



## Dr. Mainasara Kurfi Appointed HOD, Mass Communication

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the appointment of Dr. Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi as the Head, Department of Mass Communication.

A letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 says the appointment is for an initial period of two years and with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

“I am pleased to inform you that following the receipt of your nomination for the headship of your

Department and the subsequent consultations I have had on the matter, you are hereby appointed as Head of Department of Mass Communication for two years commencing from January 11<sup>th</sup> 2021,” the statement reads in part.



## BUK Approves Completion of 2019/2020 Calendar of Academic Activities

The Senate of Bayero University, at its 382nd (Special) meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 approved the completion of the 2019/2020 academic session truncated by the COVID 19 pandemic. This follows a major adjustment made to the 2019/2020 calendar of academic activities.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, says under the adjusted calendar, undergraduate academic activities of 1st semester will commence from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 and end on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. While, academic activities for the second semester are scheduled to start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021 and end on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

The statement also says for Postgraduates, Senate approved that academic activities for the first semester would start from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 and ends on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. And second semester will begin on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and end on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

The University Management is working in earnest to make sure that it abides by the COVID-19 protocols. *Below is a time-table of the Undergraduate Calendar:*

S/NO	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE(S)
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
1	Completion of First Semester Lectures	5 weeks	18 <sup>th</sup> January, to 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021
2	First Semester Examinations	3 weeks	22 <sup>nd</sup> February, to 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
3	Marking	3 weeks	15 <sup>th</sup> March to 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2021
4	Departmental and Faculty Boards	1 week	5 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
5	Senate Business Committee (SBC)	1 week	12 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
6	Special Senate Meeting for Exams	1 day	26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
1	Second Semester Lectures	10 weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> May, to 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021
2	GSU Exams	3 days	12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021
3	Second Semester Examinations	3 weeks	15 <sup>th</sup> July, to 5 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021
4	Marking	3 weeks	5 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021
5	Departmental and Faculty Boards	1 week	26 <sup>th</sup> August to 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2021
6	Senate Business Committee (SBC)	1 week	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
	Senate Meeting	1 day	16 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021

*All Departments and Schools are requested to prepare and forward their examination Time Tables to University Central Scheduling Committee for consideration.*

**Postgraduate Studies Calendar:**

S/N	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE(S)
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>			
1	Registration and Lectures	10 weeks	18 <sup>th</sup> January- 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
2	Semester Examination	2 weeks	29 <sup>th</sup> March to 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
3	Marking	3 weeks	12 <sup>th</sup> April to 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021
4	Departmental and Faculty Board Meetings	1 week	10 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2021
5	Postgraduate Board Meeting	1 week	17 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2021
6	Senate Business Committee	1 day	31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2021
7	Special Senate for Postgraduate	1 day	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
1	Lectures	10 weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021
2	Second Semester Examinations	2 weeks	9 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021
3	Marking	3 weeks	23 <sup>rd</sup> August to 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
4	Departmental & Faculty Board Meetings	1 week	13 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
5	Postgraduate Board Meeting	1 week	20 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
6	Senate Business Committee (SBC)	1 day	4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
7	Special Senate for Postgraduate	1 day	11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021

*All Departments and Schools are requested to prepare and forward their examination Time Tables to the Board of School of Postgraduate Studies for consideration.*

**Submission from the School of Postgraduate Studies on the Request for Extension of Registration period to end of January, 2021:**

Upon consideration of the Submission, Senate approved that PG students who were unable to complete their registration be given to the end of January, 2021 to complete and formalize their registration.

**Submission from CIT on the Proposed Pilot System for running online courses in the University:**

Upon consideration of the Submission on the proposed Pilot System for running online courses in the University using the Module Learning Management System, the Senate approved the Pilot Scheme to commence with GSP Courses and Centres of Excellence (Renewable Energy, CDA, ACEPHAP ) for the remaining part of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (2020/2021) academic session.

## Education is Key to Addressing Societal Challenges, VC Tells Dala Community

*By Nura Garba*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has expressed his concern over the lingering societal problems being faced in the country and submitted that education is the key towards addressing those challenges.

The Vice Chancellor, who received leaders and members of Dala Community under the aegis of Kakakin Dala Association in a courtesy call on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, said Dala is the biggest and most populated local government in Nigeria, saying that it has been blessed with wealthy individuals and educated elites that can rise up to save the future of the teeming youth there.

According to him, those philanthropic individuals should be contacted to contribute their quota in educating the children and youth as well as equipping the schools in the local government so that the challenges facing the community would be significantly addressed.



VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas in a group photograph with members of Kakakin Dala

The Vice Chancellor, who is a native of Dala Local Government, assured the visitors that he would continue to support the community to address the challenges bedeviling it. He added that Bayero

University has a scholarship scheme for indigent students. He advised parents to encourage their wards to get educated which is the best way to bail the society out of the bandage.

In a remark earlier, the leader of the delegation, Professor Aliyu Sulaiman Kantudu, said *Kakakin Dala* was established to address the challenges of vulnerability, unemployment, societal vices and other challenges facing the country.

He explained that the local government had the largest polling units in Nigeria with many prominent people in

politics, economy, business and academia, but lacked coordination, assistance and intervention.

Professor Kantudu sought the assistance of the Vice Chancellor to intervene in his capacity and be part of the solution mechanism that would shape the future of the teeming youth in the local government.

Highlight of the meeting was a personal donation of money to the association by the Chancellor to help the association pursue its purposeful agenda of emancipating the youth from the shackles of unemployment and other societal vices.

## BUK Management Set to Upgrade Microfinance Bank

By Adamu Garba

The Management of the Bayero University is set to inject more funds for recapitalization in order to upgrade the operations of BUK Microfinance Bank.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas made the pledge while receiving members of the Governing Board of the Bank, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Professor Sagir who described the performance of the Board as outstanding, reiterated University's commitment to rejuvenate BUK Microfinance Bank so as to meet up with the N200 million minimum deposit requirement set by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN),



Board members of BUK Microfinance Bank and University Management after the courtesy call

adding that, the University would support the bank in such a way to migrate to a state-level microfinance bank.

He said strengthening the Bayero University Investment Company of which BUK Micro Finance is a subsidiary, will go long way in addressing most of the University's financial challenges.

According to the Vice Chancellor, by the time the BUK Investment Company attains full operations, it will tackle most of the challenges in the areas of security and cleanliness of the University among others.

Earlier speaking, the Chairman of the BUK Micro Finance Bank Governing Board, Dr. Nasir Isa Fagge,

explained the historical development and the financial standing of the micro finance bank.

He said the purpose of the visit was to congratulate the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on his appointment as the 11<sup>th</sup> Vice Chancellor and to intimate him of issues concerning the activities of the Bank.

Dr. Nasir Fagge further stated that the bank was established in March, 2014 and it was registered under BUK Investment Company with an initial seed money of N20 million which presently grew to over N300 million financial investment.

Giving step-by-step details, he said, currently the bank is having a total of 3228 customer accounts with the deposit of N157,145,628.58 in current account, while saving accounts have N123,650,845:12 and fixed deposits of 22 million naira, respectively.

Dr. Fagge explained that the Bank was able to build a recapitalization account, which the unions of the University were encouraged to invest in, adding that, already, ASUU-BUK had deposited about N20m and SSANU-BUK had also deposited the sum of N500,000:00. He said the remaining unions were also persuaded to invest.

The Chairman of the Governing Board of the Bank further disclosed that the University had approved a piece of land for the construction of a permanent site and the bank was allowed to use the former Consultancy building at Kabuga as the Headquarters of the Investment Company.

He highlighted some of the challenges facing the bank to include the CBN's minimum deposit amount, stoppage of deduction for loans from staff and the lingering IPPIS issue which he said will soon be addressed.

Present at the meeting were: the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima-Binta Mohammed, the Bursary, Dr. Sulaiman Bello, the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo and the Director, VC's Office, Malam Sani Aminu.

# BUK Medical Students Congratulate VC, Solicits Support

By Adamu Garba

The Bayero University Medical Students Association (BUMSA) has solicited the support of University's Management towards hosting the association's annual

office on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

In his remarks, the President of the BUK Medical Students Association, Auwalu Haruna Sani said the visit was to congratulate the Vice Chancellor on his appointment and to solicit for his support concerning issues bordering their academic activities and welfare of the members of the association.



BUMSA representatives presenting a congratulatory letter to VC

While presenting the annual budget and programmes for the association, he highlighted some of the challenges which he said include insufficient hostel accommodation and other related issues.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas advised members of the association to always put academic activities first and to concentrate more on the university programmes so as to graduate with flying colours.

general meeting.

The call was made when leadership of the BUK Chapter of the association paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in his

The Vice Chancellor assured them that the University would assist the association in any way possible and he thanked them for wishing him a hitch-free tenure.

## IIIT Directors Visit VC

By Mubashir Adamu

Members of Directors from International Institute of Islamic Thoughts (IIIT), have paid a courtesy visit on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas to congratulate him on his appointment.

