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Major Activities



1.0 Introduction

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta is one of the three specialized Universities of Agriculture in Nigeria. It was established by the Federal Government in January, 1988, its foundation day being the 28th of January, 1988. The establishment of the Universities of Agriculture was an entirely new concept for promoting agricultural education and services for agricultural development and attainment of self-sufficiency in food and fibre.

The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta started at its mini campus in Isale-Igbehin in the centre of Abeokuta, the capital of Ogun State. The University moved in October, 1995 to its permanent site, which is located next to the Ogun-Osun River Basin Development Authority (OORBDA), off the Abeokuta-Ibadan road in the North-Eastern end of the city. The University started with 6 Colleges and 18 Academic Departments.

The University had from its inception consistently witnessed tremendous and remarkable growth and development under its past and present Vice-Chancellors who have immeasurably contributed to setting the institution on a landmark of success.

The Pioneer Vice-Chancellor was Professor Nurudeen Olorunnimbe Adedipe, a professor of Plant Physiology who assumed duty as Vice-Chancellor on the foundation day. Professor N. O. Adedipe was succeeded by Professor Julius Amioba Okojie, a professor of Forest Management & Biometrics. Professor J. A. Okojie is currently the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Abuja. The exit of Professor J. A. Okojie as Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB brought in Professor Isaac Folorunsho Adu, a successful professor of Small Ruminant Production who came into office in September 2001. A short interregnum brought in an Acting Vice-Chancellor in person of Professor Ishola Adamson, a Professor of Biochemistry between August, 2006 and May, 2007. The immediate past Vice Chancellor, Professor Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun, a professor of Animal Biochemistry and Nutrition was appointed the fourth Vice-Chancellor on 24th May, 2007 and his tenure witnessed a remarkable leap in terms of infrastructural development in the University. These great icons created indelible marks on the face of this unique institution.

In 2002, the University won its first major award by being adjudged the best overall University in Nigeria in terms of organisation and quality of programmes. The University won the best specialized University award and the then Vice-Chancellor, Professor I. F. Adu won the best Vice-Chancellor award in Nigerian. The University in addition won the maiden edition of research fair organised by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in 2004.

Presently, the Vice Chancellor of the University is Professor Olusola Bandele Oyewole, seasoned a professor of Food Science. He assumed duty as the fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor of this great University on 24th May, 2012. The University has since his assumption in office witnessed qualitative leadership, great drive towards making the Institution a world class university in addition to unperturbed peace and tranquillity.

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta in its tradition of excellence has continued to produce, through its endowed human and material resources quality graduates who are well skilled and adequately furnished with the comprehensive information required for engaging in economic agricultural production. To date, the University has produced a total number of twenty-one thousand, one hundred and forty-five (21,145) graduates. Presently, there are 10 Colleges in the University and 47 Academic Departments.



1.1 2014/2015 Matriculation Ceremony

The University held its 2014/2015 matriculation ceremony on Wednesday, January 28, 2015. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olusola Oyewole, admonished the 2014/2015 matriculated students of the University to strive for academic excellence and be good ambassadors of the University. He made this call during the 2014/2015 Academic Session Matriculation ceremony which was the third in the series he would be presiding over as Vice-Chancellor. He urged them to see themselves as fortunate to have secured admission into FUNAAB, considering the high number of prospective students who applied to be considered for admission.



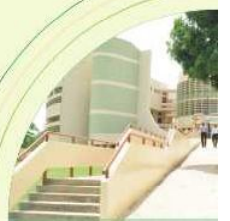
The Vice Chancellor emphasized that the University had zero tolerance for academic indiscipline, disrespect for constituted authorities, rascality, irresponsible unionism, cultism, laziness, truancy and vandalism. He noted that FUNAAB was convinced that the pursuit of academic work flourished best under a free and peaceful environment, devoid of anti-social behaviours and other unwarranted disturbances, as the University Administration will continue to sustain and encourage students to exhibit high degree of discipline in their academic and social lives. He warned, “any student who does not want to comply with acceptable norms and practices of a decent society would certainly, be met with adequate sanctions”.





SOME MEMBERS OF STAFF AND MATRICULANTS AT THE OCCASION

The Vice-Chancellor used the occasion to recognise some high flying students for their exemplary performance in the 2014/2015 UTME admissions exercise.



