

NUC Not Micro-Managing Varsities

—Prof Rasheed Tells Bursars



L-R: Bursar University of Abuja, Mohammed El-Yaqoob; Bursar, University of Lagos, Mr. Lateef Alani Odekunle; Chairman, Association of Bursars of Nigerian Federal Universities (ABNU), Alh. Yahaya A. Hassan, Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed; Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Fatima Jiddun Ahmed (Mrs.); NUC Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi and Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has said that the commission was not interested in micro-managing the universities, but more in the operations of the federal universities and Inter-University Centres (IUC), especially in the areas of resource

management and utilization.

Professor Rasheed stated this last Tuesday while declaring open a meeting of the Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU) hosted by the commission at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC, Abuja. The meeting was called to rub minds on the

management of public finances in the Nigerian University System (NUS) vis-à-vis the application of government's regulatory instruments such as extant federal circulars and Presidential Orders, which provided basis for the Audit of universities' accounts.

The meeting also reviewed the

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Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, *mmi*, MFR
Executive Secretary, NUC

extent of adherence of Bursars to International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and other related accounting standards aimed at fast-tracking prudent and prompt utilisation of available resources in the NUS.

In his opening address, the Executive Secretary recounted that the interaction was an off shoot of the courtesy visit by ABNU to the commission in June, during which the agreement was reached and

assured that the NUC as the sole regulator of university education in Nigeria placed high premium on the totality of activities going on in the universities.

He recalled that before now, pursuant to the mandate as enshrined in the enabling Act, all budgetary allocations to the federal universities/ IUCs were channeled through the Commission, advising that though the Commission no longer performed this role; it could not in any way diminish its responsibilities on budgetary and other matters of the Federal Universities and inter University Centres.

According to the Executive Secretary, the meeting came at a time when there was serious challenge concerning revenue generation and management, stressing that it called for closer collaboration between NUC as the regulator and the NUS. The collaboration should be in areas of implementing government accounting policies, applications of extant circulars, budget

preparation/collation, conversion to IPSAS as well as adoption of common accounting and reporting platform.

The meeting is also expected to find a workable framework to intervene on several challenges facing the system, he added.

Professor Rasheed told the Bursars to be bold, courageous, honest and exact in reporting to the NUC about the state of their finances and expenditure profiles as the Commission was interested in having accurate information on budgetary positions of the universities. He reminded them that as custodians of finance, their jobs could be on the line if they fail to adhere strictly to laid down procedures in the application of resources.

The NUC Scribe also recalled numerous challenges faced by Nigerian universities which affected their ability to fulfill expectations and achieve set goals including those relating to resource management, physical



Mr. Sam Onazi
Director, Finance and Accounts



Mr. Yahaya A. Hassan
Chairman, ABNU





infrastructure, security, examination administration, carrying capacity, funding and funds management.

He said that the interaction, in addition to individual capacity enhancement would, in no small measure, contribute to the development of the NUS and expressed the confidence that the gathering of the highly trained and endowed professionals would produce a robust outcome that could enhance resource management, promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in the operations of the Federal universities.

Professor Rasheed promised that the interaction would become a regular feature in the calendar of NUC activities so as to give room for review of operations and enthrone accountability in the management of finances in the NUS.

In his presentation, the NUC



Prof. Rasheed presenting copies of the Federal Establishment Circulars to the Director, Tertiary Education Mrs. Fatima Ahmed Jiddun

Director of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Sam Onazi, said that the forum provided a platform for the review of their common challenges with the view to finding workable solutions around them. He said that the use of common accounting standards slashed the cost of doing business by reducing the need for supplementary information.

He added that Standards were

meant to enhance the quality of financial statements and provided global convergence of financial reporting for competitiveness and national development.

The Director informed the Bursars that Nigerian universities had crucial roles to play towards the prudent utilisation of available scarce resources whether in the area of Overhead Costs or Capital



Executives of ABNU in a group photograph after the opening session





expenditure, advising also that this would require closer collaboration with the NUC. “if Bursars are familiar with the template provided by the Federal Government in the handling of expenditure profiles it would minimise the time spent in defending their budgets before the National Assembly,” he said.

In his remarks, the Chairman of ABNU, recalled that while meeting with the Executive Secretary in June do some challenges, a number of challenges bedeviling the system especially the management of funds were raised. He blamed the situation on the lack of adherence to extant rules, financial regulations, government circulars and orders.

