

VC Commends UNAAB Senate

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has commended members of the University Senate for their cooperation and sacrifice towards realizing the academic goals of the 2008/2009 Academic Session.

dedication to duty, which he said has helped to transform the dreams of the University for the 2008/2009 Academic Session into reality.

According to him, "Senate fulfilled its statutory roles and functions



Appreciation: UNAAB VC, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun (right), (being assisted by the Coordinator, Webometrics, Dr. Biodun Badmus) presenting the Star Prize won by the Department of Animal Physiology as the best in the just concluded Webometrics ranking of Departments to the HOD, Dr. O. F. Smith at Senate Luncheon held at Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre Complex.

Professor Balogun gave the commendation during a Senate Luncheon to mark the end of the 2008/2009 Academic Session and to usher in the 2009/2010 Academic Session.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated members of the Senate for their

to teach, admit students and promote research during the Session".

Professor Balogun, while appreciating members of the University Senate for the success of the just-ended academic year pointed out that through their support and commitment, the Institute of Food security,

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CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION:

... Staff Appraise Exercise

A cross-section of staff of the University has endorsed the just concluded Certificates' Verification exercise amidst commendation for a job well done and the need for improvement.

Quite a chunk of members of staff, who spoke in separate chats

with UNAAB Bulletin described the exercise as a welcome development.

They, however, stressed the need for Management to network the verification exercise underground in order to avoid prying eyes in future.

According to the Dean of the

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We wish our esteemed Readers Happy Democracy Day

UNAAB ANTHEM

1. We have a vision great and clear
For the masses far and near
A school of farming, science and skill
To feed the land we'll till
Research, test and learning
For wisdom, we're yearning

Chorus: UNAAB, UNAAB, glory of our day
Forward, upward, we shall ever stay
Beacons of our fatherland,
to success we will sail
labouring, toiling onward
we shall never fail

2. The nature's secret we'll find
As offering to mankind
We're aiming at sound scholarship
And academic leadership
We've all needed potentials
And basic essentials

Chorus: UNAAB, UNAAB, glory of our day
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VC's THIRD YEAR IN OFFICE

... Preparations In Top Gear
... Will Be Devoid of Jamboree

Preparations are now in top gear for the celebration of the third year in office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun.

Already, the Professor Oluseyi Oduguwa-led Committee has set machineries in motion towards organizing a befitting Thanksgiving and reception for the anniversary.



... *We have raised the bar, UNAAB VC, Professor Olaiya Balogun*

The ceremony, which the Vice-Chancellor is bankrolling is expected to attract quite a chunk of well-wishers from within and outside the University Community.

Special prayers will also be offered for the progress of the University, the Vice-Chancellor and his family in particular, at the event.

DVC Academic Counsels Students' Leaders

Members of the newly-elected Students' Union Executive of the University have been advised to cherish and protect their names above all other things in order to foster peace and unity within the campus.

This advice was given by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Christopher Onwuka, in his speech titled, "Pragmatic Leadership for the 21st Century" during the Induction Training for the newly-elected Students' Union Executive held recently at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre 2.

As an avenue for career and leadership talk, the programme also attracted other Motivational Speakers

such as Dr. Bode Sopeju, who spoke on the "Significance of Ethics and Values in Maintaining Violence Free Atmosphere in the University".

The Director, Graduate Records and Career Centre (GRECC), Dr. (Mrs.) Helen Bodunde also spoke on the topic "Leadership and Accountability", while Mrs. Modesta Ofodile, from the Guidance and Counselling Unit (UNAAB) took the students through the topic "Basic Leadership Skills and Qualities of a Good Leader".

In addition to the elaborate Career Talk, the Director, GRECC used the opportunity to reiterate the Centre's commitment to students' welfare by ensuring there is proper networking of all UNAAB students, at all

GTB Commends UNAAB

Guaranty Trust Bank Plc has commended the Management of the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta for a job well done for producing graduates worthy of emulation, thus raising the bar of excellence.

The commendation came after the release of result of successful candidates in the employment examination, conducted by the Bank for the brightest and best UNAAB graduates, in which, five out of the 22 selected students excelled in flying colour.