The Team Leader, Dr. Saidu Ahmad Dukawa, in his remarks, described the appointment as well deserved and prayed for a successful and hitch free tenure.

Dr. Dukawa also disclosed that the centre has 13 directors, among whom is Dr. Bashir S. Galadanchi, who was the coordinator of IIIT of the North-West Zone, and also the Director of Research.

According to him, they are trying to involve more intellectuals within and outside Kano and attract staff and students of the university. We also encourage conferences both local and international, because they have good collaboration in Kano, Abuja, Lagos and Accra - Ghana. Also, have participants all over Nigeria that are engaged into publication of journals, books, etc.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed his pleasure and also welcomed the institute activities. He also briefed them about all the activities in the centre because the Director of the Centre, Professor Salisu Shehu is a committed and dedicated staff

The Vice Chancellor added that he was thinking of relocating the centre to a more convenient location



IIIT Directors in a group photograph with VC

since the present location is not enough to cater its activities.

# Prof Ali Tijjani Takes Over as New Dean SGS&E

By Nura Garba

Professor Ali Abdullahi Tijjani has assumed office as the new Dean of School of General Studies and Entrepreneurship. He took over from Professor Yahaya Mustapha on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

The new Dean congratulated Professor Mustapha for successful tenure and wished him fruitful future endeavor. He vowed to work closely with the staff of the deanery in order to achieve its mandate.

“I have gone through BUK's Annual Report and saw how the SGS&E conducted its examination on over 61,000 students. This has really shown how versatile and committed the staff of the deanery are in terms of coordinating all departments of the university,” he said.



New Dean, SGS&E, Prof. Ali Abdullahi Tijjani (left) taking over from outgoing Dean, Prof. Yahaya Mustapha

Professor Tijjani assured the staff that what he was inheriting from his predecessor in terms of coordination and working as family would be sustained, but cautioned the staff to avoid anything that would jeopardize their work. “The university places much premium on ethical conduct, therefore I enjoin you to exercise high level of discipline and avoid any wrong doing, because BUK has zero tolerance on examination matters,” he added.

Also speaking, a member of the new Dean's entourage, Professor Magaji Azare, prayed to Allah to

help the new Dean with the wisdom, strength and capacity to deliver his mandate, noting that having served as a dean of the biggest faculty of education, he had the wherewithal to do so. “I also use this opportunity to pray to Allah to help and guide the immediate past dean in his future endeavor,” Prof Azare remarked.

Speaking earlier, the immediate past dean, Professor Yahaya Mustapha, introduced academic and non-teaching staff under him and told the new dean that they were working like a family. He advised him to ensure that he sustains the tempo so that the work would be smoothly conducted.

He said the deanery had over 80 lecturers from different departments segmented into three clusters; GSP, EEP and use of English. He said the deanery has the record of each lecturer as it evaluates their performance, challenges faced and problems encountered. “We discuss the peculiarity of each cluster and disaggregate the problems and provide solutions with the help of our staff members,” Prof. Mustapha

explained.

Prof. Mustapha further stressed that the mandate of the deanery is to teach GSP courses and examine the students, adding that the deanery produces OMR answer sheets which are sorted, packaged and arranged according to each course.

The outgoing dean advised the new dean to start the work in earnest since the University had planned to resume academic session on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. He further congratulated the new dean and expressed optimism that the latter has all it takes to succeed.



Director of Sports, Usman Salihu (2nd right) presenting a plaque to VC, Prof. Sagir Abbas and assisted by Lamara Garba (left), while Coach Ahmad (right) looks on

## BUK Community Badminton Club Organises End of Year Competition ...Honours VC

*By Lamara Garba*

The Bayero University Community Badminton Club has presented a certificate of honour to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas in recognition of his support and assistance to the Club. This was part of the activities during the closing ceremony of the end of year Badminton competition it conducted.

Speaking during the closing ceremony of the competition, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas emphasized the importance of regular physical exercise with a promise to provide an atmosphere conducive for sports development in the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Director of Sports, Alhaji Salihu Usman, said that the University had placed greater premium to sporting activities and would continue to improve its facilities. He commended members of the club for their maturity and peaceful coexistence.

Earlier, the Chairman of BUK Community Badminton Club, Alhaji Nazeeru Zawiyya, told the Vice Chancellor that the Club was established many decades ago and had been serving as a training ground for the

student players. “The BUK Community Badminton Club caters for both staff and other members of the neighbouring communities and has been participating in national, regional and state competitions.”

He said the Club is the defending champion of the North West Badminton Competition held last year in Sokoto.