He explained that “the job of a Bursar, as accountant of the system’, would be to ensure that he performs his duties based on professionalism, accountability, in-depth knowledge and integrity”.

He advised all Bursars to work together with their Vice-Chancellors and save themselves from the trauma of embarrassment

and possible arrest by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The Chairman called on Professor Rasheed to assist the NUS to keep abreast with all government extant rules by establishing a help desk in the NUC where such should be readily collated and disseminated to the Bursars.

According to him, some of the circulars were filled with ambiguity and the Commission would ease its application when interpreted to ensure uniformity in its applications, adding that governing councils of each university have the responsibilities to govern their institutions according to the laws.

He, therefore, urged the Executive Secretary to inform the Councils about what they would or would not regulate in the system. He also submitted that the Federal Government should understand that universities had their peculiarity which makes it difficult to put issues like Duty Tour

Allowances (DTA) and estacode of Principal Officers in cast and stone. At the technical session, the meeting took time to look at the Economic Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP) of the federal government, where Mr. Onazi reminded the forum, that it was a policy strategy meant to take the country out of the current economic recession. He recalled that the recession, in line with the policy document, was occasioned by dwindling oil price and oil production predicated on the youth restiveness in the Niger Delta region.

Other issues discussed were budget preparation/ collation, Conversion to IPSAS accrual basis and the need to adopt a Common Accounting and Reporting Platform, among others.

Meanwhile, a communiqué that would outline the common position of the Bursars to the Federal Government on their proposed operations and procedures of financial and resources management in the NUS was being expected at the end of the meeting.



Some of the Bursars and Staff of NUC Directorate of Finance and Accounts at the meeting





Accurate Data Essential for Planning, Development

— NUC to Publish Varsities Statistical Digest



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The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has reiterated that accurate data collection and management were essential for proper planning and development of any organisation and nation.

The Executive Secretary said this last Thursday at the opening of a one-day meeting of the Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU) hosted by NUC that for the Nigerian University System (NUS) to be respected globally, it must leave above board by managing an effective and reliable information system that would guarantee accurate, reliable and timely data that could be used in advising government on issues of national planning.

He observed that without accurate

data, effective and strategic planning would not only be difficult for the university but also for the government. He said that as Ivory Towers, Universities were expected to have adequate and reliable information across all variables such as total number of students enrolment; total number of students by programme; faculty; gender; age; mode of entry into the university; Local Government of origin; State of origin; nationality; geo-political zone; distribution in term of PhD, Masters, PGD; etc.

The Executive Secretary said that such information when provided would enable the Commission publish the 2017 Nigerian University System Statistical Digest that would be a reliable reference document for not just researchers alone but also for government and the entire world. He said that such data when

provided would also help the NUC to know those programmes that were over-subscribed and or under-subscribed, with a view to addressing the imbalance based on national needs. He observed that situation where most information was based on assumption was not healthy for the system.

Professor Rasheed observed that the absence of reliable data had denied the country of some foreign interventions. This, he said, was due to the fact that most foreign intervention agencies could only invest based on accurate and reliable information. He, therefore, called on the DAPs to rise up to this responsibility as the engine room of the university by virtue of their positions as custodians of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS). He observed that if DAPs did what was expected of them by advising their Vice-





Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed, mni, MFR
Executive Secretary, NUC

Chancellors and Senate rightly, the university system would function effectively. He said that the Commission was prepared to issue letters of credence to them as Ambassadors of the NUC. He charged them to be good ambassadors of the NUC in their various universities by guiding and informing their universities of the workings of the Commission, adding that the NUC was open to positive criticism that would enable it improve on its activities.

The NUC Scribe disclosed that the Commission had introduced some flexibility in its curriculum such that universities were now allowed to innovate and initiate new programmes where they possess the critical mass of both human and material resources. Interested universities, he said, were expected to formerly submit proposals to the Commission upon which the NUC would assemble experts to develop a BMAS to guide in the teaching and learning of the programmes to other institutions that may wish to commence such programme.

This, he said, was to allow the universities to explore new and relevant areas of knowledge, particularly, at the Postgraduate level. He said that the Commission could not afford to be waiting for foreign countries before mounting new programmes. He observed that in most universities in the world, Postgraduate programmes were tied to availability of professors in the field, such that when the professors were moved to other universities, their students also moved with them. He said that the Commission would not be a stumbling block to any university that wants to expand its frontiers of

knowledge.

