



BUK's 15th Governing Council Holds Inaugural Meeting, Inspects Facilities ...Commends Management's Foresight

By Lamara Garba



15th Governing Council and BUK Management in a group photograph

The members of the 15th Governing Council of Bayero University held their maiden meeting from Monday, 19th to Friday, 23rd August, 2024. The meeting, which took place at the Council Chamber in the Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building, had in attendance all the external and internal members.

In his opening remarks, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council, Honourable Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, reaffirmed the commitment of the members to make positive impact by bringing positive development to the University.

According to him, they would put their best to ensure positive transformation of the University. He charged all the members to consider their appointments as part of national service. "I implore us to use our various networks to bring favour to the University, so that we make our tenure a remarkable one for the growth and development of the University."

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas briefed the Council Members about the progress

recorded in the University in the last four years. He promised to work together for the sustainable development of the university. He congratulated them for this singular opportunity to serve as Council members of this great institution and prayed for a successful tenure.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Governing Council, Honourable Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna has commended the Management of the University for audable. Initiatives and other executed projects despite huge financial deficit. He spoke on Monday, 19th August, 2024 after the Vice Chancellor took the new Council to go round the University to inspect some facilities and other structures.

The visibly elated Gawuna commended the judicious utilization of the resources by the Management of the University under the leadership of Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas and his team.

"I am indeed delighted with what we saw, particularly the laboratories and other teaching facilities in the new campus. We are impressed with your performance, and *Insha Allah* we shall add value to the University," he declared.

Places visited include the Hybrid Solar Plant, the new College of Postgraduate Studies, Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), the Central Bank's Centre of Excellence Building and other structures in the University.

The members are: His Excellency, Alhaji Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna (Kano) as Chairman, Alhaji Abubakar Dauda (Adamawa); Dr. Nora Oluchi Alo (Ebonyi); Alhaji Musa

Abbas (Katsina); Honourable Ibrahim Babajide Obanikoro (Lagos) and Hajiya Halima Lawal (reps. FMOE).

It will be recalled that the governing councils of tertiary institutions were inaugurated by the Minister of Education on Monday, July 4, 2024 in Abuja.

BUK to Provide More Teaching Facilities at Optometry Department

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has promised to provide more teaching facilities in the Department of Optometry in line with the specifications of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria.

He made the assurance on Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 when he received the accreditation team from the Board during a courtesy visit in his office.

Professor Abbas explained that the Management is committed to ensuring quality and standard in teaching and research which informed its decision to always adhere to the stipulated guidelines by the regulatory bodies.

According to him, efforts will be made to provide all the needed facilities as observed by the accreditation team within the next few months.

“I assure you that we shall do our best to provide all the basic facilities that are needed in order to make our Optometry program one of the best in the country,” said the Vice Chancellor. He commended the Board for its

meticulous concern in the accreditation process which he said would go a long way in ensuring quality and standards.

Earlier, the leader of the accreditation team, who is the Registrar of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria, Dr. Obinna Edwin Awiaka, said the team was in BUK as part of the reaccreditation exercise for the Optometry program.

The Registrar commended the University Management for its efforts particularly on adherence to academic regulations and admission requirements among others.

Dr. Obinna, however, advised that the university to have a separate teaching clinic in the department as against using the one at the Teaching Hospital. He also said there is the need to have more teaching staff.

He equally commended the department for what he described as wonderful performance of all the students they interacted with. “The students exhibited good knowledge and were excellent in modern techniques, which is a good development and commendable.”



Accreditation team from Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria in a group photograph with BUK Management

BUK Inducts 337 Graduands from Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

By Nura Garba and Ajibade Ridwan

Bayero University, Kano has inducted a total number of 337 graduands from 5 departments of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences for 3rd, 10th and 26th harmonized Induction Ceremony of Doctor of Optometry, Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Radiography, Nursing Sciences and Physiotherapy. The grand ceremony took place on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 at Convocation Arena, BUK New Site.

The remarkable ceremony saw 48 graduands of Doctor of Optometry, 73 graduands of Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, 42 graduands of Bachelor of Radiography, 112 Bachelors of Nursing Sciences and 62 Bachelors of Physiotherapy being inducted by the University.



