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Entrepreneurship: A Product of Deep Reflective Thinking – Prof. Adegeye.

Entrepreneurship education has become a new and readily-accepted entrant in the curricula of universities across the globe. In the case of Nigeria, it has received even more impetus as a result of the ugly prospect of unemployment that stares the young person in the face on graduation. In addition to teaching skills acquisition, entrepreneurial studies helps in developing the student's ability to identify areas of need in the community and see opportunities therein, thereby making some economic benefits. This enhances the quality of small and medium size enterprises as a large number of graduates get involved in diverse economic pursuits, easing off the pressure on the quest for white-collar jobs and reducing the growth of unemployment in the country.

It was in response to this entrepreneurial quest that Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) established a Centre for Entrepreneurial Development and Support Services (CEDSS), which recently organized her second annual lecture on entrepreneurship development. Entitled *Understanding the Philosophy of Entrepreneurial Education in Nigeria's Tertiary Education Curriculum*, the lecture was delivered by Prof. A. J. Adegeye, a professor of Agricultural Economics from Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State.

In his lecture, Professor Adegeye described entrepreneurship as "the creative application of individual talents, aptitudes and skills to the production of goods and services on a small scale." According to him, it was in recognition of the importance of entrepreneurship in economic growth that the National Universities Commission (NUC) directed universities across the country to commence a compulsory course in entrepreneurship as part of undergraduate studies. He lamented that less than five per cent of people in any society are

thinking, and noted that entrepreneurship is a product of deep reflective thinking. He therefore admonished the students, in a common parlance, "to drop their credentials and pick their potentials."

It was more of a slide exhibition of self-help agro-based ventures than a lecture as the professor displayed his omnibus crop and animal farm of six acres sporting products that ranged from the common amarantus (ifo tete) and pepper through coconut palms, oil palms, moringa and plantain to fish ponds and pig farms.

FUOYE Centre for Entrepreneurial Development and Support Services also used the occasion to confer awards of excellence on seven distinguished entrepreneurs. The awardees were Professor A. Adegeye, Engr. U. E. Ozoudu, MD/CEO, JOZA Global Logistics, Ogbeni L. Adesuyi, MD/CEO Havilah Nigeria Limited, High Chief J. A. Ajayi, MD/CEO Little by Little Photo Industry, Chief D. N. Okoli, MD/CEO, Okoli Brothers, Pastor P. O. Ajayi, MD/CEO, PEOA Group Limited and Mr. T. Aduloju, MD/CEO Hope & Faith Bookshops Limited. These men's citations showed a slow, steady and focused rise from almost nothing to where they are in society today through a keen sense of entrepreneurship.

Earlier in a keynote address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. I. U. Asuzu, represented by Prof. A. Omolehin, had confirmed that the programme had become an annual event where distinguished and erudite scholars and entrepreneurs were invited to sharpen the focus of the university community as well as share their experiences on entrepreneurial and vocational education as well as on contemporary national issues as they related to the nation's economy.

Deploing the high rate of graduate unemployment in the society, the Vice Chancellor pointed out that it was for that reason that FUOYE, "from inception, was designed to be an

entrepreneurial University, aimed at inculcating the spirit of entrepreneurship into our students, thereby making them competitive and able to stand on their own wherever they might find themselves after graduation." Professor Asuzu reiterated that the university's focus was "relevant and functional entrepreneurial education" that places high premium on self-reliance, employing an entrepreneurial curriculum designed to train and properly equip the students with skills that would enable them to be self-employed, job creators as well as to be employable in the public sector of the economy.

The dance group of the university's Department of Theatre and Media Arts displayed a well-choreographed piece which depicted hard work and its joyous and satisfying reward.

Set SMART Goals – EKSU Registrar urges FUOYE Administrators

The Registrar, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti (EKSU), Mr E. A. Ogunyemi has urged FUOYE Administrators to set SMART goals for excellent work performance.

Speaking through a representative, Mr. Olofinmuagun, during a training programme organised by All Nigerian Universities Professional Administrators (ANUPA), FUOYE Chapter, Mr. Ogunyemi explained that SMART is an acronym derived from Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely – qualities that if assigned to our goals, would produce optimum result.

