

NUC Takes Far-reaching Decisions with Vice Chancellors

Scraps sub-degree diplomas, to review curriculum, rank Nigerian Universities soon



L-R: Deputy Executive Secretary, I, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana; Executive Secretary, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed; Secretary-General, CVC, Prof. Michael Faborode and Deputy Executive Secretary, II, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has scrapped sub-degree diploma programmes in the Nigerian University System (NUS), with a call on universities running them to begin the process of winding them down. A comprehensive review of the entire university curricula [the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS)] and ranking of Nigerian Universities have also

been scheduled for 2017, while two of the cardinal activities of the Commission, Accreditation of Programmes and Resource Verification, will now take place only twice and thrice a year, respectively: May and November for Accreditation as well as March, July and December for Resource Verification.

These were some of the far-

reaching decisions taken at the interactions of the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, with Vice Chancellors of federal, state and private universities in the country.

The three-day meeting, which ran from Monday, 10th to Wednesday, 12th October, 2016, had the entire NUC Management with Vice on the second and those of private universities, along with some of

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Chancellors of federal universities on the first day, their counterparts in state universities on the second and those of private universities, along with some of their proprietors, on the third day.

Other decisions taken include the

bodies, shortfalls in personnel emoluments and incorporation of universities into the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information Systems (IPPIS) and matters arising from the 2009 agreement between the Federal Government and Academic Staff Union of

Institutional Research Policy; and, as a matter of urgency, establish a Research Administration Directorate, to be headed by an academic, not below the rank of a Professor; with appropriate human and material resources to run an Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer (OIPTT) or Office of Technology Commercialisation and Industry Relations (OTCIR).

The Research Directorate of NUC is being strengthened to work with those of universities to co-ordinate research activities in universities and ensure relevance of their outputs.

To guarantee continuous quality improvement, the universities were directed to strengthen their internal quality assurance mechanisms by establishing a Directorate of Quality Assurance as a stand alone, or in the alternative, ensure a strong Quality Assurance Unit in the Directorate of Academic Planning. This is to be headed by an academic, who must also be a member of Senate.



Prof. Rasheed with Prof. Mafiana

revamping of Institutional Accreditation, commencement of accreditation of part-time programmes and resumption of the Nigerian University System Annual Review Meeting (USARM). The issues of accreditation of academic programmes by professional

Universities (ASUU) were also extensively discussed. So was the issue of governance structure as well as the university education component of the Ministerial Action Plan.

All the universities were charged to develop and implement an f a



L-R: Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mal Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of Research and Innovation, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf and Quality Assurance, Dr. Noel Saliu, with the Proprietor, Gregory University, Uturu, Chief Gregory Ibe



L-R: Mal. Dan'Iya, Directors of ODE, Dr. Esther Adesina; I&PR, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; DAS, Dr. Gidado Kumo; DESO, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; SSS, Dr. Rukayyatu Gurin and DPP&D, Mr. Jide Olukoju

NUC called for a complete change of orientation, saying a university that internalises quality would make the Commission's work easier because it would cover issues such as guidelines for the appointment and promotion of staff, research policy, applying for grants and judicious use of the same, the role of Senate in curricular development, admission of students, how teaching and learning take place, administration of examinations, appointment of external examiners, university ceremonies, etc.

Professor Rasheed told the Vice

Chancellors that he called the meeting to take them into confidence by intimating them with NUC's new thinking, programmes and direction. As partners in progress, with common concerns, he hoped to get the VCs' feedbacks and also be informed about their universities' programmes, activities and plans for the future as well as what they expected of the Commission. The aim was to reposition NUC to work more closely with the universities for effective quality service delivery, as they perform their tripartite function of teaching, research and community service.

On the scrapping of university diplomas, the Executive Secretary told the meetings that running sub-degree diplomas was not the business of Universities, but that of Polytechnics, more so when the Federal Government, as far back as November, 2001, had issued a circular stating that such diplomas could not be used for employment or promotion purposes in the Public Service.

