

MAIDEN BURSARY LECTURE: LEGISLATIVELY, YOU CAN DEPEND ON US, HON OKE ASSURES FUTMINNA

By: Aliyu Ibrahim Jidda



Hon. (Dr.) Oke Presenting his lecture.

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The Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts, Hon. (Dr.) Busayo Oluwale Oke has assured the Management, staff and students of Federal University of Technology, Minna, backing in terms of relevant legislations regarding the University.

Hon. Oke gave the assurance during the presentation of the First Annual Lecture of Bursary Department, the University on the theme "Accountability and Transparency in Nigeria: The Role of Accountants," held on Thursday October 21, 2021, at the PTDF Lecture Theatre, Chemical Engineering Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The lawmaker applauded the University Management for impressively standing out among institutions in terms of submitting the University statement of

account to the appropriate organs at the right time.

In his 18 slides presentation, the guest lecturer dwelt on: The Concept of Accountability, Modes of Accountability, Tools of Accountability, the Nature of Transparency and Accountability and Transparency in Public Service in Nigeria.

Other sub-topics are: Who is an Accountant?, Ethical Standards required for an Accountant and the Role of Accountants in Achieving Accountability and Transparency in Nigeria

Hon. Oke hinted that Nigeria remains an opportunity asset to the whole world judging from its abundant human and material resources.

The House Committee Chairman elucidated further that even

Nigeria laws frown at corruption, hence the establishment of structures by the Federal Government to promote accountability in governance, among which are:

1. Budget Office of the Federation,
2. Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria,
3. Bureau of Public Procurement,
4. Fiscal Responsible Commission,
5. ICPC and EFCC among other regulator Responsible,

He, however, lamented that despite all the measures taken, recent Transparency International corruption index of 2020 still ranked Nigeria as the 149th most corrupt Country among developing and African countries, scoring only 25 marks on evaluation.

Hon. Oke counselled students to take to entrepreneurship after graduation rather than waiting for

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government paid jobs. He also advised the University Management to look for possibility of incorporating entrepreneurship studies into the curriculum.

He noted the peaceful and harmonious relationship existing among members of University community and urged the university to continue to work as one family, stressing that leadership is always ordained by God.

He maintained that everyone is expected to have understanding of the working of accounting policy so as to avoid having grudges with the Bursary Department.

He commended the Bursar and her staff for their remarkable achievements that has created good relationship even up to national level, adding that the National Assembly through his committee is ready to render additional training to the staff of the Department if called upon.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Abdullahi Bala FSSSN, commended the lecturer for the apt, concise and well articulated presentation. He remarked that the organizers of the event had really shopped for a capable hand as guest lecturer.

On the performances of the Bursary Department, Prof. Bala, emphasized that he was particularly impressed with the financial management of the Bursar that saved the University from incurring debt during the long COVID-19 period.

The Bursar of the University, Mrs. Hadiza Goje, fcna, fcni, who gave an opening remark at the inception of the event, said she felt tremendously honoured to welcome the guests that graced the occasion.

She enumerated some innovations she has brought to bear in the Bursary to include: introduction of e- receipts which enable students to print their receipts on-line after

payment; reviewing the in-house Bursary training scheme; establishment of Bursary library and Putting in place strategies for motivating the staff, among others

The highlights of the occasion was the numerous presentations of gifts and awards to both the Guest Lecturer and the University Bursar by the University Management, Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU) and the Osun State Students Association among other presentation.

Dignitaries at the occasion were the Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Public Accounts, Hon. Abdullahi Abdulkadir Sa'ad and other members of the Committee, including Hon. Usman Hassan Sokodabo, Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau, Hon. Mark Gbillah Tersser, Hon. Fatoba Olushola, Hon Kunle Olarewaju, Hon. Gbefwi Gaza Jonathan and Ahmadu M. Jatau, among other dignitaries from within the university and other sister institutions in the state.

VC FLAGS OFF NEW SOFTWARE, PROMISES ITS STAFF TRAINING SPONSORSHIP

By: Lydia Legbo



Seven from left (front row) VC, Prof. Bala in a group photograph with the participants and ITS staff after the training.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof Abdullahi Bala FSSSN has flagged off new Stand-Alone Result Computation App (Version III) and its manual as well as Students Mobile App (Version 1.1) developed by the staff of the Information Technology Services (ITS) of the University.

