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Federal Government Inaugurates Governing Councils for Tertiary Institutions... (stories inside)



Pro Chancellor Pledges to Transform FUT Babura

The Pro Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of Federal University of Technology Babura, Jigawa State, Prof. Oniomawo Ignatius Akhakhira, has pledged to transform the University, into a befitting citadel, working with members of the Council and the Management.

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VC presents birthday banner to the Pro Chancellor

Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu, during the inaugural meeting of the Council, on Tuesday 23rd July, 2024, at the VC's Committee Room, at the Temporary Campus, in Babura.

He was responding to the warm

welcome address by the Vice

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The Chairman pledged to harness the power of networking of all the Council members to attract meaningful developments that would positively transform the University, in the same way he was able to transform the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, in Edo State when he served as Vice Chancellor.



(From right) VC, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu; Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed *mni* and Mr. Charles Iwuchukwu, External Council Member.

"We have come to develop this place, so let us be partners", he told the inaugural meeting. A Professor of Human Nutrition, Akhakhira, who is currently a VC with Ave-Maria University, recalled that his experience of working with a "good" and "bad" chairman of council as VC has taught him how productive and transformative a "good" chairman can be and he intends to be a model chairman, while also observing best practices. The Pro Chancellor added that Universities run on the Committee Systems, "once we allow the systems to work, there will be no cause to worry."

Three other external members of the Council at the inaugural meeting were: Dr. Dickson A. O. Akoh, leader of Peace Corps of Nigeria (PCN); Dr. Umma Abdullahi Getso; and Mr. Charles Iwuchukwu, representative of the Federal Ministry of



External members: Dr. Dickson A. O. Akoh, (right); Dr. Umma Abdullahi Getso (left); and Mr. Charles Iwuchukwu (centre)

The other internal members of the council at the meeting were: the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu; the DVC, Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu; the Registrar and Secretary to the Council, Fatima Binta Mohammed, mni; Prof. Suleiman Yusuf Mudi, Director Academic Planning; Prof. Salisu M. Lawan, Dean of Engineering; Dr. Ya'u Datti, an Associate Professor and Dean Student Affairs; Dr. Abdulaziz Garba Ahmed, HOD **Applied** Mathematics; and Malam Aliyu H. Salihu, Establishment Secretary. Also in attendance were the Bursar, Ibrahim Alhassan and the University Librarian, Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidabino.



Council members on site tour and inspection of the Permanent Campus

Earlier the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu had congratulated the external members on their appointment, noting that as pioneers, the university is lucky to have people of their calibre to guide the university with their wealth of experience. "We are willing to work with you", he pledged on behalf of the other members, "ready to tap from your experience to develop our university."

Prof. Birnin Kudu concluded that running a university is complex, with challenges, "but with will and determination, the Council can convert the challenges into opportunities". He hoped that the Chairman can repeat the "miracle" of developing Ambrose Alli University, at Babura.



All Council members in a group photo

Pro Chancellor, Council Members Impressed by Infrastructure for Teaching, Research

The Pro Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council of the Federal University of Technology, Babura, Prof. Oniomawo Ignatius Akhakhira, has advised students of FUT Babura to seize the unique opportunity they have to learn, given the top rated facilities being put in place and the highly qualified lecturers tutoring them.



Pro Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council Prof. Oniomawo Ignatius Akhakhira addressing students at Chemistry class at FTU Babura.

He made the remark during a tour of the Permanent Campus by the Council members, at one kilometre from the town along Kano road, when the entourage entered a 200 Level Chemistry class.

"We have seen a lot of things here, which have impressed us a lot, so I want to say that you students are privileged to study in such an environment. Make sure you take the best advantage of the facilities and staff you have. I understand this your tutor is a Professor, just know that in other places students at your level do not get to see a Professor. We want you to know that we are here to help solve the problems of the university and our wish is that you will all graduate with flying colours," the Pro Chancellor told the students. He urged the students not to disappoint their parents who have invested heavily in them.



Class representative, received a token of cash donation from Dr. Dickson A. O Member Governing Council on behalf of his colleagues

Dr. Dickson A. O. Akoh, a member of the Council gave the class, through the Class representative, a token cash donation as incentive to show how much the Council supports them.

Earlier during the tour the Chairman and members of the Council at various points had openly commended the Vice Chancellor and his team for putting up an impressive level of infrastructural development, within the short time of the University's establishment. Dr. Umma Abdullahi Getso and Mr. Charles Iwuchukwu in separate comments said that FUT Babura has recorded tremendous developmental strides, in contrast to many other institutions in similar circumstances.



