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L ast M ay, precisely the 9th, the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu inaugurated Governing Councils for 23 Federal Universities at the conference hall of the National Universities Commission, Abuja. Among them was the Governing Council of our University.

The occasion was remarkable as it was memorable. The Minister outrightly charged the new Governing Councils to assume their responsibilities with the spirit of change agenda of the Federal Government. He observed the truth about the present state of our Federal Universities of general lack of enough resources for needed excellence in teaching and research. He challenged the new Councils to explore ways of generating ideas and sources of revenue for improved services in their respective Universities.

One of the most noticeable concerns of the Minister was for the new Governing Councils to generate local ideas, feel the pulse of their environment and work according to the dictates of reason. He charged them to ensure the protection of landed property and equipment and guide financial conducts in their respective Universities. He warned of his ministry’s resolve to dissolve any non-performing Council without delay.

Our University was fully represented at the inauguration by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim, his two deputies and the Registrar. After the formal inauguration, he welcomed the new Council headed by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairperson, Ambassador (Dr) Nimota Nihinlola Akanbi. There were four other Governing Council members inaugurated viz: Alhaji Shehu Aliyu (Marafan Yauri), Dr Bello Dangaji, Barr. Timipa J. Okponipere, and Alhaji Hassan Adamu Hussaini (Magajin Rafin Katagum)

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NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL INAUGURATED

The newly appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairperson, Governing Council, Ambassador Nihinlola Nimota Akanbi, along with other external members of the Governing Council have been inaugurated by the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu on May 9th, 2017.

The inauguration, which took place at the conference hall of the National Universities Commission in Abuja was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim, the DVC Academic and DVC Administration Professor Abdullahi Umar and Professor Auwal Uba, respectively as well as the Registrar, Dr. A.G. Hassan.

The Minister, who inaugurated the Governing Councils for 23 of the 40 Federal Universities, urged them to represent the Government well, be matured, steadfast, consult widely and embrace the spirit of teamwork. He warned that any non-Performing or erring Council will be dissolved.

Earlier the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed charged the new Governing Councils to be honest in their duties and be committed. He said that NUC will organize a retreat for the new Governing Councils in July, this year.
The University has matriculated 3,888 fresh students for the 2016/2017 academic session. The event took place at 1000 seat capacity lecture theatre on April 7th, 2017.

During the occasion the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim who was represented by his Deputy in-charge of academics, Professor Abdullahi Umar, admonished the newly admitted students to avoid all forms of social vices such as examination malpractice, cultism, improper dressing, immorality and drug abuse. He said that ATBU has zero tolerance for all of these misconducts.

Professor Saminu further said that one of the innovations the University management is bringing is the introduction of smart boards in most lecture halls as well as tablets for students. The Council has approved the provision of triumph tablets for fresh students at discounted rate. This is however optional.

He further said that the success in this University will depend on how well one knows and understands the working of the system. This fact makes the orientation programme compulsory for all fresh students. He said over the years, the University has observed that some students who make certain terrible mistakes were usually those who did not take advantage of the orientation programme, “you are therefore, advised to apply yourselves diligently to the matriculation exercise and take full advantage of the
orientation exercise,” he advised. He further stated that the primary ingredient of success in life is the ability to plan. “During the course of your study here, you will discover that sometimes, you may have several competing demands on your limited time. What you do to get things done in an orderly manner will be your ability to anticipate. These demands on your time make necessary provisions for them and allow room for flexibility. This will enable you to have a clear blue print against which you will be able to measure your activities ahead.” He called on them to remember that, “he who fails to plan is actually planning to fail.”

He said that focus is very important in life when one wants to achieve one's goals. “Your ability to focus on your goal will be among other things to reach decision quickly and firmly by saving time and energy which you would otherwise have wasted.”

He then commended the effort of our stakeholders, our immediate host community and the Bauchi State Government, for their contribution towards the development of the University. After the matriculation, the new students were conducted round important parts of the town as part of the orientation exercise. They were received by the Emir of Bauchi, Dr. Rilwanu Suleimanu Adamu in his palace. They also visited the tomb of late Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa and the Bauchi Furniture factory. Sports activities were conducted between the new students and the returning students.

Cross section of 2016/2017 Matriculating Students

3,888 STUDENTS MATRICULATED THIS YEAR

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ATBU PARTNERS HOST GANJUWA LG

Ganjuwa Local Government Chairman, Dr. Alkasim Ibrahim has promised to build a Police out post close to the Gubi campus so as to improve security in the new campus.

He made the promise when the Vice-Chancellor paid him a courtesy visit in his office in Kafin Madaki, Ganjuwa Local Government Council Secretariat on March 3rd, 2017.

Dr. Alkasim assured the VC of his Council readiness to assist the University at all times.

This follows an earlier visit by the Chairman to the Vice-Chancellor on February 21st, 2017 at the Council Chamber in Gubi campus. During the visit, the local government Chairman said they were in the area in terms of admission slots, employment in the middle cadre, and training of staff in skill acquisition, capacity building and administration and also help in creating awareness especially through agricultural extension programme to his community.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim who was represented by his Deputy in-Charge of Academics, Prof. Abdullahi Umar said in rendering the University's community service, Ganjuwa Local Government being the University host would be a priority. He assured the Chairman that the University is into researches that will reengineer farmers in the state towards better and improved productivity.