The Executive Secretary observed that knowledge was dynamic, hence the constant introduction of new programmes to address 21st century needs. He said that in some years back, there were no programmes such as Cyber security, Software Engineering, Computer Science. He disclosed that the Commission had increased the number of disciplines taught in the NUS from 13 to 14 with the upgrading of information Science as a discipline that could be mounted in a faculty, adding that computing science was still evolving with potentials in different branches. He advised universities that where ready to separate it from the faculty of Science to first seek for the approval of the Commission.

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo, said that the essence of the meeting was to deliberate on academic planning issues in order to forge a common understanding on the best way to move the NUS forward by resolving all problematic areas. He expressed the hope that at the end of the meeting there would be



The Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities during the meeting at the NUC Auditorium





implementable outcomes.

At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Malam Ibrahim

Dan 'Iya, Directors of Research, Innovation, and ICT, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Executive Secretary's

Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah; Establishment of Private Universities, Mr. Hamza Abdullahi and Accreditation, Dr.

Prof. Rasheed Explains “Amputated Salaries” In Fed. Varsities



L-R: Former Registrar, University of Ibadan and Resource Person, Chief Mrs. Moji Ladipo delivering her paper at the conference. Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed (2nd from right) taking notes and sandwiched from the left by Nation President of ANUPA, Barr T. I. Igwe and Director, Management Support Services, NUC, Barr. Victor Onouha

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has defined the term “amputated salary” in the Nigerian federal universities to mean a situation where half or 75 percent of salaries were paid to staff.

He however explained that the situation was partly necessitated by the inability of the university system to migrate to the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System (IPPIS), adding that government was working at resolving the challenge.

He noted that some universities faced economic challenge occasioned by the overbearing external pressures on the chief

executives to recruit more staff than were needed by the university thereby over stretching the budget of the institution. This, he said, had contributed in making some universities unable to pay full salaries of their staff, describing the type of salary as 'amputated salary' or 75 percent salary

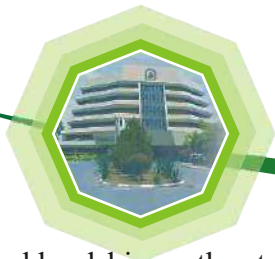
He made the remark last Monday at a two-day training workshop for Senior Assistant Registrars and Deputy Directors of Nigerian University System organized by the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) with the theme: Scaling the Heights, Creativity and Innovation as Veritable Tools, held at the National Merit House, Abuja. The

training was done to sharpen their Skills for Maximum Productivity.

The Executive Secretary was the keynote speaker at the occasion chaired by the Association's Chairman, Barrister I. Igwe at Merit Award House, Abuja.

Speaking on the topic, 'The Challenges of University Administration in the Economic Recession', the Executive Secretary, NUC, said that most federal universities were currently undergoing financial challenges due to dwindling economic resources. This, he said, had resulted in the shortfalls of its allocations, especially on recurrent expenditure. He said that this had generated serious tension in the institutions





and hardship on the staff as well as making planning in the universities very difficult.

Professor Rasheed stated that education was a capital intensive project that could only be undertaken by serious minded individuals with passion to promote social, political, cultural religious ideology for the betterment of the society. This, he said, informed the reason why, more often than not, universities all over the world were mainly established by faith-based organisation, foundation and few dedicated personalities.

He cautioned individuals who wished to establish a university for the sole purpose of making more and robust returns to consider venturing into other business as venturing into a university could frustrate such an individual.

The Executive Secretary observed that Havard University had more monies than some countries budget dedicated for cutting edge world class research. He charged all universities, Federal, State and Private, to contribute more in providing quality education to the country, saying that appropriate measures should be taken to prevent a situation where parents would be discouraged from sending their children and wards to public universities like the case with primary and secondary schools in the country.

Professor Rasheed gave a historical evolution of the NUS beginning from the Yaba College of Technology in 1934, to the Willinks

Report of 1943 that made provision for the establishment of the University College, London, which gave birth to the University of Ibadan in 1948, to Ashby Commission that saw the creation of the first generation universities; University of Nigeria, Nsukka; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo, University, Ile-Ife, and later the University of Lagos. Currently, according to him, Nigeria has a total of 153 universities comprising 40 Federal, 45 State and 68 Private Universities.