Cross section of inductees taking oath of allegiance

The graduands were administered the oath of allegiance from the Registrars of their professions' regulatory bodies of Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria (ODORBN), Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN), Radiographers Registration Board of Nigeria (RRBN), Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN) and Medical Rehabilitation Therapist Registration Board of Nigeria (MRTBN), respectively.

The Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, congratulated the new inductees for reaching the milestone and realizing their dreams of becoming healthcare professionals.

Prof. Abbas encouraged the graduands to be good ambassadors of the University and urged them to always reflect the knowledge and skills that they have acquired from the school in their dealings and actions in their chosen career paths.

"The University has made every effort to ensure that you have access to all the facilities required for your training

despite the scarcity of resources, inflation and challenging situations in the Nigerian University System. The health professions of Optometry, Medical Laboratory Science, Radiography, Nursing Sciences and Physiotherapy constitute a critical mass of the healthcare delivery system in terms of the clinical practices that are greatly needed in our country now more than ever," Prof. Abbas stated.

The Vice Chancellor promised that the University would continue to pay attention to these programs in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences and would also provide physical manpower to the faculty since it is shifting its focus to post graduate studies.

Prof. Abbas further assured the Registrars of the professions' regulatory boards and councils present that the University would remain committed to meeting the professions' demands of running the programs and would continue to provide prerequisite facilities, equipment and staff needs of these professions so that the University's products can keep competing at local and international levels.

Earlier, the Host, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Bayero University, Kano, Dr. Jibril Mohammad, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for providing the requisite leadership for Bayero University, Kano, which is now ranked as the best university in Northern Nigeria and one of the top five in the country.

Sir, "we are proud to mention that because of the support we receive from the University Management, our faculty is currently one of the best in the country in terms of facilities (structure and equipment), staffing (progressive), harmony and quality. Almost all our programmes have full accreditation from both the NUC and professional regulatory bodies. Presently, the faculty is a major hub in Northern Nigeria for post-graduate training and high-quality research. Almost all our PG programmes are oversubscribed by applicants," he stated.

He further thanked everyone and particularly the Registrars for coming to induct the graduands.

Lastly, on a sad note, he announced that the University lost its Physiotherapy graduand, Abdulrasaq Olajide Haroun to a road accident and prayed for that Allah grant him *Jannatul Firdaus* and grant his family and friends the fortitude to bear the loss.

The Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Auwal Umar Gajida, Acting Chief Medical Director, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), congratulated the University for producing the graduands as they will boost the manpower of healthcare professionals especially now that the field is increasingly loosing the professionals to other countries due to the Japa Syndrome.

He also commended the teachers for impacting skills and knowledge to the graduands who will improve the health of

Nigerians and thanked their parents for their labor which made the graduands become graduates of the University.

Prof. Gajida added that there would be internship opportunity in the Teaching Hospital and will be accessible to only those who pass a screening exercise.

Also speaking, the Special Guest, Provost College of Post Graduate Studies, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa, congratulated the new inductees and

advised them to be prepared for the tough times ahead in their professional and career journey as well as assured them that they would overcome and succeed in their chosen careers.

Prof. Isa, a former Vice Chancellor of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano enjoined the graduands to adhere to their professions' oath and code of ethics.

BUK Celebrates Athletes for Making University Proud

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano on Thursday, 22nd August, 2024 celebrated athletes, who participated at the West Africa University Games (WAUG) held at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife early this year.

The athletes were presented with medals and cash donations, courtesy of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who described them as champions and good ambassadors for making the University proud.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Chairman Sports Consultative Committee (SCC), Professor Musa Garba, said combination of sports and education are vital tools for taking the students' career to the next level. He said sports provide a veritable platform for the students to showcase their talents and potentially represent Nigeria in various international games.

He cited Coach Sunusi Shuaibu, who was recently selected to coach Nigeria's U18 basketball team in Cote'd Ivoire, a feat he said was achieved through his engagement in university games. He added that the University Management has placed much premium to athletes and would do everything possible to support them.

In his remarks earlier, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed, welcomed the athletes and said that the event was organized to celebrate the athletes who represented the University at the West Africa University Games (WAUG) held at the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife a few months ago. He said the Sports Directorate made a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor to give cash rewards to the athletes.