Members of the Council walk to the new male hostel from the School of Science block

The tour took the Council members to inspect the completed Schools of Applied Science and Engineering, Physical Planning Unit Complex, Central Store, University fencing, Gate and Safety House as well as procurement of basic laboratory equipment for the School of Applied Sciences. Other projects toured at advance stages of completion or furnishing included the School of information and Communication Technology, University Library, Centre for information Technology, a 96 bed space hostel, mechanical workshop at School of Engineering; and a dual carriageway road with drainages on both sides from the gate to the School of Science



Members of the Council walk out of the School of engineering towards the engineering workshop complex

... VC Outlines 7-Point Vision for FUTB

"Multi-talented Schools that will Produce Versatile and Skilled Graduates"

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim Birnin Kudu, has outlined a detailed vision and the plans to bring into reality a Federal University of Technology, Babura made up of "multi-talented schools that will produce versatile and skilled graduates." The vision aims to, "attract sponsored research and funding, have well trained motivated staff for higher productivity, enabling environment for useful learning, utilization of ICT infrastructure in administration and management processes and disciplined and committed leadership."



The Vice Chancellor in discussion with Council member Mr. Charles Iwuchukwu.

Presenting a seven point vision document during the inaugural meeting of the Council, on Tuesday 23rd July, 2024, at the VC's Committee Room, at the Temporary Campus, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu listed priorities of the administration as: mounting relevant undergraduate programmes, nurturing a tradition of distinguished research and scholarship, recruiting and retaining best academic staff, capacity building of staff. Creation of sustainable sources of funding, provision of excellent university governance and execution of priority projects.



Earlier the VC had announced that in the new session commencing November 2024 (2024/25 session) the school of Information and Communication Technology will come into

being and an additional 11 academic programmes will commence. This was part of his briefing to the inaugural Council meeting on the journey so far, since the setting up of the University and appointment of principal officers in February 2022.

The briefing mentioned that the two schools now run 13 programmes in eight departments, all the programmes were approved by NUC after its resource verification visit in August 2022. There were a total of 221 teaching and non-teaching staff but more will be needed with the planned mounting of 11 new programmes. He said there are now 458 students at 200 level and 509 100 level students; and that staff development activities included sponsorship of staff for higher studies, appropriate skills training and conference attendance.

The briefing also touched on the appointment of the Chancellor, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Ajibade Gbadegesin Ogunoye III, the Olowo of Owo Kingdom whose investiture took place on 4th May, 2024. It also covered issues of staff and student welfare. The challenges listed included pending legislation to back establishment of the institution, inadequate road infrastructure, inadequate electricity, inadequate accommodation for staff and students, lack of shuttle busses and the need for more staff across all units and need for funding for infrastructure.



After the briefing the Chairman of the Council, Prof. Oniomawo Ignatius Akhakhira praised the vision of the VC and the various milestones he had set for his administration. He said that such indices would make it easy for his performance to be measures at the end of his tenure. He also praised progress across all sectors as presented in the VC's briefing. The Pro Chancellor promised to work with members to tackle the challenges outlined by the VC in his briefing.

Federal Government Inaugurates Governing Councils for Tertiary Institutions, Warns Against "Meddling"

The Federal Government has inaugurated the Governing Councils of tertiary institutions to ensure the smooth running of Nigerian Universities, Polytechnics, and Colleges of Education over the next four years.

Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, inaugurated the Chairmen and members of the councils in Abuja on Thursday, 4th July, 2024, stating the importance of their role in setting strategic directions and overseeing financial management, according to the News Agency of Nigeria.

While congratulating them, he warned against undue meddling in the day-to-day management of human, financial, and material resources, instead encouraging them to focus on promoting excellence and continuous improvement.

He said: "There is a clear line of operations between the Management and respective Governing Councils of the tertiary Institutions, Councils are not to interfere with the day-to-day management of human, financial, and material resources of the Institutions."



Newly inaugurated Pro Chancellor, Prof. O. Ignatius Akhakia (3rd from right) and some members of the Governing Council of FUT Babura, at the venue with some principal Officers: (from right) – DVC Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu; Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, *mni*; Pro Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Prof. O. Ignatius Akhakia; Dr. Dickson A. O. Akoh; VC Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/Kudu and the Bursar, Alhaji Ibrahim Alhassan.

"Governing Councils should encourage responsible unionism in their respective Institutions while arresting the problems of cultism and drug abuse by students. Effective strategies should be put in place by Councils for early detection and eradication of social vices such as sexual harassment, theft, extortion and inducement," he said.

