



58th MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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VICE CHANCELLOR, BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

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Saturday, 20th July, 2024

1.0 INTRODUCTION

My dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, I welcome you all to the 58th Meeting of The Congregation. The last meeting of the congregation was held on Saturday, 30th December, 2023. This report, therefore, covers activities in the university from the last meeting of the congregation to July 2024. As generally agreed by the Congregation, our meetings are held twice per annum, barring any unforeseen circumstances. The next meeting, therefore, will be held in December, *in sha Allah*.

I wish to express my appreciation to members of the University Community for your commitment to the continued existence and development of the University in the face of mounting challenges. Management is not unaware of these trying times. Despite all these challenges, we were able to conclude the 2022/2023 academic session successfully as planned. We have just commenced the First Semester of the 2023/2024 Academic Session. After the last Congregation, the Management came up with welfare packages to staff of the University because of the success of the intervention, the gesture will continue will continue this Session.

Ladies and gentlemen, I will report on a few other pieces of information to the Congregation. The report will also review the following areas: academic activities, administrative matters, the 38th Convocation ceremony, projects completion and execution and other important issues.

2.0 ACADEMIC MATTERS

2.1 Resumption of 2023/2024 Academic Session

Following the successful completion of the 2022/2023 academic session, I wish to report that the academic calendar for the 2023/2024 session has been released. Lectures for the 2023/2024 academic session officially commenced on Monday, 15th July, 2024 as approved by the Senate. The calendar for undergraduate programmes is as follows:

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1.	Monday, 15 th July to Saturday, 5 th October, 2024	First Semester Lectures [13 Weeks]
2.	Monday 26 th to Friday, 30 th August, 2024	Mid-Semester Break [1 Week]
3.	Monday, 7 th October to 9 th November, 2024	First Semester Examinations [4 Weeks]
4.	Monday, 28 th October to Sunday, 3 rd November, 2024	Semester Break [1 Week]
5.	Monday, 18 th November to Saturday, 15 th February, 2025	Second Semester Lectures [13 Weeks]
6.	Monday, 30 th December, 2024 to 3 rd January, 2025	Mid-Semester Break [1 Week]
7.	Monday, 17 th February to 15 th March, 2025	Second Semester Examinations [4 Weeks]
8.	Monday, 3 rd May, 2025	End of Session

It should also be noted that the Senate at its 412th meeting held on Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 approved the commencement of the academic calendar with registration of fresh students commencing on Monday, 3rd June and closing on 14th July, 2024 while returning students' registration commenced on Monday, 10th June and closed on 14th July, 2024. Guidelines and procedure for registration have already been published in the *Official Weekly Bulletin*.

2.2 Registration Fees Remain Unchanged

I wish to report to the Congregation that the students' registration fees for the 2023/2024 academic session remain unchanged. Management's decision not to increase the fees in spite of the

increasing inflation in the country is due to the fact that any attempt to review the fees upward will spell doom to both parents and students.

The management reviewed the charges for central registration fees upward during the last academic session because it had no option but to do so due to the prevailing economic circumstances. Though the economic crunch in the country today is worse than it was last year, the management has opted not to add any financial burden on struggling parents and their wards. The management, as we did last year, will reach out to contact wealthy and public-spirited individuals and corporate organizations to mobilize funds to support the university's students' scholarship scheme.

2.3 Report of the 2023 National Universities Commission (NUC) Accreditation Exercise

A total of twenty-four programmes across seven Faculties visited for accreditation in October/November 2023 have the results released. Twenty-three (**23**) programmes were granted FULL accreditation status, while one (**1**) was granted INTERIM accreditation status. The report revealed that overall, the University scored **96%** in the exercise.

The breakdown of the accredited programmes indicated that the B. Forestry and Wildlife Management and B. Food Science and Technology in the Faculty of Agriculture got full status with **93.6%** and **84.0%** respectively.

In the Faculty of Communication, BSc Information and Media Studies and B. A. Theatre and Performing Arts got **93.2%** and **92.8%** respectively. The B.Eng Telecommunication Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Engineering scored **84.0%**, **80.0%** and **78.0%** respectively.

Programmes in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences were graded as follows: BSc Geology (**90.4%**) Urban and Regional Planning (**89.6%**); Environmental Management (**88.0%**); Architecture (**85.6%**); Estate Management (**85.6%**) and Quantity Surveying (**84.8%**).

Also evaluated were the BSc Nutrition and Dietetics (**87.2%**) in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences while programmes in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences comprising Medical Laboratory Science; Bachelor of Nursing Sciences; Radiography and Optometry had **88.0%**, **87.2%**, **84.0%** and **66.0%** respectively. All obtained full status except the Doctor of Optometry which got an interim status.

The BA (Ed) History and BA (Ed) Hausa got **95.2%** each, while the BA (Ed) English scored **94.4%**; Education Islamic Studies (**92.4%**) and the Education Arabic and Health Education scored **91.4%** and **80.0%** respectively.