Rather than stretch their facilities to run sub-degree programmes, the universities, he said, should direct their energies towards their



L-R: Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah; Physical Planning and Development, Mr. Jide Olukoju; Protocol and Special Duties, Mr. Chris Maiyaki



Some Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities at the meeting

primary function of producing high level manpower for the economy, by strengthening their part-time programmes, in addition to offering high quality undergraduate degrees as well as postgraduate diplomas and degrees.

In view of the increasing cost of Ph.D training abroad and the need for Nigerian universities to continue to develop their staff and produce more PhDs for the economy, NUC encouraged all their areas of strength/comparative

Nigerian Universities to identify their areas of strength/comparative advantage and collaborate among themselves to mount joint Ph.D programmes.

While counselling the Vice Chancellors to be courageous enough to close down any unviable programme, Professor Rasheed also tasked them to be creative and innovative enough to come up with new courses and programmes that would address emerging societal challenges. He expressed NUC's

readiness to work with them to develop the BMAS for such new programmes.

Following the recent development of the BMAS for Aeronautics and Aerospace Engineering, a collaboration between NUC and the Kwara State University, Malete; the Executive Secretary said the Commission would soon conclude work on the BMAS for the Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering, Cyber Security, Agriculture Extension Services, Medical Physics, Information Technology and Management



Cross section of Vice-Chancellors and representatives of State Universities



Information System, among others. He reminded the universities that, while they could not jettison the BMAS, it was the minimum for each programme and they were at liberty, indeed, encouraged, to innovate and build on it.

For the comprehensive review of the university curricula, NUC would engage a mix of old, experienced and young, vibrant academics to come up with curricula that would not only be dynamic and responsive to national needs, but also conform to global trends.

Reacting to the constant criticism of Nigerian universities' poor showing in global ranking, Professor Rasheed submitted that many of the variables, parameters and indicators of those rankings were outside the control of Nigerian universities and the NUC. According to him, "we, the managers of the universities are satisfied with the quality of our degrees and graduates because our good students, from good universities, who make 1st Class, 2nd Class Upper, even good 2nd Class Lower, go abroad for their masters and come back with distinctions

and merits. Most of our graduates are qualitative and they can hold their own anywhere."

He expressed regret that whereas the positive things happening in the NUS were largely under-reported, the negative ones, like when a few semi-illiterates graduated from the system, either through cheating or some other forms of corruption and were unable to defend their certificates, dominated the air waves.

Rankings stimulate competition among different universities and programmes, and contribute to the definition of quality. The NUC Scribe, however, dissociated the Commission from any reported ranking of Nigerian universities in the mass media, saying it had not embarked on any such exercise in the last 15 years. It was, therefore, embarking on next year's ranking to put an end to the spurious claims and innuendoes about the academic standing and quality of Nigerian universities. The exercise was expected to be done in line with global best practices, with emphasis on the selection of performance indicators that would take cognisance of the Nigerian context and its peculiarities as well

as the need for its universities to be globally respected.

On the reform and streamlining of the accreditation process, the Executive Secretary explained that, NUC hitherto, conducted the exercise all year round, but the plan to conduct it twice a year would give the Commission enough time to plan well for it and also perform its other statutory functions without distractions. He warned that any university that failed to present its programmes for accreditation, as and when due, without satisfactory reasons, given well in advance, would earn denied accreditation and the relevant agencies (JAMB and NYSC) would be duly notified.

Plans are underway to restore and standardise the coordination meetings for panel members. NUC would be more creative and flexible by reviewing its instruments and template for accreditation as well as the data base of panel members, as it would no longer rely on their recommendation by their Institutions alone. Accreditation would now be programme focused, such that a team would consist of panel members in a core



Vice-Chancellors and Proprietors of Private Universities



More Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities at the meeting

subject area, who would visit the same programme in three to five contiguous universities, while regular post accreditation visits would ensure continuous improvement in quality.

Institutional Accreditation would address the overall quality of the Institutions without making judgments about specific programmes. The accreditation of part-time programmes would ensure that they are of the same quality as the full-time programmes, thereby restoring public confidence in them.

On the frequent visits by several professional bodies to universities for accreditation purposes, the Commission reiterated the fact that it was the only body empowered by law to lay down Minimum Academic Standards and accredit programmes in the NUS, with entrusted powers to close down defaulting programmes and universities. It added that the training leading to the award of degrees was the responsibility of universities, while professionalism could come after graduation. Professional bodies were, therefore, advised to wait until after the graduation of

students to introduce them to further professional qualifications or certifications.

