



# FUOYE NEWS

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## VC receives NIFST Executive

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Isaac Uzoma Asuzu, has advised Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology (NIFST), to be innovative and avoid the mistakes of older associations. He recognized the essence of this and related associations saying “this Institute and similar associations are necessary because they help to forge healthy professional development in our higher institutions” The Vice chancellor said this while receiving a 10-man delegation from the Western Chapter of the NIFST. He expressed happiness at their coming, saying “ I appreciate meetings like yours because they are not political but aimed at discussing progress. Groups like yours are necessary to help forge healthy professional development.”

Earlier in her speech, the immediate past chairperson of Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology, Western Chapter, Mrs. Lola Ajala, had revealed that it was the chapter's usual practice to hold annual conferences where they seek to bring members up to date with recent research developments in Food Technology through seminars, workshops and trainings.

She further disclosed that the aim of their visit was to inaugurate FUOYE's Food Science and Technology Department before this year's annual conference which would hold at Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti or “at Federal University, Oye-Ekiti if the Vice Chancellor will permit us,” she jocularly added.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor noted that an advantage of being new rested in the opportunity to learn from the mistakes of older entities. He then declared unequivocally, “I will give my support to the FUOYE Chapter of NIFST.”

The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Olusegun Oladimeji, thanked the Vice Chancellor for making out time to receive the group. Also present at the meeting was Dean Faculty of Sciences, Professor S. V. A. Uzochukwu as well as Dr. (Mrs.) E. M. Ogunbusola, Zonal Coordinator, Ondo/Ekiti of NIFST. Also at the meeting were Coordinator LIPERD, Dr. Ruth Gabriel-Ajobiwe, Coordinator SIWES, Dr. A.A. Satimehin, Dr. T. A. Sanni, and Dr (Mrs.) Adubuo.

## INITIATION PROCESS FOR FRESH STUDENTS IS JUST MAKE BELIEF

The Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Rasaki Ojo Bakare, has lifted the veil on the initiation ceremony normally held to induct freshmen into the department of Theatre Arts globally. Speaking at this year's initiation of 100 level students of Theatre Arts held at the Main Auditorium of FUOYE on March 6, 2015, Prof Bakare, who also doubles as HOD Theatre and Media Arts, described the process as “mere make-belief”. He said it's a replica of what they do as dramatists. He congratulated the new students and charged them to make the most of the opportunity they have as students of Theatre and Media Arts, charging them to be the best as the calibre of staff present in the University is the best compared to what obtains in other universities offering similar course in Nigeria. He pointed out that the initiation process is a global tradition not only in the department but also in other disciplines. However, FUOYE has adopted the word ‘induction’ as against the usual word ‘initiation’ which carries a negative connotation, because the university is new and as such a good image should be projected at all times.

The two-hour ceremony had in attendance some academic staff of the department such as Mrs. Lilian Bakare, Messrs Christopher Unegbu, Bassey Asuquo and Uzodimma Umenyilorah. Also in attendance were Nollywood movie star, Saheed Balogun, popularly known as Walata and Princess Lawal Yeside-Dosunmu a guest lecturer and artist from Lagos State University. The duo of Saheed Balogun and Princess Lawal Dosunmu conducted the induction process by reading the initiation creed to inductees and also wished them a fulfilling academic life and career afterwards. The event also featured a playlet titled *Honesty* written by Femi Ogundiyi, a final year student of Theatre and Media Arts, who also doubled as the director of productions for the performance. It was dancing and jubiliations galore thereafter.

## Re-designation of Appointment

Miss Adefunke Adedayo Odetoeye, **Farm Officer II** at the University Teaching and Research Farm, has just had her appointment re-designated as **Technologist II** in the Department of Crop Science and Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture. The re-designation takes effect from February 12, 2013.

## Summary Dismissal

Mr. Pius Remi Jegede, hitherto of Department of Mathematics, has been summarily dismissed from the service of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti. This dismissal is an outcome of the University Management meeting held on March 2, 2015, in which it considered the report of the Implementation Committee on the recommendations of the Certificate Verification Committee and found the certificate Mr. Jegede presented at the certificate verification exercise not to be authentic.

## SSANU HOLDS INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH FUOYE STAFF

A national delegation of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) on Friday, February 6, 2015 paid a courtesy call on senior non-teaching staff members of the Federal University Oye-Ekiti. The delegates said they came to discuss readiness of FUOYE senior staff to join the national association.