He commended the good understanding existing between the Club and the University. In particular, he said the good working and cordial relationship between the club and the Directorate of Sports is very encouraging.

The Chairman however, appealed to the management of the University to provide some facilities especially as it affects carpeting of the Badminton Court and lightening which will go a long way in improving the playing skills of the players.

While receiving the plaque, in his office on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed gratitude to the Club for the recognition. He also promised to look into their request of renovating the Hall.

## Centre for Gender Studies: *Round Table Discussions*

The Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano with the support from Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany, has organized a round table discussion on the themes:

1) *The Nigerian Youth and Leadership Development*: The round table is to be led by Professor Hassana Sani Darma, Director, Centre for Gender Studies and Dr. Safiya Ahmad Nuhu, Deputy Director (Training), Centre for Gender Studies.

2) *Drug and Substance Abuse among Youth in Nigeria*: is to be led by Dr. Aminu Mohammed Dukku, Deputy Director (Research), Centre for Gender Studies and Dr. Maikano Madaki, Department of Sociology.

The events are scheduled as follows:

**Date:** January 18th & 19th 2021

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Convocation Arena

## SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION (SCE) APPROVED CALENDAR FOR COMPLETION OF 2018/2019 ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

S/N	ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE
1	Resumption of Academic Activities 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021		
2	Completion of First Semester Lectures including (GSP Lectures) for Levels II - V	4 Weeks	22 <sup>nd</sup> January to 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
3	Final Semester Examinations (For Level VI Only)	2 Weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> to 13 February 2021
4	Admission Exercise for 2020/2021 Academic Session	2 Weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
5	First Semester Examinations (for Levels II – V)	2 Weeks	15 <sup>th</sup> February to 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021
6	Marking and Submission of Examination Results	4 Weeks	15 <sup>th</sup> February to 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
7	Admission Exercise for 2020/2021 Academic Session	2 Weeks	19 <sup>th</sup> February to 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
8	Registration Exercise (For Fresh Candidates Only)	4 Weeks	22 <sup>nd</sup> February to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
9	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	1 Week	18 <sup>th</sup> March to 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
10	First Semester Break	2 Weeks	1 <sup>st</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
11	Release of First Semester Examination Results	1 Week	12 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>			
1	Second Semester Lectures	13 Weeks	19 <sup>th</sup> March to 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
2	Mid - Semester Break	1 Week	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2021
3	GSP Lectures	2 Weeks	11 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
4	Second Semester Examinations	3 Weeks	21 <sup>st</sup> June to 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
5	Marking & Submission of Examination Results	2 Weeks	10 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
6	Departmental and SCE Academic Board Meetings	1 Week	26 <sup>th</sup> July to 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2021
7	Release of Second Semester Examination Results	1 Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021



Malam Nura Garba, of Information and Publication Division, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his niece, Maimuna Danlami Garba (Ummu) with her finace, Mujahid Munir Khalil, scheduled to take place as

follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 9th January, 2021

**Time:** 11:00am, prompt

**Venue:** Central Mosque, Bayero University, Kano, Old Campus, Kano.

# 2020 PROMOTION EXERCISE

This is to notify members of staff that the following Time-Table for the 2020 Promotion Exercise is approved for your compliance.

<i>S/N</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1.	<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021</i>	Latest Date for Departmental and Faculty A&PCs Meetings.
2.	<i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021</i>	Latest Date for Departments to make Submissions to the Secretariat.
3.	<i>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</i>	Secretariat to Collate all Submissions and Draw Timetable.
4.	<i>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</i>	Central A&PC to Meet and Consider the cases.

Heads of Department should please note the following:

- (a) That staff to be recommended for promotions must have served for at least three years in their positions by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and their appointments duly confirmed;
- (b) That cases of administrative staff in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Registry Departmental Appointments and Promotions and General Purposes Committee;
- (c) That cases of Bursary Staff/Stores Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Bursary Department;
- (d) That cases of Librarians and Library Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the University Librarian;
- (e) Cases of Academic Staff and Technologist must pass through the Departmental and Faculty A&PC and Minutes of Meeting of the Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee should be attached to the recommendations;
- (f) Academic Staff on approved Study Fellowship could be promoted up to the rank of Lecturer I or equivalent, provided that he/she would not be promoted twice in one study fellowship period;
- (g) All submissions should be strictly based on the extant guidelines for the appropriate cadres;
- (h) Faculties, Departments/Units are to forward twelve (12) copies of their submissions to the Director, Establishment Matters not later than *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021*.
- (I) Original documents for sighting during the meeting should not accompany the submission but be presented during the meeting.