In recognition of the importance of data for proper planning and administration, NUC resolved to resume the annual University System Annual Review Meeting (USARM), which was suspended in 2012. The exercise enabled the Commission to interact with university administrators directly and obtain information on the status of their yearly activities. Institutions were expected to submit various data ranging from their compliance with Government directives, institutional challenges, academic and fiscal plan, annual recurrent and capital grants, admission, staff, students population and distribution, among other kinds of information for general planning purposes and for the information of enquirers. Universities were mandated to commence the submission of these data immediately, to enable the Commission publish the Nigerian Universities Statistical Digest ahead of the 2017 USARM.

The public universities were told to expect visitation panels before the end of the year. A summit on private

universities will hold next year, where NUC's position and those of the universities would be examined and a consensus reached.

Following exhaustive deliberations on the matters arising from the 2009 Federal Government/Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) Agreement, such as the Nigerian University Pension Management Committee (NUPEMCO), Earned Allowances, Needs Assessment, among others, NUC informed the Vice Chancellors that it was articulating a position paper to the Federal Government on the need to constitute its renegotiating team to address all pending issues in the Agreement. It called upon the Union to do the same, assuring them that the Commission would continue to work with all parties in the best interest of the NUS.

Most of the decisions taken were greeted with rounds of applause as the participants aligned with them. The Vice Chancellors commended the Executive Secretary for convening the well attended meetings, for the wide scope and for largely speaking their minds.



NUC Drafts BMAS For Agric Extension, Software Engineering



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, stressing a point after receiving the draft BMAS on Agric Extension and Software Engineering in his office

The Committees appointed by the National Universities Commission (NUC) to draft the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for Agricultural and Community Development Programme as well as Software Engineering for Nigerian Universities, have submitted their reports to the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.

Presenting the report on 20 October, 2016, Chairman of the panel on Agricultural Extension and Community Development Programme, Professor Ike Nwachukwu said that the Committee examined the curricula of various Universities, scrutinised the NUC BMAS document for undergraduate degree programmes in Agriculture, before drawing up the BMAS for B. Agriculture, Agricultural Extension and Community Development

Programme, with options in Crop Production, Post-Harvest Technology, Fish Production, Soil and Water Management, Livestock and Health Management.

Professor Nwachukwu stated that the Committee decided to develop a single curriculum that would accommodate both the specialised and regular degree programmes. Each University, he added, had the liberty to operate the specialised programme, depending on its need assessment. However, any university that desired to run specialised programme would be expected to take cognisance of the peculiarities in the BMAS and adapt to it appropriately.

While submitting his own panel report, Chairman of the Software Engineering BMAS Committee, Professor O.S Adewale stated that the Committee examined the proposed curriculum for undergraduate degree in Software

Engineering submitted by universities, using it as a reference point to develop the NUC BMAS document. The Committee also recommended other matters that could improve the quality of the programme while drawing up the draft BMAS for B. Sc. Tech. and B. Eng. Software Engineering programme.

Receiving the reports, Professor Rasheed thanked the Chairmen and members of the Committees for doing a thorough job within a short time. He appreciated them for putting their wealth of experience to use for the development of the Nigerian University System (NUS), Nigeria and humanity in general. He also congratulated the Director and staff of the Department of Academic Standards (DAS) for their dedication to duty. He assured them that the reports would be looked into and



Members of the Agricultural Extension Panel, L-R: Deputy Director, Curriculum Development and Planning, Mal. Aminu Abba; Prof. Aminu Suleiman, Dr. Sanusi Yakubu Ahmad, Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Ike Nwachukwu; Prof. Rasheed, Prof. Bello Zaki Abubakar, NUC Directors of Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, Dr. Ali Abdullahi, Mal. Mohammed Adamu and Dan Asabe Sallau

processed accordingly.