He said the University is in the process of establishing a Technology Park at Gubi campus, and Ganjuwa people would be gainfully employed by participating stakeholders in the park. He added that the University has veterinary clinic and Dairy Farm in Gubi campus which are open to the people for patronage.
VC HOSTS CIBN OFFICIALS

Vice-Chancellor Professor Saminu Abdul Rahman Ibrahim received in audience the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria at the Council Chamber of the University in Gubi campus on March 7, 2017.

In his address during the visit, the leader of the team who is also the University. According to him the number of the students that registered with the institute is not encouraging. He called on the University management to opt for bulk registration for the students.

Professor Segun advised the management to sponsor the staff and students to attend upcoming international conference of the institute, which took place in April, 2017 in Lagos. He also invited the Vice-Chancellor during the conference to serve as a special Guest of Honour. He commended the effort

President and Chairman of the Council, Professor Segun Ajibola, said the purpose of the visit was to intimate the management of the University on the low output of the earlier MoU signed between the Institute and the

NTSO STUDENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Nigerian Society of Chemical Engineers has organized a National Paper Presentation contest held at hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt.

The Theme of the contest was “Natural Gas Utilization in Nigeria: “Prospect, challenges and the way forward”. Salisu Adamu a 400 level student of Petroleum Engineering emerged winner in undergraduate category of the presentation. Salisu said he took a course in Natural Gas and instantly developed interest in it. With the guidance of his lecturers and friends, he developed an abstract and sent it to the association.

This abstract scaled through and he was invited for the presentation in Port Harcourt. He was granted a bursary allowance of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N150,000.00) which he received at Shehu Ya'adua Centre during the Society's Annual Conference and Exhibition held in Abuja.

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SSSN NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN ATBU

Oil Science Society of Nigeria has held its 41st Annual Conference at the 1000 seat capacity lecture theatre Yelwa campus from March, 13th – 17th, 2017 with a theme, “Land Degradation, Sustainable Soil Management, Food and Nutrition Security.” It aimed at improving land use by farmers in the country for optimum productivity to create more jobs for the unemployed in the country.

The event witnessed the award of fellowship to His Excellency the Executive Governor of Bauchi State Barr. M. A. Abubakar, Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Sen. Heneken Loppobiri and the Chairman of the occasion who is also the Vice-Chancellor of ATBU, Prof. Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his happiness that the conference was held in ATBU. The last time it held in the University, he recalled was in 1998 adding that this will serve as an eye opener to some while it will encourage others who are concerned to do more in their academic research.

He called on researchers to take advantage of the conference held in the University, understanding that the conference has put National and International stakeholders together to discuss ways to forge ahead especially in addressing problems aggravating land degradation in the country and the world at large.

In his speech, Minister of State of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Heneken Loppobiri, who was represented by the Director Agriculture, Land and Climate change, Mr. Sunday Edibo, said the theme of the conference provides platform for Nigeria Soil Scientist, Interested stakeholders and policy makers to evaluate progress made towards the

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Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu Abdul Rahman Ibrahim received in audience a team from Farm Management Association of Nigeria (FAMAN) in his office at Gubi campus on March 24th, 2017.

In his address during the visit, President of the Association, Professor Damian Agom said the purpose of the visit was to inform him that the Association has chosen his University for the National Conference of the Association coming up November 2017. He said the Association requests assistance from the Vice-Chancellor for the National Conference.

He added that ATBU has shown its concern to the Association. He said they are proud of ATBU as two of its past Presidents came from the University. They are Professor Isyaka Mohammed and Professor Nasiru Murtala.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Saminu Abdul Rahman Ibrahim thanked the leadership of Farm Management Association of Nigeria for the visit and assured them of support from the University. The Vice-Chancellor also said that the University is ready to assist the development of the Association. He wished them a very successful conference in the University.

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achievement of sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially Goal 1 (Poverty / Hunger Alleviation), the Green Alternative Agriculture policy roadmap of the present administration as well as vision 20:2020.

The Bauchi State Executive Governor, Barr. M. A. Abubakar who was represented by the Commissioner of Science and Technology Dr. Y. Y. Mahmoud called on researchers to promote productivity to correct rapid degradation of the soil in the country.

He said his government has resuscitated Bauchi Fertilizer Company to serve the North East which will create jobs for the unemployed youth in the state as well.
Ag. PROVOST FOR CMS APPOINTED

A n a c t i n g Provost for the C o l l e g e o f Medical Sciences has been appointed. He is Dr. Yusuf Jibril Bara. He took over from the overseer of the College, Dr. Sale Ibrahim Malajiya on March, 13th, 2017.

The new Provost commended the outgoing one for handling the College with care and commended the achievements recorded and promised to continue with the good work.

He urged the staff of the College to be realistic and cooperate with him so that together they can move the College forward.

Responding, Dr. Saleh Ibrahim strongly advised the staff to work together with the new acting Provost and the head of departments for the development of the college and entire University. He said the new Provost will welcome good ideas and advise the staff of the College to support progress.

He said all the necessary equipment the NUC and advisory teams required are provided by the University before the College took off. He added that the emphasis on training and re-training of all the laboratory technologists was well considered. He prayed for the best for the College and the University at large.

