



FUOYE Council Chairman Dr. Mohammad Lawan Yahuza (left) shaking hands with Vice Chancellor Designate, Prof. Abayomi Sunday Fasina (right) on Wednesday January 6, 2021. After presenting the latter with his letter of appointment. In the middle is the Vice Chancellor; Prof. Kayode Soremekun clapping with excitement. More pictures on pages 4 and 5

## FUOYE gets new VC

**A** professor of soil science at the Federal University, Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) Abayomi Sunday Fasina has been announced as the new Vice Chancellor of the institution.

Prof Fasina, who is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration at the university will become the 3rd substantive Vice Chancellor of the university after the current Vice Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun's exit whose tenure is scheduled to lapse next month.

Rising from a 2day meeting, the Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Dr Mohammed Lawan Yahuza said, " today Wednesday January 6, 2020 brings to an end a very long and tortuous process of getting a new Vice Chancellor for FUOYE". He noted that the process started last year.

Continuing, the retired astute administrator from the Federal Ministry of Health admitted that, "At a time we made a mistake and those mistakes needed to be corrected".

The Pro Chancellor further noted that the appointment of a new

Vice Chancellor has brought with it rancour and acrimony to the campus and outside it and advised that by this appointment, all these should stop.

The Chairman then advised all applicants to sheath their swords and join the new Vice Chancellor to build the University.

Dr Yahuza thanked the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun for finishing well noting that he had passed through very difficult situation.

"You are going out with confidence and your head high up, I congratulate you" Dr Yahuza stressed also appreciating members of the Governing Council for their commitment, doggedness and thoroughness.

"I want to put on record my appreciation for your support and understanding", he told council members after presenting Prof Fasina his letter of appointment in the presence of an External Consultant, Alhaji Sule Dauda

## FUOYE ready for Nursing —NUC Official

**T**he leader of a delegation from the National Universities Commission (NUC) on Resource Verification Dr Mary Achi Mgbekem from the University of Calabar has affirmed the readiness of the university to deliver quality training to nursing students and others in the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences.

Dr Mgbekem disclosed this during her team exit report on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the Vice Chancellor's Conference Room.

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## Adekola is FUOYE SUG Ag President



Prof. Dosu Malomo  
Dean Students' Affairs

**A** new Acting President has emerged for the Students Union of Federal University, Oye Ekiti (FUOYESU). He is Adekola Ayomide Francis.

According to a circular from the Dean of Students' Affairs, Prof Dosu Malomo, Adekola emerged “sequel to a joint meeting of the Students Representative Council (SRC) Principal Officers and FUOYESU Executive members”

The Meeting noted that the tenure of the immediate past FUOYESU Executive led by Anifowose Temitope has since lapsed and in the midst of COVID 19 pandemic, it is expedient to have a new Executive.

The Meeting then agreed to have the following people to anchor the affairs of the Union in acting capacity pending the time the Students' Union Election will hold.

The Ag President, Adekola Ayomide will be supported by Olagunju Olarenwaju (Ag Secretary/PRO); and Ogunleye Joseph Akinloluwa (Ag Welfare Director).

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"We have seen and now we are reporting. We were told to come and see what you said you have and we are here to report what we have seen and what we think need to be done.

"I want to say a very big thank you to the management, the structures on ground alone will tell us if they are not ready but we discovered that the structures here and the materials we have seen here show that this university is ready for my programme which is Nursing" she said excitedly.

Speaking further, The NUC official stressed that, "Sincerely, base on the checklist that we were given, with my colleagues' agreement, we are very pleased with what we have seen. We went round to look at the offices, they are spacious, they are not crowded and that's a plus to you. We also saw the Seminar room which is well furnished, kudos to you sir"

"We were also impressed looking at your e-library. I was even able to go and check the e-library. I saw nursing journals, I saw nursing e-books and I know they can download them with ease. The connectivity is what attracted me because sometimes these things may be there but you may not have access to them. So far, you to have the ability to connect easily to the world and the books are new, I even