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Speaking during the flag off of the softwares on Monday, October 18, 2021 at the NITDA Hub, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, Prof. Bala said the software version 3.0 is a response to the issues that have been coming up at the result scrutiny and Senate meetings.

The VC commended the efforts of the staff of ITS for developing the software and several others, at no cost to the University.

"One thing I like about ITS is that they do deliver even without asking. I cannot remember us telling them to go and develop version 3.0 to address the challenges arising from the older versions but because they are responsive to their duties, they without being told promptly developed this version to address these issues," he noted.

According to him, ITS has been very responsive in the development of websites and softwares for subunits in the University.

His words: "ITS is one centre that we can say is living up to its responsibilities. In fact, not living up to but living beyond its responsibilities and we are happy with the staff efforts because they make our work a lot easier.

In response to the requests made by the Director, ITS, Prof. Adamu Mohammed, Prof. Bala in recognition of the efforts and foresight of the staff of the centre directed both the Chairman of the Committee of Deans and the Registrar to make a special case for ITS staff in terms of training and capacity building.

"Of course for the ITS staff to remain at the top of their game, they need the support of Management and as I said, when you are happy with your child, you go extra mile to encourage the child, we would within our available resources continue to support them in terms of training and other areas of capacity building", he said.

In addition the VC approved an in house training for the users of the software and provision of laptops for Academic Office being the reservoir of all academic results.

In his presentation, the Director, ITS said the software was developed as a result of complaints received from the computation of results and generation of various reports for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

He said the software has passed through major stakeholders within the system for accuracy, efficiency and sustainability. Some of the features of the software include: addressing all reasons for stepping down results at scrutiny, fused course registration with results, additional reports computation and generation, user manual and bugs fixed

On the Student Mobile App, version 1.1, he said, it would give students easy access to information on their results, payment status and University Campus News as well as enabling parents to monitor their wards progress from the comfort of their homes

Earlier in his welcome address, the Deputy Director, ITS, Dr. Bala Salihu expressed appreciation to the University Management for their support, which has made their work easier.

He noted that the first and second versions of the stand alone result processing software were developed between the years 2000-2002 and 2010-2012 respectively.

BURSARY DEPARTMENT GETS STAFF BUS, DONATES TO UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

By: Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



The VC, Prof. Bala cutting the tape to commission the new Bursary Department Staff Bus while the DVC (Academic) Prof. Kuta and the Bursar, Mrs Goje looked on

Photo by Elijah Yisa

The Management of the Federal University of Technology Minna has donated a Toyota Haice 18 seater bus to the Bursary Department with a view to increasing efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery for the benefit of the system.

Commissioning the bus, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Senate Building, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala FSSSN who appreciated the Department, also noted that the bus is for the use of the Bursary staff in acknowledgement of their commitment to work.

Prof. Bala also unveiled some items donated by the Bursary Department to the University

community as part of activities marking its Maiden Annual Lecture titled "Accountability and Transparency in Nigeria: The Role of Accountants."

The items were customized wall clocks to be distributed to various offices, refuse bins to be stationed at the two bus parks in the Bosso and Gidan Kwano Campuses as well as hymn books for the University Chapels and kettles for the Mosques at both campuses.

Commenting on the developments at the Senate Chamber, the Vice-Chancellor described the donations as a pleasant surprise, adding that, the Management is gratified by the fact that there is a purposeful leadership in Bursary. A

leadership that is able to mobilize and redirect the focus of the staff towards appreciating what the Management has been doing for them.

Earlier, the University Bursar, Mrs. Hadiza Goje, fcna, fcti who expressed appreciation to the Management for the privilege and the platform given to them to work, explained that the donation by the Bursary Department is a way of giving back to the system in appreciation for the numerous opportunities it has offered them.

Mrs. Goje also thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the bus and promised that it would be efficiently put into use.

TEAM BURSAR WINS FOOTBALL MATCH

By: Abdullahi U. Danbakaba

The intelligent and accurate passes by the players who were always at strategic positions was what gave Bursary Department Football Team 2 goals to 1 win over their opponents, the Vice-Chancellor's Office Football Team.