In line with the quality assurance drive by professional bodies in the practice of the various professional callings, between January and July 2024, a few professional bodies / associations accredited various programmes in the university. They include the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (28th January – 30th January 2024); Resource Assessment Visit by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria (14th – 16th February, 2024); Council of Nigerian Mining Engineers and Geoscientists- COMEG (28th – 30th May, 2024); Radiographers Registration Board of Nigeria (9th – 12th June, 2024); The Town Planners Registration Council of Nigeria- TOPREC (3rd July – 5th July 2024) and The Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (9th – 12th July 2024).

Similarly, the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) is scheduled to visit the MBBS and BDS programmes later (by 31st July, 2024). The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria (ODORBN) are due to accredit the Accounting and Optometry programmes in August 2024.

2.4 NUC Accreditation for 2024

The Directorate of Academic Planning is preparing for the accreditation of forty-three (**43**) academic programmes across seventeen (**17**) faculties by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in October / November 2024.

As a key step towards a successful exercise and attaining full accreditation status for the programmes, mock accreditation exercise has been scheduled to take place from 22nd – 25th July 2024.

2.5 Implementation of the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS)

I also wish to report that in line with the directive of the NUC, the Directorate of Academic Planning has coordinated the effective take-off of the CCMAS with effect from the just commenced academic session (2023/2024) with the newly admitted students (100 Level). It is pertinent to state that the CCMAS curriculum implementation like any new human endeavour comes with challenges and hitches at the initial stage. These issues are being identified and documented with the aim of resolving / addressing them as appropriate in liaison with the NUC upon recommendations of the university Senate.

2.6 Capacity Building of Staff

With the creation of the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Unit in the Directorate of Academic planning, the Directorate has rolled out several capacity-building trainings / workshops targeting both teaching and non-teaching staff.

The first training was held on **Data Management and Analysis Using the JMP Statistical Software** from 19th – 21st March, 2024 for academic staff, while a training for non-teaching staff on **Computer and Digital Tools for Office Productivity** from 29th – 30th April, 2024 was for administrative secretaries.

Furthermore, towards improving the efficiency of Examination Officers and Level Coordinators, the Directorate of Academic Planning has planned to hold a Sensitization Training later this month. These trainings and more targeting the various strata of the university workforce will be conducted towards improving the capacity and productivity of staff.

2.7 DTLC ALLOCATIONS FROM 2023 TO 2024

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to report that the management of the university, between the months of April 2023 and January 2024 approved the payment of DTLC to designated units of the University in three (3) instalments. The details are as follows:

1. First 2023 allocation was paid in April 2023 to the tune of **₦28,555,301.53**. Some deductions were made to the erring units for noncompliance with the guidelines.
2. Second 2023 allocation was paid in September 2023 to the tune of **₦26,788,462.81**. Some deductions were made to the erring units for noncompliance with the guidelines.
3. Third 2023 allocation was paid in October 2023 to the tune of **₦28,218,488.01**. There were no deductions.
4. First 2024 allocation was paid in January 2024 to the tune of **₦25,334,071.55**. Some deductions were made to the erring units for noncompliance with the guidelines.

Management will not relent on its responsibility to settle any outstanding claims.

2.8 Research Accomplishments: January—July, 2024

2.8.1 Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP)

Achievements during the period under review:

- a) Engaged in the implementation of the following:
 - i. Research Policy
 - ii. Intellectual Property Policy
 - iii. Authorship Policy
 - iv. Research Data Management Policy
 - v. Research Ethics and Integrity Policy
 - vi. Effort Reporting and Compensation Policy
 - vii. Research Facilities and Administration Policy

- viii. Professorial Research Chair Policy
 - ix. Journal Publishing Policy
 - x. Policy on Research Centres and Institutes, and
 - xi. Research Grants Management Guidelines
- b) Organized the second edition of Research Exhibition in which 32 projects from Bayero University were showcased.
 - c) Engaged the research centres on developing their research agendas.
 - d) Submitted two patent applications to the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) for onward transmission to the Nigerian Patent Office;
 - e) Coordinated the membership registration of Bayero University with the West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA);
 - f) Coordinated the application and assessment of Bayero University for the Good Financial Grants Practice (GFGP) certification at Silver Tier of the African Academy of Sciences (AAS). The assessment has been successful, and the certificate will be released to the University soon.
 - g) Organised a training workshop for the research groups established by the Faculty of Life Sciences;
 - h) Created a database of researchers with their thematic and priority research areas in Bayero University. Due to low response of the university research community, only 22% of the 1,721 academic staff have been captured. The first batch of respondents has been processed and will soon be uploaded on the University website. The exercise will continue until 100% coverage is achieved.

The Management is working to compile list of staff that have Q1 publications with a view to give them some financial assistance.

2.8.2 Research Centres and Institutes

Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR)

Accomplishments in the period under review:

- a) In collaboration with Kano Centre for Disease Control (CDC), CIDR conducted a training on Management of Common Zoonotic Diseases for case managers of secondary health facilities in Kano (10th-11th June 2024).
- b) In collaboration with Kano CDC and Ministry of Agriculture, CIDR developed a protocol for management of Rabies for Health care workers in Kano (July 2024).
- c) CIDR hosts north-western regional Lassa fever diagnostic laboratory with facilities for Tuberculosis diagnosis. Our visit to KNCV leadership (a Dutch program supporting Tuberculosis services) yielded commitment to support our laboratory with solar facilities.