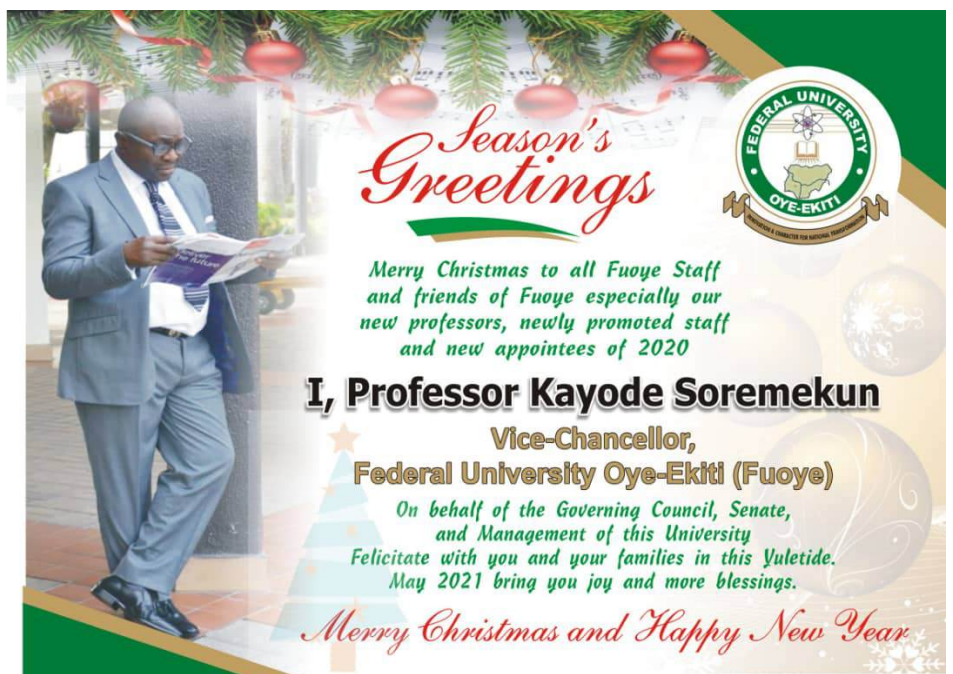
saw 2019 publication which is very okay", she further revealed.

There are three laboratories in nursing department and each of the three is well equipped. The staff showed up and we saw their credentials. We also checked their practicing licenses because you are not allowed to teach without professional licenses so, we insist on that. Again nobody had an expired license, that's a kudos to the institution," Mary Mgbekem said.

Responding, The Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye Ekiti, Prof. Kayode Soremekun, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Olugbenga O.Amu had earlier welcomed the team apologizing for the absent on his boss who went on another university assignment.

Let me say thank you once again, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kayode Soremekun, his absence is due to the ongoing Council meeting, he would have love to be here. "We are very grateful for what has been done today, on behalf of the management, I welcome you all again"

"Our Vice Chancellor will get this report and attend to your observations. Thank you very much", Prof.Amu said







## FUOYE admits 341 Scholars into Top-Up and Conversion programme at Ilaro

The Federal University Oye-Ekiti, (FUOYE) has admitted about 341 Higher National Diploma and Third Class degree holders into her Top-Up and Conversion programme at the Federal Polytechnic Ilaro Study Centre, on Saturday December 12, 2020.

Speaking to *FUOYENews* after the ceremony, the Director of Administration, Directorate of Top-Up and Conversion programme, Mrs Oyeyimika Koyejo-Fasakin thanked the management for the support giving to the Directorate to commence with the programme this session in spite of the pandemic.

“We need to appreciate our Vice Chancellor, Prof Kayode Soremekun for listening to our pleas to allow us go ahead with the programme. The students are excited. Many are tired of staying at home. So the matriculation is a happy moment for them.

She disclosed that the programme aims at helping HND holders to get Bachelor's degree and upgrade the class of degree for Third Class and Pass degree holders.

“The essence of this programme is to impart more knowledge on HND holders so that they can pass prescribed examinations and be awarded Bachelor's degree and on graduates of weak academic degrees like Third Class and Pass can also with little more efforts gain more knowledge and get better class of degrees.”

She revealed that the programme covers all courses in the faculties of Science, Management Science, Social Science, Agriculture and Engineering adding that the admitted students presented themselves for physical screening which involved presentation of original copies of their credentials for sighting.

The observance of all COVID-19 protocols including wearing of nose masks, physical hygiene, provision of sanitizers, and pocket sized sanitizers by the candidates as well as social distancing is being strictly enforced.

Speaking further, Mrs Koyejo-Fasakin said that the duration of the programme is 18-24 months depending on the class of degree. There are three (3) semesters that makes one academic session. For instance, Higher Credit in HND and Third Class degree holders have four (4) semesters if they are in the faculties of Science, Management Science, Social Science and Agriculture while for students in the faculty of Engineering with Lower Credit in HND and Pass degree holders will spend six (6) semesters.

