



FUOYE NEWS

Bulletin MARCH 2017

VOL 4 No. 1

FUOYE MANAGEMENT PAYS HAZARD TO ALL STAFF

VC SPURS FRESH STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



A cross section of students at the 6th Matriculation

Friday March 3, 2017 witnessed the 6th matriculation ceremony of Federal University Oye-Ekiti. The students, adorned in their flowing academic gowns, expectantly awaited the solemn and formal induction into their various fields of study.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun, clearly elated at conducting his first matriculation as vice chancellor, advised the new students against social activities that were capable of endangering their academic career.

In his keynote address, the vice-chancellor hinted that it had been the highest number of admission since the inception of the university, and disclosed that the university was making all efforts to increase and improve her academic facilities. He urged the students to face their studies promptly and begin at this level to build up their grade.

The ebullient don advised the students not to disappoint their parents who had laboured to bring them thus far in life. The highlight of the occasion was the formal induction, by the Registrar,

Mr. D. A. Adeyemo, of the students in order of their faculties.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor R. A. Omolehin, deans of faculties, and other principal officers were also present. Parents, guardians, and friends and well-wishers of the matriculating students were on ground to observe the induction and rejoice with their loved ones.

A cross section of the new students, in an interview, expressed delight at seeing their dream of becoming undergraduates come true. Jegede Oluwatobi, a student of Civil Engineering, affirmed that the matriculation had been the first step of a journey of a thousand miles and prayed for strength to pull through. On her part, Omoola Joy-Goodness, a student of Mechatronics Engineering, said she was proud to be a bona fide student of Federal University Oye-Ekiti.

About three thousand students admitted across the eight faculties of the university matriculated.



Professor Kayode Soremekun,
Vice Chancellor,

The Professor Kayode Soremekun administration has approved the payment of hazard allowance to all categories of staff covering both senior and junior. Against the low revenue base of the university, the allowance has been approved as motivation to staff for optimal input. This gesture has also been described as noble since hazard allowance is statutorily not a plenary payment. Management is aware of staff need and welfare and is prepared, in spite of the mounting responsibilities, to keep staff contented.

ENGINEERING, AGRIC STUDENTS PROCEED ON INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Fourth year students of Engineering and Agriculture from the faculties of Engineering and Agriculture, respectively, have proceeded on the annual training programme for students in that level for a six-month exposure to the practical aspects of their field of study.

During an orientation programme organized by the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Department at Ikole campus of the university, the students were intimated with things to expect and matters of conduct during the Industrial Training exercise.

The Area Manager Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Akure, Mrs. Gloria Dipeolu, outlined the importance of the programme to the students, and admonished them to make the best use of the opportunity to learn because some of the machines and equipment they would encounter in the course of the training might be new to them.

SIWES Coordinator, Dr. A. A. Satimehin, advised the students to put in their best and represent the university well both in character and in performance.

Representing the Coordinator and Administrator, Ikole campus, Prof O. O. Amu was Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof B. Alababan. Also in attendance were Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Prof Adebitan, Dr. Olufumilayo Ndububa of Engineering Faculty and ITF officers from Akure office.

A total of 230 students were involved in the programme.

FUOYE TO COMMENCE MICRO-FINANCE BANK

Arrangements have reached advanced stage to



establish a micro-finance bank at Federal University Oye-Ekiti. According to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Kayode Soremekun, this management decision to create the bank amongst other things, is to restructure and reposition the inherited heavy workforce. Professor Soremekun said one of the

ways to tackle the problem was to create more academic programmes, create a micro finance bank, start a post-graduate, and other ancillary units to absorb the already existing workforce.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed this while responding to questions from journalists recently at his lodge. Corroborating the Vice Chancellor's position, the Bursar of the institution, Mr. Bashir Badmus, dropped the same hint during an expanded management meeting held recently. According to Mr. Badmus, plans have been concluded by the university management to establish a micro-finance bank which would offer financial services to the FUOYE community as well as serve as a source of internally generated revenue for the young university.

FUOYE STAFF RECEIVE OUTSTANDING EARNED ALLOWANCE

The management of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti has made good its promise to pay the outstanding 2011/2012 earned allowance to all deserving staff.

This development which was part of the agreement reached during the strike action by the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities, SSANU and the Non-Academic Staff Union, NASU has confirmed the management resolution to meet all the agreement reached with the unions, more so that it concerns the welfare of staff and students.