FMS ELECTS NEW DEAN

F a c u l t y o f Management Sciences has elected a new Dean; he is Dr. Samaila Idi Ningi from the department of Accounting and Finance.

He assumed office on March 2nd, 2017. Dr. Samaila said he was ready for the challenges ahead. He added that his goal is to uplift the faculty to greater heights. According the him the previous Deans have done their best for the faculty and he will not perform below expectation.
Faculty of Technology Education has conducted an election for a new Dean at the faculty's seminar room on April 3rd, 2017.

The out-going Dean of the faculty, Professor Ibrahim Danjuma said on behalf of the entire faculty, they have agreed to nominate Professor Abubakar Sadiq Bappa as the new Dean of the faculty. He said they have nominated him but will still cast votes. The total number of the votes casted amounted to seventy one (71).

Professor Abubakar Sadiq Bappa was declared successful winner with sixty nine votes out of the seventy one casted.

The newly elected Dean, Professor Abubakar Sadiq Bappa commended the out-going Dean for effecting changes in the faculty and promised to continue the good work. He solicited the full cooperation of staff to move the faculty forward.

In his address, the out-going Dean Professor Ibrahim Danjuma advised the newly elected Dean to be a good leader by embracing everybody as one and prayed for his success just as he thanked everybody for the support he got as his tenure lasted.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim who was represented by his Deputy in-charge of administration, Professor Auwalu Uba, thanked the institute for the visit and assured them of maximum support from the University.

He said the University is operating based on Committee System, therefore they will look into the students registration issue with the institute with the view to addressing the loopholes arising from its implementation.

He said the faculty of management sciences will move to Gubi campus soon. He added that the University management welcomed all the advises from the institute for the development of the University.

VC Hosts CIBN Officials

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of the management for uplifting the image of the University to a greater height.

Education is a Right to every child and not a Privilege
The Centre for Industrial Studies will be training students of engineering and other departments within the University at the end of their 200 level semester as Student Work Experience Programme (SWEP).

Director of the Centre, Professor A. A. Bello said the Centre undertakes the training of students in workshop in particular, use of machines, engines and hand tools.

Professor A. A. Bello added that the Centre facilitates students collaborations on research and post graduate projects within and outside the University which include Industrial Design Department (IDD), Raw Materials Research Development Council (RMRDC), Steyr Company Plc, Petroleum Trust and Development Fund, Nigerians Institute of Welding and other linkages.

Also speaking, Engr. Ali Adamu, officer in-charge of SWEP said students from all faculties of engineering have been divided into eight groups with sixty students in each group.

Engr. Ali Adamu said the students have different sections and training according to their groups. He said the training is based on the theoretical work they underwent in class.

He added that the five stages are measuring and marketing, fitting settings, cutting operation, grilling operation and the finishing operations.
Dean of the faculty of Environmental Technology, Prof. Y. O. Sadiq has outlined clearly the breakdown and workings of student work experience programme to the students of his faculty.

Dean EMT outlined the expectations of the faculty from the students and enjoined them to take the orientation and practical work seriously. He said the exercise is for prospective 300 level students of the faculty. This was conducted at the 1000 seat capacity lecture theater on the January 31st 2017.

He said that the SWEP activity is the wetting of the SIWES I & 2, which enables students to be exposed to practical component of the course they are studying. He added that the students will be carried around studios, laboratories, workshops of all the departments of building and technology and will be shown the work according to the desired curriculum of the departments.

The Dean said the students should avail themselves with the programme which lays foundation to SIWES 1 & 2 and adds-up to a total credit unit of 8 units and is essential to the student CGPA.

Also speaking at the orientation, Director Industrial Training Unit, Dr. Inuwa Y. Muhammed said the exercise is a prerequisite and is done at the end of 200 level to expose students to practical work experience.

He added that students are being trained to provide them with the ability to work at any sector as the need may arise.

MATRICULATION OF AFFILIATE UNDER GRADUATES

The University has matriculated affiliate students for 2016/2017 academic sessions with breakdown as follows:

1. Kogi State College of Education, Ankpa - 78 students
2. Federal College of Education (T) Gombe - 289 students
3. Federal College of Education (T) Potiskum - 107 students
4. Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechni, Bauchi - 307
FOR THE RECORD

SPEECH DELIVERED BY PRO-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN GOVERNING COUNCIL DR AMBASSADOR NIMOTA NIHINLOLA AKANBI DURING THE INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER GUBI CAMPUS ON MONDAY 22ND MAY, 2017

Fellow Council Members
(External and Internal)
Distinguished Vice-Chancellor,
Principal Officers of the University,
Members of the Management Team of the University,

I throw my appreciation to the Almighty God for the opportunity given to us to begin our services to the noble University as Council Members and I as the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

Our gratitude also goes to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Muhammadu Buhari for granting us the rare privilege for coming into Bauchi University as Council Members.

We must not forget to pray to Allah for the repose of the soul of the first and presently the last Prime Minister of Nigeria, Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa in whose name the University gets her national and international recognition.

I congratulate my co-appointees for having been found worthy by Government to take up the responsibility of determining the policy and direction of this University for the next four years. It is my prayer that Almighty Allah gives us the grace, strength and wherewithal to discharge this responsibility creditably and justify the confidence reposed in us by the Government and people of our great country, Nigeria.

