

VC TASKS SCHOOLS ON ACCREDITATION

***Asks Lecturers To Access Grants, Publish In High Impact Journals...**

The Vice-Chancellor, OAUSTECH, Prof. Temi Emmanuel Ologunorisa has tasked all Schools in the University whose programmes are due for accreditation this year to put all hands on deck towards ensuring hitch-free free successful accreditation of their programmes.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor gave the marching order during his visit to the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology (SEET), OAUSTECH, Mega Campus, Ayeka-Okitipupa on Thursday, 6th July, 2023.

Ologunorisa asked both the academic and non-teaching staff at the various Schools to ensure all t's are crossed and i's are properly dotted, stressing there would not be



excuse for failure of any kind in the upcoming accreditation of programmes in October this year.

"We would do our part as Management. Do your part too, so that the accreditation will be a success in all ramifications, for we can not afford failure or an interim

accreditation of any kind," he warned.

The Vice-Chancellor, who hinted that mock accreditation exercise would come up in August, seized the opportunity of meeting with staff of the SEET, to charge Deans and Heads of Departments in the various

Schools in the University to always ensure that tests, examinations and practicals cover the curriculum, as well as course outlines.

He added that marking scheme should be clearly typed out to always ensure consistency in the grading of students' scripts.

He stated that Schools and Departments should devise mechanisms for monitoring or finding out periodically the percentage of curriculum covered by each lecturer in the areas of course contents and practicals and correlate with information from the students, with necessary follow ups.

Prof Ologunorisa concluding his address, urged the dons

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OUR AGENDA IS TO INTERNATIONALISE OAUSTECH - VICE-CHANCELLOR

The fourth substantive Vice-Chancellor, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa, Ondo State, Nigeria, Prof. Temi Emmanuel Ologunorisa, has disclosed that his agenda is to internationalise the institution.

Prof. Ologunorisa affirmed this during an interactive session with the Dean and all staff of the School of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (SAFNR), OAUSTECH at the Main Campus of the University. The VC explained that this



VC



Dean, SAFNR

was the main rationale his administration has continued signing lot of MOUs and entering into collaborations with some of the leading universities in the world — the US, UK and the sub-saharan Africa among others — for the uplift of its staff and students.

He stated that one of such MOUs was the one the University just signed with a leading Brazilian university, University of Campinas (Unicamp), Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

This, he said, would be of great benefit to both the staff and students in the Department of

Food Science and Technology (FST).

Ologunorisa, therefore, appealed to lecturers and researchers in the school to make optimal use of the opportunities of the exchange programmes, cross-fertilisation of ideas, conferences, workshops, collaborative/interdisciplinary research, among others.

"MOUs will work only when the researchers here work with the researchers in the counterpart universities," the VC remarked.

OAUSTECH helmsman also

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to attend and organize conferences, seminars, access TETFund and other available grants and publish papers in high impact journals of international standard for their own good and development and for the overall projection of the University.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Acting Dean, School of Engineering and Engineering Technology ,Dr.



Isaac Olaniyan thanked the VC for the August visit.

He said there was no gainsaying that the University had witnessed more positive transformation since his assumption of duty over a year ago.

Dr. Olaniyan informed the Vice-Chancellor that SEET still need a lot of support from the VC with regards to funding and more hands, as the work load is overwhelming.

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available funding opportunities in the University such as TETFund IBR and others for their own benefit and self-development.

He charged various schools to come up with highly innovative world-class journals, as he asked individuals and groups to submit well-written manuscripts for consideration and publication, disclosing there was unaccessed five million naira each for journal and manuscripts support from TETFund.

Still speaking, Prof. Ologunorisa stated that he decided to visit SAFNR first because their Dean, Prof. Olujemisi Akinjemiju was the oldest professor in the University, adding that the second reason was that the eminent professor was part of the panel that interviewed him for the hot seat and recommended him purely on merit to Mr. Governor and Visitor to the University, Arakunrin Oluwarotimi Akerdolu, SAN, CON, who unhesitatingly approved his appointment as the fourth substantive VC of OAUSTECH. He seized the opportunity to

once again thanked the Governing Council, the Pro-Chancellor/Governing Council Chairman, Prof. Akinbo Adesomoju and the Visitor to the University for the transparency, honesty of purpose and for giving credence to merit.

The VC further tasked both the academic and non-teaching staff in SAFNR to work together as one so as to ensure the School gets full accreditation in the coming accreditation exercise which, he disclosed, was less than nine months.

He said all hands should be on the deck and that no stone should be left unturned so as to have a very successful accreditation.

"I'm here to gear us up for the forthcoming accreditation exercise. So, we need to work as a team with the Management. We cannot afford to have another interim accreditation so that the School will not be closed down. That is the only way we can retain our job," Ologunorisa declared.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Ag. Dean of the School, Prof. Akinjemiju profoundly thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the privilege and the honour of visiting the School first.

Further in his speech, he

recalled, "My first contact with Prof. Ologunorisa was at his selection panel. I was impressed at his interview performance and continued to be impressed since he assumed office as the Vice-Chancellor of this young University less than a year now."