Members of the Agricultural Extension Panel were NUC Deputy Director, Undergraduate Curriculum Development and Planning, Mal. Aminu Abba; Professor Aminu Suleiman, Dr. Sanusi Yakubu Ahmad, Professor

Ike Nwachukwu, Professor Bello Zaki Abubakar, Dr. Ali Abdullahi, Mal. Mohammed Adamu and Mal. Dan Asabe Sallau.

Software Engineering Panel had Professor O.S Adewale, Professor M.B Muazu, Dr. Mathias Fonkam and Mr. Henery Omorodion as

members.

Present at the event were the NUC Directors of Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Information and Public Relations, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai.



Software Engineering Panel, L-R: Mal. Aminu Abba, Mr. Hensly Omorodion, Dr. Mathias Fonkam, Chairman of the Committee, Prof. O.S. Adewale; Profs. Rasheed and M. B. Mu'azu, Dr. Kumo and Ibrahim Yakasai



I.T Firm Presents Software Products to NUC



Deputy Managing Director, IRIS Smart Technologies Limited, Mr. Omar Farouk Musa, making a presentation to the NUC Management

IRIS Smart Technologies Limited, on Tuesday, 18 October, 2016, presented to the Management a wide-range of software products, which, its said, Nigerian universities could use to enhance their data and information management.

Presenting the software, Deputy Managing Director of IRIS, Mr. Omar Farouk Musa disclosed that the company had been operating in Nigeria for more than 30 years, with special interest in the public sector, where it had helped some government agencies to deliver on their mandates. He stated that the company had impacted the nation's economic development and was strategic in developing the software for online banking in the 1980s and 90s. It also produced the largest biometric voters' register across Africa, including the first milestone project with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) by automating the voters' cards used

for the 2003 General Elections as well as the 2005 to 2007 registration of federal government employees for National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

According to him, IRIS, in conjunction with a Malaysian firm implemented the Federal Government end-to-end passport solution known as e-passport. This, he said, benefited the country by addressing the old passports identity challenges, with the encoding of fool-proofed security features. This he explained was a Public Private Partnership (PPP) that enabled Nigeria to produce about 5.5 million e-passports and generated about N5billion, as returns to the Federal Government. A similar project for the NHIS helped to support its technology backbone.

On the import of the technology to the Nigerian University System (NUS), Mr. Musa said that all that the NUC required was the

information of all universities which the company would create a software portal to manage. This would enable Its commission the NUC to take informed decisions in areas such as research efforts, international ranking, security and good policy formulations. He expressed confidence that if the partnership was explored, it would enhance the capacity of the Commission to achieve its mandates.

The software, Manager, Business Development, Mrs. Hanlie Spangenberg gave further insight in the software saying that with its strong base in the Oil and Financial Services sub-sector, IRIS was interested in providing software that enhances the business operations of its clients. Its focus was to make sure that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the globe adopt IT The company has its head office in South Africa and several branches across Africa and Europe, including Bostwana, Ireland and New Zealand.

One of the best products the company had, Mrs. Spangenberg said, was data warehouse portal which operates with ITS Integrator. Within the warehouse is a monitor, product set and third party interfaces. She explained that the ITS integrator was the type of software universities needed to manage information and data for student, financial and human resource managements and third party interfaces. At the third party interfaces were located research



repository and administration, students' migration management, academic management and financial transparency.

On student management, she observed that there is a simulation cycle of the entire study period for every student aggregated in terms of academic management, study period and are based on each institutional need. The student uses this platform for application and registration, residence (hostel) management, and assessment of examinations timetable and graduation. The student management is usually executed via self-service and mobile systems.

On the other hand, human resource management portal is used to identify a life cycle of an employee in the institution ranging from the time of recruitments, appointments, travel approvals and ticketing. It is also used to review personnel performance,

leave management and disciplinary action, among others.

Responding on behalf of the Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary II, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya, remarked that most Nigerian universities currently had different IT solutions they use in managing their databases, especially academic and students data. He, however, enquired from the presenters how the software they are marketing would be synchronised with the existing ones into one component.

Lending his voice, NUC Deputy Director, ICT Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah, requested the IT Firms to give detailed explanations on how the software data management portal developed for the Nigerian Immigration Services (NIS) has been working without the compromise of its database. He also raised concerns on administration rights, end users and access rights

would be handled. He advised the team to think about these components if they had not done so, saying that a time would come when the universities would interface with them as critical stakeholders and needs clarity.