She reiterated the motivation behind the Top-Up and Conversion programme and urged graduates and workers to use the opportunity to upgrade their certificates for boundless opportunities.

The Director further disclosed that at Ilaro Study Centre 341 students have started receiving lectures and will

be due to bag Bachelor's degree after the successful duration of their programme; Students at the Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti Study Centre just finished their examinations on Thursday December 17, 2020 and students in the faculties of Science, Agriculture and Engineering will proceed for Industrial Training immediately;

Continuing, she said, students at Lagos State Polytechnic Study Centre are about 257 and another 200 students will be admitted in January 2021. The Polytechnic Ibadan Study Centre will also admit students in January 2021.

Mrs Koyejo-Fasakin further disclosed that the Directorate of Top-Up and Conversion is a programme set up by the university management to award Bachelor's degree to HND/Third Class degree holders and to upgrade class of degree to holders of poor ones.

The programme was established in 2018 but kicked off in 2019 with the Study Centres located at the Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; Lagos State Polytechnic, Lagos State; the Polytechnic Ibadan, Oyo State and the Federal Polytechnic Ilaro, Ogun State. She added that the programme has received an unimaginable acceptance within its short period of existence and acknowledged calls for expansion of the Study Centres across the nation.

## NUC gives universities date to re-open after 10 months

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has directed vice-chancellors of universities to resume academic activities on January 18.

This is in accordance with the directive of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19.

The directive was contained in a statement signed by NUC's Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration), Chris Maiyaki, on behalf of the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Rasheed.

Maiyaki urged universities to safeguard lives by strictly adhering to the extant safety protocols and the Nigeria Centre

for Disease Control (NCDC) guidelines, which have been communicated severally to the Nigerian University System through NUC's circulars.

“I am to add that universities on resumption of academic activities, must under no circumstance violate the full cycle of the semester system, consistent with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) approved by the NUC, as well as other extant quality assurance standards and guidelines,” the statement noted.

Nigeria's public universities have been closed since March 2020, after the Academic Staff Union of Universities

(ASUU) embarked on a strike.

There was also a lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19.

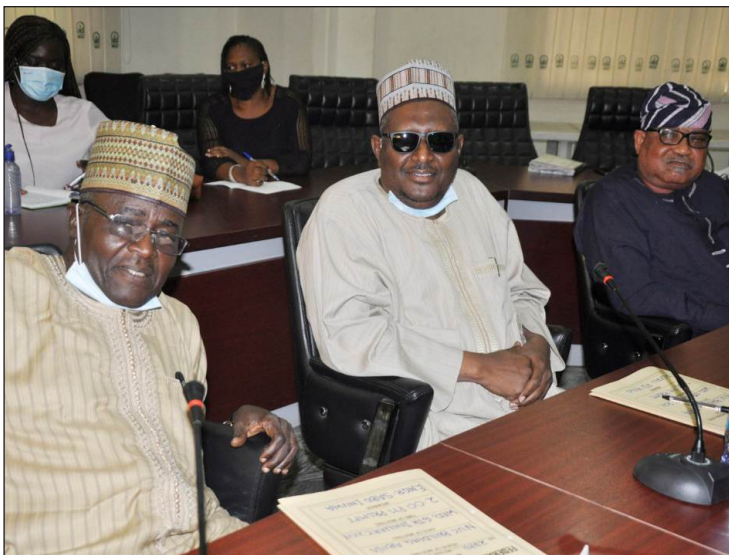
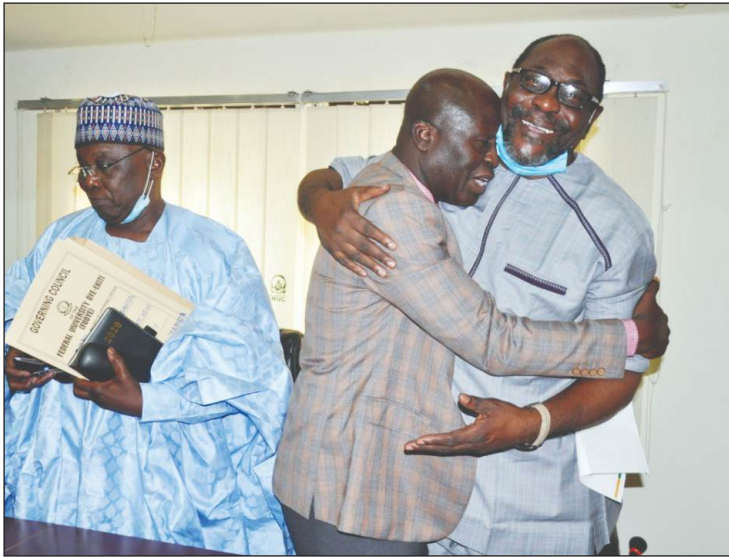
ASUU suspended the strike on December 23, 2020, after the federal government met their demands, including paying the lecturers their outstanding salaries using an older payment platform, GIFMIS, different from the controversial IPPIS.