The Director expressed an appreciation of the athletes for winning medals to the University, and added that arrangement has been made for the basketball team to represent the University at the forthcoming Northwest universities basketball 3x3 championship at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He urged the athletes to keep preparing for the next NUGA games which have now been shifted to next year.

The Director of Sports added that the Directorate is doing everything possible to engage the athletes to compete in various sporting events. He added that the interfaculty games will commence from August 31, 2024 with 13 games, and therefore, they should go and represent their respective faculties.

He commended the Vice Chancellor for his concerted effort in boosting sporting activities in the University and for his prompt approval to athletes and the University contingent during any competition. He gave an example to the VC's approval of the African University Games, which the University will feature in Taekwondo, Judo, Tennis and Badminton at University of Lagos in September this year.

The Student Union Government's Sports Director, Benjamin Humbe expressed appreciation to the Sports Directorate for making waves in sporting fiesta across the country. He also thanked the coaches for their effort in preparing the athletes to become competitive.

Saidu Mohammed, who spoke on behalf of the athletes,



The athletes in a group photograph with the Director of Sports Directorate, Chairman, SCC, Coaches and the Media officer

expressed commendation to the Vice Chancellor, Sports Directorate, Chairman Sports Consultative Committee and the coaches for their tireless effort and commitment. He said the athletes would continue to represent the University well.

The Basketball female team that won silver at NUGA was given N30,000 each. They are: Eunice Idewu, Teresa David, Princess Zaki and Cherry, while the male basketball players who won bronze medal were given N20,000 each. They are: Said Mohammed, Samuel Ojomo, Ahmed Magaji and Mohammed Enyo.

Similarly, Domic Amadu was presented with N50,000 for winning silver at the Tennis Double and bronze at single, while Mohammad Imam Sulaiman, who got silver at Tennis doubles received N30,000.

VC Pays Posthumous Tribute to Best Graduating Physiotherapy Student

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano, has paid a special tribute to Abdulrazaq Olajide, who died in a ghastly motor accident on his way to Bayero University, Kano to honour his induction ceremony for Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

Bayero University held harmonized 3rd, 10th and 26th induction ceremony for Doctor of Optometry, B. Physiotherapy, B. Medical Laboratory Sciences, B. Nursing Sciences, B. Radiography on 20th August, 2024 at Convocation Arena.

While the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas was presenting the overall best graduating students for all the programmes, posthumous award was presented to the late Abdulrazaq Oladimeji as the overall best in Physiotherapy.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, said the University lost a rare gem and brilliant mind, whose immeasurable brilliance through dint of sheer hard work, and commitment propelled him to emerge as the overall best graduating student, but died tragically in a motor accident.

He specifically on behalf of the University Council, Senate, Congregation, staff and students commiserated with the family of the late Olajide and said the University was saddened by his loss. He prayed to Allah to grant him eternal rest.

The Vice Chancellor, announced others who emerged as overall best graduating students from their respective programmes: Halima Hassan Bello as best in Nursing Sciences; Mufutahu Adebayo, Radiography; Khadijah Abbas Wada, Medical Laboratory Science; Faisalat Musa, Optometry and Abdulrasaq Olajide Haroun (deceased) in Physiotherapy.

Excerpt of the Communique Issued at the End of the Association of Nigerian Geographers' (ANG) Conference, North-West Zone at the Department of Geography, BUK

The maiden edition of the Association of Nigerian Geographers (ANG) North-West Zone Conference, themed "**Development at Crossroads: The Role of Geographers in the Current Development-Environment-Security Nexus**", was held at the Department of Geography, Bayero University Kano from August 19-20, 2024. The event featured over eighty abstracts and was attended by a wide range of participants from within and outside Nigeria, including the **Chief Host, Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas (represented by Professor Aliyu Salisu Barau), the local organizing committee chairman, Professor Bello Gambo, and esteemed guests such as the two former ANG Presidents, and the former Minister of the Niger Delta, Dr. Usani U. Usani.**

Prominent figures in the field delivered keynote speeches and lead papers, emphasising the historical evolution of geography, its relevance in addressing contemporary challenges in Nigeria, and the urgent need for geographers to assert their professional capabilities in solving societal issues.

Mufutahu Adebayo, who was the overall best graduating student in the Radiography Department got sponsorship to attend an international conference in Abuja. He said the University has helped them to achieve his academic success by providing them with the best academic and clinical facilities for their programs and training.