The NUC Scribe allayed the fears of the participants on the creation of many private universities in Nigeria. The motive had been to provide other avenue for access to university education in Nigeria. He added that knowledge and research remained key to any societal growth and development globally. It was on this note, he disclosed that the Commission was currently processing over 200 applications for the establishment of private universities, adding that with over

1.5 million applicants for university education, there was the need to expand access through the establishment of more universities. He said that the Commission was encouraging the establishment of smaller institutions in terms of land size with quality human and material resources that would be purely professional and globally comparable to the likes of Havard, Oxford, and other world ranking universities. He maintained that the UK government still funded universities in spite of huge fund being generated by the universities. He said that universities in China have over 45,000 Ph.D students while Bangladesh and Argentina also have over 1,000 universities each.

The Executive Secretary commended the dedication and sacrifice of the Registrars who were the heart of the university administration, as professional administrators, charging them to be deeply knowledgeable and be informed about the Laws, Conventions, practices and



Prof. Rasheed being decorated as the Life Patron of ANUPA by the President, Barr Igwe





Some of the participants at the ANUPA conference

workings of the NUS, in order to be adequately relevant. He advised them to be courageous and honest in relating with their Vice-Chancellors. He added that as Secretaries of Senate and Council, the minutes of meetings and procedures must be properly and adequately documented, adding that the minutes were the most important element that protect the system and actors in the event of crisis.

In her lecture, the Guest Speaker and former Registrar of the

University of Ibadan, Chief (Mrs) Moji Ladipo, while delivering her lecture: Academic Ceremonies in universities, A critical Role for Senior Administrative officers, charged Registrars to protect the sanctity and tradition of the university system. She said Registrars were the official Masters of Ceremonies of all Convocations, adding that they were expected to ensure the proper coordination, orderliness, proper robing of the convocation gown and be mindful of exact and proper titles of degrees in order to preserve the sanctity of

the university.

In her conclusion, she encouraged the Registrars to work with their Vice-Chancellors to restore the age-long university tradition.

In attendance at the Workshop were representatives of Federal, State and Private Universities. The Executive Secretary was accompanied by the Director Management Support Services, Barrister Victor Onuoha and Deputy Director, Information, Mr. Haruna Lawal Ajo.



Prof. Rasheed and Mrs. Ladipo (6th and 4th from right front row) with some of the distinguished delegates at the conference





We'll Equip Graduates with 21st Century Ideas, Skills –*NUC Scribe*

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has disclosed that the NUC was currently reviewing the entire curriculum of the Nigerian University System (NUS) to reflect 21st Century ideas and knowledge.

He said that the NUS could not afford to be feeding 21st century students with 19th century ideas, adding that the 21st century students were operating in a smatter environment through the help of technology. “Teachers are expected to be ahead of the students in order to impart in them the right knowledge and also earn their respect”.

He Stated this last Wednesday, during a courtesy visit by a delegation from Lancaster University led by the Chairman of CMA Investment Holding, Professor Rakesh Wahi, to seek for partnership with the Commission. The Executive Secretary said that for Nigerian graduates to be globally competitive, and for the country to fast track its development, there was the need to review the curriculum of the university system holistically, taking into consideration current innovation. He said although technological revolution has made information readily available globally, the importance of formal education could not be overemphasised as it did not only



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with Chairman of CMA Investment Holding and Leader of the Lancaster University delegation, Prof. Rakesh Wahi

provide guidance to the students, but also proper mentorship through physical interactions.

Professor Rasheed informed the group that the NUC was worried over the activities of illegal foreign universities who posed as foreign universities with better facilities and foreign teachers to defraud desperate Nigerian students. He cited an illegal outfit in Uganda that was awarding degrees in two months to foreign students. He noted that there were many of such institutions in Ghana, who were deceiving students from other African countries, especially Nigerians.

Earlier in his remarks, the leader of the delegation, Professor Rakesh, expressed delight that Nigeria had grown significantly with more

potential for growth adding that the visit was to tap into the existing potential by establishing a branch Lancaster University in Nigeria. He informed the Executive Secretary that the University currently had campuses in Dubai, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Ghana. He said that the university was interested in contributing to Africa's educational development. He added that as one of the top 10 universities in the UK, it had the critical mass of both human resources and technology to deliver quality education. He said that the branch campuses of Lancaster were expanding rapidly with a projection of 5,000 students annually. He concluded that the university had the capacity to train media practitioners and has the best facilities and faculty members.





