



Town & Gown: Why We Are on Strike ...ASUU - BUK Chairman

By Lamara Garba



A cross section of participants at the Town and Gown meeting



Prof. Haruna Musa making his presentation

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), has said that it embarked on strike action not for personal interest of its members but rather for the purpose of securing the future of Nigerian students and the overall development of the education sector.

The Chairman of the Bayero University branch of the Union, Professor Haruna Musa who spoke during a town and Gown meeting held on Saturday, 7th November, 2020 at the Convocation Arena, New Campus, noted that the Union was misunderstood.

Delivering a lecture titled “The Impact of NEEDS Assessment and the Revitalization Fund in Nigerian Public Universities,” Professor Musa explained that all the struggle of ASUU was for an improved infrastructure and facilities in the universities in order to create conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning.

He brought comparison of structures in public universities in Nigeria and what is obtainable in other countries which he said were the basis of the struggle of the union. According to him, unless government takes drastic action on the dilapidated structure and facilities the likelihood of system collapse as per education is imminent.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Kano-ASUU Zonal Coordinator, Professor Mahmoud Lawal said the meeting was specifically organized to intimate members of the public with the true situation as far as university education is concerned.

According to him, the idea was to make members of public get to know the real decay in the sector as well as to get their input and/or suggestions as to the way out of the quagmire.

Various speakers talked on the need for the stakeholders to intervene with a view to resolving the issue once and for all.

A renown social critic and activist, Comrade Abdulkareem Dayyabu, blamed the situation to poor leadership in Nigeria as well as the elites, whom he said had become useless to themselves and the country as a whole, for, they fail to lead by example.

On his own part, Comrade Aminu Tafida noted that the situation as it affects education sector is very frightening. He warned that any society that killed education invariably has killed itself and sooner or later, people will regret the collapse of the education sector.

An Islamic scholar, Sheikh Abdulwahab Abdallah, made a passionate appeal to the federal government and ASUU to shift ground and meet at an interregnum so as to resolve the issue in earnest. He said already, the prolonged ASUU strike had manifested its ugly head in the increase in crimes and other social vices in the society.

The meeting brought together various stakeholders including clergies, businessmen, bureaucrats, activists and members of civil societies, lecturers and students as well as educationists at all levels.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (5th from right) in a group photograph with the officials of PTA Sa'ad College

We Established Sa'ad College as Part of Community Service ...Says Professor Sagir Abbas

By Lamara Garba

The Director of Sa'ad College, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has said that the College was principally established as part of community service as well as to give contribution to the development of education in the society.

He spoke on Wednesday, 14th October, 2020 when he received the leadership of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA), of the College when they paid him a congratulatory visit over his appointment as the 11th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, explaining that, since schools establishment, the management had not increased its fees.

“Our desire was to give to the society something that it will treasure forever. It is our conviction that education is the best gift to any human being. Any society that negates education sector to the background, it is bound to fail. Our school is among the best here in the state, yet our fees remain the least compared to the quality and standards we placed the College,” he declared.

According to Professor Abbas, since its establishment about a decade ago, Sa'ad College has never increased its fees. This is due to the fact that “our mission is not to exploit or make quick riches, but rather to give our token contribution to the well being of the society by giving good and quality education to our teeming youth.”

He also revealed that all staff of the College were placed on a special pension scheme in which every month, the management set aside 15% of staff salary as

a monthly contribution for each staff, which would be given after leaving the service of the College, retirement or death as the case may be.

The Vice Chancellor commended the PTA for the visit and charged them not to compromise in standards and quality.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) of the Sa'ad College, Kano Alhaji Aminu Nasir Zubair, said they were in the office to congratulate the new Vice Chancellor on what he termed as a well-deserved appointment.

He took time to extoll the good virtues of Professor Abbas, when he said members of Bayero University community were lucky to have this man of honour, humility and respect as the new leader. He described him as one of the finest academics who were committed to making the university great.