After an exhaustive interaction with Mal. Dan'iya, assured the delegation that there would be an opportunity for the company to interface with the Executive Secretary since he was already familiar with its operations. He also noted that a Committee would likely be raised to interface with the team to further explore the benefits of the software to the NUS.

In the IRIS delegation were Manager Business Development, Mr. Deji Fisher; Director Operations, Mr. Giel Van Niekerk as well as the Business Director, Mr. Danzell James.



Deputy Executive Secretary II, NUC, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya (6th left), with some Members of NUC Management and IRIS Smart Technologies Limited



BUK English Department Honours its Own



Prof. Mustapha Muhammad, Prof. Saidu B. Ahmad, Executive Secretary NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed Prof. Muhammad O. Bhadmus

A delegation of the Department of English and Literary Studies, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has expressed confidence in the ability of the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, to do well for the Commission, the Nigerian University System (NUS) and the country in general.

Professor Saidu B. Ahmad, who led the delegation of members and friends of the Department, Professor Rasheed's primary constituency, on a solidarity visit to the Executive Secretary's office on Thursday, 20 October, 2016, assured him of their continued prayers and support, adding that they would continue to track his success as an Ambassador of the Department.

Speaker after speaker, which included Professor Mustapha

Muhammad, Professor Haruna Wakili and Mr. Abdulbaqi Jimoh, expressed confidence in Professor Rasheed's ability to deliver, haven distinguished himself in many responsibilities in the past. They described him as a dedicated, seasoned and firm administrator , who reinvented BUK . The visit was a follow-up to a dinner held in the Executive Secretary's honour, the day before.

Presenting a letter of congratulation from the Department, Professor Ahmad said that the entire Department would have loved to be part of the visit but for the exigencies of other assignments. The letter read in parts: This appointment did not come to us as a surprise, because of your hard work and dedication to any work assigned to you. We saw how you headed the department from 1991-1993 and 1999-2000, and how you tirelessly worked at the New Nigerian Newspaper, starting with

a sabbatical appointment and subsequently, the Management recognised the genius in you and did not let you go after the one year leave. You started as an Editor, but by the time you left, after a couple of years more, you had risen to the position of Executive Director.

“You revived the New Nigerian Newspaper when it was on the verge of collapsing. Then you came back to Bayero University and became the Dean of our Faculty (FAIS) and later the Chairman of Bayero University Consultancy Services, among other positions you held. All your achievements and landmarks combined to make you eligible for the post of the Vice-Chancellor of a very promising centre of learning, which is Bayero University, Kano. You have a reputation for discipline, the culture of helping people to progress and the passion to contribute to the betterment of