A release signed by Mr. Olayinka Lucas, the Relationship Manager of the Bank stated that it was worthy to note that the performance of the selected students of UNAAB was the best recorded amongst all the Nigerian Universities that participated in the 'Brightest and Best Scheme', since its inception.

Lucas added that the performance was a true reflection of the efficiency and effectiveness of UNAAB's Management, which has led to the production of excellent students, who will be leaders of tomorrow.

The students, who are from different Departments of the University are: Messrs Igba, Ejirogheme; Bolaji, Olufemi; Ayilaran, Ayobami; Jimoh, Azeez and Olopade, Oluwaseun, scored 66.5%, 59%, 52% and 50.5%, respectively in the examination.

IAU Conference Holds In June

The International Association of Universities' (IAU) Conference will hold between June 24 and 26, 2010 at the Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania.

The Theme for the Conference is "Ethnic and Values in Higher Education in the Era of Globalization: What Role for the Disciples?".

For details, interested participants should visit: <http://iauconference.home.mruni.eu/>.

Biochemistry gets new HOD



The new HOD, Professor (Mrs.) Elizabeth Balogun

Professor (Mrs.) Elizabeth Balogun is now the Head, Department of Biochemistry, College of Natural Sciences of the University.

Her appointment, which has received the approval of the Vice-Chancellor came on the heels of the recommendation of the Dean, College of Natural Sciences, Professor E. O. Asiribo.

A release, signed by the Acting Registrar, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye said Professor (Mrs.) Balogun's appointment is for a period of two years, with effect from May 17, 2010.

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Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR) was established.

The Vice-Chancellor recounted other achievements by the University in the past academic year to include, the transformation of the ICTREC into a full-fledged Centre with the Director of the Centre as a full-fledged member of Senate.

According to him, the Senate also conducted a free and fair election, which brought the two incumbent Deputy Vice-Chancellors into office and new members into Council.

He lauded their efforts, which according to him, enhanced the salaries of Junior Research Fellows, thereby, paving the way for those that would succeed older Professors as they retire.

Professor Balogun assured members of Senate that during the 2009/2010 Academic Session, UNAAB would continue to raise the bar of excellence while promising that the University will witness unprecedented academic and infrastructural development.

The Vice-Chancellor called on members of Senate and the entire University community to join hands with Management towards performing better in the new academic year.

He noted that presently, the University was ranked as one of the first 100 Universities in Africa but is striving to be among the first 50 in Africa and one of the first three in Nigeria, in the next Webometrics' ranking.

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VERIFICATION: Staff Appraise Exercise

Post-graduate School, Professor Oladipo Steve Afolami, the exercise was healthy, moreso, that it gave some staff, who had hitherto abandoned their certificates the necessary push to retrieve them from the awarding institutions.

ever, advised that the exercise should be done secretly without the knowledge of staff for better result.

Baring his mind, an academic staff, Dr. Adetunji Adewole of the Computer Science Department wel-



Professor Steve Afolami: Sub-Chairman, Certificates' Verification Committee (Academic Staff)

Professor Afolami, who is the Sub-Chairman, Certificates' Verification Committee (Academic Staff) said the turn-out was overwhelming.

A senior staff (Non-Teaching), Mrs. Atinuke Bolaji Oduwole also lauded the exercise which she described as timely and much-needed. Oduwole, an Assistant Registrar, how-

ever, advised that the exercise should be done secretly without the knowledge of staff for better result.

Also reacting, Mr. Raheem Jagun, a junior staff with the COLANIM Farm said the exercise was a step in the right direction.



Acting Registrar and Secretary of Senate, Mr. Adeleke Adeboye

DEPARTMENTAL RANKING

... Performance Will Determine Allocation

— VC

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun has said that the performance of Departments in the University's Webometrics Local Ranking Exercise would go a long way in determining allocation of fund.

Professor Balogun, who made this disclosure while presenting prizes to the first five Departments at the maiden ranking exercise declared that the objective of the exercise was to serve as a means for self-evaluation in global competitiveness.

According to him, the University was presently ranked as one of the first 100 Universities in Africa and it is the desire of the Management to see UNAAB emerging one of the first 50 universities in Africa and one of the first three in Nigeria in the next University ranking.

