

PRO-CHANCELLOR THUMBS UP FUTMINNA SENATE, CONGREGATION

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PRO-CHANCELLOR PROF. OLU OBAFEMI MAKES A REMARK DURING THE INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SENATE HAS VICE-CHANCELLOR PROF. ABDULLAHI BALA AND DVC (ADMIN) PROF. EMMANUEL UDENSI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL LISTEN WITH RAPT ATTENTION PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Professor Olu Obafemi, fsona, fesan, FNAL, NNOM has praised the institution's Senate and Congregation for their vibrancy.

Prof. Obafemi made this declaration on Tuesday August 3, 2021 when members of the recently inaugurated Council had an interactive session with the Senate of the University at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna. The members of Council had earlier met with the Congregation at the same venue where the Pro-Chancellor commended members for their active participation.

Speaking further, the Pro-Chancellor disclosed that, although he had been to many universities in

Nigeria, he had never met a very robust Senate like the one he had interacted with in FUT, Minna adding that he was equally impressed with the members of the University Congregation.

The Chairman said that given the cardinal responsibility of the Senate in a university, the fate of the University is entrusted in the hand of the Senate.

Prof. Obafemi observed that though the University is doing well in the area of winning research grants and TETFund projects, more can still be achieved

The Chairman further assured that the Council shall work directly with Senate to achieve progress and productivity.

He acknowledged that FUT, Minna is designated Centre of Excellence in many areas and pledged to lead

a united Council to work with the Senate to achieve more successes for the University.

At the inception of the interactive session, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, urged the Senate members to bare their minds on their areas of concern.

During the interactive sessions, members raised a number of issues including funding of specialised universities, curriculum review and staff welfare among others.

Leaders of all the staff unions also spoke during the session with the Congregation.

Responding, the Chairman gave assurances that he would subsequently meet with the leaderships of the respective unions for further discussions on their areas of concern.

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Prof. Obafemi further assured of a more unified university irrespective of the majority-minority dichotomy existing in the country.

In his closing remarks, the Vice-Chancellor enthused: "We are assured and reassured that the Council will help in moving the Senate forward."

Speaking during a live interview session at the institutions campus radio Search FM 92.3, monitored by *CAMPUS NEWS* the Chairman of Council reiterated that the Senate and Congregation are "vibrant" and "wonderful."

He noted that the University has credible and wonderful programmes but further opined that no matter how good the academics are, they cannot succeed without good facilities, hence the need to provide more facilities.

On the challenges facing the institution, the Pro-Chancellor

identified the dearth of hostel accommodation as the most obvious, adding that the available hostels can only accommodate less than 10 percent of the student population.

He maintained that living in the hostel offers the advantages of interaction, cross fertilisation and exchange of ideas just as it is more secured than staying off campus.

Prof. Obafemi pledged the unanimity of Council to move the University forward.

The members of Council were later taken on a tour of facilities at the Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, accompanied by Principal Officers of the University.

Members of the new Council are the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Faruk Adamu Kuta; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, fnip, and Hon.

Abubakar M. Maru.

Others are Hon. Cletus Obun, Alh. Tanko M. Salisu, Dr. Chike Onwe and Mal. Ahmed Yahaya Alhassan (Convocation Representative).

Prof. Adamu Yusuf Kabiru, Peter Aba Idah, Abdullahi Mohammed and Rasheed Olakunle Ojutiku of the departments of Biochemistry, Agricultural and Bioresources Engineering, Civil Engineering and Water Resources, Aquaculture and Fisheries Technology respectively are serving as Senate Representatives on the University's apex decision making body. The Registrar, Mr. Amos Nmadu Kolo is the Secretary to Council.

The representative of the Federal Ministry of Education is expected to be named soon, just as two representatives of the Congregation will be elected shortly to give the Council its full complement.

PROF EGENA MAKES CASE FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FUNDING

By Ugboaja, Stanley U.



PROF EGENA DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL LECTURE BY ELIJAH YISA

Prof. Acheneje Stephen Sunday Egena, of the Department of Animal Production Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna has made a case for collaborative funding of research in the area of animal breeding.

The consummate professor of

Animal Production stated this on Thursday, August 5, 2021, when he delivered the 87th Inaugural Lecture of the University titled: *Animal Protein Security and the Animal Breeder: What Relationship?* at the University Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Egena posited that funding of agricultural research should not be left for government alone, adding that it should also be done by the farmers' association, consumers, businessmen and businesswomen.

On the changing nature of research environment, the don advocated for the procurement of top-notch equipment by government needed for genomic selection to improve farm animals. He also noted that there is need for proper record keeping for both quantitative and genomic study of traits of economic importance of the animals.

Furthermore, the Professor of Animal Production stated that government policy should ensure the production of a "super cow" for enhanced milk production from local cattle and chickens so that they would measure up to the exotic ones in meatiness and egg production potential.

On how to reduce wastage, he called for support services in the areas of processing, haulage, storage, marketing of animal products and electricity supply so that the farm produce would get to the final consumers in good condition and at very competitive prices.

While delivering his address at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the

University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, commended Prof. Egena for doing the needful by delivering his inaugural lecture and welcomed him into the league of Professors in FUT, Minna who have delivered their Inaugural Lectures. The Vice-Chancellor further appealed to other professors in the University to follow suit, especially those in the Department of Animal Production.

Prof. Bala expressed appreciation to the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of the University, Prof. Olu Obafemi for finding time out of his busy schedule to attend the event and thanked other dignitaries for gracing the event.