According to Khadijah Abbas Wada, the best graduating



Late AbdulRazak Olajide

student of Medical Laboratory Science Department, "the University has provided a conducive learning environment, experienced teachers and the best equipment to help me achieve the merit".

Awards for the overall best graduating students in pre-clinical and clinical were also presented by various professional bodies.



Conference attendances in a group photograph

The conference identified several critical challenges facing geography as a discipline in Nigeria, including its neglect at the secondary school level, the fragmentation of geography into other disciplines, and the general ignorance of geographic knowledge among policymakers and the public. The **recommendations for moving forward** included reintroducing geography as a compulsory subject in Nigerian

secondary schools, launching sustained advocacy campaigns to promote the discipline, and employing geographical knowledge to address security and conflict resolution issues in the country. The establishment of **faculties of**

Geographical Sciences in Nigerian universities was also proposed to offer specialized degrees in various geographical fields, thereby strengthening the discipline and its contribution to national development.

COUNCIL APPOINTS HARUNA ALIYU AS BUK REGISTRAR

By Lamara Garba

The 15th Governing Council of the Bayero University has approved the appointment of Malam (Dr) Haruna Aliyu as substantive Registrar and Secretary to the Council.

A letter signed by the Chairman of the Governing Council, His Excellency, Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, conveying the approval, said the appointment is for a period of five years with effect from Thursday, 22nd August, 2024.

“The Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section (4) of the University's (Miscellaneous Provision) Amendment Act 2003 at its meeting held on Thursday, 22nd August, 2024, considered the submission from the Selection Board and hereby approved your appointment as the Registrar of Bayero University, Kano for a period of Five (5) years with effect from Thursday, 22nd August, 2024,” the letter reads in part.

The Chairman, while congratulating the new Registrar equally prayed for a successful tenure of office.

It could be recalled that, the former Registrar, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim died in April, 2023 after barely two years in office.

Following the death of Malam Jamilu Salim in April 2023, the Management appointed Hajiya Aminu Umar Abdullahi as acting Registrar. Until her appointment, she was a Director in-charge of Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR).

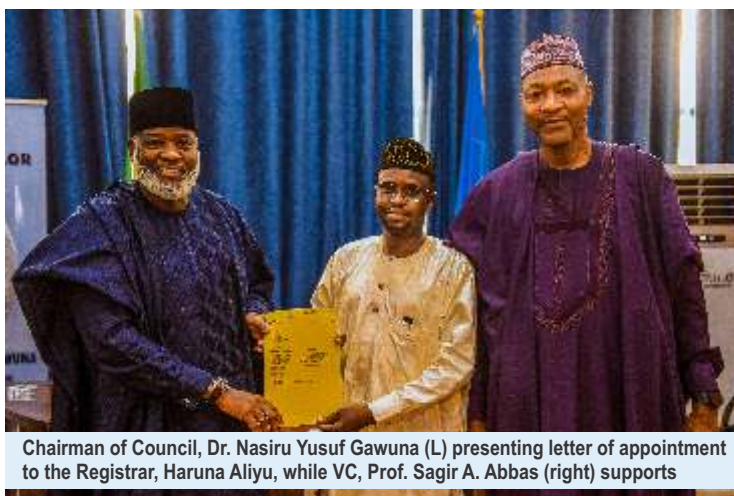
Five candidates were selected and invited for the interview by the Selection Board. They are; Haruna Aliyu, Bashir Abubakar, Mohammed Ibrahim Shiya, Musa Ajiya and Sambo Muhammad.

The new Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu was born on 16th August, 1976 at Yakasai quarters in Kano Municipal. He graduated in 2002 with a degree in Business Administration; holds Master of Banking and Finance as well as Masters in Business Management all from Bayero University. He was conferred with a Professional Doctorate in Administration by the Chartered Institute of

Business Managers and Administrators, United States of America.

Malam Haruna Aliyu joined the services of Bayero University in 2008 as an Administrative Officer and rose through the ranks to become Deputy Registrar in 2023. He previously served as Registrar at Skyline International University, Kano from April 2021 to May, 2023.