I greet the Vice-Chancellor and members of Management whom we have met on ground. On behalf of other Council members, we thank you for the reception accorded us. We hope that as we progress in this new found relationship, we are able to establish mutual respect, understanding and love, which will transcend our tenures in office and be the building block of lifelong friendships, which this kind of opportunity avails us.

Permit me to also place on record, our acknowledgement and recognition of the good work done by our predecessors in office. We are challenged to break new bounds, discover further frontiers and surpass their enviable records. With God on our side, and with determination and zeal, we shall put in our best to succeed.

At this juncture, I shall go ahead to highlight certain issues/areas which shall form the fulcrum and direction of this Council under my leadership. These issues include:

a. Upholding at all times, respect for the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, its laws and the Acts of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University. This shall be the ground norm and foundation from which all our decisions and actions shall be taken. At all times, we shall be guided by the laws of the land and laws of the University.

b. As a Council, we shall respect the various organs and arms of the University. We shall not interfere in matters entirely within the scopes of the University Senate, congregation, convocation and staff unions. While we shall guard very jealously, the sanctity of the Council, on areas within its policy making jurisdiction, mandate and scope. In this regard, the principle of separation of powers shall be strictly adhered to.

c. This Council shall place the welfare of and wellbeing of workers in the University as a priority. We shall ensure that at all times, the strongest factor of production, the human resources, is placed first in the scheme of things. To this end, salaries, allowances and bonuses shall be well taken care of within the financial resources of the University. We shall ensure, through our various committees, that appointments and promotions are considered promptly and on merit, without bias or prejudice. Staff training and development shall be given strong premium. We shall seek legitimate means and be sensitive to motivation of the staff in the system to make the staff the envy and point of reference.
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to our other sister Universities in Nigeria and even outside our country Nigeria.

d. While we shall not doubt, in response to our welfare packages, expect that the staff too reciprocate by ensuring best actions and discipline at all times. In line with the Federal Government’s stance against indiscipline and corruption, this Council shall not tolerate indiscipline of any form. The Council shall have zero tolerance for indiscipline, may such be academic, examination or sexual indiscipline or corruption.

e. Knowing the centrality of unions in the University system, we shall promote the best relationship with the staff unions. Council recognizes that as employer, all employee unions must be respected, heard and treated fairly. The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), National Association of Academic Technologies (NAAT) and Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), shall have access to the Council.

f. We have a responsibility to undertake an increase in the structures and upgrade the improvement of existing facilities. In this regard, we shall be hitting the ground running by undertaking, with the assistance of the Vice-Chancellor, a needs assessment of the University, with a view to doing a critical analysis and identifying the gaps which shall be met in short term (immediate) and long term bases.

g. As a corollary to the above, we shall review all fund sources of the University, with a view to creatively increasing its financial profile. We intend to enhance the financial status of the University through innovative fund sourcing and promoting goodwill for the University. We all need to source for fund from the university stakeholders (staff and students), national and international higher institution funding systems without bringing discomfort to staff and students when we review our Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) systems.

h. This Council shall promote the best spirit of Town and Gown relationship. We shall accord the host community of the University and all relevant stakeholders in the community their deserved respect and prominence. The revered traditional and spiritual leaders in Bauchi and environs shall be our partners in progress in building the University of our Dreams. While this is being done however, we shall not lose sight of international standings of the University.

i. We are not unaware of the competitive nature of the University system and the need to place the University in good academic ranking in the comity of nations. This can also be done through proper and adequate staffing, a good international staff and student mix, appropriate facilities for studies, boarding and recreation, online and IT savvy environment, among others. We shall do all in our powers to assist the University achieve unprecedented ranking among Universities in Nigeria, Africa and the world without encouraging plagiarism and begging for professorial positions.

j. The committee system as a major feature of the University system shall be upheld.

k. In all assignments to be undertaken by this Council, due process shall be followed. We shall ensure that diligence, openness, probity and transparency are our watchwords. We owe it as a moral burden to do what is right in the interest of the system.

This Council shall work team with spirit and oneness to make this University, the University of our Dream. We shall immerse ourselves in the culture and traditions of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University. We as from now cease to be onlookers or bystanders in its affairs. We have become part and parcel of the University. From now, the story of the University shall not be complete, without the mention of our names, and this epoch in the history of the University. Similarly, our curriculum vitae and autobiographies cannot be complete without being recorded that at a material point in time, we were at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University. Our destinies have become interwoven and intertwined. From now on, we shall work and pray, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University is ours and it shall continue to soar and grow in leaps and bounds.

We shall always be ready for our assessment through the National University Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Tax Fund (TETFUND), International Organisation/Foundation Assistance Programmes assessment records. Our success is the success of the University Management Team.

May Allah help us all and make the University progress.

Thank you very much.
Honourable Minister of Education Malam Adamu Adamu (right) and the Executive Secretary National Universities Commission Professor Abubakar Rasheed (left) during the inauguration of Governing Councils of 23 Federal Universities.