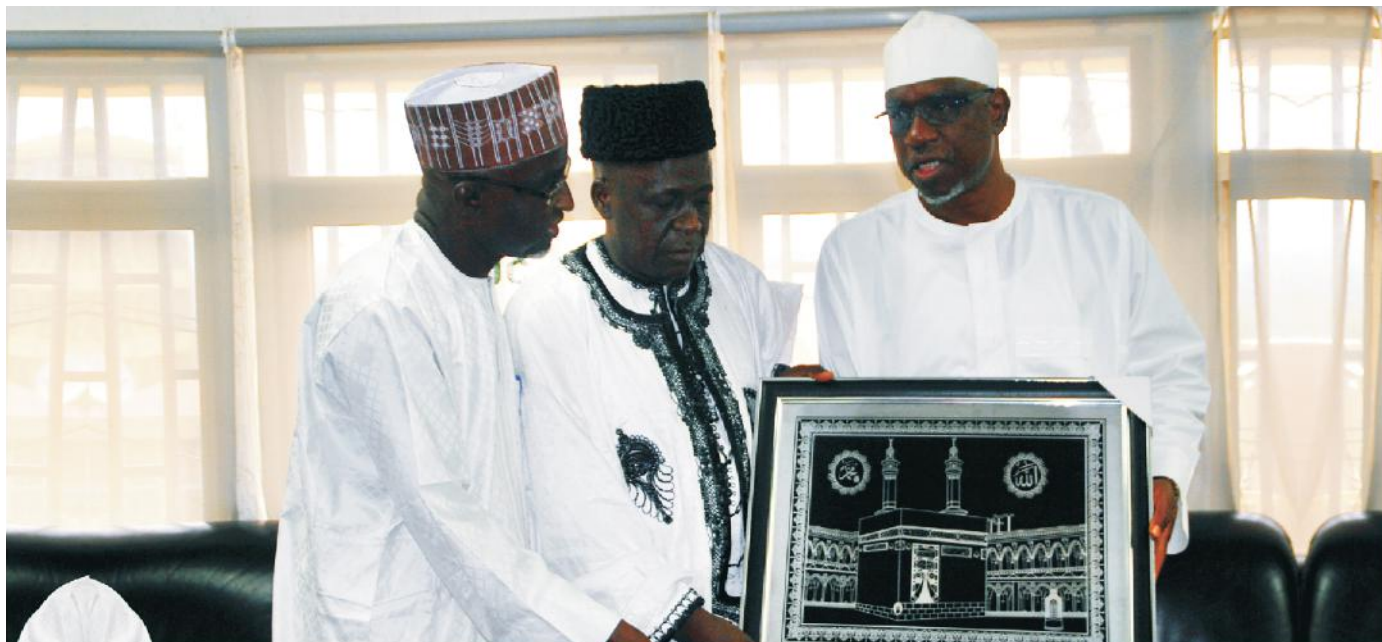


humanity generally.”

Responding, Professor Rasheed said he was “honoured, humbled and touched by the visit from my closest constituency.” He recalled fond memories of their friendship

that had spanned more three decades as many of them had lectured in the university, uninterruptedly, for 35 to 40 years. He thanked them for their prayers, saying he looked forward to reuniting with them some day.

Gifts were later presented to the Executive Secretary by the visitors. In the delegation were, Rector, Nuhu Bamali Polytechnic, Zaria, Professor Shehu Dalhatu;



L-R: Profs. Ahmad, Muhammad and Rasheed

Director AKCDT, BUK, Professor Haruna Wakili; Professors Mustapha Muhammad, Isma'ila

Abubakar Tsiga and Muhammad Bhadmus; Maikudi Abubakar Zukari; Ismaila Bala; Dr. Aisha

Umar; Umma Abubakar; Abdulbaqi Jimoh; Mukhtar Haliru and Bala Danyaro Aminu.



Prof. Rasheed with the delegation from the Department of English and Literary Studies, Bayero University, Kano



Photo Gallery



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, Vice-Chancellor, Gregory University, Uturu, Prof. Juliet Elu and Exchange Coordinator, International Students and Scholar Service of the University, Michele Miller



Prof. Rasheed with the Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Hajia Fatima Jiddun Ahmed

Images from the Department of English and Literary Studies, BUK, Dinner in Honour of Prof. Rasheed



Prof. Rasheed with the Director-General, National Broadcasting Commission, Dr. Kawu Modibbo



Prof. Haruna Wakili, Prof. Isma'ila Tsiga, Prof. Rasheed and Prof. Sa'idu Babura Ahmad



Dr. Aisha Umar and Umma Abubakar



L-R: Mr. Abdulbaqi Jimoh, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and Director, Academic Standards, Dr. Gidado Kumo

Photo Gallery



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed (right) at a meeting with Principal Officers of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife ...



...NUC Management at the meeting



Prof. Rasheed receiving a letter of intent of the proposed Kamaludeen University, Ogidi, Ilorin, from Ngozi Nkemdirim...



...L-R: Alh. Saka Sa'idu, Alh. Muminu Ayala, Ngozi Nkemdirim, Prof. Rasheed, Alh. Busari A. Alade, Dr. Gidado Kumo and Hon. Justice Lateef Kamaludeen



Prof. Rasheed and Founder, Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Chief Michael Ade Ojo



Vice-Chancellors of Private Universities at a meeting with the NUC



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

 Nexia
Agbo Abel & Co

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28th July 2010 approved that Nigeria should adopt the provisions of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for Private and Public Sectors respectively.