2.8.3 The Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID)

The Centre recorded the following achievements:

- a) Successfully organized its Second International Conference and published its Book of Proceedings
- b) Published the maiden edition of Alhadharah Journal
- c) Organised consultative meetings with some stakeholders
- d) Successfully developed a research agenda
- e) The Centre has established a Stakeholders Committee
- f) Established MoUs with key partners such as Nasiha Foundation.

2.3 Centre for Gender Studies (CGS)

Key components of CGS in the period under review include:

- i) Development of research agenda
- ii) Training: Annual 2-day ESD induction training for students
- iii) The mentorship programme was expanded this year (2024) to include both women and men

under the theme 'mentorship for inclusive development'. The re-designed mentorship programme was launched during the International Day of Multilateralism and diplomacy for peace which is usually celebrated by the UN on the 24th of April to celebrate the remarkable milestones reached through multilateralism and diplomacy for peace building and women's rights.

2.8.4 Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research and Training (COHERAT)

The Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research and Training was established in December 2023, with the mandate of conducting research and training towards policy formulation, promoting safety at work and the prevention and control of the diverse risks/hazards from all forms of occupations and the environment. During the period under review, the Centre accomplished the following:

- a. Organized and streamlined the Centre's activities to ensure alignment with its mandate.
- b. A comprehensive research agenda has been drawn up, focusing on cutting-edge research and training towards policy formulation, promoting workplace safety, and preventing and controlling diverse occupational and environmental hazards.
- c. Established robust research, training and outreach teams to drive the Centre's objectives.
- d. A thorough stakeholder analysis has been made to identify and engage key partners relevant to the Centre's mission.

2.8.5 Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD)

The centre has made remarkable progress in the following areas:

- a) Organized Conference and Pre-conference workshop on Early Grade Reading with support of **₦4,000,000** from UBEC
- b) Organized a one-week Bookworm Competition in English, Hausa and Arabic, under Vocation Programme for Primary and Secondary School students in Partnership with Yan'albarka Youngsters Forum
- c) The Centre is currently conducting proficiency programme for Arabic speaking students online and physical in collaborations with Mawalid and Mufatihul Khair Education and General Services
- d) The Centre has developed English Proficiency Programmes (EPP) for teaching non-English speaking people
- e) The centre has secured support of **₦4,221,800** from OSSAP-SDG ABUJA to train early grade teachers in Kano and neighbouring states.

2.8.6 Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA)

Some ongoing research activities at CDA include:

- a) Accelerated Variety Improvement for Cereals and Legumes in Africa (AVISA) Project.
- b) Scaling Climate and Nutrition Smart Crops through Market Systems in North Nigeria
- c) Development of New Cultivars of Sesame for Improved Food Security
- d) Trait Discovery and Breeding for Heat Tolerance in Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) in the Semi-Arid
- e) Development of Thyme Propagation Methods
- f) Development of Sustainable Packaging Solutions for Extending the Keeping Quality of Composite Sorghum Flours (SUSPACK)]
- g) Development of Agro-ecological based Natural Pesticides for Sustainable Management of Major Pests and Diseases of Crops in Dryland
- h) Response of Wheat to Early Season Green Manure and NPK Fertilizer in Sudan Savanna Agro-ecological Zone of Nigeria

2.8.7 Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP)

1. IVON Trial: an open label, randomized controlled trial of intravenous versus oral iron for iron deficiency anaemia in pregnant Nigerian women (IVON).

2. EMOTIVE GRANT: A multi-country project involving; Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Nigeria).
3. WANIDA: ACEPHAP partnered with three other ACEs to form a network called West African Network of Infectious Diseases African Center for Excellence (WANIDA).

On-going Research Projects

- a. COVID-19 Sequencing Project
- b. IVON-PP: Focused on preventing anaemia in women in the postpartum period. It is being executed in collaboration with Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria.
- c. STEPMag Trial: Collaborating with other institutions on this multicenter, multi-country (India, South Africa, Uganda, Egypt and Kenya).
- d. AFABEM RMNCH Quality study: Assessment of Facilitators and Barriers to Effective Governance and Implementation (AFABEM) of Quality of Care (QoC) of Reproductive Maternal Newborn Care Health (RMNCH) Services in Kano, Sokoto, Borno and Yobe States, Nigeria.
- e. KASSEP VERBAL AUTOPSY PROJECT: The Kano State-Wide Sample Registration System to Prototype Impact in Reducing Maternal Deaths (Verbal Autopsy) project is aimed to establish and implement a Sample Registration System in Kano State.
- f. The Catalyze Impact
This is a project of the African Population Health Research Center (APHRC) in Kenya funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- g. Feasibility of community-based distribution of Azithromycin and Misoprostol to Improve Maternal Outcome in Nigeria.