Newly inaugurated external Governing Council of the University with the Vice-Chancellor and some management staff immediately after their inauguration at the NUC conference room Abuja.
New Pro-Chancellor and Chairperson, Governing Council, Amb. Dr Nimota Nihinlola Akanbi with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Ibrahim immediately after her inauguration at the conference hall, NUC, Abuja

From L to R, Prof. Abdullahi Umar, (DVC Acad), Dr A. G. Hassan (Registrar), Amb. Dr Nimota Nihinlola Akanbi (Pro-Chancellor), Prof. S. A. Ibrahim (Vice-Chancellor) and Prof. Auwalu Uba (DVC Admin) after the inauguration
Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu delivering his speech during the inauguration.

Pro-Chancellor and Chairperson Governing Council Amb. Dr Nimota Nihinlola Akanbi receiving her letter of credence from the Honourable Minister of Education Malam Adamu Adamu while the Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. A. Ibrahim and NUC Executive Secretary Prof. A. Rasheed look on.
Cross-section of audience at the inauguration held in the conference hall of National Universities Commission Abuja.

Inaugurated external Governing Council Members. From left to right:
Alhaji Shehu Aliyu (Marafan Yauri), Barr. Timipa J. Okponipere,
Dr Bello Dangaji and Alhaji Hassan Adamu Hussaini (Magajin Rafin Katagum)
“EVERY STAKEHOLDER COUNTS IN RESEARCH” - Prof. Abdul

A professor of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Suleiman Dangana Abdul is the present Director Research and Innovation of the University. In this edition we had a rare encounter with the new Director where he bared his mind and put forward his ace card and blue print on how he intends to build the new Directorate into a functional rallying point for prospective researchers, not only from ATBU, but from a wider regional perspective. Excerpts:

Que: Sir, can you briefly tell us about yourself?
Ans: My name is Suleiman Dangana Abdul. I started working with ATBU as a graduate assistant in 1985 and rose to the rank of Professor of Genetics and Plant Breeding.
Que: Your Directorate is relatively new; can you briefly tell us what the Directorate is all about?
Ans: The Directorate is for research and development, principally, all academic staff are to carry out research and as well as community service. And if you look at the other responsibility of teaching, you can only effectively discharge those by carrying out research. It is when you establish the facts before you can proceed to deliver the knowledge to others.
Que: Even though new, is there any research result that the immediate community can benefit from?
Ans: The Directorate is to coordinate research activities. It is not directly conducting research. So coordination of research entails finding where resources are available to enable researchers carryout their research and also focusing their research activities in such a way that there would be maximum impact in terms of generation of knowledge and innovation that would drive the economy.
Que: Can you give us an insight into the situation you found the Directorate when you assumed office?
Ans: Well, as you have pointed out it is a new Directorate. The pioneer Director has done quite some ground work; getting the structure and organization of the Directorate, and we have met that on ground and we are working hard to see how we can effectively make those structures work by adjusting such structures best on our experiences.
Que: What are the challenges you have so far identified and how are you addressing them?
Ans: Frankly, there are challenges. We have devoted much of our time to teaching. It is not as a result of our failure, but the need to provide funding for research. There has been no funding for a long period of time for research activities in the University. People have, to a large extent, forgotten how to apply for research funding or put up a competitive research proposals that would win some funding to carry out research. There is the need to bring back that culture of writing award winning research proposals by our academic staff.
Que: We understand that there is money in TETFund meant for good research activities. What effort are you putting in place to source for such fund?
Ans: TETFund has provision for each University in the country for research. These are at two levels. One is called institutional based research fund which can be applied for by individual academics to carry out exploratory research activities that will establish some trend. The other one is the national research grant which is the competitive one. It has limit of 50 million Naira. It is stringent in terms of the competition. So many criteria that you have to scale through before you can be considered for the

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award. Apart from the intellectual or research innovation that you are going to bring there, you also have to bring certain things among which is the interdisciplinary nature of the research.

Que: What are your policies and roadmap for the betterment of the Directorate?
Ans: I told you it is Directorate of research and development. For us to expect research funding, we must be able to secure national grant. One national research grant was won in 2015 and in 2016 we have applied for over 80 research grant. I am glad to inform you that all the applications have scaled through because the Directorate has to go through aech. We carry out research with our students, principally, final year students. Some research projects are done with post graduate students. But then, when you get those research findings, they only end up on the shelve of our libraries and that is the challenge. So we want to link this research output to some kind of economic activities. We identify the best ones among them and package them for entrepreneurial activities to generate some income for the individual researcher as well as the University.

Que: Briefly state the positive cooperation you have received from the management so far.
Ans: I must say that the whole idea of establishing the Directorate came from the current Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. A. Ibrahim. It is his baby. We have been receiving maximum cooperation.

Que: The Directorate had earlier organized a workshop on how to win research grants. What practical impact has that made so far?
Ans: Well as I have said you can see the impact by our applicants to TETFund for research grant which scale through the institution based research grants. None has been turned down. So that on its own is something great. But we want to carry the entire University community along.

Que: What are your overall priorities in the Directorate?
Ans: Well, the priorities for us at the moment is to carry out that workshop in terms of training on how to write award winning research projects and the second one is to make sure that this year we start science and technology fair in the University. That is our priorities for now. Some investors will come because there would be presentation. It is not just to come and make the scientific or technological innovations visible. No, there will be also some analysis of the economic value that you are likely to generate from such innovations. And when we do that, interested investors would say this is a good investment. They are entrepreneurs. That links us to the issue of NOTAP where we have to patent all our products before we go out. Because if we do not patent our findings, some body may sell them and that is the end of the story. So NOTAP is assisting with the patenting of our innovations that are likely to come out from our research efforts.