It could be recalled that some staff of the university who joined the system in 2011 and 2012 were excluded from the disbursed allowance for the period under review. To that effect therefore, the Soremekun administration thought it wise and in the interest of justice and equity for all eligible beneficiaries to be paid.

In another development the university had hinted that all necessary steps were being taken to ensure the promotion, regularization and confirmation of eligible staff. A source from the Registry who spoke on the basis of anonymity said all the processes had almost been concluded and in no distant time all these would be released. The statement urged all deserving staff to exercise patience.

WE ARE MINDFUL OF YOUR PLIGHTS, DVC TELLS NAAT.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Raphael Ajayi has assured the members of National Association of Academic Technologists, NAAT of management's position on the stoppage of the occupational hazard allowance earlier enjoyed by members of the union. Professor Ajayi said management was not unmindful of their plight and was doing everything possible to ascertain the authenticity of the allowance.

Also, FUOYE management is liaising with the Federal Ministry of Education as well as the National Universities Commission to establish the white paper authorizing the payment of the contentious occupational allowance.

According to Professor Ajayi "the management will not relent in paying right from when the allowance was stopped as soon as the white paper authorizing the payment was found."

Also speaking, the Registrar, Mr Daniel Adeyemo, said he had urged the leadership of the union through its chairman Comrade Dayo Ajibaye, to assist the management to establish the whereabouts of the white paper to enable prompt action by the university authorities. The Registrar commended the peaceful conduct by the union members assuring no stone would be left unturned to ensure that justice prevailed.

While responding to some of the demands which include delay in the release of promotions, the Registrar said they just came out of a meeting on the promotion of staff assuring that it was adequately being handled.

The duo were talking when members of the union staged a peaceful demonstration to the administrative block to press home their demands. They both spoke for the Vice Chancellor who was attending to some very pressing issues while enjoining the workers to continue to give peace a chance while the issues would be amicably resolved.

Earlier, the chairman of the FUOYE chapter of NAAT, Comrade Dayo Ajibaye said his members were known for peace and that explained why they conducted themselves peacefully so as not to cause breach of peace in the institution. The union leader hinted that they had earlier given the management an ultimatum which was meant to elapse on Thursday, March 30th. He urged the management to meet their demands before the ultimatum expired.

Some of the issues raised by the union leader were the stoppage of the monthly educational hazard, delay in the release of promotion, obsolete laboratory facilities.

AKINKUNMI RETURNS TO PERSONNEL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Mr Sunday Ayodele Akinkunmi has been redeployed to the Personnel Affairs Division. Before this redeployment, Mr. Akinkunmi was head, Council Affairs Unit. The redeployment took effect from 9th of March, 2017. It would be recalled that Mr Akinkunmi was posted out of the Personnel Affairs on January 15th 2016 to Council where held sway until 8th March, 2017.

He replaces Mr Augustine Ugoji who now heads the Servicom Unit, while Mr Ayodele Fatuase takes control as head of Council Affairs Unit.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has placed Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) on the 14th position in its just-concluded universities ranking. In the document which was released



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed.
NUC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, FUOYE was ranked among the existing and newly established universities. The ranking involved 111 private and government universities in Nigeria.

The document also showed that FUOYE ranked 1st among the 12 universities established in 2011.

University of Ibadan has, however, maintained its leadership position as number one university in Nigeria while Samuel Adegboyega University Ogwa took the last position.

FUOYE TO GET MORE FACULTIES



Professor Kayode Soremekun,
Vice Chancellor

The Vice Chancellor Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Kayode Soremekun, has disclosed the determination of his administration to expand the course content of the university through the establishment of new faculties.

Professor Soremekun made the disclosure while addressing the

press shortly after the sixth matriculation of the university. The Don hinted that the institution's Senate, in its last meeting, had given approval for the commencement of the faculties of Pharmacy and Basic Medical Sciences. In addition to these, the Vice Chancellor also said that plans were underway to establish the Faculty of Law as well as that of Environmental Sciences/Design.

He further revealed that the funds for the commencement of the Faculty of Pharmacy were already in place and with the approval of the curriculum by the institution's Senate, the university would only get into action to engage a competent and credible contractor to commence and ensure speedy completion of the project as it is expected to take off next academic session, all things being equal.

It should be recalled that at the inception of the Professor Soremekun-led administration, a committee was inaugurated to fine-tune modalities for the commencement of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the result of which leads to this imminent take-off.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, efforts were also being intensified to equip all the existing (seven) faculties for maximum productivity. He maintained that his administration was not unmindful of challenges faced by both staff and students in view of the recent unprecedented increase in the population of students admitted for the 2016/2017 session. He therefore averred that no stone would be left unturned in ensuring that the challenges were tackled. However, in order to achieve this dream, the Vice Chancellor would require the cooperation of both staff and students as well as other major stakeholders.