JAMB Policy Meeting

At the policy meeting of the JAMB which was held on July 18, 2024 at Abuja, it was agreed that the minimum allowable point for admission for Nigerian Universities is 140. BUK's minimum for admission is now 160. The reason for change from 180 is due to paucity of students. If we stick to 180, the University will get 3,000 or less students for 2024/25 academic session. By changing to 160, the University will get over 8,000 applicants.

3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.0.1. THE 15TH GOVERNING COUNCIL OF BAYERO UNIVERSITY

I am delighted to inform the congregation that the 15th Governing Council of the university has been reconstituted by the Federal government. In a ceremony in Abuja on 4th July, 2024, all the Governing Councils of Federal Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education were inaugurated.

The External Members of the 15th Governing Council are as follows:

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE OF ORIGIN
1.	HE DR NASIRU YUSUF GAWUNA	CHAIRMAN	KANO
2.	MALAM ABUBAKAR DAUDA	MEMBER	ADAMAWA
3.	DR (MRS)DORA OLUCHI ALO	MEMBER	EBONYI
4.	HON. IBRAHIM BALARABE OBANIKORO	MEMBER	LAGOS
5.	MALAM MUSA ABBAS	MEMBER	KATSINA
6.	MRS HALIMA LAWAL	MEMBER	REP. FMoE

In a meeting with the new Council members in Abuja shortly after the inauguration, we agreed to hold the inaugural meeting of the 15th Governing Council in August 2024.

I wish to use this opportunity to inform the Congregation as that the 15th Governing Council of the university has finally been reconstituted by the Federal Government. I will not hesitate to make a submission to Council for the ratification of the previous promotions. The 2024 promotion exercise is in the pipeline. We shall deliver our mandate as promptly as possible.

3.1 THE 38TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to report to the Congregation that the 38th Convocation ceremony of the university, which began on Tuesday, 27th February and ended on Saturday, 2nd March, 2024, was a tremendous success. Bayero University, during the ceremony, graduated **11,284** qualified candidates from **18** faculties and the School of Continuing Education. The University also conferred a total of **5,432** higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas on qualified candidates. It is interesting to note that **180** first degree graduands graduated with **First Class Honours**.

The 38th Convocation ceremony also witnessed the conferment of Honorary Degrees, as approved by the Senate, on two distinguished Nigerians: Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Barau I. Jibrin, **CON** and the President of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwumi Adesina, **CON**.

As it has been a tradition in the University, a Convocation Lecture was held on the eve of the closing day of the Convocation titled "The Role of the Private Sector in Building a Sustainable Knowledge Economy in Nigeria". The lecture was delivered by Aliko Dangote.

3.4 Promotion Exercise

3.4.1 2022 Promotions for Academic Staff

In the 2022 promotion exercise, of the **50** cases to Professors submitted and all have been cleared.
Professors

50	Cases Submitted
50	Cleared
0	Balance

Similarly, **56** cases of Associate Professors were submitted out of which **53** have been cleared and **3** outstanding cases are being expected.

Associate Professors

56	Cases Submitted
53	Cleared So far
3	Balance

3.4.2 2023 Promotions for Academic Staff

Out of the **63** cases submitted for promotion to Professors, **37** have so far been cleared, while the remaining **26** are being expected.

Professors

63	Cases Submitted
37	Cleared So far
26	Balance

57 cases were submitted for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor out of which **32** have been cleared and the remaining **25** being awaited.

Associate Professors

57	Cases Submitted
32	Cleared So far
25	Balance

3.4.3 2024 promotion Exercise

As I have stated time and time again, no staff of the university – teaching and non-teaching – would be denied their promotions without any justification. Any member of staff who is qualified and has met all the essential requirements would be elevated with dispatch.

On June 24, 2024, the Management called for submission for 2024 promotion exercise. The Management is proposing Monday 9th – Friday 13th, September 2024 as date for Central A&PC meeting.

WELFARE PACKAGES

3.2 Continuation of Bus Shuttle for Staff

I announced at the last Congregation Meeting that the management had initiated welfare measures for staff and students as part of its effort to cushion the effect of subsidy removal. Daily bus shuttle from town to the university campuses commenced on Monday, 24th July, 2023. Each day, buses depart BUK Zoo Road staff quarters and have stopovers at Dan Agundi Junction, Old Campus Gate and finally stop at the New Campus. The first bus departs at 8:00 a.m. while the second bus departs at 10:00 a.m. Similarly, at the close of work, the first bus leaves at 4:00 p.m. while the second bus leaves at 6:00 p.m. This arrangement, restricted to only members of staff of the university, will continue until further notice.

Similarly, other welfare measures, such as non-interest loans from the Microfinance Bank for members of staff to pay for the registration fees of their wards will also continue during this academic session. Our findings revealed that a good number of staff benefited from the loan during the last registration exercise. The management also made good its promise of purchasing bicycles and giving them out on loan to interested junior staff members, this too will continue.