He continued, "At the interview, the Chairman of Council pulled me aside and whispered that if this young man can accomplish what he has promised the institution will move forward and I replied that if he does only 25 percent we shall be out of the woods, underscoring my belief in him. He has been moving mountains since then. You now have the opportunity to listen to his adventure since he assumed office."

The Acting Dean equally seized the opportunity to present to the VC and his team some of the challenges of the School: low student enrolment, insufficient office accommodation and administrative supporting staff, issues of farm funding and staff welfare, among others.

The session was very interactive as questions,

comments and clarifications were entertained.

Present at the meeting were the Registrar, Mr. Ganiyu Oke Saliu, Ag. Bursar, Mr. Ganiyu Bamidele Aminu, University Librarian, Prof. Fredrick Ajegbomogun, Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Orimoloye Poola Faleyimu, Prof. Ebi Amakoromo, OAUSTECH's ASUU Chairman, Dr. Rotimi Olohunnisola, the Deputy Director, Directorate of Information, Protocol and Public Relations (DIPPR), Mr. Paul B. Adeagbo, Deputy Registrar, VC's Office, Mr. Dotun Arijenwa, Personal Assistant to the VC, Mr. Dan Anikor, among others.

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR CANVASSES CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Stakeholders and the people of the coastal communities in Ondo State and the country at large have been enlightened on the need to conserve migratory sea turtles for the key roles they play in the survival of other aquatic animals, including fishes.

The call was made by the Head of Department, Forestry, Wildlife and Environmental Management, School of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa, Ondo State, Nigeria, Dr. Johnson Ogunjobi during a sensitisation programme to mark this year's Aquatic Animals Day held recently in Ilaje High School, Igbokoda, Ondo State.

Speaking further at the programme jointly organised by the Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture and Ecological Restoration (INSAER) and One Health Development Initiative (OHDI) in collaboration with Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Environmental Management, OAUSTECH, Dr. Ogunjobi stressed that the need for conservation of sea



turtles could not be overemphasised.

"That is why we need concerted effort towards sensitizing the people and jointly protecting the aquatic species," he stated.

Ogunjobi asserted that securing the endangered migratory sea turtles is very crucial for sustainable livelihood of the people of the coastline communities across the country and for deepening the blue economy programme.

He listed some of the eco-economic benefits of the sea turtles to include influencing the survival of other aquatic animals, helping to manage the amount of jellyfish in the ocean, eating the sponges that compete for space with other aquatics, making their dead hatchlings serve as food for other aquatics, providing important nutrients for coastal vegetation and keep seagrass beds healthy at all times,

(aquatic lawnmowers) among others.

Speaking in the same vein, another lecturer from the same department, Dr. Kayode Ogunsusi encouraged participants to develop conservative spirit by focusing on ecotourism and economic benefits of the sea turtles rather than consumptive culture, which he insisted is dangerous and unsustainable. He advised the students to make OAUSTECH their University of first choice when seeking admission for higher studies, stressing the fast growing University is loaded with lot of potentials and opportunities.

Earlier in his address, the principal of Ilaje High School where the event was held, Mr Johnbull Mebawondu who was represented by Mr. Gbenga Ikugbayigbe (English Language

tutor) and Mr Ayodeji Alexander Oyintoke (Agricultural Science Tutor) thanked the organisers for what he described as rare, but highly educative programme and for the host privilege accorded his school.

He charged the participants to be attentive and make judicious use of the knowledge learnt for the good, while urging the organisers to take their advocacy to the state and national assemblies.

In his remarks, Mr. Akinleye Oyegbami of the One Health Development Initiative called for continuous education and interaction with the people of the affected communities.

He commended the organisers for partnering with the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Environmental Management, OAUSTECH, stressing that he was convinced that the collaboration would yield more fruitful results in the years ahead.

Responding, some of the participants, especially the students expressed their excitements on getting such useful information on economical and ecological advantages of sea turtle, saying it was the first time they are having such enlightenment.

The highlight of the programme include inauguration of sea turtles club.

The headboy of the Ilaje High School, Master Ayodeji Iyanoye and head girl, Miss Idowu Fairh were among the fifty pioneer members of Sea Turtle conservation volunteers.

Senate of Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology (OAUSTECH), Okitipupa, Ondo State, Nigeria has given its nod for the commencement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education, otherwise known as STEM Education in the University. The Senate gave the approval on Thursday, 13th

OAUSTECH COMMENCES STEM EDUCATION, OTHERS ...

July, 2023 after due consideration of the proposal presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Temi Emmanuel Ologunorisa.

The approval will afford the University the opportunity to offer Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) and Masters of Education (M.Ed) in Science Education in the Institute of STEM Education.

The highest decision-making

body on academic matters also gave approval for commencement of the following programmes: Economics and Public Administration (School of Management Sciences), Public Health (School of Basic Medical Sciences) and Chemical Engineering and Petroleum and Gas Engineering (School of Engineering and Engineering

Technology).

According to the Vice-Chancellor, all efforts would be put in place to get the approval of the National Universities Commission (NUC) for resource verification of the proposed programmes.

He assured that the University would continue to blaze the trail in quality teaching, cutting-edge research and strategic community engagement.