Que: When and where is the fair taking place?
Ans: It is going to take place in ATBU this year because we want people to come and see what we have. In fact, our intention is to anchor it comprising tertiary institutions from the North East so that we are not just looking at our selves alone. The competition will be less intense if we are working at our own research out put. The one we are doing in the University is to sort out the best of our inventions and it is those ones that we put for the North East competition. The University will provide us with the avenue for distilling the best of our product within our own system from there we now take it to the North East competition we want it to be in the Technology map of Nigeria.

Apart from that also we have what we call Technology Incubation Centres. For instance, in the Faculty of Science we have computer science department that can develop a software and sell to others. But the problem is that most of our students do not have the money to start all those business, so far we have contacted NITDA to help us in establishing Information and communication technology centre where we have this incubation centres so that our students will develop certain software we can use things to incubate the business and grow the business.
Emir of Bauchi Dr. Rilwanu Suleimanu Adamu has called on the ATBU management to create more conducive learning environment for students.

He made the call when the 2016/2017 orientation committee presented newly admitted students to him at his palace as part of its excursion on April, 8, 2017.

The Emir called on the University management to always improve students welfare on campus and aim at making the University the best in the country. He assured the students of his support and advice at all times and called on them to work hard to earn the best of knowledge and character.

He added that they should know why they are in the University which is a place of learning and research.

In his earlier address the chairman of the orientation committee, Prof. Ibrahim M. Danjuma said they were in the palace to present newly admitted students of the University to the Emir for advice and prayers. He then prayed for the prosperity of the Emirate and the state at large.

Students at the Emir’s Palace

ATBU STAFF EXCELS IN ABU

A lecturer with the Faculty of Environmental Technology of the University, Muhammad Nura Isa, has won the award of best dissertation presentation in the Faculty of Environmental Design of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

The award was presented to him during the last convocation ceremony of the University.

His Masters Degree in Construction Technology was titled, “Influence of Effective Micro Organisms Produced from Locally Available Fruits Wastes on Concrete.”
College of Medical Sciences has conducted the orientation of the 2016/2017 pioneer MBBS students on April 3rd, 2017 at the College Conference hall in Gubi campus of the University. The orientation was organized by the management of the College under the supervision of the Ag. Provost Dr. Yusuf Jibrin Bara.

The aim of the orientation was to enlighten the maiden students the rules and regulations of the University and what to expect in their stay at the College.

In his welcome address, the Ag. Provost of the College Dr. Bara said the orientation of pioneer medical students marks a turning point in the history of ATBU Bauchi as the long awaited Medical College has now come to reality. Academic activities began on Monday 3rd April 2017 as directed by the Senate of the University.

He said the management of the College commends the effort of Bauchi State Government, the University management and other stakeholders for their tremendous support and cooperation toward this success.

He equally congratulated the maiden students who were carefully selected out of many who had applied and advised them to make the best out of this opportunity and pay much attention to their studies as all eyes are on them being the pioneers.

He said that everything possible was being done to provide enabling environment for teaching and learning in the College. He urged ATBU Teaching Hospital, and the University to continue their support to the College as partners in progress.

In his contribution, the CMD ATBUTH Dr. Alkali Mohammad said all the necessary support the College may need from the teaching hospital is available for the development of the College. He therefore urged the MBBS students to concentrate on their studies. He added that being a doctor is not a day’s job and prayed for the best as the pioneer students now begin their programme.

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Cross section of students at the orientation

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security in the campus.

Others are Dr. Sale Ibrahim Malajiya who presented the general conducts and behaviors, Dr. Yusuf Misau who presented over view of MBBS programme and Dr. Sani A. Bello examination regulation of the College.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu Abdul Rahman Ibrahim, who was represented by his Deputy in charge of administration Professor Auwal Uba thanked the organizers of the orientation for organizing the lectures and charged the pioneer students to abide by the rules and regulation of the College and the entire University for successful academic pursuit and urged them to shun all social vices and concentrate on their studies.

VC BAGS PAN AFRICAN AWARD

Vice-Chancellor Professor Saminu Abdul Rahman Ibrahim has received Pan-African Leadership Merit Award.

The award tagged “Icon of Nation Building in Nigeria was presented to him by speaker of the African Students Union Parliament (ASUP) Hon. Coulibally Ahmed in his office on February, 7th, 2017 in Gubi campus.

The award is in recognition and appreciation of his contribution towards nation building, education development, millennium development, astute patriotism, job creation, administrative prudence, human capital development, qualitative academic service delivery and students and youth empowerment in Nigeria.

Speaking on behalf of the team, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Comr. Ozim Temple said the Union felt it was necessary to re-orient students on the dangers and menace of drug abuse in African Universities, considering that youth are the backbone of development in any society.

The Editorial Board and management of ATBU Herald wish all ATBU Students a very successful first semester examinations.
MEET NEW ATBU GOVERNING COUNCIL

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WELCOME, OUR NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

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They will serve as external members appointed by the Federal Government on the Council.