3.3 Revolving Loan Scheme

As part of its effort to continue to cushion the effect of the current economic downturn in the country, the management is working out a plan to release some funds Bayero Cooperative Society in the university to serve as a revolving loan to their members. The terms and conditions will be worked out soon to enable staff members apply for the loan through the cooperative society. This, we believe, will go a long way towards assisting the university staff to cope with the increasingly rising cost of living in the country.

3.4.4 ALLEGED SURCHARGE OF APPROVED FUNDS FOR TETFUND CONFERENCE

Let me seize this opportunity to remind the Congregation that the management of the university frowns at the allegation that some individuals are going about requesting certain percentage of approved funds by TETFund for conference attendance and workshops from beneficiaries. This is illegal and contrary to approved guidelines.

A letter from TETFund signed by the Assistant Director Academic Staff Training and Development condemns such act, warning that anyone found culpable would face appropriate disciplinary action. The management of the university is very much aware that beneficiary institutions shall not surcharge nominees or deduct any amount of money from the funds approved in their favour to attend conferences or workshops.

We have not received any such complaint in the university, but it is worth noting that members of the university community must pay heed to this untoward attitude.

3.4.5 Supply of Solar Streetlights

This is to report to the Congregation that as part of management's effort to brighten our surroundings and in addition 250 solar streetlights put in place earlier, the Management provided additional 47 solar streetlights in the following areas:

1. ASUU Secretariat, Old Campus.
2. I&J Quarters, New Campus.

3. Centre of Excellence (CBN Buildings), New Campus.

3.4.6 Fire Incident at Nana Hall and the University Library

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to report an unfortunate incident of fire outbreak, which occurred at Nana Hall (female hall), Old Campus late January this year.

Investigation later revealed that the fire outbreak was caused by electrical fault. About ten (10) rooms were involved out of which four (4) were badly affected, which destroyed the valuables of twenty-two (22) students. Luckily, there was no human casualty.

I also wish to report that the damaged rooms have been renovated, and the affected students have since returned to their rooms. To pacify the affected students with the psychological trauma they had found themselves, the management decided to give the 22 students some monetary assistance of ₦250,000, ₦100,000 and ₦50,000 each, depending on the degree of their losses.

3.4.7. Fire Outbreak at University Library, Department of Information Literacy, Media, and Public Relations.

Incident Overview:

On the midnight of Sunday, 19th May 2024, an unfortunate fire outbreak ravaged the premises of the Department of Information Literacy, Media, and Public Relations Department at Bayero University, Kano. The cause of the fire is yet to be definitively ascertained, as investigations are currently ongoing. It is imperative to note that the primary electricity source was confirmed to be inactive during the incident, and the solar power system was operating efficiently. Nevertheless, despite these precautions, a substantial amount of crucial equipment and resources suffered damage due to the fire.

Extent of Damage:

The fire predominantly affected the multimedia room and the viewing center within the department's premises. Below is a detailed breakdown of the items and equipment lost in each area:

Multimedia Room:

1. Furniture:

- Computer Tables: 10
- Chairs: 16
- Office Tables: 6
- Office Cabinets: 2

2. Computing Equipment:

- Computer Desktops: 11 (Lenovo All-in-One PC 20-c011i, Dual Core, 4GB RAM, 1TB HDD, 20" LED)
- Laptop Computers: 4
- Hard Disks: 2 (3TB External Hard Disks)
- Flash Drives: 5
- Scanner: 1 (HP)
- Routers: 6
- Airtel Router: 1
- MTN Modem 2
- CD-ROM Writers: 2

3. Audio-Visual Equipment:

- Public Address System: 1
- HUBs: 4

- Cameras: 6
- Television Sets: 3 (Panasonic, Samsung)
- Radio: 1
- Woofers: 2
- Projectors: 2
- Receivers: 4
- TV Stands: 2
- Speakers: 8
- Radio for Wireless Network 3

4. **Climate Control and Miscellaneous:**

- Refrigerator: 1
- Standing Fans: 6
- Air Conditioner (AC): 1 (Split A/C)
- Ceiling Fans: 18
- Electric Board: 1
- Extension Wires: 6
- Ladder: 1
- Table Fan 1

Viewing Centre:

1. **Furniture:**

- Chairs: 12 (Four Sitters)

2. **Audio-Visual Equipment:**

- TV Stand: 1

Other Affected Areas:

1. Collection Development:
2. Circulation
3. Committee Room
4. And other Offices

The fire outbreak at the Department of Information Literacy, Media, and Public Relations Department, Bayero University Kano, has resulted in significant material loss, encompassing a wide array of essential equipment and resources vital for the department's academic and administrative functions. The Management has since restored the destroyed area, the lost items are being replaced.

4.0 UPDATE ON SECURITY

My dear colleagues, I want to say with all sense of responsibility that security is one of the concerns of the management of the university. The end of the year 2023 and a few months of the year 2024 have been challenging in terms of security. We witnessed several security breaches ranging from pilferage, breaking and stealing in our offices, residential quarters and the encroachment of Fulani herders into the University land, CDA farm and other individuals' farms within the New Campus.