The NUC, however, advised officers on Grade Level 12 and below to remain at home for a five-week period, as earlier directed by the federal government.

*Source: Daily Post*



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## Registry: List of newly promoted Professors and Readers

### PROFESSOR

S/N	NAMES	DEPARTMENT
1	Dr Fakoyede Segun AMIDELE	Agricultural Economics and Extension
2	Dr Bolanle Tajudeen OPOOLA	Linguistics
3	Dr A. A. FAJINMI	Crop Science
4	Dr Olubukola OLUGASA	Faculty of Law
5	Dr Musiliu OLUSEUN	Faculty of Pharmacy
6	Dr Olusola Atilade ADEEYO	Anatomy
7	Dr Modupe ORUNMUYI	Animal Production and Health
8	Dr Isaac Ayodele OLATUNJI	Estate Management
9	Dr A. O. OLANIYAN	Political Science
10	Dr Dosu MALOMO	Industrial Chemistry
11	Dr Gbenga E. OLUMAYEDE	Industrial Chemistry

### READER

S/N	NAMES	DEPARTMENT
1.	Dr OE. ABOLARIN	Mathematics
2.	Dr Oyelaran Olatunde AJANI	Mechanical Engineering
3.	Dr Jonathan D. AMASSOMA	Economics
4.	Dr Olorunwa Eric OMOFUNMI	Agricultural and Resources Engineering
5.	Dr Bolupe AWE	Educational Management
6.	Dr Opeyemi O. ENOCH	Mathematics
7.	Dr Oyebamiji Oyedele OKETAYO	Physics
8.	Dr Oyedokunli Wasiu ADEMOLA	English and Literary Studies.
9.	Dr Omodele IBRAHEEM	Biochemistry
10.	Dr Chika E. ASOGWA	Mass Communication
11.	Dr Habibat O. ADUBIARO	Industrial Chemistry
12.	Dr Adegoke Adeniyi TIRIMISIYU	Criminology and Security Studies
13.	Dr Folasayo T. FAYOSE	Agric. & Biosources Engineering
14.	Dr Taofiq O. NASIR	Theatre and Media Arts
15.	Dr Jonathan D. MBACHAGA	Theatre and Media Arts
16.	Dr Matthew O. AROWOLO	Mechatronics Engineering

## Scholarships

### 2021 Harbin Institute of Technology CSC Scholarship in China

Category: Masters & PhD

APPLY: <https://bit.ly/3jVlj3J>

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### 2020 UNESCO Prize for the use of ICT in Education: Call for nominations

THEME: Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance the continuity and quality of learning

Eligible Countries: UNESCO Member State

Reward: USD 25,000

APPLY: <https://bit.ly/36J30Ju>

### 2021 Essay Competition (TSL) International Schools

Category: Primary/Secondary Schools (Ages 7-17).

APPLY: <https://bit.ly/2SglbOS>

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## Akande bags Chieftancy title



The Onisan of Isan Ekiti, His Royal Majesty, Oba Gabriel Ayodele Adejuwon, Adetila Ilufemiloye 1 on Saturday November 14, 2020 conferred chieftaincy titles on four distinguished people including the Bursar of the Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE), Mrs Bolatito Rosaline Akande. She bags the prestigious title of *Yeye Mayegun of Isan Kingdom*.

Kabiyesi, noted that this is being done not for financial considerations but to honour distinguished people and recognise their previous contributions and support to the development of Isan Ekiti.

The Royal lord also observed that due to COVID 19 pandemic, some of the honourees particularly Mrs Akande could not honour the ceremony. Her own installation had to be conducted in a brief occasion at the palace of the Onisan on Wednesday December 23, 2020.

"By this conferment, Mrs Akande will be expected to further support our sons and daughters who are into community service and volunteering in the kingdom", the king further noted.