1.2 Third Commencement Lecture



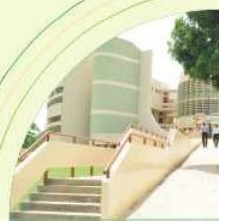
Mrs. Folusho Olaniyan OON

Nigerian students and youths have been enjoined to always apply their God-given talents, display their natural abilities at solving problems and show passion in anything they do in order to bring about positive change in society. This was the submission of the 3rd Commencement Lecturer of the University, Mrs. Folusho Olaniyan, in her lecture titled, "Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship in Nigerian University: Students' Choices, Nigeria's Legacy". The program was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Mrs. Olaniyan, who is also the Chief Executive Officer, Contact Consulting Nigeria Limited, defined Entrepreneurship as "the recognition of an opportunity to create value and the process of acting on this opportunity whether or not it involves the formation of a new entity which is usually associated with innovation and risk taking". The Commencement Lecturer added that Entrepreneurship was a means to self-development and empowerment since youth unemployment had its social consequences.



The lecturer gave the characteristics of people who get to the top of the pyramid of success to be resilient, purposeful, dogged, refusing to bow to distractions and bearing pains of growth. She said that taking the right decision always would help them get to the top, which was only for the distinguished, urging them to develop themselves. Gaining entrepreneurial skill in addition to their formal education is paramount, for the modern day student, she said.



1.3 University Senate

The Senate of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta is very critical to the success of the University's academic activities. It formulates and implements robust policies that engender sustainable academic output for the University.

During the year under review, the Senate under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olusola Bandele Oyewole, at its various statutory and special meetings deliberated and approved some critical decisions some of which are:

Table 1.1 Major Senate Decisions during the 2014/2015 Academic Session

S/N	ACTIVITY/ACHIEVEMENT	DATE
1.	Ratification of Amended Academic Calendar for Postgraduate School for the 2014/2015 Academic Session	207th Statutory Senate meeting, 29th Sept., 2015
2.	Approval for the screening of Direct Entry Candidates	206th Statutory Senate meeting, 9th June, 2015
3.	Resuscitation of Senate Coordinating Committee on Examination Results	206th Statutory Senate meeting, 9th June, 2015
4.	Full Accreditation of Sixteen (16) academic programmes in the University	206th Statutory Senate meeting, 9th June, 2015
5.	Recommendation on procedure for Admission of Students into Postgraduate Programmes of the University	206th Statutory Senate meeting, 9th June, 2015



Table 1.2: Senate Approved Programme and Curricula during the 2014/2015 Academic Session

S/N	PROGRAMME/CURRICULA	DATE OF APPROVAL
1.	<p>Approval of New programmes in the College of Agricultural Management and Rural Development in the following departments:</p> <p>(a) Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PGD, Agricultural Extension and Rural Development ii. PGD, Gender Development Studies iii. M. Agric, Agricultural Communication iv. M. Agric, Subject Matter Extension v. Ph.D, Agricultural Communication vi. Ph.D, Subject Matter Extension vii. Ph.D, Gender Development Studies 	9th June, 2015 206th Statutory Senate meeting
2.	<p>(b) Department of Communication and General Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PGD, Professional Ethics ii. PGD, Library and information Studies iii. PGD, Peace and Strategic Studies iv. Professional Master, Security and Intelligence Studies v. Professional Master, Communication Studies vi. Professional Master, Peace and Strategic Studies vii. Academic Master, Security and Intelligence Studies viii. Academic Master, Communication Studies ix. Academic Master, Library and Information Studies x. Academic Master, Strategic Studies xi. Ph.D, Communication Studies 	9th June, 2015 206th Statutory Senate meeting
3.	(c) College of Plant Science and Crop Production	9th June, 2015 206th Statutory Senate meeting
4.	<p>(d) College of Veterinary Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Professional Masters in Veterinary Pharmacy and Therapeutics (ii) Master and Doctoral Degrees in Veterinary Physiology (iii) Master and Doctoral Degrees in Veterinary Pharmacology (iv) Master and Doctoral Degrees in Veterinary Biochemistry 	9th June, 2015 206th Statutory Senate meeting



1.4 The Governing Council

The Governing Council, under the leadership of Senator/Sir (Dr.) Adeseye Ogunlewe, has continued to show deep interest and significant commitment towards moving the University to greater heights. The activities carried out during the year under review included the following:

Table 1.3: Activities of the Governing Council

S/N	ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS	DATES
1.	Revitalisation and Reposition of the University Industrial Park into semi-privatisation	77th meeting of Council, March 6 and 7, 2014
2.	Establishment of FUNAAB Bureau of Transportation (FUNAABOT)	77th meeting of Council, March 6 and 7, 2014
3.	Replacement of casualisation of Driver with Contract Appointment	77th meeting of Council, March 6 and 7, 2014
4.	Approval for purchase of light equipment for routine maintenance of roads in the University	78th meeting of Council, June 2 and 3, 2014
5.	Approval for the following projects under Special Presidential Intervention: (a) Construction of Academic Building (b) Construction of COLPLANT Phase II (c) Construction of COLFHEC Phase II (d) Construction of 100 Rooms Male Hostel (e) Construction of 100 Rooms Female Hostel (f) Construction of 50 Rooms Hostel for International Students (g) Construction of 50 Rooms Post Graduate Students' Hostel (h) Construction of 250-Seater Computer Laboratory	81st meeting of Council, November 20 and 21, 2014
6.	Appointment of Ms. Evelyn Oputu, former Managing Director, Bank of Industry (BOI) as a Distinguished Fellow in Entrepreneurial Studies and Industrial Linkages	81st meeting of Council, November 20 and 21, 2014
7.	Promotion of 346 members of staff of the University: 83 Academic Staff and 263 Non-Teaching Staff during the 2014 Promotion Exercise	81st meeting of Council, November 20 and 21, 2014
8.	Constitution of a new board for the Royal Greens Guest House and the exclusion of FUNAAB Guest House from the Board	82nd meeting of Council, March 12 and 13, 2015
9.	Constitution of Committee on Improved Revenue Generation and Motivation	83rd meeting of Council, June 25 and 26, 2015
10.	Approval of the Rules and Regulations and Career Structure for the University's Senior and Junior Staff	83rd meeting of Council, June 25 and 26, 2015



S/N	ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS	DATES
11.	Facilitation of FUNAAB Radio Operating Licence	84th meeting of Council, October 8 and 9, 2015
12.	Constitution of Staff Quarters and Students Hostel Development Committee	84th meeting of Council, October 8 and 9, 2015
13.	Ratification of a new External Auditors for the University	84th meeting of Council, October 8 and 9, 2015
14.	Promotion of 698 staff of the University; 102 Academic staff and 596 non teaching staff during the 2015 Promotion Exercise	85th meeting of Council, November 16 and 17, 2015

1.5 Accreditation Programme

1.5.1 Accreditation of Undergraduate Programmes

The University's Undergraduate Programmes were categorized into four (4) disciplines by the National Universities Commission for the purpose of accreditation. These are Agriculture, Engineering, Sciences and Management. The accreditation status of the Programmes is shown in Table 1.4

As at October, 2015, there were twenty eight (28) Programmes in the University of which twenty two (22) have the status of Full Accreditation, and five (5) have Interim Accreditation. Mechatronics Engineering is a new Programme that has been approved by the National Universities Commission after Resource Verification Exercise and therefore not yet due for accreditation.

Table 1.4: Accreditation Status of University Undergraduate Programme

S/N	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	Programmes	Last Accreditation Status & Date	Maturity Date
		AGRICULTURE		
1		Agriculture Options: Animal Breeding and Genetics Animal Nutrition Animal Physiology Animal Production and Health Pasture and Range Management	Full Accreditation 2014	2019



Cont from Table 1.4: Accreditation Status of University Undergraduate Programme

S/N	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	Programmes	Last Accreditation Status & Date	Maturity Date
		AGRICULTURE		
		Crop Protection Horticulture Plant Breeding and Seed Technology Plant Physiology and Crop Production Soil Science and Land Management Agricultural Administration Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Agricultural Extension and Rural Development		
2		Aquaculture & Fisheries Management	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
3		Forestry & Wild-Life Management	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
4		Nutrition & Dietetics	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
5		Water Resources Management & Agricultural Meteorology	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
6		Home Science & Management	Interim Accreditation 2014	2016
7		Veterinary Medicine	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
		ENGINEERING		
8		Agricultural Engineering	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
9		Civil Engineering	Full Accreditation 2012	2017
10		Electrical/Electronics Engineering	Full Accreditation 2012	2017
11		Mechanical Engineering	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
12		Mechatronics Engineering (New Programme)	Approved 2013	
		SCIENCES		
13		Biochemistry	Interim Accreditation 2014	2016
14		Biological Sciences (Botany and Zoology)	Full Accreditation 2014	2019



Cont from Table 1.4: Accreditation Status of University Undergraduate Programme

15	Chemistry	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
16	Computer Science	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
17	Mathematics	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
18	Microbiology	Interim Accreditation 2014	2016
19	Physics	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
20	Statistics	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
21	Environmental Management & Toxicology	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
22	Food Science & Technology	Full Accreditation 2014	2019
23	Hospitality and Tourism Management	Full Accreditation 2013	2018
	MANAGEMENT		
24	Accounting	Full Accreditation 2015	2020
25	Banking and Finance	Full Accreditation 2015	2020
26	Business Administration	Full Accreditation 2015	2020
27	Economics	Interim Accreditation 2015	2017
28	Entrepreneurial Studies	Interim Accreditation 2015	2017