The University Security Division during the period under review witnessed a number of milestone activities as follows:

- a) **170** additional guards drawn from outsourced existing agencies operating in the University, Nigeria Hunters and Forest Security Service, and local guards were engaged to guard newly taken over structures and improve some existing ones;
- b) Security Personnel Audit was conducted to ascertain the actual number of staff and their functionality;
- c) Capacity training for University security staff and some of other security agencies was conducted to enhance synergy and effectiveness;

- d) The provision of uniforms and accessories to all security personnel to enhance proficiency smartness;
- e) The overtime allowance of security staff suspended over a period of five (5) years has been restored to boost their morale;
- f) The Division has recorded some successes, including arrest and recovery of stolen solar panels. The gang has been identified, and they are standing trial with the University Legal Unit on watching brief on the case. Also, a gang of criminals who stole armoured cables of the University were arrested with the assistance of Anti-Daba Squad and the case is with the State CID. Other cases of theft, vandalism and motorcycle thieves were arrested with many of them being convicted while some are awaiting trial.
- g) Regrettably, some staff and students were also investigated for excesses bordering on criminalities and the Division is working with the relevant University bodies to address the cases appropriately;
- h) The Division is also having running battles with encroachers and land grabbers who are feasting on University land and we are working closely with the police and other relevant agencies in this regard;
- i) The recent inauguration of Bayero Investment Company and other subsidiaries under it, particularly the StarGuard Company which will deal with security, is expected to be a new milestone in the enhancement of security operations in the University.

On the issue of fire safety component, the University Health Services (UHS) Division has achieved the following:

1. Delivery of a free truck by the Federal Fire Service
2. Provision of requisite firefighting equipment by the university management

In addition, the Division intervened by extinguishing several bush fires and other fire outbreaks recorded in parts of the university campuses, the most recent being the one recorded at the Main Library, which was prevented from escalating.

The University management also organized fire safety awareness for both staff and students of the university. Technologists, laboratory attendants, matrons and other relevant staff were specifically trained by officials of the Federal Fire Service on fire prevention and control in order to minimize incidents of fire outbreaks.

5.0 IMPROVED POWER SUPPLY

My dear colleagues, early in March this year, the management released a circular announcing to the members of the University community that the two main campuses of the University (Old Campus and New Campus) had been migrated to a more reliable source of electricity after many years of determined efforts. Management also noted that some members of the University community were misusing the electricity in offices and residential areas. Some staff members were also fond of leaving their lights and other electrical appliances on after office hours, while others in the residential areas used the electricity for commercial purposes by installing cold rooms and grinding machines or leaving the lights of their residences on even during the daytime.

The management is still appealing to both staff and students to use the power supply wisely to help management minimize the huge bills of electricity consumption on the campuses. Similarly, the management is appealing to staff in the residential areas to desist from using electricity for any commercial purposes, including cold rooms, which are uneconomical and injurious to the meager resources of the university.

The Management has been working tirelessly to ensure that staff and students enjoy adequate power supply, which had been few and far between over the last few years. With this success story in the restoration of substantial power supply on our campuses, it is hoped that proper care will be taken by all and sundry to ensure that bills coming in can be settled by the management. If, on the

other hand, we misuse this opportunity and bills go beyond the scope of the management, KEDCO will not hesitate to cut off the power supply, which will not augur well for us all.

Project Separating Electricity Supply at AKTH

The university is also carrying out a project of separating the electricity supply of the College of Health Sciences and the student hostel at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital from the main supply of the hospital. This involves putting a 2.5 MA transformer and all its accessories at the cost of almost 30 million naira. This cost excludes the cost of the transformer, which at the moment is over 60 million naira. The work is at 70% completion, and in the next few weeks, the transformer will be energised, and light will be back in the college and the hostel at AKTH.

Once again, the management is calling on both staff and students not to leave their appliances on while they go out. Appropriate measures will be taken by the management against occupants that do not comply with these directives.

The Management strongly believe that the only way to serve residential areas better in terms of electricity, is to install metre in each household. This will allow staff to use the light the way they want it, and this will bring an end to restrictions in the distribution.

6.0 UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE (UHS)

The University Health Services Division of the university operates four medical facilities. They are as follows:

1. New Campus Health Centre
2. Old Campus Health Centre
3. School of Continuing Education (SCE) Clinic
4. Zoo Road Clinic

I wish to inform you that despite the financial constraints, competing demands and inflation, the management was able to achieve the following from December 2023 to June 2024:

A)

1. Provision of Automated Chemistry Analyser
2. Provision of Automated Haematology Analyser
3. Provision of portable Ultrasound machine to complement the existing 2 stationary units
4. Provision of patient monitor
5. Provision of additional Oxygen Concentrators
6. Provision of Phototherapy machine

B) Increased funds for drugs and medical consumables

C) Provision of specialist consultants from the College of Health Sciences. This gesture has reduced drastically difficulties staff, students and staff dependants incur when they are referred to the teaching hospital for specialist consultations.