The event was organized in strict compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols.

CITN PRESENTS BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS TO FUTMINNA VC

By ALIYU, Jidda Ibrahim



PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND CITN OFFICIALS POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH. FROM LEFT (5TH & 6TH) CITN VICE- CHAIRMAN ALH. ALIYU BADEGI AND VICE-CHANCELLOR PROF. ABUDULLAHI BALA PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Minna chapter has presented the Institute's Book of Proceedings to the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Professor Abdullahi Bala, fsssn.

The presentation was made on Friday, August 6, 2021, when members of the Institute led by her Vice-Chairman Alhaji Kasim Ibrahim Badeggi, paid a courtesy visit to the University Management at the Council Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Minna.

In his responses, the Vice-

Chancellor who thanked the Institute over their visit and gift expressed happiness that the Bursar of the University Mrs. Hadiza Goje fcna, fcti is also a member of the Institute. He went further to assure that with her presence, the University will not take the issue of tax for granted.

He noted that the establishment of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) has made the issue of taxes easier since the correct amounts are now deducted at source.

Speaking earlier, CITN Vice-Chairman, Alhaji Ibrahim Badeggi

who was in company of other members, said they were in the University for a courtesy Call and presentation of their book of proceedings to the University.

He thanked the University Management for the warm reception accorded them.

The Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), is a Professional Organization in Nigeria whose members are certified as qualified tax practitioners or administrators.

HIGHER INSTITUTIONS FOOTBALL LEAGUE: FUTMINNA THRASHES LAUTECH, ENTERS Q/FINALS

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS OF TEAM FUTMINNA AND TEAM LAUTECH POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY. MIDDLE DVC (ACADEMIC), PROF. FARUK ADAMU KUTA PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The Federal University of Technology Minna has emerged victorious in the round of 16 in the ongoing Higher Institutions Football League Qualifiers after vanquishing the visiting team from Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Oyo state 3-2 in their return leg played on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the FUT, Minna Sports Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

With the resounding victory which followed a goalless first leg played in Ogbomoso about three weeks ago, Team FUT, Minna has qualified for the quarter finals of the 3rd

edition of the competition. Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala fssn represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta received the visiting team and the representative of Higher Institutions Football League, Mr. Taiwo Fijabi on a courtesy call at the University's Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano. In his remarks, he assured the team of their comfort and safety in the University. The Sport Director, Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Mrs.

Dorcas Olaosebikan expressed appreciation to God for making their trip successful and thanked the Management of FUT, Minna for the hospitality extended to them. Also speaking, the Chairman, FUT, Minna Sports Committee, Professor Rasheed Ojutiku welcomed the visiting team and thanked the Management for honouring the meeting despite the short notice. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, fnip and the Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje, fcta, fcti were present at the courtesy visit.

SABBATICAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the sabbatical for Dr. Raymond Emmanuel of the Department of Industrial and Technology Education, tenable at Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State, for a period of one year with effect from September 1, 2021.

WITHDRAWAL

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the withdrawal of service of Dr. Ibrahim Ogiri Hassan, of the Department of Building, from the services of the University with effect from 30th September, 2021.

UPGRADING

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the upgrading of Dr. Paulson Eberechukwu Numan of the Department of Telecommunication Engineering from Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer II and Adamu Hawawu Nana, of the Department of Civil Engineering from Graduate Assistant to Assistant lecturer.

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar has on behalf of Council, Management, Senate, staff, students and the entire University community condoled Mrs. Owuri Ize Aishat Ojetunde of the Department of Estate Management and Evaluation over the death of her husband, which occurred on Saturday, July 24, 2021. May his soul rest in peace.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Whenever you embark on any task, be it work or study, remember to set achievable goal (s) that you need to accomplish within a time frame.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit
Students' Affairs Division.**

Money Matter

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday, 26th - Friday 30th July 2021

SN	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Transcript	531,360.00
2	Collection of Certificate	257,500.00
3	Post Graduate Certificate	152,000.00
4	Turnitin	176,000.00
5	Clearance Fees	33,000.00
6	Commercial Activities (Shops)	65,000.00
7	Verification/English Proficiency & Confirmation	661,400.00
8	Huawei Academic Training	2,000.00
9	Teaching Practice	42,000.00
10	Prepaid Meter	67,500.00
11	I.T.S. Diploma Certificate	3,500.00
12	Letter of Reference	5,000.00
13	Entrepreneurship Training	36,000.00
14	Acceptance Fees	700,000.00
15	Registration Fees Pre- Degree	4,882,500.00
16	Post Graduate School Fees	6,307,250.00
17	Sale of Forms Pre-Degree	144,000.00
18	CODeL Registration Fees	122,700.00
19	Under Graduate School Fees	28,450.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,217,160.00
20	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	1,997,300.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	8,573,334.50
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) DHL Int't Nig. Ltd. - Courier Service	558,254.94
	(b) Abuja Electricity Company Plc - Electricity Bill	12,284,320.92
	(c) Mars Oil Ltd. - Supply of Diesel	4,008,675.00
	(d) J & H Library Consultancy Ltd. - Consultancy	21,023,370.50
	(e) Sanjir Excellent Production Ltd. - Construction	18,481,534.08
	(f) Al-Tinarch Global Investment Ltd.- Construction	18,340,412.44
	(g) Zaz Construction Ltd. - Construction	15,283,752.78
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	100,550,955.16