After his national service, he had a short stint as a part-time



Chairman of Council, Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna (L) presenting letter of appointment to the Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, while VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (right) supports

lecturer at the Federal College of Education before joining the services of Northern Nigeria Flour Mills, Kano as Account Officer from 2004 to 2007. He later moved to Rumbu Sacks Nigeria Limited as a Finance Manager and served for only one year from 2007 to 2008.

The new registrar is a member of various Associations including Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU); a Fellow, Association of Business Managers and Administrators of Nigeria; member Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria as well as member Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA).

While in Bayero University, he worked in various units and Directorate. He was a onetime University TETFUND Desk officer, Deputy Registrar Vice Chancellor's Office and also served in too numerous committees. He is married with three children.

Departmental Seminars

Department of Public Law: *Monthly Seminar Presentation*

Topic: Att-gen of the Federation V. ATT-GEN of Abia State & 35 ORS [2024] SC:
Re-inforcing The Constitutional Framework Of Local Government System In Nigeria

Presenter: Prof R. S. Shatsari

Chairman: Prof Mohammed Isah

Date: 28/08/2024

Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Faculty of Law Board Room

Department of Software Engineering: Departmental Seminar

Presenter 1: Dr Saratu Yusuf Ilu

Topic: Machine Learning Models for COVID-19 Positive Cases Prediction Using Dimensionality Reduction and Clustering

Techniques

Presenter 2: Associate Professor Kabir Umar

Topic: Formulation of Task as Search Problem

Date: Tuesday 27th August, 2024

Time: 11-1pm

Venue: Departmental Seminar Room

BUK Agricultural Ambassadors Carry Campaigns of Tree-planting



Members of the association in a tree planting campaign



Members of the association in a group photograph

Agricultural Ambassadors in line with one of its objectives of contributing to a sustainable and green world had in collaboration with the Office of the SUG Governor AKTH Campus, Youth Day of Service (YDOS) and LEAP Africa carried out its Fourth Phase of its tree-planting drive with the theme Eco Pulse: Branching out for Health on Saturday in commemoration with the International Youth Service Day. This time at the AKTH Campus of BUK which 40 fruiting seedlings were planted (cashew, Mango & Malmo). You can recall that Agricultural Ambassadors embarked on this drive in mid-May of this year with its first phase at Staff Secondary School BUK, the second at the Tudun Yola Community in Gwale Local Government and the third in its home base at the Faculty of Agriculture. The Organization has already prepared for the next phase of this tree planting drive which it will be carried out at the New School of Postgraduate, Danbare Community and Old site Campus the soonest.

The importance of planting trees in our community cannot be overstated with the effects of climate change already being felt by people all over. At this time of the year particularly that rainy season, the effects of climate change particularly the change in the traditional pattern of rainfall are obvious for all to see. Parts of the southern part of the country where rainfall is high both in quantity (4000 mm) and spread (10-8 months) are currently reporting extended periods without rain while parts of the north like Funtua in Katsina experienced flooding earlier this month due to excess of rainfall relative to what they traditionally get. Agricultural Ambassadors calls on every member of this great institution to be climate-conscious in our actions, through our collective efforts, we can create a brighter future where trees are preserved, biodiversity is thriving, and the beauty of nature is cherished.

Professor Ibrahim Adamu Yakasai, of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Old Campus wishes to invite members of the university community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Halima Ibrahim Yakasai**, and her fiancé, **Ibrahim Shittu**,

scheduled as follows:

DATE: 24th August, 2024

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Resident of Late Alhaji Bamalli Nuhu, behind GGSS Shekara, Yakasai Quarters, Kano Municipal.

APPRECIATION FROM PROF. YUSUF ABDOLFATAH

I, Prof Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah of Civil Engineering Department, on behalf of my family wish to extend my sincere Appreciation to the members of the University Community who contributed in one way or the other for the successful wedding fatiha/ceremony of our daughter, Rukayya Ado Abdulfatah, which took place

on Friday 19th July 2024. Special thanks go to Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas and his management; Director MSD, Director Security and Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof. M. S. Abubakar. May Allah reward you all.



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Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN

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Keynote Speakers:

1. Prof. Sadiq Isa Radda, BUK
2. Alh. Ibrahim Shazali, Zonal Director, EFCC Kano.



Tuesday, 27th August, 2024



10:00am



Convocation Arena, New Campus,
Gwarzo Road, Kano