The match which was organised by the Bursary Department as part of series of programmes commemorating the Maiden Annual Lecture, was played on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the University Sport Complex, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

AL-HALAL GETS NEW EXECUTIVES, DECLARES N21M PROFIT

By: Mustapha Alhassan

Al-Halal Cooperative Multi-purpose Society, Federal University of Technology, Minna has constituted a new set of Executive Committee to pilot its affairs for the next two years.

This was part of the outcomes of the 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

At the AGM, which was for the year ended 31st December, 2020, Dr. Abubakar Usman, Head of Department, Statistics, and immediate-past Treasurer

emerged President of the Society, while Mustapha Alhassan of the Information and Publications Unit became the Secretary.

Other officers are Dr. Abdullahi Alhaji (Mechanical Engineering), Financial Secretary; Dr. Samsideen Ojoye (Geography), Treasurer; Hannafi Adamu, (Works and Maintenance), Financial Secretary and Abubakar Degri (Internal Audit), Internal Auditor. Immediate-Past President, Prof. Adamu Kabiru is also in the Executive Committee as Ex-Officio.

Chairman of *Shurah*, the Society's advisory body had earlier, Prof. Oladiran Abubakre, had in line with the Society's byelaws, presented the nominees to the AGM and they were accordingly adopted as new executives.

The Society also declared a profit of twenty one million, eight hundred and four thousand, two hundred and seventy nine naira (N21, 804, 279.00) as well as a dividend of twenty eight naira , seventy kobo (N28.70) per share

of one thousand for the period under review, as against that of 2019 which stood at thirty four million, sixty eight thousand, four hundred and thirty eight naira (N34, 068,438) and N48. 04 respectively.

In his address, the outgoing President, Prof. Adamu Kabiru, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic and introduction of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel

Information System (IPPIS) had impacted negatively on the Society's finances and businesses in the year 2020.

He thanked members for their support and understanding, just as he expressed appreciation to *Shurah* and the University Management for their support and encouragement.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT: NOTICE OF MEETING

This is to inform all Registry staff that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 28th October, 2021 at 10:00am in the 1000 Seater Capacity Auditorium, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Please note, that attendance is mandatory.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Be wise to know those who appreciate what you do for them and those who are out to take undue advantage of your kindness. The truth is that not everybody will appreciate what you do for them.

**Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.**

Money Matter

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 11th October - Friday 17 October 2021		
N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	Transcript	691,040.00
2	Collection of Certificate	163,000.00
3	Verification /Proficiency in English	59,000.00
4	Turnitin Undergraduate	12,500.00
5	Commercial Activities Shop	382,000.00
6	Teaching Practice	12,000.00
7	Purchase of Academic Gown	76,000.00
8	Clearance fees	3,279,000.00
9	Prepaid Meter	82,000.00
10	Semesterial Result	3,100.00
11	Acceptance Fees	320,000.00
12	Registration Fees Pre-Degree	1,710,000.00
13	Postgraduate School Fees	12,091,750.00
14	Undergraduate School Fees	169,782,790.83
15	Sales of Forms Pre-Degree	50,000.00
16	Hostel Accommodation fees	7,550,000.00
17	SUG Form	224,000.00
18	Sundry and Other Income	10,000.00
19	Inter-University Transfer	20,000.00
20	Contractors/Suppliers	196,518,180.83

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(i) Staff		
(a) Advance		2,022,500.00
(b) Refund /Payment to Staff		5,105,530.00
(ii) Contractors/Suppliers		
(a) Doko Int. Hotel Ltd.,	- Hotel Bill	100,507.79
(b) Doko Int. Hotel Ltd.,	- Hotel Bill	117,128.71
(c) Doko Int. Hotel Ltd.,	- Hotel Bill	345,843.46
(e) Kamzaf Fast Food	- Refreshment	131,500.00
(f) Honest Modern Nig. Ent.	- Supply	691,840.00
(g) Ains S. Akinde	- DVST Subscription	781,200.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		9,296,049.96

CONDOLENCE

The Registrar, has on behalf of the Management, Senate, Staff, Students and the entire members of the University Community, condoled Dr. Yahaya Baba Alkali over the death of his Father, Mallam Baba Alkali, which occurred on Wednesday, 6th October, 2021.

Dr. Yahaya Baba Alkali is a staff of Department of Geology.