The health centres attended to **31,971** patients from January 2023 to December 2024. The University Management has concluded arrangements to equip Old Campus Health Centre this academic session.

7.0 PROJECTS COMMISSIONING

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to report that during the period under review, a number of giant projects were commissioned. They are as follows:

- a. **CBN Centre of Excellence:** The Multi-Billion Naira Centre of Excellence donated to the University by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) was commissioned by the Vice-President, Senator Kashim Shettima, GCON, on Monday, 29th January, 2024. During the commissioning, the Vice President noted that Bayero University had excelled in academic and infrastructural development, which was why it earned a pride of place in the comity of tertiary institutions; hence the reason for the siting of the gigantic edifice in the university by the CBN. The Vice-President was represented by his Special Adviser on Economic Affairs,

Dr Tope Fashua.

- b. The Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Barau I. Jibrin, commissioned the following projects on Friday, 1st March, 2024:
 - a. School of Postgraduate Studies.
 - b. Centre for Information Technology.
 It should be noted that the two projects were provided through a budgetary allocation following an intervention by Senator Barau I. Jibrin, the Deputy President of the Senate. On behalf of the University community, I wrote a thank you letter to Senator Barau I. Jibrin.
- c. The Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, commissioned the following four projects:
 - a) Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - b) Microteaching Laboratory at the Faculty of Education
 - c) Department of Veterinary Anatomy of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
 - d) Centre for Reading Research and Development
- d. The Governor of Kano State, Engineer Abba Kabir Yusuf, also commissioned the following three projects at the Old Campus on Tuesday, 5th March, 2024:
 - a) The Provost's Office, College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - b) Dean's Office, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
 - c) Dean's Office, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Similarly, all the projects commissioned by the Executive Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf were secured in the 2023 National Budget in addition to the ones mentioned earlier. These humble achievements were a result of the deliberate effort by the Management in ensuring that Bayero University continues in its drive to be among the best in the country in terms of academic excellence in teaching, learning and research.

The University Management secured Budgetary Provision in 2023 for road construction and rehabilitation. A total of 5.19Km road were rehabilitated and a total of 8.5Km of drainage were renovated.



List of Ongoing Projects at Bayero University, Kano:

S/N	Projects	
1.	Rehabilitation of selected roads at the School of Continuing Education (SCE), Old Campus and New Campus.	2023 Capital Appropriation Project
2.	Construction of plain walls with design and retaining walls along Watari River at the New Campus.	2023 Capital Appropriation Project.
3.	Construction and furnishing of Council Lounge at the New Campus.	2023 Capital Appropriation Project



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7.0.1. Inauguration of the Board of Bayero University Investment Company Limited and its subsidiaries

It my pleasure to report the inauguration of the Board of Bayero University Investment Company Limited, which took place on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. The establishment of the Board is a significant step forward in the university's strategic drive to diversify its revenue streams and create a sustainable financial future. The concept for establishing these companies was meticulously developed over time, with extensive study and strategic considerations. With the Board's inauguration, we are now ready to put these ideas into action and embark on a journey of success and sustainability.

The Boards of these subsidiary companies are made up of distinguished individuals with different experiences and expertise who have been carefully selected to guide the investment to success. The chairmen and board members were selected based on their proven track record of achievement and dedication to the University.

The newly established Bayero University Investment Company Limited serves as the umbrella organization for a diverse range of subsidiaries, each playing a crucial role in the overall investment strategy. The subsidiaries include:

1. Bayero Microfinance Bank Ltd
2. Bayero University Guest House and Catering Services
3. Bayero Ventures Limited
4. Bayero Properties Limited
5. Bayero Lab Master Limited.
6. Bayero Publishing Limited
7. Bayero Farm Limited
8. Bayero Star Guards Limited.
9. Bayero University Consultancy Services
10. Bayero Citadel Environmental and Sanitation Services Limited
11. Bayero Cooperative Society Limited

In conclusion, the inauguration of the Board of Bayero University Investment Company Limited marks a significant step forward in the university's quest for improved financial standing, innovation, and excellence. With a dedicated leadership team, a strategic vision, and a diverse portfolio of subsidiaries, we are confident in our ability to achieve long-term growth and success.

The Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFund)

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Bola Ahmed Tinibu, GCFR, launched the NELFund on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. Bayero University, Kano was part of the launch.

The Student Loan Act, 2024 established the NELFund as a body to receive, manage and invest 1% of the total fund generated by Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigerian Custom Service and Nigerian Immigration Service in order to provide loan to the eligible Nigerian students for higher education, vocational training and skills acquisition.

i. Bayero University, Achievements

Bayero, University, Kano made a remarkable achievement and recorded highest performance among Nigerian Universities. The outstanding performance of our reputable institution is presented in the table below:

Registered Students	Successful Students	Institutional Fees	Total Disbursement	Students Upkeep Allowance
9,836	8,530	N997,725,000	N698,406,800	N299,318,200

The above table shows that BUK obtained highest institutional fees, disbursement and upkeep allowances among Nigerian Universities and BUK has the second highest number of registered students and successful students after University of Maiduguri.

