



# FUOYE NEWS

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## SEE YOUR APPOINTMENT AS CALL

### - Minister charges Governing Council Members.

History was made on May 5 2015, at the main Auditorium of National University Commission, (NUC) Abuja, when the maiden Governing Council of Federal University Oye-Ekiti alongside other universities, polytechnics as well as that of National Library Board was inaugurated.

The special guest of honour at the ceremony was no less a personality than the Minister of Education, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau, Executive Secretary NUC Professor Julius Okojie was the chief host.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mallam Shekarau congratulated the privileged members of the respective university and polytechnic governing councils, charging them to bring their wealth of experience to bear on their present assignment. He reminded them that their main responsibilities were to govern, grow and develop their respective institutions. To do this they should be conversant with extant laws, government policies and gazettes. They should not interfere with the management of their institutions but be concerned more with attracting more funding and infrastructure to enhance effective and result-oriented teaching and learning. 'Ensure that effective strategies are employed to maintain peace and progress in your institutions', he added.

On funding, they are to guarantee that funds allocated to their institutions are judiciously utilized, look forward to enlist support of individuals and NGOs to raise funds as well as establish endowments. They were also to address issues of streamlining educational programmes in their institutions in line with approved courses by government. Governing Council members must adopt the doctrines of transparency, probity and accountability in the appointment of officers in their institutions. They should also avoid activities that could disrupt teaching and learning while recognizing effective strategies that would be adopted to identify and eradicate vices in our educational institutions.

'See your appointment as call to national service. You must raise the standard of operation in your institutions.' the Honourable Minister concluded. Thereafter, the Chairmen and members of Councils rose to receive their Letters of Appointment from the Hon. Minister.

Speaking earlier, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Julius Okojie described the Governing Council members as men and women who have distinguished themselves in the public service. He therefore admonished them to go to their respective institutions of posting to strengthen their activities and perform the proper oversight functions.

FUOYE has six (6) members, namely: Engr. James Bawa Magaji (Chairman), Alhaji Bello Bakori, Muhammad Hamza Nafada, Dr. Yusuf Onojo, Chief Eliot Osomu, Mrs I.C Mbanefo as members

The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Isaac U. Asuzu was present to witness the ceremony. Acting Registrar Daniel Adeyemo and acting Bursar, Obadiah Dylitu, were also present.

## FUOYE DEDICATES ENGINEERING LABORATORY AND LIBRARY.

Federal University Oye-Ekiti has recorded another milestone in its quest for quality academic development. On Thursday May 5, 2015, its Metrology Laboratory named after Engineer Otis Anyaeji and the Faculty of Engineering Library named after Lanre Adesuyi were dedicated.

According to Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Isaac Asuzu, the launch was in fulfilment of promises made by Engineer Otis Anyaeji and Lanre Adesuyi during an infrastructure development drive and fund-raising dinner held at Abuja on October 23, 2013. Professor Asuzu revealed that at that occasion, Otis Anyaeji made initial pledge of N4,188,971 for the completion of the University's Metrology laboratory which was redeemed within 24 hours. He later made a further donation of N655,000 for the laboratory furniture. Engineer Otis, a fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, is the chairman and chief executive officer of O.T. Otis Engineering Limited. Lanre Adesuyi, chairman and managing director, MD Havilah Merchants Ltd, pledged engineering books worth N5 million at the same event and redeemed same within 90days by donating engineering and technology books worth over N5 million.

Applauding their efforts, the vice chancellor said what is striking about these donators was that they came at a most appropriate period: "They gave us the much needed hope and energy to pursue the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering," he said. He announced to the delight of the eminent personalities present that all the seven programmes of the Faculty of Engineering were pre-accredited by the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) in July 2014. "This August the faculty programmes will also be undergoing NUC accreditation exercise.'