The leader of the delegation was National Vice-President of the South-West Zone of the Union, Mr. Alfred Jimoh, who in his opening address, thanked the senior staff members who had gathered for the interactive session and appreciated their attendance given the short notice that preceded the forum. He reminded the staff present that freedom of association as entrenched in the Nigerian constitution gave them the power to choose which association to belong to.

Mr. Jimoh pointed out that SSANU existed to create a work environment that is harmonious, peaceful and productive for members. He further stated that SSANU, as a union represented authority, integrity, and comprised of a group that shaped and molded the activities of the university. In his words, "There is a need for both staff and management to work for peaceful co-existence if any meaningful progress is to take place. We adopt a dialogue and collective bargaining approach to address the welfare of our members".

On qualifications for membership, the Vice-President stated that the constitution guiding the establishment of the union and its operations in any university provides for a minimum number of fifty (50) senior non-academic staff members, who must constantly meet up with their financial obligation to the union.

According to him, this financial obligation amounted to 2% of the basic monthly salary of any interested member, which must be deducted from source.

Mr Jimoh said that the union would intensify efforts in engaging in dialogue and discussions with management of FUOYE with a view to bringing about a lasting solution to the recent staff face-off. He finally urged the senior members of staff to use their best efforts to ensure that they contributed to the development of the young university.

Other members in the delegation included SSANU Chairman of Ladoke Akintola University Ogbomosho, Comrade Sukapi Anam, SSANU South-West Zonal Treasurer, Comrade Fashola from Obafemi Awolowo University, SSANU Vice Chairman, University of Ibadan, Comrade Barrister Akinremi, SSANU Vice-Chairman, Ekiti State University, Comrade Asiwaju Falade, SSANU Public Relations Officer, Ekiti State University, Comrade Olusola Obatikun and SSANU Scribe, Ekiti State University, Comrade Afolabi Olukola.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMENCES REGISTRATION

This is to inform all fresh students, returning students and staff who have not registered in the library that the University Library registration shall commence on Monday March 16, 2015. According to a release from the University Library, all concerned should come to the Library with two (2) passport photographs for the exercise.

## VC Charges Union Leaders on Good Conduct.

"As Union leaders do your homework very well. Do not feed your people with wrong information to achieve inordinate ambitions." With this charge the Vice Chancellor, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Professor Isaac Uzoma Asuzu, received the recently-inaugurated executive members of the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), FUOYE Chapter to his office last Thursday.

Continuing, he said, "As leaders you occupy very responsible positions. When people approach you, think twice. Be guided by your rules and regulations." "You will not have problems with my administration," he promised as he rounded off his speech. He however advised them to avoid rumour-mongering and to be accountable at all times.

Responding on behalf of the new NASU executive, FUOYE Chapter, the Chairman, Dada Adebayo, pledged their support to the management of FUOYE and promised to mobilize and educate their members towards the forth-coming accreditation exercises.

It would be recalled that NASU FUOYE Chapter was inaugurated on February 19, 2015 where three statutory principal officers and five Exco members were elected and sworn in to run the affairs of the new chapter. Afolabi Ganiyu emerged as secretary while Mrs. Christiana Ogbiye is the Treasurer.

## 2015/2016 UTME Commences

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has commenced its Computer-Based Test (CBT) nationwide for candidates seeking admission into Nigerian institutions of higher learning for the 2015/2016 academic session.

The 2015/2016 Unified Tertiary and Matriculation Examination (UTME) which commenced on the 10th of March across the country has Ikechukwu Iheanacho ICT Centre (IIIC) of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti as one of the designated exam centres.

A brief chat with a JAMB supervisor revealed that no fewer than 1.4 million candidates registered for the UTME nationwide in more than 400 centres while about 4,480 candidates are sitting for the examination at FUOYE's IIIC. The supervisor also disclosed that the exam is also taking place in seven overseas countries including the UK. "The beauty of the CBT" he enthused, "is that candidates receive their results via the short message service less than 24 hours after the examination."

Candidates spoken to at the venue admitted that "the new examination method has forced them to be computer literate." According to one of the candidates, "Many of us were not computer-literate before now but with the CBT, we have no option than to learn it as fast as possible since there is no other means of writing the exam."

The examination started on Tuesday March 10, 2015 and is to last for 10 days.