The Minister also urged the councils to explore diverse sources of revenue and partner with investors in education.

Earlier, the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Tanko Sununu, stressed the need for compliance with legal frameworks to ensure institutional integrity and accountability.

He said; "Compliance with these legal frameworks ensures that our institutions operate with integrity and accountability. It also helps to safeguard the autonomy of our academic institutions while promoting a culture of excellence and continuous improvement."



Speaking, the Ag. Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC), Chris Maiyaki, congratulated the councils and said NUC's doors and windows were open and they would give them 100 percent support to improve the university system.

He pledged the Commission's support for the councils in improving the university system.

On his part, the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Chief Wole Olanipekun who spoke on behalf of all the council's, urged harmonious relationships between management and councils.

He urged them to be cautious in their dealings with members of the universities while he encouraged Vice Chancellors to give Councils the opportunity to improve the institutions, saying, "We are to build and not to pull down."



A view of the Council members, VCs and Registrars at the occasion

Prof. Suleiman Y. Mudi and 5 Others Appointed to **University Governing Council**

The Director Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Suleiman Yusuf Mudi and five others have been notified of their appointment as internal members of the University Governing Council, Federal University of Technology, Babura.

A letter to Prof. Mudi dated 11th July, 2024, signed by the Registrar, Fatima Mohammed, said: mni "Pursuant to the provision in the University Miscellaneous (amendment) Act 2003 and your subsequent election by the University Senate at its Maiden Meeting held on 8th May, 2023, at the Vice

Chancellor's Committee Room, I write to formally convey your appointment as the Senate Representative to the Governing Council of the University. Your membership of the Governing Council takes effect from 4th July, 2024 and unless by recall, resignation or the dissolution of the Council by the Visitor,

the appointment will last for years. While (4) congratulating you on your appointment, it is hoped that the University will benefit immensely from your wealth of experience, dedication, hard work and selfless service. Please accept my congratulations."

As their separate letters also indicated, three other staff were similarly appointed as Senate Representatives. Meanwhile two more staff were appointed as Congregation Representatives to Council, subsequent upon their election in the

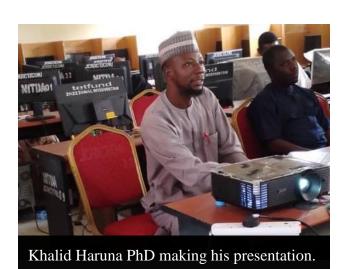
Maiden Congregation meeting of 27th May, 2024. All appointments are on the same terms and tenure as earlier mentioned. The full list of the internal members appointed were as follows:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT AS	TENURE
1	Prof. Suleiman Yusuf Mudi	Director Academic Planning (DAP)	Senate Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028
2	Prof. Salisu M. Lawal	Dean, School of Engineering	Senate Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028
3	Dr. Ya'u Datti	Dean, Student Affairs	Senate Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028
4	Dr. Surajo A. Musa	Head of Department, Electrical Engineering	Senate Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028
5	Dr. Abdulaziz Garba	Head of Department, Applied Mathematics	Congregation Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028
6	Aliyu Salihu Hassan	Establishment, Registry Department	Congregation Representative to the Governing Council	4 th July, 2024 to 3 rd July, 2028

Giving Novice Researchers a Helping Hand in Literature Search

A researcher in the Department of Computer Science, Khalid Haruna PhD, at the Federal University of Babura has suggested a method (algorithm) that will ease the task of searching through hundreds of literature material for new academic researchers. The title of his research was An Innovative Approach to Personalised Scientific Paper Recommendation.

His findings was presented at an inter departmental seminar of the School of Science, Information and Communication Technology, that saw five other papers presented, at the CIT Conference Room on 9th July, 2024.





Officer during the presentation session.

On his part, Zakariya'u Sulaiman PhD presented results from a research that showed henna leaves and caffeine can inhibit corrosion of tin, particularly in alkaline medium. His paper was titled Comparative Studies on the Corrosive Inhibition of Tin in Acidic and Alkaline Medium Using Henna Leaves Powder and Caffein as Inhibitors.

A.G. Ahmad PhD, Department of Applied Mathematics, also presented the result of a research in a paper entitled Simulation of a Nonlinear Equilibrium Model of Gradient Elution in Liquid Chromatographic (LC)Considering Bi-Langmuir reactor *Isotherm*. The LC is a technique for separating components of multicomponent liquids with wide application in hospitals (to determine levels of eg. alcohol in blood); environmental agencies pollutants (detect in water supply); pharmaceutical industry (determine dose of vaccines); and in laboratories (separate substrates such as amino acids, fats and carbohydrates,

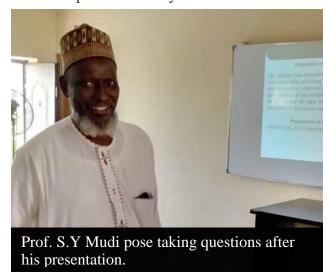


A.G. Ahmad PhD, Department of Applied Mathematics, also presented a paper.