Professor Asuzu further said that in order to 'provide the necessary environment for high quality training and research in engineering disciplines and to promote the development of excellent entrepreneurial skills and innovation, the university strives relentlessly to equip and upgrade the R&D workshop, laboratory and library facilities. Therefore, the university continues to commit a

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“The efforts of the university notwithstanding, considerable support of partners is very much needed to be able to acquire most of the workshop equipment, scientific measuring instruments and books required for qualitative training and research that produce graduates that fit into the global marketplace,” the vice chancellor said. He therefore deeply appreciated Engr. Otis Anyaeji and Lanre Adesuyi in whose honour the ceremony was held while calling on other public-spirited individuals and organisations to render invaluable support to the university.

Engr. Otis thanked the University for the honour bestowed on them by naming the facilities after them, while Lanre Adesuyi disclosed that he has commenced the process of reaching out to his friends both local and international to facilitate the early realization of a new commitment to the university.

Present at the occasion were representatives of Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria, (COREN), Nigerian Society of Engineers, (NSE), Automotive Council of Nigeria, Standards

## CLINIC EXPANDS

The University Medical Centre, at its inception, started with three major services namely: out-patient services, environmental health care and minor laboratory tests. All these services occurred between 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

But with the unparalleled dedication and contribution of the vice chancellor since his assumption of office, the scope of services has been expanded remarkably and as it stands today, the university medical centre now renders seven major services including in-patient care, out-patient care, emergency services, HIV testing and counselling. Other services are adolescent/reproductive health, environmental health-care and immunization services. Three evolving services are basic laboratory service, radiological service and family planning. The Centre is also poised to render round-the-clock services, with doctors on call.

Members of the university community are advised to avail themselves of these services.

It is also delightful to note that students in a few weeks from now will cease to experience limited/restricted health-care from referral centres- FMC Ido-Ekiti and EKSUTH- as a result of financial constraint usually faced when they are referred from the University Medical Centre to any of these teaching hospitals. The university, through the University Medical Centre, is fine-tuning an insurance scheme for students that will enable their parents to pay only 10% of their total hospital bill upon discharge from these referral centres.

## JOSTLING FOR COUNCIL SLOT INTENSIFIES

With the just-concluded inauguration of the Governing Council of the 12 newly-established universities by the Honorable Minister of Education, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau on May 5, 2015 and the consequent provision that academic and non-academic members of staff should nominate a member each via the Congregation to the Council, the political atmosphere in the university has been unusually animated.

Contestants from both the academic and non-academic staff are already knocking every door in the university seeking endorsement by colleagues. Some aspirants have even resorted to printing of fliers to highlight their profile, experience and eligibility while others are adopting the face-to-face solicitation approach to win the endorsement of their respective constituencies. The University Management policy makes provisions for one representative each from the two arms of the university.

Meanwhile, a recent memo from Office of the Registrar seems to have taken the sail out of the campaign activities of some contestants as there is a gale of withdrawals from the race by previously prominent contenders. The said memo clearly defined and streamlined eligibility for membership into the Governing Council. According to the memo “membership of congregation shall consist of every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree other than an honorary degree, of any university recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice Chancellor”. This implies that only degree holders are eligible to vie for membership.

Last week, one contestant from the academic staff withdrew from the contest, thereby simplifying the nomination process. This action has paved the way for easy passage of another popular choice. Furthermore, in a Memo REF: FUYOYE/REG/UGC/247/VOL.1/012 dated May 12, 2015, it was gathered that only officers on the post of Senior Lecturer and above or its equivalent, not retiring within the next four (4) years, will be eligible for nomination as Congregation representatives.

However, the political landscape was broadened when another memo: FUYOYE: /REG/UGC/247/VOL.1/013 dated May 15, 2015, stated inter-alia: ‘I wish to inform all members of Congregation that, following a review of the conditions for eligibility as Representative of Congregation on the University Governing Council, members of staff on the post of Lecturer 1 and above or its equivalent not retiring within the next four (4) years, will be eligible for