Delivering his paper entitled: *The Strategic Role of the Registry in University Administration*, the Registrar traced the Registry to the early days of the university when officers were needed to assist the academics in dealing with such duties that were outside their core functions of knowledge generation and dissemination. These, he said included registration of students, record of students' performances, handling staff and students welfare, etc.

Since then, he said, the university system has become complex, the Registry being the engine room of university administration and the major service provider of the university management in pursuing and attaining the objectives of the university, placing the Registrar in a

vantage position to organize, coordinate and assist the university to service her divergent and plural communities without translating the university into a divided or sub-divided academic system.

According to him "The Registrar and the Registry therefore, remain the total reflection of knowledge base of the university through the layers of management and services rendered to ensure that the university interactions, aspiration, goals and needs are properly and promptly met."

Mr. Ogunyemi mentioned four major divisions of the Registry as identified by the Cookey Commission Report of 1981 which included Division of Academic Affairs, Division of Personnel Affairs, Division of Student Affairs, Division of Council Affairs and General Administration. Matters of students' academic records and welfare, staff and Council matters, as well as academic planning and corporate services are shared and handled by these divisions, with an academic administrator serving as head of the Student Affairs Division.

Positioned within all these are rounded staff who must be efficient and equipped with all the mental, technical and technological requirements that a modern-day administrator needs to set and achieve goals that will help him to excel in his work.

ANUPA Monthly Meeting/Workshop

This is to inform all members of ANUPA, FUOYE Chapter of their Monthly Meeting/ Training Workshop scheduled as follows:

Date: Friday August 21st, 2015
Topic: **Effective Writing Skills in University Administration:**
Drafting a Good Memo
Speakers: Adachukwu Okafor & Faith Oluwatade (Registrar's Office)
Time: 1pm
Venue: Main Auditorium, Oye-Ekiti

On Monday, the 27th of July, 2015, Management of Federal University Oye-Ekiti conducted promotional exam for its pioneer staff of Administrative Officer cadre numbering ninety seven. Addressing the candidates before the commencement of the exam, the Registrar Mr. D. A. Adeyemo, dispelled some disquieting unease in some quarters that there was not going to be a level playground for all candidates, promising that management would be fair to all. Speaking further, he told the candidates that the exam would provide equal opportunities to all the participating staff through a recommendation that would be made to the Appointments and Promotions Committee for consideration. He went on to inform the candidates that the promotion exam would be considered together with the departmental staff appraisal exercise to determine staff eligibility for promotion. As light enters a tunnel and gives illumination, so did his brief address correct earlier impression that the exam was meant to witch-hunt some people. The slight trepidation was doused when it was disclosed that the examination was going to be split into two parts, objective and essay. The computer based examination was structured in such a way that each participant would see their scores upon submission at the end of the one hour count-down. And true to his promise no candidate has had any justification to contest results of the examination. A big kudos to Management for a promise kept.

Live by God's Kingdom Standard V.C tells Graduating Class

The Vice Chancellor, Professor I. U. Asuzu, in his sermon on 9th of August 2015 during the 3rd year anniversary ceremony of the University Chapel, admonished graduating student members of the Chapel to do things the right way as they graduate in a few months from now. He showed them from the Bible the difference between God's kingdom and the kingdom of the world. He also charged them as Christians to be upright and truthful in all their dealings henceforth, as this is the right way of living in God's kingdom. He ended the sermon with an altar call. The service was the culmination of a 2-day programme of activities organised to send off their graduating members.

The Chairperson of the event, Dr. Ejiro Ojirigbo, in her speech implored members of staff present to participate more in the activities of the chapel. The University Chapel she said "is home to all," hence staff should please contribute their quota to the work of the Lord within the campus.

In her own words, Dr. Hellen Bodunde, the pioneer FUOYE Chapel adviser admonished the graduating students to be Christ-like and FUOYE ambassadors as they step out of FUOYE. She encouraged them not to forget all they have learnt during their stay on campus.

The University Librarian, Dr. Gboyega Adio and family graced the service. Also present were Director of Innovation, Professor Ajayi Omoleyin, Dr Oluleye A.K of Faculty of Agriculture, Mr. Caleb Agu of Maintenance Unit as well as other university senior staff too numerous to mention.