Another research by Yau Datti PhD, was entitled *Utilizing Curcuma longa Rhizome Extract for Green Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles: Phytochemical Analysis and Characterization for Environmental Pollution Remediation.* In this research polluted waste water from a tannery was analysed before and after mixing it with rhizome leaf extract particles, to determine the level of certain heavy metals. The leaf extract particles removal or remediation of the pollutants was impressive. The percentage remediation of heavy metals was high with 96.17% for Lead, 98.53 for chromium, 95.64% for cadmium, 92.36% for Arsenic, 83.18% for Phosphates and 92.38% for phosphates.

The researcher concluded that the study proved the viability or optional use of rhizome leaf extracts for stopping or reversing environmental pollution by some heavy metals. He showed the potential for funding further study of this environmentally friendly practice, in which pollutants can be biodegraded efficiently with benefit to the community neighbouring industries and the nation.

The fifth paper presented was entitled *Analysis* of the Minerals, Trace Elements and Pesticide Levels in Honey Samples from Nigeria's Six Geopolitical Zones by Prof. Mudi S. Y. Three samples were collected from three states in each of the zones making a total of 18 samples. Trace elements were detected in some samples, for instance: arsenic (high in South South), lead (SS), Cadmium (North Central, SS), copper (SS, North East, NC). No pesticides were detected in the samples from the North East and North West. The seminar suggested that a future research could possibly expand the variables to cover different types of plants as source of nectar and different species of honey bees.



The sixth paper was by Abolude Isaac Oluwatobi entitled APPLICATION OF THIOPHENE DERIVED FROM BASED PIGMENTS (METHOXYCARBONYL)-5-METHYLTHIOPHEN-2-YL)DIAZENYL)-5-CYANO-1,4-DIMETHYL-6-OXO-1,6-DIHYDROPYRIDIN-2-YL) MOIETY EMULSION PAINT. The prepared paint samples were assessed for properties such as the surface and hard drying time, density, viscosity, alkalinity or acidity test, ash content, crosshatch adhesion, weathering assessment, light fastness and resistance to solvent migration. The paints produced generally had excellent adhesion to the substrate, very good resistance to bending, excellent light fastness (7), weather fastness and moderate resistance to solvent migration (3/4).



PHOTO ALBUM FROM 1st UNIVERSITY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING AND SITE VISITATION



Prof. O. Ignatius Akhakia (Pro-Chancellor/ Chairman University Governing Council)



Umma Abdullahi Getso (External Member University Governing Council)



Dickson O. Akoh (External Member University Governing Council)



Charles Mr. Iwuchukwu (External Member Governing Council) University



Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/ Kudu (Vice Chancellor FUTB)



Fatima Binta Mohammed mni (Registrar FUTB, Secretary Council)



Prof. Bala Sidi Aliyu (Deputy Vice Chancellor FUTB)



Mal. Alhassan Ibrahim (Bursar FUTB)



Prof. Atiku Abashe Maidibino (University Librarian)



Prof. Sulaiman Yusuf Mudi (Internal Council Member)



Dr. Ya'u Datti

(Internal Council Member)



Engr. Prof. Salisu Lawan (Internal Council Member)



Aliyu Hassan Salihu (Internal Council Member)



Abdulaziz Garba (Internal Council Member)



Bashir Mohammad (left) and Sirajo Salmanu (right), Staff Council Secretariate

VC Prof. Sabo Ibrahim B/ Kudu while delivering his welcome address and speaking on his vision.



FUTB Chancellor presenting birthday banner to Pro-chancelor Prof. O. Ignatius Akhakia



VC and Pro Chancellor in group picture with Dr. Dickson A. O (Council Member) immediately after presenting birthday banner him with a



Group photo of Council members in appreciation of birthday banner to its Chairman and a member, by the university management.



Group photo of Council member Dr. Dickson A. O and his Peace Corps staff in appreciation of birthday banner to their boss by the university management.







Council Members at School of Science and Information Technolog, during tour inspection of some projects



Council Members walk towards the laboratories



Class representative, receives a token of cash gift from Dr. Dickson A. O, member Governing Council.