University Management's interaction with the Accreditation Team from National Universities Commission (NUC) - December, 2014



University Library's inspection by the Accreditation Team from National Universities Commission (NUC) - December, 2014



1.5.2 Accreditation of Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) carried out an accreditation exercise on the Masters in Agribusiness (MBA) Programme on Thursday, 16th October, 2014. In August, 2015, the result of the accreditation exercise received from the NUC showed that the Programme scored 77.1% to earn an **Accredited** Status for a period of three (3) years.

1.6 Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI) Training For 2015

The Academic Planning Unit had over the years facilitated the Digital Appreciation Programme for the academic and non-teaching staff of the University. The Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), a subsidiary of the Nigerian Communication Commission (NCC), extended its cooperation with the University by offering its Advanced Digital Appreciation Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADAPTI) Training to one hundred and five (105) FUNAAB staff between 11th and 15th May, 2015 at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta Campus. The Training was designed to equip staff of tertiary institutions with basic ICT office productivity tools, including the intranet, internet, use of e-teaching and e-learning facilities as well as collaborations in course delivery at no cost to the participants. The overall goal of the training is to train the needed skilled manpower for the fast growing information and communication technology industry in Nigeria.



Group photograph of Facilitators and Trainees (Groups A & B) of the ADAPTI Programme 2015

1.7 International Centre for Professional Development

The International Centre for Professional Development (ICPD) was established by the University Senate at its 199th statutory meeting held on Thursday, 3rd April, 2014. It was established to provide professional training and unique experiential learning for youths, established professionals and modern business leaders. The Centre is affiliated with distinguished academic and industrial partners in Europe, Asia and the United States of America (USA). The Centre was the first Authorized Learning Partner (ALP) in Africa with Certified Wireless Network Professionals (CWNP). It is the first Centre in Africa to be supported by Asian Foreign Investment and Development Agency, (AAFIDA).

The maiden edition of the graduation ceremony of the Summer School Programmes was held on 4th September, 2015. The Centre is Juniper Network Authorized Learning Partner. It is the only Pearson VUE Test Centre in Ogun State and second in Federal Universities in Nigeria. It partners with Canada Executive Management Professional Centre for Project Management Professional. It is also



in partnership with Android ATC.

The Centre successfully organized Summer School Training for Secondary School Students from July to September, 2015; trained students for Professional Certification Examinations such as: CWNP, CISCO, Microsoft Offices Suite (MoS), Microsoft Oracle, Juniper, Project Management Professional etc.; conducted examination via Pearson-VUE for candidates on CWNP, CISCO, CompuTia, Microsoft etc., collaborated with National Centre for Technology Management (NACETEM), Central North and Western zone Offices; collaborated with Health Records Officers Registration Board of Nigeria (HRORBN) on Electronic Health Records Programmes; collaborated with Ekiti State University, Ekiti State, on website development, web ranking and professional certification training programmes; and prepared students for GRE, TOEFL, SAT, GMAT, IELTS, PTE, etc.

1.8 Inaugural Lectures

The **Inaugural Lecture** is an opportunity for newly-promoted or appointed Professors to inform colleagues in the University and the general public, about their research career so far; and update colleagues on their current and future research directions. The University of Agriculture, Abeokuta has always given inaugural lectures its right place in the order of academic activities in the University. Three (3) inaugural lectures were held in 2015 while the number of inaugural lectures held in the University till date remains fifty (50).

LIST OF INAUGURAL LECTURES DELIVERED IN 2015

Series	College	Dept	Delivered by	Date	Topic
48	COLPLANT	SSLM	Professor Felix Kolawole Salako	4th February, 2015	For Soil to Oil the Nation: Advancing the Frontiers of Conservation Agriculture in Nigeria
49	COLFHEC	FST	Professor Lateef Oladimeji Sanni	21st May, 2015	Drying for Wealth, Food Security and Nation Building
50	COLBIOS	PAZ	Professor Babatunde IDOWU	15th July, 2015	The Animal in the Lens of a Zoologist



Professor Felix K. Salako of Department of Soil Science and Land Management Delivering the 48th Inaugural lecture





Prof. Lateef Sanni, of the Department of Food Science and Technology delivering his inaugural lecture



Prof. Adewumi B. Idowu of Department of Pure and Applied Zoology delivering the 50th Inaugural lecture