The meeting of the University and NUC Teams in session

Professor Rakesh said that the university offers both Post graduate and undergraduate programmes in Management, Bussiness, International Relations, Computer Science, Law, Psychology and MBA. He disclosed that the university had made provision for student exchange between the parent campus in the United Kingdom and the Branch campuses in other countries in order to expose the students to various academic environment.

He appealed to the Executive Secretary to intervene in the plight of its law graduate from its Ghana campus who could not be admitted into the Nigerian Law School whereas those from the university in London were admitted. He explained that the quality of university was the same across all its campuses as its academic programmes were determined by the University in UK.

In the delegation was the President and Provost, Trans-National Education, Ghana, a campus of the

Lancaster University, United Kingdom, Professor John Graiger and Head of Forbes, West Africa, Frederic Van De Vyver who requested to have a closer collaboration with the Commission.

Members of NUC Management at the meeting were Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Malam Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther O.

Adesina; Accreditation, Dr. Noel Saliu; Establishment of Private Universities, Mr. Hamza Abdullahi; International Cooperation and Diaspora Services, Mrs. Constance Goody-Nnadi; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi; and Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah as well as Deputy Director, Information, Mr. Haruna Lawal Ajo.



Prof. Rasheed presenting copies of the NUC *Monday Bulletin* to Prof. Wahi. with them from the left is President and Provost, Trans-National Education, Ghana, a campus of the Lancaster University, United Kingdom, Professor John Graiger and Head of Forbes, West Africa, Frederic Van De Vyver





Establish a Conventional University

—Prof. Rasheed Advises Dangote

The Executive Secretary National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR, has advised the Dangote Foundation to reconsider its plan to establish a private university of technology and instead establish a conventional university that would offer all programmes but specialize in any area of their desire.

Speaking when he received the delegation of Dangote Foundation Technical Committee led by the immediate past Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, who paid a courtesy visit to the NUC, Prof. Rasheed said that Dangote was a household name in Nigeria, Africa and the world and having taken the bold step to establish a university, the commission would offer all assistance to ensure its success.

He expressed his confidence in the project considering the countless impacts Dangote had made on the Society and recalled Aliko Dangote's contributions to Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

Professor Rasheed encouraged the team to consult widely and look at the universities in Nigeria and abroad with a view to really create a unique university that would be different in terms of quality in all its operations adding that a conventional university would be better.

The NUC Chief advised the



Former Executive Secretary, NUC and Chairman, Technical Committee of the Proposed Dangote University of Technology, Abuja, Prof. Julius A. Okojie with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed

technical team against the narrow perception of confining the proposed university to only traditional technology programmes; citing the example of famous universities like Azhar, Harvard, Yale, Cambridge and Oxford that truly reflected universality, but were famous in specific areas.

He said the university, when established, would have a robust synergy with industry, adding that this might accelerate the desire to create a knowledge economy of the nation.

Professor Rasheed appealed to the foundation to make scholarship available for brilliant but indigent applicants into the proposed University as a way of paying back to the society.

He concluded with a high

expectation that the assembled technical team and the pedigree of the Dangote Foundation that his mind was assured that the University would come on board in 2018 and he would be happy to present a certificate of recognition to the Foundation.

Chairman of the technical team sought for the Commission's support and assistance for the establishment of the proposed university, adding that the President and Founder of Dangote Foundation expressed desire to set up a unique university of technology, with the necessary infrastructure and the best faculty members across the globe, in Abuja.

He said technology could be applied to drive the economy, adding that institutions such as a university can be unique in its approach whether in





CEO of Dangote Foundation and Promoters of the University, Zouera Yousouffou receiving application forms for the establishment of the university from Prof. Rasheed

research or its operation in an effort to tackle any societal challenges.

Prof. Okojie mentioned that Dangote had the capacity to float a well articulated university, adding that one important area that could mar the effort remain leadership of the institution, “Leadership is very critical to the success of a university” he concluded.