Professor Balogun said, "We are a University known for excellence and the contribution of every department matters a lot in the global ranking".

The Vice-Chancellor encouraged members of Senate to take advantage of the University's ICTREC to get their lecture notes developed for them so that they can make use of Laptops in their Departments and Projectors at lecture halls while teaching.

He noted that lecture notes

could also be uploaded, so that students can read ahead of their lectures.

Professor Balogun assured Senate that at the next meeting of Council, a proposal which would make ICT available regularly within the University would be presented to them.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Departments of Animal Physiology; Soil Science and Land Management; Chemistry; Physics, and Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology for emerging as the first five, out of the forty Departments in the University's local ranking.



*Dr. Biodun Badmus
Coordinator, Webometrics,*

MANCOT Cautions Staff on Reckless Driving

The Chairman of the University's Management Committee on Transport (MANCOT), Dr. Jonathan Atungwu has appealed to members of staff, who are vehicle owners to drive carefully while approaching the Camp Junction and MANCOT Transit buses' turning point in the area.

Speaking with UNAAB Weekly Bulletin, Dr. Atungwu noted with dismay that some motorists, mostly UNAAB staff had formed the habit of driving recklessly while negotiating the Camp Junction and MANCOT Transit buses' turning point, which are within the same vicinity.

He attributed the recklessness to desperation on the part of some UNAAB staff, to beat resumption deadline, adding that such motorists often disregard traffick controllers, thereby leading to lawlessness.

Dr. Atungwu recalled cases of reckless driving which he said "is now a menace to students, staff and vehicles belonging to the University".

He appealed to members of staff to shun reckless driving, especially, when they are in a hurry to beat resumption deadline.

... As Another Bus Joins fleet

The University has acquired another bus to make transportation easier for students.

According to Director of the University's Management Committee on Transport (MANCOT), Dr. Jonathan Atungwu, the 73-seater bus has commenced full operation. The largely painted Yellow bus is an Asian-made brand called FOTON.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun had, during the inauguration of the Executive of the Students' Union, informed of plans to take delivery of 11 new buses to boost the transportation of staff and students.

LEMCEL Lecture Series Holds Wednesday

— To Be Delivered By "LIMPOPO", Former UNAAB President

An alumnus of UNAAB and former President of the Students' Union, Dr. Babatunde Omilola, will on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 deliver the Second International Lecture Series of the A.G. Leventis Memorial Centre for Learning (LEMCEL).

The lecture will hold at the Julius Okojie Lecture Theatre 2, UNAAB Campus, Alabata Road.

Dr. Omilola, who is the Coordinator of the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (RESAKSS) of the International

Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC, would deliver the lecture titled, "Poverty Growth and the Performance of African Agriculture in an Era of Global Food and Financial Crises".

According to programme of event made available to UNAAB News Bulletin, by the Chairman, Local Organising Committee for the Lecture, Dr. Jonathan Atungwu, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun will chair the Lecture while the Director of LEMCEL, Professor Lateef Sanni is the host.

PARTNERSHIP WITH UK VARSITIES

... *UNAAB Reaps Dividends*

... *As Dr. Mewomo Visits Leeds*

The partnership, which evolved between the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta and the Universities of Leeds and Nottingham, respectively following the recent visit of Prof. H. G. Dales and Dr. Joel Feinstein has started yielding fruits.

The dividends came when Dr. Oluwatosin Mewomo, a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics was invited to attend a course in "Quantum Groups", an exciting new topic in Mathematics at the University of Leeds, in United Kingdom.

Dr. Mewomo's visit will afford him the opportunity to become part of the 'International Mainstream' of research in Mathematics and also help him develop his research initiatives significantly.

It would be recalled that the duo of Prof. Dales and Dr. Feinstein visited UNAAB between April 8 and 10, 2010 to discuss possible areas of partnership, particularly in Mathematics.



Director, Linkages and Partnership, Dr. Oluwatosin Mewomo

FACES AT SENATE LUNCHEON



A CATCHY VIEW OF THE NEW LUXURY BUS



Latest Arrival: The newly acquired luxury Bus