Vc's Cup Tournament Climaxes

Sports Unit, Federal University Oye Ekiti, has organized the second edition of the Vice Chancellor's Cup tournament slated to hold from 3rd to 14th August, 2015 at Oye and Ikole. Participants have been drawn from the different faculties of the university. Climax of the completion will take place this Friday, 14th at St. Augustine's playground by 3.30pm. All are invited.

Sequel to a seminar held earlier on blood donation tagged **Save a Life**, the Federal Ministry of Health, in collaboration with National Blood Transfusion Services Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, recently conducted a free blood donation programme at Federal University, Oye-Ekiti. The free blood donation exercise was established in 2005 under the Federal Ministry of Health across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria. The South-West headquarters is located at Abeokuta, Ogun State with a service centre at Ado-Ekiti. The Ado-Ekiti service centre team recently embarked on tour of the university to create awareness on their activities and canvass for free blood donation. According to the team's Communication Officer, Mr. Sunday Adeleke, "The essence of this programme is to put to an end the habit of hawking blood in our society, and to eliminate shortage of all categories of blood groups in our hospitals." Mr. Adeleke explained that though many people die from accidents, many also die due to insufficient blood in their body system. Many women also die during child birth while infant

mortality related to lack of blood in the system is equally alarming, he said.

Explaining that the major beneficiaries of the programme would be accident and emergency cases, he stated that the programme, if sustained, would ensure a steady supply of blood of all groups, check unnecessary loss of life and high cost of blood sourced on emergency instances. It would also reduce inconvenience of scampering around for matching blood type while the patient's life is ebbing away. He lamented that many lives have, regrettably, been lost in this manner.

Speaking to Information and Protocol Unit news crew, Mr. Adeleke said that safety precautions and due diligence were applied to obtain the health status of prospective blood donors to ensure that blood so donated would be 100% fit for use and free from any type of disease. Vital statistics of such donors were checked as well as the haemoglobin level of their blood sample, while donation wasn't open to people with very low blood levels.

FUOYE MEDICAL CENTRE GETS NEW HEAD

A change of guard recently took place at the FUOYE Medical Centre. Dr. I. M. Odoh, a resident medical doctor has been appointed head of the Centre. He took over from the incumbent, Dr. V. A. Ige who just completed his tenure. In a brief chat with FUOYE News Bulletin crew, Dr. Odoh disclosed that the appointment runs on a tenured period of one year which could be renewed for another year on expiry. He noted that the renewal of appointment is purely a prerogative of the vice chancellor.

While highlighting the major achievements of the Centre for the past two years, he expressed delight that the Centre now offers 24-hour medical services particularly at Oye main campus. He further noted that laboratory science investigation and services have commenced in full scale. According to him, the lab services include full blood count, fasting blood sugar test, urinalysis and such related tests. He further disclosed that an of X-ray equipment to ascertain the medical fitness of students was also one of the remarkable achievements the Centre.

FUOYE Medical Centre, according to Dr. Odoh, has established a medical fitness database for all students which was not obtainable at the inception of the institution. The medical records unit has become digitalized with the help of the ICT so much so that the medical record of

any student or staff of the university can now be easily accessed on the database by mere provision of the patient's registered number.

He further disclosed that the Pharmacy unit of the Centre has commenced massive procurement of drugs directly from a range of pharmaceutical companies and accredited representatives of manufacturers to eliminate incidences of fake drugs, adding that the nurses now run a full night duty depending on severity of cases on ground.

When asked his vision for the Centre, he said that he would wish to hand over a Medical Centre that offers improved, prompt and quality healthcare services to its patients. To realize this lofty dream, however, he solicited the kind approval of management for the procurement of a utility vehicle to ensure the safe conveyance of drugs and other consumables at the Centre, as well as beds and beddings and other fittings. He also canvassed for more office spaces. Proper water reticulation is still a challenge at the Centre.

On ways the centre can generate revenue internally, he explained that efforts were top gear to get the Centre accredited by the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) so that the Centre could serve as a primary healthcare provider for staff and students thereby benefitting from inherent service charges.