The co-chairman of the foundation Professor Mansur Ahmed, who spoke on behalf of the Foundation, congratulated the President and founder of Dangote Foundation for conceiving this laudable idea of establishing a University of Technology that would be unique.

He pointed out that the proposed Dangote University of Technology would be unique for three reasons; the university was conceived to be driver of information and technology; to internalise technology to solve African challenges; and to think and innovate.

Professor Ahmed assured the Executive Secretary that the Foundation would do everything possible to realise its objectives and be consistent with global best practices as well as with the rules and principles governing the establishment of a university in Nigeria. He reiterated that the commitment of the technical committee was assured and the guarantee of the founder was total.

While concluding, he solicited for the support, assistance, advice as

well as the push for the actualisation of this wonderful project.

In a remark, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zouera Yousouffou stated that Dangote Foundation was ready to make this dream a reality, adding that it set aside whopping sum of 200 billion naira for the project. She added that a land was purchased and preliminary measures were in place and the university would be located in Abuja.

The Director for the Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Alhaji Abdullah Hamza informed the executive secretary that as a demonstration of commitment on the part of the Foundation and the leadership of the technical committee, a bank draft to the tune of one million naira was tendered for the purchase of the application form which satisfied the second step out of the fourteen steps required for the establishment of private universities in Nigeria.

This led to the presentation of the application form by the executive



Prof. Rasheed with members of the Technical Committee of the Proposed Dangote University of Technology





secretary, NUC and assisted by DEPU to the CEO of the Foundation, who was supported by the Chairman and Co-chairman of the Tecnical Committee.

Also in attendance from the Dangote Foundation were Mr. Zakari Mamoh, Professor A. Salami.

At the meeting were NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim I. Dan' Iya and other directors of the commission.

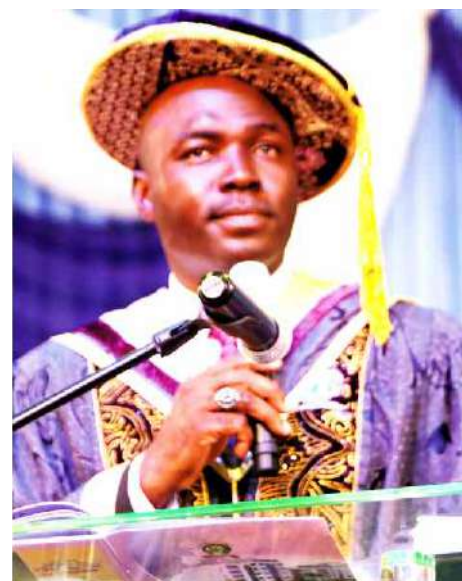
Prof. Rasheed Tasks Varsities on Continuous Training —As Covenant University Graduates 1,424



The representative of the Executive Secretary and NUC Director, Accreditation, Dr. Noel Salu delivering his Speech



Dr. David O. Oyedepo
Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents of the university



Prof. A.A Atayero
Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, *mini, MFR*, has tasked University managers to embark on continuous training and retraining of academic staff to bring them abreast of current developments in their respective areas, so as to make the outcome of the Commission's forth-coming comprehensive review of Nigerian Universities the curriculum of exercise successful.

Addressing the 12th Convocation Ceremony of Covenant University, Ota, the Executive Secretary, who was represented by the Director,

Accreditation, Dr. Biodun Salu, noted that the ability of Nigeria, with its huge population and very high potential to overcome its present challenges of development and emerge as an economic force, no longer depended on the petroleum resources that it possessed, but on the ability of the nation to develop its human capital. It was, therefore, in the bid to produce graduates that would be relevant to national needs and aspirations as well as be internationally competitive, that the Commission was embarking on the curriculum review.

NUC's expectation, he said, “is the development of a curriculum that will promote innovation in every Nigerian university thus enabling them to cut a niche for themselves academically and contribute to nation building and national development.” The Executive Secretary reiterated that no nation had undergone appreciable socio-economic development without remarkable transformation in its education system.

“Education will, therefore, remain a high priority of government, in its drive to avail Nigerians full access to educational services that would





Former Vice President and Secretary General African Development Bank, Ms. Cecilia Akintomide receiving Honourary recognition as a Keynote speaker from Prof. Atayero

guarantee them competitive opportunities and advantages to effectively drive the economy.” Consequently, he said, NUC would continue to encourage Nigerian Universities to build very strong internal quality assurance mechanisms, because “it is when this becomes a culture within our system that we are guaranteed of quality attainment, maintenance and improvement. The absence of a strong internal quality assurance culture will only promote window dressing during accreditation or other external visitations with the universities reverting to status quo after such external assessment.”

