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FUTA'S VISION AND MISSION

Vision

The Federal University of Technology, Akure aims to be one of the best Universities of Technology in the World, committed to carving out an enviable niche for itself as a centre of excellence, epitomized by high quality programmes, products and contributions to the society.

Mission

The Federal University of Technology, Akure will ceaselessly promote technological advancement through motivated and skilled staff dedicated to teaching and research, geared towards global needs and production of self-reliant high level manpower, goods and services.

UNIVERSITY'S BROACH, CUFFLINKS ON SALE

The University's (FUTA) customized broach and cufflinks are available for sale in the Information, Protocol and Passages Unit of the Vice-Chancellor's Office.

The items are quite beautiful and will interest members of the University Community.

Members of the University Community, both staff and students are encouraged to visit the above mentioned office to buy their copies at the following prizes:

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| - Broach/Pin Badge | - | ₦500.00 |
| - Cufflinks | - | ₦5,000.00 |

Please, hurry up and pick yours as only few ones are available.

ONDO STATE GOVERNMENT PARTNERS FUTA

The Ondo State Government is to partner the Federal University of Technology, Akure on the development of the Ondo State University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa.

The Governor, Dr. Olusegun Mimiko said this while answering questions on a live interview programme after the commissioning of FUTA Radio, 93.1 FM penultimate week.

Mimiko said the partnership will be in the area of Research and Planning.

Earlier, Governor Mimiko who had reiterated his commitment towards improving the standard of education in the country, pledged financial support towards the continued development of research and appreciated the University for its massive innovations.

In the Governor's opinion, Radio Channel was a powerful and creative medium by which Chief Obafemi Awolowo mobilized support for the Western Region, saying that the medium is the most affordable and democratic means of broadcasting.

He, however, urged the National Broadcasting Commission not to hesitate to sanction politicians who convert radio stations to instruments of propaganda.

He then applauded the beautiful and conducive learning environment provided for students by the management of FUTA.

COREN ACCREDITATION TEAM VISITS FUTA

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has praised the efforts of the University Management at maintaining a virile learning environment.

The leader of the visiting accreditation team, Engr. G. O. Anaduaka said this at a meeting while briefing Management and members of the University's School of Engineering and Engineering Technology of the team's findings during the two-day accreditation exercise.

Anaduaka who commended the Professor Adebisi Balogun led Management team for the warm reception given to his team observed that members of the University are generally co-operative and organized.

Enumerating the strengths of the School of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Engr. Anaduaka noted that the four Departments visited, that is the Departments of Agric Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering were found to have highly effective staff development programmes, sufficient staff strength and well equipped computing centres.

He was ecstatic that the earlier sort step-B Project had kicked off in FUTA and was developing fast too.

Not failing to commend the existing Geo-technical Centre, Anaduaka opined that the tidiness around the campus was responsible for the existing orderliness and conducive learning environment.

He noted that the School of Engineering was endowed with relevant equipment, He, however, stressed the need for the School and the University at large to synergize with the industry and ministries to improve the welfare of the institution.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun commended the efforts of the Council (COREN) at improving the quality of graduates and Engineers in the country. He assured that steps would be taken within the limit of the University resources to strengthen its weaknesses. He nevertheless urged the team to submit its findings to Government so that relevant assistance can be provided in the School's challenging areas.

He, therefore, called on Government to assist in furthering the development of existing institutions, rather than establishing new ones.

FUTA RADIO SETS UNIQUE STANDARD FOR NIGERIAN BROADCAST MEDIA

The Management of the Federal University of Technology, Akure has affirmed its readiness to ensure ethical practice in broadcasting by setting a unique standard for other broadcast media channels to emulate.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun gave this indication while delivering his welcome address during the official commissioning of the University Radio Station.

He commended the commitment of the FUTA/Akure Community Partnership which was established with the intention of bridging the gap between the University and its immediate community. He also thanked eminent citizens who had in one way or the other contributed to the successful commencement of the Radio Station, stating that the establishment of the Radio is aimed at sharing with the larger society the products of the institution's research and training exercises.

In his remark, the Director General of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Abuja, Engr. Yomi Bolarinwa who was represented by Mr. Chris Okoyomoh congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, staff and students of the University on the actualization of the dream Radio Station.

He stressed that the purpose of the station is strictly for training both in communication related courses and technical areas, hence warned against its misuse.

BISHOP AROGUNDADE ADMONISHES FUTA

The Catholic Bishop of Ondo Diocese, Most Rev. Jude Arogundade wants FUTA Radio to promote moral values and the rich culture of the country.

The Cleric who expressed his excitement towards the establishment of the new Radio Station, urged the staff to disseminate informative and educative programmes to the grassroots.

He then congratulated the Management, Staff and Students of the University on what he described as a unique achievement.

Similarly, the Chairman, FUTA/Akure Partnership, Chief Reuben Fasoranti has described the establishment of the University Radio Station as a landmark and giant stride in the University's history.

Chief Fasoranti made this remark in an interview with a FUTA Radio, 93.1 FM correspondent recently.

Congratulating the University on her achievements, the octogenarian noted that the achievements were huge and deserved to be applauded.

He, therefore, urged the management of the Station to use the channel for the exclusive good of the people.

LECTURERS CHARGED ON LECTURE DELIVERY METHODS

Lecturers in Nigerian Universities have been urged to embrace global trends in order to improve their teaching skills and methods.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adebisi Balogun made this plea while addressing staff and students at a one-day seminar hosted by the University's Committee on Academic Quality Assurance on "Issues of Pedagogy in the University System".

