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VC BEMOANS THE CURRENT STATE OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITY

The Vice-Chancellor of Osun State University has bemoaned the current state of Nigerian University.

He made this assertion at the 52nd Interdisciplinary Research Discourse of the Post-Graduate School of the University of Ibadan, held at the Conference Centre on Thursday, 26 April, 2012.

While delivering the thought-provoking lecture: **'Of the Dearth (nay, death?) of Values: Patrons, Patronage and the future of the Nigerian University'**, Professor Sola Akinrinade did not disappoint the academic community. He reflected on the future of the Nigerian university in the face of self-inflicted damage that is eating deep into the fabrics of the system; the loss of the thinking cap and demonstration of crass intellectual deficiency.

He wondered if Nigerian University being populated by individuals who have surrendered themselves to illogicality, voodooism and wizardry could truly perform its role as the central think-tank of Government.

The Vice-Chancellor who was obscenely worried about the general absence of the pervasive university culture and tradition which should provide the background for attitudes, engagements and output said: *'University culture determines the prevailing mode of behavior of the members of the university community and determines its principal features and those characteristics immediately visible to the outside world'*. He pointed out that people have lost interest in intellectual engagement.

He observed that: *'A properly blended University culture produces students who are resourceful, creative, inquisitive, passionate, persevering, resilient, and willing to question accepted ways of doing business.'*



Professor Sola Akinrinade, delivering the lecture

On the effect of the failure of university culture, he said: *'It is the failure of a university culture to impact upon the student that could make a group of students to abandon their studies and make for the bush waiting for the rapture while the semester examinations are going on.'* He charged all stakeholders to rediscover the purpose and essence of Nigerian university.

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Professor I. F. Adewole who was represented by Professor Idowu Olayinka said nobody could talk of the future without the present and the past. He said it was time to solve the problem of shortage of manpower, lack of infrastructure, overcrowding and strikes. The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied by the Provost of the College of Humanities and Culture, Professor Funmi Adewumi; Provost of the College of SET, Professor W. A. Gbolagade; Dr. (Mrs.) P. O. Akinwusi; Dr. A. A. Atere and Mr. Marcus O. Awobifa.

CANADIAN IDRC VISITS UNIOSUN, ... COMMENDS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The IDRC's (Canadian International Research and Development Centre) Senior Programme Officer, Dr. Pascal Sanginga visited UNIOSUN between March 28 and April 4, 2012 on a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) visit of the Indigenous Vegetables Project 106511 being jointly funded by Canadian IDRC and CIDA.

Dr Sanginga met with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Sola Akinrinade and explained that he came to conduct an on-the-spot assessment of the project implementation.

The Vice-Chancellor, in his remarks, commended the IDRC for funding the research and supporting the training of UNIOSUN staff through the project. He promised support of the University for the UNIOSUN team and IDRC. Dr. Sanginga thereafter met with the Bursar and officers of the Bursary during which he examined the accounts of the project fund.



(L-R) Vice-Chancellor with Dr. Pascal Sanginga, Senior Program Officer of IDRC

Dr Sanginga also visited the project sites in Southwest Nigeria, with the project's Principal Investigator, Professor Adebooye, taking him round.

Meanwhile, Dr Sanginga in his report to IDRC, copy of which was sent to the Principal Investigator remarked: *"I was generally pleased with the visit and impressed of the progress made in the first 12 months of project execution. We are confident that the project will produce high quality scientific papers, and ambitious on the scale of development outcomes. Again, congratulations for the work you have done and your commitment in the first 12 months of the project. We remain excited of the prospects of your project becoming the "flagship project" of the CIFSFRF that can demonstrate high quality science and impacts at scale."*

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

'Don't waste your life in doubts and fears: spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours or ages that follow it'

- Ralph Waldo Emerson,
(1803-1882)

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

We rejoice with the staff members whose birthdays fall on the dates noted below as they add another year to their lives.

Wishing you all many happy returns.

OJO, Tosin I – 30/4
ARILEWO, Temidayo O. 1/5
ADESANYA, A. – 2/5
FAMOOFO, Grace O. – 2/5
AJAYI, Ayodele J. – 2/5
SANNI, Adesola H. – 3/5
OMIRIN, Fadekemi F. – 5/5
ALAO, Oluwagbenga T. – 5/5
ADEBIMPE, Wasiu O. – 7/5
AKINSUNMI, Adebayo S – 7/5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Commencement of Rain
Semester Exams – 30/4

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UNIOSUN mail server has been
successfully migrated to the
Google platform. The new
platform is faster and easier to
access with larger storage.
Please contact the IMTC for
details of how to migrate or
open a new individual
account.

UNIOSUN ON THE NUGA MEDAL TABLE, ... ahead of many older Federal and State Universities

It was jubilation galore on Friday, 20th April, 2012 when twenty five athletes and officials that represented the University at the 23rd Nigerian University Games (NUGA) were officially received. The athletes were honoured at a ceremony organised by the University where the athletes were decorated and given certificates of recognition while the medalists received cash reward.

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Provost of the College of Humanities and Culture, Professor Funmi Adewumi, said the University would continue to reward excellence. He commended the athletes, the coaches and the Sports Committee for their efforts that yielded a good result and placed the University on the NUGA medal table where the institution was positioned 23rd ahead of many older federal and state universities.

Latifat Shosanwo from the College of SET won the first gold medal in Taekwondo; Amos Funmi from the College of MSS won silver in 50-meter free style swimming and another bronze medal in 100-meter free style swimming. Five bronze medals were also won through Martins Salam (College of MSS) in Heavy Weight JUDO; Odugbesan Ololade (College of Education) in 90 weight female JUDO; Segun Fernandez (College of SET) in Feather Weight Taekwondo 50-meter free style and also in a JUDO 6-men team fight. The Chairman of the University Sports Committee, Dr. A. A. Atere thanked the Management for recognising the Sports Ambassadors.

News from the Campuses

STAFF OF DPS, OKUKU CAMPUS AT THE 22ND CONFERENCE OF NIGERIA SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HELD AT LEAD CITY UNIVERSITY, IBADAN

Staff of Department of Political Sciences, Okuku Campus attended the 22nd Conference of Nigeria Society of International Affairs at Lead City University, Ibadan between 4th and 5th April, 2012. Various papers that addressed the current challenges of governance in the country and their implications for Nigerian Foreign Policy were presented by Drs Bolaji Omitola, Lere Amusan and John Agbonifo.

2012 UNIOSUN STAFF GAMES

The Vice-Chancellor has given approval for the commencement of 2012 UNIOSUN Staff games. The game will start after the second semester examination. All Colleges and the Central Administration are to participate in football match (male only) and badminton, table tennis, chess and scrabble (by male and female).

Interested members can register by contacting: 08033137574; 07066289848; 08153422644 or 08128896684.

DEPT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES ORGANISES ITS 3RD ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Political Sciences has organized its 3rd Annual Distinguished Lecture Series on 10th April, 2012.

The lecture was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor of Adeleke University, Ede and the pioneering Head, Department of Political Sciences, Osun State University, Prof. Ayandiji Daniel Aina.

The lecture addressed the issue of Nigerian Youth and the Political Economy of Irrelevance and Disempowerment.

In attendance at the lecture was the Vice-Chancellor as represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ganiyu Olatunde, and the Provost of College of Management Sciences represented by Dr. D. I. Akintayo the Acting Head of Department of Human Resources. Other staff in the Department of Political Sciences and the College of Management Sciences attended the event including the host Head of Department, Dr. Bolaji Omitola.