Professor Rasheed observed that the involvement of the private sector in the provision of university education in Nigeria had positively impacted the Nigerian University System and positioned it to overcome the challenge of access that had denied prospective candidates the right to university education.

While the country is still grappling with this challenge, he said, “NUC

believes that in no distant time and as the carrying capacities of the private universities increase, the challenge of access will become a thing of the past.” He further added that, “as a quality assurance agency, the Commission believes that quality must occupy the front burner in Nigerian Universities and must not be compromised in our bid to solve the challenge of access. Consequently, the Commission, over the years, has evolved a system that ensures quality from the establishment of Universities,

through programme establishment, effective physical space utilisation, accreditation, inspection and monitoring and other quality assurance measures.

The Executive Secretary commended the growth and development of Covenant University since 2002, when it was issued its provisional license to operate as a private university, noting that all the approved programmes of Covenant University, had been accredited by NUC, with 94 percent at Full Accreditation status and none denied. He urged the University to continue to build on its achievements as the guarantee of quality could only be hinged on continuous improvement, congratulating the Founder and Chancellor, Bishop David Oyedepo, the Pro-Chancellor, the Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellor, the Senate, staff, students and parents for the great achievement. He also congratulated the graduating students for their achievements, saying that they owed the University the obligation to be its good



Cross section of Principal Officers of the University during the convocation ceremony





ambassador.

In an address he titled, 'The Master Key to Fulfillment: Take Responsibility', Dr. Oyedepo tasked the graduands to go forth with a contributor's mentality because "there is no value to certificates that do not add value." According to him, "The world will always have a place for contributors."

The true value of education is in creating solutions for better life for mankind. Education should enhance initiative, creativity and innovation. It is high time we took responsibility over our lives and the life of our nation. The problems we have are indigenous, the solutions are also indigenous and it is home-grown solutions that last."

The Vice Chancellor, Professor AAA Atayero said Covenant University had made research its priority, for which it had won many accolades. A total of 1,426 students graduated at the ceremony, 301 of them at the Postgraduate level and 1,125 at Undergraduate level.



The Best graduating student, Miss. Abisola Jumoke Fasuyi receiving hand shake from the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor

Further breakdown of the Postgraduates showed that 31 of them earned the Postgraduate Diploma, 220 earned the M.Sc, M.A and M.Eng; while 15 earned the MBA/MPA and 35, the Ph.D.

For the undergraduates, a total of 188 of them earned the First Class, 568 in the Second Class Upper Division, 322 in the Second Class Lower and 47 in the Third Class.

Miss. Abisola Jumoke Fasuyi, with a CGPA of 4.95, emerged the overall Best Graduating Student.

Former Executive Secretary, Professor Julius A. Okojie, was the distinguished Convocation Lecturer, while former Vice President and Secretary General of the Africa Development Bank, Ms. Cecilia Akintomide was the Keynote Speaker.



Some of the graduands





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION

Nexia
Agbo Abel & Co

Introduction:

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

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.
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Ogbomosho.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

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- 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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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 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, Eboyi 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	13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007





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34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
			44	Borno State University	2016	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
			45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
						46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
						47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
						48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
						50	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
						51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
						52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
						53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
						54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
						55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owode, Delta State	2015
						56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
						57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
						58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
						59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
						60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
						61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
						62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
						63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016
						64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
						65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
						66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
						68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016





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 :

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

State Universities :

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| 1. Abia State University, Uturu | 14. Ladoké Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho |
| 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi | 15. Lagos State University, Ojo. |
| 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko | 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi |
| 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island |
| 5. Anambra State University, Uli | 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye |
| 6. Benue State University, Makurdi | 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt |
| 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina |
| 8. Delta State University, Abraka | 21. Gombe State University, Gombe |
| 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai |
| 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti | 23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil |
| 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu | 24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero |
| 12. Imo State University, Owerri | 25. Kwara State University Malete |
| 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba | |

Private Universities :

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

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

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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 CAPE3 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) Collumbus 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 Udoso 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) Houdegbe 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, Arochukwu, 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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