Consequently, the Federation Accounts Standards Allocation Committee (FAAC) at its meeting held on 13th June 2011 setup a Sub-Committee to provide a roadmap for the implementation of IPSAS in the three tiers of government in Nigeria.

The Roadmap to the adoption of IPSAS was phased as follows:

- Full Adoption of IPSAS Cash effective from 1st January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1st January 2016.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has commenced the IPSAS implementation project that will enable a seamless adoption of the IPSAS accrual in the preparation and presentation of Financial Statements in line with the directives of Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) Sub-Committee on implementation of IPSAS.

Implementation Approach:

NUC is partnering with Nexia Agbo Abel & Co, to adopt a phased implementation approach which shall focus on the following areas;

- Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Accounting & Reporting
- Knowledge & Resource Management
- Process, Technology & Infrastructure

• Results Based Management
• Easy Comparison
• Competitive Advantage

• Quality
• Consistency
• Comparability

IPSAS

• Transparency
• Accountability

Expected Benefits:

At the end of this implementation project, NUC's financial reporting is expected to be fully IPSAS accrual compliant in line with the directive. This will ensure greater level of transparency, accountability and consistency in financial reporting just like similar Public Sector Entities (PSE), high-quality financial statements based on globally acceptable standards and audit efficiency.

Implementation Committee

In line with the National Treasury Circular Ref. No. TRY/A5 & B5/2014 and OAGF/CAD/POL/C.0301/VOL. I/VOL.I of 23rd October 2014, the composition of the Commission's IPSAS Implementation Committee include:

Executive Secretary
Director, Finance and Accounts
Director, Management Support Services
Head of Internal Audit
Head of Information & Communication Technology
Head of Treasury
Head of Budget
Head of IPSAS/Fixed assets
Head of Procurement
Head of Final Accounts

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member/Secretary

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



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CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF THE NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES e-LEARNING PROGRAMME

The general public is hereby informed that whereas the Commission maintains its stand that online degrees are not accepted in Nigeria at the moment, this does not include the approved Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme run within the shores of Nigeria.

The Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme is a legitimate and well thought out pilot e-learning initiative. It is a Public Private Partnership between the National Universities Commission (NUC), Park Associates E-Learning Group, and four federal universities. Its goal is to provide new opportunities for students to access university education in Nigeria.

The four Participating Universities are:

- i. University of Uyo;
- ii. National Open University of Nigeria;
- iii. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto; and
- iv. University of Maiduguri.

Students enrolled in the Programme can select any of the following undergraduate degree programmes: Economics, Banking & Finance, Accounting, Business Administration and Marketing for which they have requisite qualifications. The Programme for now is only available for candidates who wish to obtain BSc Degree in Economics.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to allay all fears and doubts concerning the legitimacy or NUC endorsement of the Nigerian Universities e-Learning Programme. This is one of the avenues that the National Universities Commission is exploring to increase access to university education without compromising quality. Students in the Programme are therefore advised to continue to pursue their studies without fear and prospective applicants are encouraged to enrol. Concerned parents, guardians, students and the general public may contact the Commission for further clarification on the Programme under reference.

Signed

Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

Director Information and Public Relations

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Approved Open Universities and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS)

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

Eight universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola and
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Ogbomoso.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

IMPLEMENTING STEPS FOR NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS, ACCREDITATION ISSUES AND THE NEW MINIMUM BENCHMARK (2015) FOR THE MBBS/BDS PROGRAMMES

PROGRAMMES

Following several Stakeholders' meetings in the last two years and as a prelude to the formal release of the New Minimum Academic Benchmark (2015), proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools in Nigeria (both current and prospective) are requested to note the following implementing steps including relevant adjustments relating to accreditation of Medical/Dental Schools.

