urged to Encourage Children to Speak Indigenous Language

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

A call has been made to the parents to encourage their children to speak their indigenous languages and also engage them in discourse embellished with proverbs. The call was made by participants of 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Nigerian Folklore Society held on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium in a communiqué signed by the Chairman Local Organizing Committee, Professor Abdu Yahaya Bichi.



Prof. Aliyu Muhammad Bunza, the guest lecturer delivering his paper

needed to know their native languages, so that they could communicate internationally in a way that the whole world could recognize us through our language identity.

The participants also identified the need of institutions of learning to be encouraged in organizing story telling competitions as well as the craze for English content from programmes on TV, Radio, to dress should be de-

The participants were also reminded that Nigerians emphasized.

## BUK Hosts National Veterans Badminton Championship ...VC Bans Use of Indoor Sports Hall for Wedding Reception

*By Lamara Garba*

No fewer than 30 different Badminton Clubs from across the country participated at the 1<sup>st</sup> All Veterans National Badminton Championship hosted by the Bayero University Community Badminton Club, which ended on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

The competition, which was the first of its kind aimed at creating friendship and promoting social gathering as well as understanding among the populace, also allowed for the revival of the game of Badminton.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bayero University Community Badminton Club, Dr. Abdul Iguda, who led other members of the club on a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad

Yahuza Bello on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 in his office, said the club had been promoting the name of BUK in the sporting world, especially in the aspect of Badminton.

Dr. Iguda told the Vice Chancellor that over the years the Club had been representing the University in various national and regional competitions and been winning laurels.

He commended the management of the University for their support and understanding, which had greatly impacted on the performance of the club in national competitions.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello, said the management attached greater premium on sports and



DVC Academics, Prof. Sagir Abbas receiving an award from the Emir of Bade during the closing ceremony of the competition

physical exercise, hence, the decision to dedicate a particular day every month for the walk for life exercise.

Professor Bello, while praying for a successful hosting of the tournament, also promised to give every support needed for the development of the club.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor had directed that henceforth the Sports Directorate should desist from allocating the Indoor hall for any events other than sporting activities.

Professor Bello said the University had a reason of establishing the sports hall and, therefore, it should be strictly used for that purpose. "As from this moment, the Directorate of Sports should note that no individual or group will be allowed to make use of any of our sporting arena, especially the Indoor Hall for a wedding reception or any other event which has no correlation with sports," he instructed.

## Faculty of Management Sciences Clinches 50 Meters Desert Shuttle Run Trophy ... As Organizers Introduce Female Category

*By Nura Garba*

The Faculty of Management Sciences has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Vice Chancellor's Inter-Faculty 50 Meters Desert Shuttle Run Competition played at the Old Campus.

Riyaudeen Maitama, who emerged winner represented the Faculty of Management Sciences competed with Saminu Umar of the Faculty of Communication, Mohammed Ahmed, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Auwalu Muazu Balarabe of the Vice Chancellor's Office in the final played on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. In clinching the trophy Riyaudeen had really produced a master-class performance," said the Chairman Sports Consultative Committee, Professor I.K Abdulsalam.

Mohammed Ahmed of FEES came 2<sup>nd</sup>, the defending champion Malam Saminu Umar of Faculty of Communication emerged 3<sup>rd</sup>, while Auwalu Balarabe Mu'azu came 4<sup>th</sup>.

The three faculties and the Vice Chancellor's Office put in sublime performances to reach the final, which was played competitively among the determined athletes.



Juwaira Abdulsalam filling her basket with balls in female category

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who had earlier declared open the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of

the competition, said it would provide a veritable platform for staff to engage in physical exercise in view of the hectic work. He said the University would do everything possible to encourage staff to participate actively in sports.

On his part, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabi'u Mohammed, said the competition was organized among 19 faculties and office of the Vice Chancellor as part of the initiatives of the Directorate to introduce different sporting events for staff and students. He said this year's event was for staff on 75kg and above, saying that all participants had measured their weight.

The Vice Chancellor of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano, Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa, who presented the trophy to the winner, said Bayero University had gone far in creating innovative ideas in sporting events, noting that the 50 Meters Desert Shuttle Run

competition introduced in BUK would undoubtedly be copied by many Nigerian universities.

He congratulated the winners and participants as well as commended the Sports Directorate and the Sports Consultative Committee for the initiative.

Meanwhile, another glamour to the competition was added through the introduction of the female category, as Dr. Adama Jibril, Dr. Hauwa Umar and Juwaira Abdulsalam participated, where the later emerged the winner.

Dr. Hauwa Umar of Department of Physical Health Education (PHE) who emerged 3<sup>rd</sup> in the female category said the game was all about participation and to show the male folk that women can equally participate in sporting activities and even compete favourably. She appealed to other females to engage in physical exercise as a way of improving their health status.



VC, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Prof. Mustapha Ahmad Isah presenting winners trophy to Riya'uddeen Maitama (middle), while his colleague Abubakar Ustaz (right) claps

## Appointments

### **Dr. Ahmad Makama Getso now the HOD, Department of Physical and Health Education**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ahmad Makama Getso, as the Head, Department of Physical and Health Education, for two years commencing from May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### **Dr. Isah Abubakar Aliyu Now the HOD, Department of Medical Laboratory Science**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Isah

Abubakar Aliyu, as the Head, Department of Medical Laboratory Science, for two years commencing from May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **Dr. Zainab Tukur Now the Deputy Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences**

The Senate at its 362<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 approved the appointment of Dr. Zainab Tukur as Deputy Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences for a period of two (2) years, commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018.

### **Dr. Bashir Muhammad Now the Sub-Dean (Academics), Faculty of Life Sciences**

The Senate at its 362<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 approved the appointment of Dr. Bashir Muhammad as the Sub-Dean (Academics), Faculty of Life Sciences for a period of two (2) years, commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2018.

# Timetable for the Completion of 2017/2018 Session (First Semester)

The University Community's attention has been drawn to the following Time-table for the completion of the activities for the 2017/2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Semester). The Timetable is drawn based on the Senate-approved guidelines for such activities.

SN	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	Last Examination Paper
2	Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Sat , 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Faculty Committees on Examination Misconduct and Leakage to consider all suspected cases of Examination Misconduct. *(Within 2 weeks of last paper)
3	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Central Committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leakages to consider reports from Faculty Committees.
4	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	Latest day for completion of marking and submission of raw marks by examiners** (Three weeks after last paper).
5	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Departmental and Faculty Boards of Examiners to consider the Results.
6	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	SBC on 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Examinations Results (Seven Weeks after the last paper. Same as what is obtained in previous sessions).
7	Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	Senate on 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. In line with the new e-payment policy, the payments will be made directly into the External Examiners' accounts.

**NOTE:** On this note, Departments are reminded of the Senate's Decision that Departments that are servicing other Departments should handover results, marked scripts and photocopies of all the Attendance Sheets to the Departments they serve.

## USSA WELFARE PACKAGE

This is to inform all financial members of USSA that there is a package for them. In a letter signed by Chairman, Abdulhamid Garba, said contributors should come with payslip for collection at Anatomy Department, Old Campus at 3:30pm from Monday to Thursday daily.