Consequently, five more members were elected internally from the Senate and Congregation. They are: Prof. S. D. Abdul, Prof. L. G. Abubakar, Prof. M. A. Abdulazeez, Prof. M. U. Malumfashi, and Malam Abdullahi Suleiman.

The full Council was inaugurated on the 22nd of May, 2017 at the Council Chamber in Gubi campus. The new Pro-Chancellor left no one in doubt as to the resolve of her Council to turn the tide of events in the University for the better. Remarkably, she promised to better staff welfare, better town and gown relationship and improved facilities for the University.

At this juncture, it is imperative to intimate the new Governing Council of a few priorities that may interest them in the conduct of their business forthwith. The present management has initiated a very bold attempt at creating a technology park for the University. It is expected to be formed under a triple helix approach where the University, with its research findings, can synergize with the productive industry with the support of the Government to produce tangible result for consumer benefit. This is however, capital intensive.

Another interesting area is the development of local productive industries for the University. Already, the University has established a Micro-Finance Bank which has proven to be very promising. The University Limited Liability Company (ATBU Trust and Investment Limited) ATIL, is getting a moral and financial boost from the management. What these economic initiatives require is stronger capitalization so as to subsequently start remitting dividends to the general purse of the University.

ATBU Herald also wishes to draw the Council attention to the vast, untapped landmass in the Gubi campus which can be manipulated to economic advantage. Already, the University farm is cultivating a very insignificant portion of land on seasonal basis. And of course, there is a very tiny portion of livestock. A protected loan can be acquired from commercial banks to invest in massive agricultural activity, with emphasis on economic trees, grocery production and livestock. This can be for both seasonal rains and greenhouse.

At a time when the University is facing low internally generated revenue, the advent in commercial agriculture can form the basis for a reliable source of revenue for the University.

With the initiative of the Federal Government in liberalizing investments in the power sector, the University has taken a bold attempt to, in partnership with a private company, establish a 100 solar electricity generating plant on Gubi campus. The total support and commitment of the Council will definitely assist the management to sail through in this ambitious.

On this note, we welcome the new Governing Council and wish them a very successful and fruitful tenure for the sake of our future ATBU and to the glory of the Almighty.
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COMMENDATION

The University Senate and the office of the Registrar have separately commended some staff for hardwork, dedication and personal sacrifice, below are the commended staff:

Umar Mu’azu Dabai, Hassan Ahmed Yusuf, Ahmed Yakubu Haruna, Umar Mohammad Musa, Yusuf Dabo, Dr. Hassan Shuaibu Musa, Sanya Baba Godiya, Dr. Aminu Tukur Suleiman, Dr Yusuf Mahmood, Dr Seyoji Shafiq Mohammed, Hassan Haruna, Shuaibu S. Usman, Bashir Nazaradeen, Sambo Nurudeen Midale, Adamu Maikano Gori, Hassan Tukur Sanda, Suleiman Amadu, Ibrahim Mohammed and Muktar Dahiru
CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The Staff listed below received their confirmation of appointment. This was contained in a memo signed by the Deputy Registrar I & J Habiba Istifanus (Mrs.). They are as follows: 

Abubakar Mohammed (Dean Office EEET), Usman Mohammed (Pro-Chancellor’s Office), Ibrahim Abdullahi (University Library), Jamilu Hussaini Gwani (Bursary Department), Ibrahim Mohammed Sabo (University Library), Danladi Bala (Health Services Department), Nasiru Abdullahi (Remedial Studies).

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ATBU STAFF ACQUIRE PATENTSHIP FROM NOTAP

Some staff of the Faculty of Engineering of the University have acquired patentship for their inventions.

The inventions are Solar Powered Intelligent Irrigation System with Energy Management and Mobile Application Dala Aliyu Bukar and Sani Faisal Bala and Solar Powered Low Cost Automatic Recirculatory Aquaculture System invented by Sani Faisal Bala, Ahmed Garba Ibrahim and Yakubu Shehu respectively.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Professor L. G. Abubakar received the awards on their behalf at the NOTAP office in Abuja at the instance of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbulRahman Ibrahim on May, 10, 2017 for onward presentation to the owners.

ATBU Herald congratulate them for the success recorded.
DBRS GETS NEW PROJECTS

Directorate of Basic Studies has witnessed some newly executed projects for the success of teaching and learning of the students in the Directorate.

This was revealed during a chat with the Director Professor M. A. Abdul'aziz with our correspondent. He said the projects include the newly constructed road which links the Gubi campus main road to the Directorate, drainages and new classrooms among other projects.

He said the projects would go a long way in assisting students and their lecturers especially during the raining season. He thanked the management of the institution for their tireless effort in the area of developing the institution. Prof. Abdul'aziz also advised the students to concentrate more on their studies.

NTI PARTNERS ATBU

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim received in audience, officials of the National Teachers Institute (NTI) Kaduna on April 3rd, 2017 at the Council Chamber in Gubi campus of the University.

Addressing the Vice-Chancellor, the leader of the team Mrs. Olasinde Kudirat said the purpose of their visit was to propose collaboration with the University on Entrepreneurship studies. She said the team has visited relevant sections within the University to ascertain facilities required for the collaboration such as the faculty of Technology Education, Centre for Entrepreneurship studies, Atil Press, Centre for Industrial Studies (CIS) and the Directorate of Information and Communication Technology (DICT).