1. From 1st September 2015, both current and prospective proprietors of Medical and Dental Schools should:
 - a. Write a letter to the Executive Secretary stating their intent and provide relevant information as available.
 - b. On receipt, (if NUC has no obvious reasons to disqualify the application), they would be sent a copy of the BMAS for MBBS/BDS and advised firmly to ensure that they are strictly complied with.
 - c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
 - d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
 - e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that





only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:

- a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
- b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
- c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations
3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. (www.nuc.edu.ng.) Major components include the following:
 - (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
 - i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
 - ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
 - iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
 - iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
 - (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
 - (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, rasheed3h@gmail.com and copy to chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

A. Federal Universities

1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
2. University of Benin, Benin
3. University of Calabar, Calabar
4. University of Lagos
5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
7. University of Uyo, Uyo
8. University of Abuja, Abuja
9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
11. Modibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
14. University of Jos, Jos

B. State Universities

1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State
5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt

8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt
10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Osun State University, Osun State
19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

C. Private Universities:

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

A. Federal Universities

1. University of Lagos
2. University of Port Harcourt
3. University of Calabar
4. University of Benin
5. University of Abuja
6. University of Uyo
7. University of Jos
8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka





10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
1. Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Ekiti State
2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State
15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

C. Private Universities

1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin – City, Edo State
7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
8. Fountain University, Osogbo

Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards

For: Executive Secretary

GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed

Management





LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	15	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	17	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			



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33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Baze University, Abuja	2011

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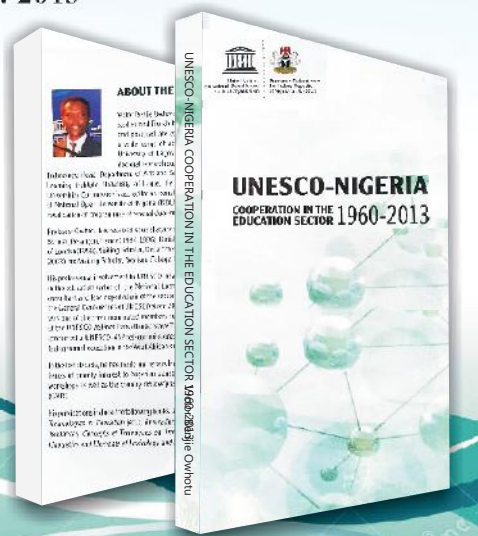
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44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Owo, Edo State	2011
46	Elizabeth University, Ilara-Mokki, Ondo State	2012
47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
48	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
49	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
51	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
52	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
53	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
54	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
55	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
56	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
57	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
58	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
59	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
60	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
61	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015



List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

Federal Universities :

1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi
2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
3. Bayero University, Kano
4. Federal University of Technology, Akure
5. Federal University of Technology, Minna
6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike
8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola
9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.
10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna
11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada
14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi
16. University of Benin, Benin City
17. University of Calabar, Calabar
18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan
19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin
20. University of Jos, Jos
21. University of Lagos, Akoka
22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri
23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka
24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
25. University of Uyo, Uyo
26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto

State Universities :

1. Abia State University, Uturu
2. Adamawa State University, Mubi
3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko
4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma
5. Anambra State University, Uli
6. Benue State University, Makurdi
7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar
8. Delta State University, Abraka
9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti
11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu
12. Imo State University, Owerri
13. Kogi State University, Anyigba
14. Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho
15. Lagos State University, Ojo.
16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi
17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island
18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina
21. Gombe State University, Gombe
22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai
23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero

Private Universities :

1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja
2. American University of Nigeria, Yola
3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo
4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
5. Bowen University, Iwo
6. Covenant University, Ota
7. Igbinedion University, Okada
8. Pan-African University, Lekki
9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State
10. Caleb University, Lagos
11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State
12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja
13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only)
15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only)
16. Madonna University Okija (MSc. only)
17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

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Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in

relevant NUC departments

6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU
7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Columbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria`
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udosu Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegebe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure

- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochuku, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

** This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

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JULIET ONYEKACHI MBACHU	26 Oct.	DESO
HENRY OGOCHUKWU ANAZIAH	27 Oct.	DQA
MATTHEW EROMOSELE IHAYERE	27 Oct.	DESO
AISHA OYOLA AYITOGO	27 Oct.	DMSS
ABDULLATEEF ABDULSALAM	28 Oct.	DAS
OLAMIDE ZEINAB OSUNTOGUN	28 Oct.	DMSS
VICTOR EMMANUEL UYO	29 Oct.	DFA
AARA NYAZIZANG	29 Oct.	DESO

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