Commending the Committee for remaining focused and committed to its duty of fashioning means to improve academic quality in the institution, the Vice-Chancellor opined that every institution must aim at improvement as any one dwelling on past accomplishments is heading for doom.

He, therefore, called on stakeholders to rise to the challenges of the modern age and advised lecturers to adopt the most acceptable method of teaching as learning is a scientific process.

Delivering a lecture on the topic "Re-thinking Pedagogy in the 21st Century Nigerian University Education", Prof. Kayode Alao of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife explained that lecturers must learn to create innovations that add value to academics in order to move forward.

Describing financial and economic problems, as well as over population as some of the challenges facing education in Nigeria, Prof. Alao observed that lecturers must play multiple roles in the process of imparting knowledge by adopting Problem Based Learning methods and reality teachings to boost the learning morale of students who he noted are tired of old monotonous methods.

He suggested that lecturers must borrow the techniques of the entertainment industry to attract students by embracing lively and interesting lecture techniques.

In his paper titled "e-learning in the University System", Dr. Peter Aborisade encouraged lecturers to explore the internet daily in order to discover new contents and stay in tune.

Affirming that there are lots of tools to aid lecturing, Aborisade enjoined lecturers to profile their students so as to know the kind of tools relevant for each category.

Furthermore, Dr. Sunday Adewale while delivering a paper on "e-learning System" stressed the importance of e-learning for the purpose of sharing ideas.

Complimenting the earlier speakers on the preferred method of teaching, Dr. Adewale who was represented by Dr. (Mrs) B. A. Idokoh suggested the instructed and learner centred approach.

The paper identified infrastructure, usability, design and acceptability as some of the major factors militating against e-learning in Nigerian Universities.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Chairman, Committee on Academic Quality Assurance, Prof. Joseph Fuwape

noted that the seminar was the fourth of its kind and was unique as well as relevant to nation building.

He explained that most lecturers do not have formal lecturing skills, hence the seminar was meant to awaken them to the dynamics of the changing world, improve their knowledge, skill, lecture delivery and academic capacity.

BOOK PRESENTATION

Prof. S. O. Ojeniyi has presented a book on "Soil Management and Agriculture in Nigeria".

The presentation was made at a launch recently with a view to promoting soil management for a successful agrarian society.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULT

Mr. J. R. Aduloju of Works and Services has bagged an Ordinary Diploma in Local Government and Public Administration from RSA Institute Incorporated.

Similarly, Mr. A. Adeoba of the Industrial Training Unit (ITU) has acquired the Trade Test Certificates II and I (Drivers Mechanics Work) from the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the Contract Appointment of Prof. O. C. Ademosun as Project Manager of the STEP-B World Bank Project and to oversee the Industrial Training Unit for the next three months.

Also, Dr. B. A. Ogunlade has been offered sabbatical appointment as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Industrial Design.

Relatedly, Miss Salomi Meninuola Omobolanle has been offered temporary appointment as Administrative Officer I in the University Registry, while Miss Oviaghan Omonigho Angela has been given a temporary appointment as Librarian II in the University Library.

PROMOTIONS

Management has approved the promotion of Mrs. C. F. Daramola of the University Library to the grade of Librarian I.

In the same vein, Mrs. Y. A. Jeff-Agboola and Mrs. F. E. Adeoba have been promoted to the grades of Principal Technologist and Senior Laboratory Attendant in the Departments of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology and Forestry and Wood Technology respectively.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of Dr. O. Kufoniyi as Adjunct Lecturer in the Department of Surveying and Geo-informatics, as well as the Contract appointment of Mr. R. A. Adebayo as Feed Mill Assistant in the Teaching and Research Farm of the University have been renewed.

STAFF CONFERENCE

Prof. L. A. S. Agbetoye, Head of Department, Agricultural Engineering will proceed to the International Soil Tillage Research Organisation (ISTRO) Conference taking place at the University of Ilorin, Kwara State between 21st and 24th February, 2011.

CHANGE OF NAME

Former Miss Omolusi Toyin Deborah of the Department of Computer Science wishes to be known and addressed as **Mrs. Olurotimi Deborah Oluwatoyin** henceforth.

Similarly, former Mrs Kehinde Florence Yemisi also of the Department of Computer Science wishes to be known and addressed as **Mrs. Ogundeji Florence Oluwayemisi**

APPRECIATION

The entire family of late Mr. B. OG Mella expresses heartfelt and profound appreciation to Management, members of staff and students of the University for their love, support, care and esteemed presence at the funeral of their beloved husband, father and relative.

"May the Lord continue to bless and shield you all and may you all survive your aged relatives in Jesus Name. Amen"

CORRUPTION IS MISUSE!!!

Corruption is a misuse of position, materials, facilities, privileges, opportunities, etc for illegal personal gain or benefit at the expense of other individuals, groups and the State.

*Desist from this or else the state will fight you to the point of recovery, loss of job and tarnish your good name.
Be warned.*

From FUTA Anti-Corruption Unit.

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Great Futarians. Eh!
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Ever leading, ever winning, ever peaceful,
Advancing the cause of Technology

FUTA ... land of ancient landmarks
FUTA ... for national progress
Academic excellence is your tradition
Technology for self-reliance.

Self-Reliance. Yes!
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Promoting love, unity, not cultism
Championing the cause of Technology
FUTA ... the shining example
FUTA ... the pride of Nigeria
With God's blessings on our side, we shall go places
FUTA for self- reliance.