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PHOTO ALBUM FROM 1st UNIVERSITY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING AND SITE VISITATION









Council Members at School of Engineering workshop, which is still a work in progress.

ANNOUNCEMENT



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Int	ernai Memo	
From: Registrar	To: All Staff	
Ref: FUTB/R/GEN/053	Date: 2nd July, 2024	

SUBMISSION OF RELEASE LETTERS FROM PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS

It has come to the notice of the University Management that some staff members are yet to submit release letters/evidence of disengagement from their previous places of employment.

In view of the above, all such staff are requested to unfailingly forward their release letters/evidence of disengagement from their previous employers on or before Wednesday, 31st July, 2024.

It should be noted that any affected staff that failed to comply with the above directives would have his salary suspended, and would further be referred to the University's Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) for appropriate investigation.

The above is for your strict and immediate compliance, please

Thank you.

Aliyu Hassan Salihu

Deputy Registrar, Establishment

For: Registrar





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(Office of the Registrar)

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UTB/R/GEN/01

Date: 17th July, 2024

POSTING OF STAFF

The under-listed staff have been posted to the Departments/Units indicated against their names as follows:

/N	P_No.	Full Name	Rank	Department/Unit
1	P100/SB/008	Prof. Nuarddeen Magaji	Professor	Electrical Engineering
2	P100/0221	Zainab Abdulkarim Ringim	Lecturer II	Applied Biology
3	P100/0231	Umar Dahiru Waziri	SAR II	Academic Office as University Examination Officer
4	P100/0230	Usman Ibrahim Aliyu	Administrative Officer	Academic Office, Records and Documentation
5	P100/0203	Hassan Sani Muhammed	System Analyst I	CIT
5	P100/0114	Tijani Mustapha	APO II	Internal Audit Unit
7	P100/0130	Muhammad Nur Liman	Engineer II	Physical Planning Unit
3	JP/0037	Yusuf Usman	Senior Porter	Registry, General Duties

NOTE THAT YOU ARE TO REPORT TO YOUR NEW PLACES OF POSTING IMMEDIATELY.

SIGNED REGISTRAR



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THE NECESSITY TO URGENTLY PROMOTE THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM

The University Management is in receipt of a circular, Ref. NUC/ES/138/VOL.65/102 dated 25th July, 2024 from the National Universities Commission (NUC), urging the University to ensure that the new National Anthem that was recently signed into law by the President is promoted.

Accordingly, staff and students of the University are kindly requested to ensure that the official version of the new National Anthem is accorded wider publicity and be put to use as appropriate.

Please, find attached a copy of the original version of the new National Anthem from the National Orientation Agency (NOA).

The above is for your immediate compliance, please.

Thank you.

Aliyu Hassan Salihu

Deputy Registrar, Establishment

For: Registrar

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Circular

	Circular	
From: Registrar	To: All Staff & Students	
Ref: FUTB/R/GEN/055	Date: 29th July, 2024	

RE: PROPOSED NATIONWIDE PROTESTS

Further to the plan by unknown groups to embark on nationwide protests within the week, the University Management wishes to formally urge both staff and students to continue with their normal academic and other official activities within the two campuses of the University as scheduled.

In line with the above, students are particularly urged to remain on campus in order to focus on their academic activities so as to avoid exposure to any possible danger during the planned protests.

The Security Unit is also directed to be vigilant and to ensure that peaceful atmosphere is maintained within and around the two campuses and students' hostels of the University.

Deans and Heads of Departments are urged to bring the content of this circular to the attention of all their staff and students.

The above is for your appropriate guidance and compliance, please.

Thank you.

Aliyu Hassan Salihu

Deputy Registrar, Establishment

For: Registrar

Cc:

Vice-Chancellor.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Bursar

University Librarian

All Deans, Directors, HODs, HOUs

Information & Publicity Unit

All Notice Boards



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BABURA

P. M. B. 2022, Babura, Jigawa State (Office of the Registrar)

INTERNAL CIRCULAR

From: Registrar	To: All Students
Ref. No: FUTB/R/GEN/55	Date: 30 th July, 2024

MID-SEMESTER BREAK

I am directed to inform you that the Mid-Semester Break will commence from Wednesday, 31st July to Sunday, 11th August 2024.

Lectures will resume on Monday, 12th August 2024. Kindly note that the resumption week will be dedicated for Continuous Assessment (CA).

Therefore, all Staff and Students are directed to note, please.

Best regards,

MOHAMMED BASHIR TAHIR

Ag. Academic Secretary For: REGISTRAR

cc:

Vice-Chancellor

All Deans and Directors

University Librarian

All HODS

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