The Management will continue to support and encourage students to apply for the loan.

8.0 GRANTS

8.1 Mambayya House

This is to report to the Congregation that the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Mambayya House, has successfully secured a grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation worth **\$589,927** to undertake a research project on “**Understanding Influence and Behaviour in Northern Nigeria**” as they relate to financial inclusion. The main objective of the study is to understand the relationship between influence and behaviour as they affect economic and financial decision making at both individual and group levels. The grant will cover a period of **18** months, starting from April 23rd, 2024 and is expected to cover the 19 northern states of the federation.

8.2 BUK Student Wins \$14,000 Grant

A PhD student of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Rehema Mrutu, recently won a global award for contributing to a sustainable future and will receive \$14,000 research grant. Rehema Mrutu is a Tanzanian national pursuing a PhD in Natural Resource Management and Climate Change at the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University, Kano with research placement at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the United States.

The BUK Student was competitively selected as the winning candidate at the Climate, Food and Farming Global Research Alliance Development Award announced at the COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The award comes with a grant of USD 14,000 for a six-month research stay at the University of Connecticut, USA.

I believe that success stories of this nature must be brought to the fore to serve as a morale booster not only to the victorious students and their departments, but also to other students of the University to emulate. On behalf of the management and the University community, I heartily congratulate Rehema Mrutu, as well as the CDA for flying the flag of Bayero University high and improving the visibility of the University.

8.3 BUK to Benefit from TETFund Initiative to Establish Innovation Hub and Central Multipurpose Laboratory

Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted to inform you that BUK is one of the six Nigerian universities selected to benefit from the TETFund's initiative to establish **Innovation Hubs**. Other universities selected are the University of Ilorin, the University of Maiduguri, the Federal University of Technology Owerri, the University of Port Harcourt, and the University of Lagos. This initiative intends to encourage entrepreneurship and creativity among university students by providing them with continuous access to resources that will help them improve their skills and knowledge.

The primary goal of these innovation hubs is to foster a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among students. By providing them with a platform to develop and nurture their ideas, these hubs will equip them with the necessary skills to create market-driven solutions. This, in turn, will contribute to the overall development of the country, as more graduates will be able to apply their knowledge and skills effectively in solving real-life problems.

Similarly, BUK has been chosen amongst other universities to receive a **Central Multipurpose Laboratory**, supported by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund). The labs are estimated to cost about **N3 billion**. This lab will be established in four geopolitical zones of the country, and will serve as a multidisciplinary laboratory for Life Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, and Physics. The aim of this project is to support research and innovation activities, allowing researchers at BUK to reach the level of prototyping and patenting. This selection is a significant achievement for BUK and opens up opportunities for ground-breaking scientific advancements.

The establishment of the Central Multipurpose Laboratory at BUK will act as a catalyst for research and innovation activities across various fields. With its multidisciplinary approach, the lab will provide researchers with a collaborative space to exchange ideas and expertise, breaking down traditional departmental barriers. This will foster interdisciplinary research, leading to innovative solutions to complex problems. The access to advanced facilities and cutting-edge equipment will enable researchers to conduct experiments, generate reliable data, and develop prototypes for further development or patenting.

The selection of Bayero University, Kano as a beneficiary of the Innovation Hub and Central Multipurpose Laboratory project, no doubt, is a remarkable achievement for the institution. This development will significantly enhance research and innovation activities at BUK, establishing it as a leading research institution in the country. The laboratory's multidisciplinary approach, advanced facilities, and the opportunities it offers researchers, postgraduate students, and postdoctoral fellows make it an invaluable addition to BUK's academic landscape. This prestigious project will, undoubtedly, have a positive and lasting impact on BUK's research output, industry collaborations, and overall academic reputation.

8.4 BUK Students Emerge Winners at National Essay Contest

I wish to report that during the period under review, two BUK undergraduate students of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rahmat Atu Musa and Nana Hauwa Aliyu, won the 2024 National Essay Writing Competition organized by the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection (NSPP).

The competition took place from 5th to 9th May, 2024 during the Society's 49th Annual Conference, which was held at Rivers State University, Port Harcourt. Students from across Nigerian tertiary institutions participated in the competition. The topic of the essay was **“The Role of Plant Health in Fostering Prosperous Livelihood and Economic Success in the 21st Century”**.

Rahmat Atu Musa and Nana Hauwa Aliyu, 400 Level students in the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, won the first and second positions respectively.

9.0 CONCLUSION

Distinguished members of Bayero University Congregation, the university is moving ahead positively. This has been possible as a result of the collective efforts of the staff, students, friends and well-wishers of the University. I honestly appreciate all of you. Staff unions in the University have also demonstrated their obligation and love for the growth of the University. I thank you all for your understanding. Together we will march towards strengthening and repositioning Bayero University, Kano. The management will continue to safeguard the concerns and well-being of all members of the University community.

Thank you all and may Allah bless all of us.

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN

VICE-CHANCELLOR

20th July, 2024

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