He appreciated all who have contributed in various ways to the success so far recorded by the administration, and added that his administration would add to the rapid growth and transformation of the institution such that it would compete favorably with the best ranked universities globally

An elated Professor Soremekun disclosed that FUOYE, in the 2017 National Universities Commissions ranking, came 14th among all universities in the country and 1st among its other eleven contemporaries. He said this is a clear sign that the university is headed for greatness.

FUOYE STUDENTS RECEIVE DIGITAL TRAINING AS TWAY MEDIA PARTNERS GOOGLE



A Lagos-based digital education provider, Tway Media Limited, on 17 March, 2017 sensitized students of Federal University Oye-

Ekiti on the benefits of digital marketing. The interactive session involved a team of ICT facilitators and a cross section of students who were interested in opening up viable businesses online as well as engage in digital marketing. The consultancy firm was on hand to deliver training to the students as part of its efforts to fulfill the mandate of Digital Skills for Africa Initiative.

According to Mr. Abodunrin Segun, CEO of Tway Media Limited, the platform was aimed at equipping youths especially students with ICT knowledge to develop required digital skills and tools to help them build online presence, create web content

understand web design, and experience social media application development.

He spurred students to develop digital ability that can enable them launch business ideas that would attract online presence, create online digital marketing campaigns for businesses using Google Ad Words, adding that digital platforms could easily lend force to contemporary business ideas.

“Tway Media will not relent in its effort towards contributing to the growing Africa's digital economy”, he said.

He also hinted that Tway Media also served as an agent for a global competition hosted by Google Online Marketing Challenge which aspires to train students in higher institutions across Nigeria to develop teams and participate in the contest.

PRE-DEGREE STUDENTS ADVISED TO WORK HARD

The Pre-degree students of Federal University Oye-Ekiti have been given conditions for securing admission into the University. The admitted Pre-degree students for the 2017/2018 academic session had their orientation programme at Ikechukwu Ifeanacho ICT Centre, on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017.

The Chairman Board of Pre-degree, Dr. R. B.

Akindola, advised the students to take their academic work seriously, set goals for themselves and pursue these goals to completion.

He urged the students to be assiduous in order to get reasonable marks that could fetch them admission, reminding them that their enrolment in the Pre-degree programme did not guarantee them automatic admission into the university.

The students were also advised to ensure that their subject combination was proper to avoid frustrations that might arise from improper combinations. They were, therefore, urged to approach staff of Pre-degree for clarification on questions of subject combination. A total of three hundred and sixty students had been admitted into various faculties making it the highest number of admission since inception. Highlights of the exercise were lectures delivered by members of the Board of Pre-degree.

FUOYE SRC ATTENDS 2017 OBAFEMI AWOLOWO MEMORIAL LECTURE



Shortly after the inauguration of the Students Representative Council of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti, the management of the institution created an opportunity for the council at the 2017 Obafemi Awolowo memorial lecture held on Monday, March 6th 2017 at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Lagos. This opportunity, the first of its kind in the history of the institution, was to avail the young students to be

part of the lecture where they could learn and key into the laudable and indelible legacies of late Chief Obafemi Awolowo when he was a youth and eventually a statesman.

The annual lecture organized under the auspices of the Obafemi Awolowo foundation had Professor (Senator) Banji Akintoye as resource person, with the theme *The Awolowo Legacy and its Message to the Nigerian Youths*.

Delivering the lecture, Professor Akintoye urged the audience especially the youth to search for knowledge in their various fields of interest.

The academic luminary stressed the need for rulers and leaders to respect their subjects and followers as a necessary tool for survival and success. “If you are arrogant, our people will force you out. Whatever you do as a ruler/ leader do it with them and not for them. Take part”, Professor Akintoye admonished.

According to the resource person, people loved and trusted the legendary Obafemi Awolowo because of his team spirit.

The professor further urged the youth to take life serious and engage in profitable ventures. He equally challenged them to develop interest in the history of great men, adding that Awolowo's dedication to seeking knowledge and information gave him an edge over his contemporaries.

He discouraged the audience from being individualistic and defeatist.

The student Representative Council was led by Akinnibosun Abayomi Victor, the speaker of the student's body. Some staff of the Student Affairs Division as well as others from the office of the Vice Chancellor were present.