The new Chief is an experience Accountant, a Fellow with membership of about 14 accounting and management institutes in Nigeria, United States and more. She hails from Ogbomosho in Oyo State, a Baptist, happily married to Deacon O.A. Akande and blessed with children.

## Bursary End of Year Party: Be financially disciplined and guard your conscience says Akande

The Bursar of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Mrs Bolatito R. Akande has charged the staff of the Bursary Department to be financially disciplined and also guard their conscience in the discharge of their duties.

Akande gave this counsel at the end of the year party of the Department, held at the Council Chambers of the institution on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

She opined that if workers could embrace self discipline and guard against actions that could cause financial pressure, depression or anxiety, there would be meaningful progress both in office and their families.

"In all our dealings in life, let us have conscience as we all know we

deal with money. Lets us be financially discipline" Mrs Akande advised.

The occasion witnessed award of excellence and productivity to the following staff for their outstanding performance in each of the seven units of the Department: Mr Alabi, Treasury and Revenue Unit; Mr Andi, Auxillary Services Unit; Mrs Ojo, Budget and Special Duties, Mr Idowu Obisesan, Financial Account and Report ; Mr Ojolowo Segun, Store Unit, and Mr Sunday in the Payroll unit. Mrs Akande said the award is to encourage them and promised to continue to appreciate and promote hard work among the staff.

Speaking further, the university Bursar, thanked God for his protection over the lives of members of staff in the bursary Department despite the covid-19 pandemic and rendered various songs

of praise to appreciate the Almighty God. "It is not by our strength that make us to see the end of this year and I believe we will all see the coming year in sound health".

Mrs Akande said the day was set aside to thank God for the guidance and protection over members from January to December in spite of pandemic challenges facing the country and the world at large.

She also showered encomium on members of staff for their meaningful contributions to the growth of the bursary Department in the outgoing year and called on them to put in more efforts in the incoming year. In our quest for this, we need more than human strength. " she further noted.



# FOR THE RECORDS



## GOD WINS: AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH



**Dr. Muhammad Lawan Yahuza**  
*Chairman, Governing Council*



**Prof. Kayode Soremekun**  
*Vice Chancellor*



**Prof. Abayomi Fasina**  
*Vice Chancellor Designate*

*The Chairman of Council, Federal University Oye Ekiti (FUOYE) Distinguished Members of Council, FUOYE*

I feel highly honoured and extremely delighted to have been appointed as the incoming Vice Chancellor of our great University, FUOYE. As most, if not all of us here may be aware, I passed through the proverbial needle's eye, nay fire, to get to this point. This is not by my power. It is the fulfillment of the will of God in my life through the people he had ordained to be my destiny helpers in this tortuous journey.

Let me heartily express my profound gratitude and appreciation to this Governing Council, under the exemplary Chairmanship of Dr Lawan Yahuza, for considering me worthy of this important office. The National

Universities Commission (NUC) under the purposeful leadership of His Academic Eminence, Professor Abdurashed, also deserves commendation for standing true to its regulatory/supervisory roles. I also received support from many other quarters that are too numerous to mention. I thank all who have contributed to the story of today one way or the other.

My competitors also deserve commendation. They did not only put up a very strong fight, but also demonstrated high spirit of sportsmanship. In every competition of this nature, there can only be one winner. Now that the race is over, I hereby sincerely extend a genuine hand of fellowship to them all, especially through from FUOYE, so that we can be united in the onerous task of taking FUOYE to the next level. I recognise all

of them as partners in progress.

My dream is to transform FUOYE into a first class university within the shortest possible time. I will lead by example with the highest standard of professionalism, excellence and integrity. Staff welfare and development will be a top priority. We need all actors, the high and the low, to actualize this lofty dream. I therefore wish to appeal to all well-meaning members of FUOYE and the larger society to join us. Upon assumption of office, I will initiate an aggressive process of consultations, dialogue and reconciliation with all aggrieved parties. We need everybody on board. Please give us a chance.

Thank you all and God bless.

**Prof Sunday Abayomi Fasina**  
*Vice Chancellor Designate*

### Corrigendum

Our attention has been drawn to an error in our edition of September 28, 2020. In the back page article titled "the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor that FUOYE needs" we erroneously referred to Emeritus Professor Ayo

Banjo as Professor of History.

This is not true. The learned Ex-Vice Chancellor is actually a Professor of English and Literary Studies. The error is regretted.

Thanks, Editor.