She added that the NTI will not sign the MoU without visiting the organization or Institution to witness its available facilities. She commended the effort of the Vice-Chancellor and the entire management of the University for the availability of different kinds of skill and facilities that her team found in the University.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim who was represented by his Deputy in charge of academics Professor Abdullahi Umar thanked the NTI official for the visit and assured them of support and cooperation from the University in the proposed collaboration.

He said the University is ready to receive all the ideas and advise the NTI can offer in this regard.
SSANU HOLDS MAIDEN AWARD DAY

Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) ATBU branch has organized its maiden award day at the 1000 seat capacity lecture theatre, Yelwa campus on March 2nd, 2017.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Saminu AbdulRahman Ibrahim, who was also chief host and also a recipient of the award, said he was honoured to be part of the “town gown” ceremony.

He added that the award has brought a lot of people together which will lead to a better understanding for the success of relationship of the University and the community.

Awards were given to his Excellency the Governor of Bauchi State, Mohammed Abdullahi Abubakar esq for excellence and good governance. Abubakar Adamu Aliyu was awarded for excellence in leadership while Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro was awarded for concern for infrastructural development of the University.

His Excellency Hon. Yakubu Dogara, speaker House of Representatives was awarded for excellent leadership and decision making. Senator Mal Alh. Ali Wakili of Bauchi was awarded for qualitative representation.

Professor Alhassan Mohammed Gani bagged the award for excellent service in Federal University Kashere where he is the Vice-Chancellor. Alh. Garba Moh’d Noma, Managing Director Ramadan Press Ltd who served as Chairman of the occasion got the award for excellent entrepreneurship and labour development. Abdulmumin Yakubu Maishanu, Chairman of AYM Shafa was awarded for good business relationship with the University.

Dr. Kunle Gbadamosi, proprietor of Aspira Academy Schools got the award for excellence in academic delivery. Mohammed Yayangida Umar and Hajiya Aisha Idris were awarded for dedication to duty and excellence while Mal. Saidu Haruna of the Medical Center ATBU was awarded for best practical nurse and Miss Celina Simon Nigerian Police Force got an award for outstanding service to humanity.

Seal of Excellence Award received recently by ATBU, a mark of fruitful collaboration with Nigerian Air Force during its 53rd anniversary
The registry of A b u b a k a r Tafawa Balewa University has organized an orientation exercise for security staff at the 1000 capacity seat lecture theatre for three days.

The orientation was chaired by the Registrar Dr. Ahmed Garba Hassan who said the orientation was an interactive forum.

The Registrar added that when an individual is employed as a security officer he was expected to observe certain good qualities and high moral standards, like discipline, loyalty accountability, secrecy, honesty and obedience to rules and regulations.

Dr. A. G. Hassan said security officers should desist from bribery and corruption, stealing, violence, sexual assault and rumour. He said that all participants should aspire to work hard to be better in the discharge of their duties.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Registrar Junior Staff Establishment, Mrs. H a b i b a I s t i f a n u s presented a lecture on procedure such as going on leave, health matters, discipline, indecent relationship, quarrels and fighting, code of conduct and exit from service.

The Deputy Registrar further added that contract employment is one year for non-academic staff and three years for academic staff. She said that those on level 1 – 6 are not entitled to first 28 days, transport and baggages and then promotion comes after two years of hard work and recommendation.

Chief Security Officer Lamaran S. Garkuwa also spoke at the orientation and said in the case of bribery and corruption both the giver and the collector of unlawful money exchange are guilty of crime, he said discipline is always intended for rehabilitation and correction.

He also said that there are two kinds of security, active and passive security. The active security entails the use of special security personnel with guns, body guards, search cars e.t.c. and the passive is the invisible ones. He added that security officers should be smart, intelligent, courageous, hardworking and clean at all times. He said this unit needs cooperation because the work is not for one person, but a collective endeavor.
Chief Security Officer Lamaran S. Garkuwa has said that forest guards at Gubi encountered two suspected kidnappers who, after a long pursuit, dropped their rifle AK47 loaded with thirty rounds of ammunition and extra forty seven before they escaped.

The Security Officer also added that students within the campus should not take laws into their hands when a thief was caught within the campus.

L. S. Garkuwa assured that all hands are on deck to catch culprits and bring them to justice. He said the general public, especially students, should abide by the rules and regulations of the University and cooperate with the security officers for safety within the campuses and report any suspicious character amongst them.

...AS ATBU FIRE SERVICE SAVES N75,000,000

Chief Security Officer L. S. Garkuwa has disclosed that his unit has employed effective use of the fire service van to save lives and property of the University community and Bauchi metropolis.

L. S. Garkuwa said the vehicle has been in use since last year to save the lives and property of people in the state as long as they are called upon to do so.

He said that within the month of February alone about N75,000,000.00 worth of properties was saved from fire in different areas of Bauchi.

He also said that the number to be contacted is written boldly on the vehicle and can be called upon at any point in time to save lives and property. He said the Fire Unit of the University community service rendered to all who need assistance, except in areas clustered where the vehicle cannot penetrate.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor S. A. Ibrahim, on behalf of the management congratulates our Muslim Brothers and Sisters for a successful completion of the Ramadhan and Eld-el-Fitr celebrations.
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