The Chairman noted that any institution or organization yearning for growth and development must have the caliber of Professor Abbas, who was by all standards, adjudged to be a very credible, humble and committed person to the cause of education and humanity as a whole.

“Firstly, we are here to pray for you for Allah to guide and protect you throughout your stewardship so as to have a successful tenure as well as to congratulate the entire university community to have Professor Sagir Abbas as the new helmsman.”

BUK to Start B.Sc Environmental Health

By Lamara Garba

The management of Bayero University is to revisit the issue of mounting a bachelor degree program on Environmental Health for possible commencement of the program soon, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has revealed.

He spoke on Monday, 12th October, 2020 when he received the Registrar of the Environmental Health Officers Council of Nigeria, Dr. Baba Muhammad Yakubu during a courtesy call on him at the Council Chamber of the Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building. Prof. Abbas said that the university was committed to starting the program in earnest.

“I will get briefing on the development in respect of the new program. *In sha Allah*, as soon as we finalise all the necessary procedures, we would not hesitate to kick start the program which we hope to be one of the best in the country,” said the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Abbas while appreciating the concern of the Environmental Health Council on starting the program, however, explained that there are certain procedures and protocols to be followed before commencing the program. He reaffirmed his commitment to introduce more programmes that would have a positive bearing on the host community.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Registrar of the Council for the visit and the special prayer offered by

him. He also revealed his interest to partner with the Environmental Health Officers Council for the interest of the society.

Earlier, the Registrar of the Council Dr. Baba Muhammad Yakubu disclosed that they were in the Vice Chancellors office to pay homage and pray for a successful tenure as well as to request the university to consider mounting the programme.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (middle) with Registrar/CEO and other officials of EHO-CN in a group photograph

Dr. Yakubu however, appealed that the university should consider products of the School of Health Technology in giving admission for the B. Sc Environmental Health Sciences.

Conduct a Mock Accreditation of Yourself ...Prof. Abbas Counsels Skyline University

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (3rd left) and Skyline University Management

The University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, has advised Skyline University, Nigeria (SUN), the only private university in Kano State, to carry out a mock accreditation of their programmes before the

mandatory accreditation by the National Universities Commission (NUC). According to the VC, the mock accreditation will enable the University to discover areas which need to be rectified beforehand.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abbas, gave the advice when the management of Skyline University paid him a visit in his office on Thursday, 12th November, 2020.

The Kano based Nigerian private university's management team, which included the University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhakar Kota; the University's Registrar, Mr. Firoj Rauta and Dr. Bashir Garba of the University's Corporate Affairs, were welcome in Bayero University's VC's Committee Room.

Responding to a question, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abbas, reiterated the SIWES is a mandatory condition which must be fulfilled by any relevant student before graduation. He added that SIWES could not be substituted by any course no matter the importance of the course.

Also talking on transfer of credits, Prof. Abbas, said any candidate seeking inter-institutional transfer must meet the requirements of the institution he or she is transferring to. In a situation whereby such a candidate has course deficiencies, such deficiencies have to be remedied by the transferring candidate by taking core course units he did not take in the institution he or she is leaving.

Earlier at the visit, Skyline University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. Kota had told Prof. Abbas that they

were at the latter's office to congratulate and rejoice with him on his appointment as the Bayero University's 11th Vice Chancellor. Prof. Kota also disclosed that they wanted Bayero University to, as their mentor, respond to their problems of research and other academic pursuits.

Other dignitaries at the visit were the University's Acting Registrar, Mal. Jamil Salim and the University's Bursar, Dr. Bello Sulaiman.

KUST Seeks Collaboration with BUK

By Lamara Garba



BUK VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (centre) in a group photograph with the members of the Governing Council, VC, and management of KUST

Kano University of Science and Technology (KUST), Wudil is seeking stronger ties with Bayero University in the area of academic development and other exchange services, the Chairman of the Governing Council of KUST, Alhaji A.B Mahmoud (SAN), has announced.

Speaking when the members of the Governing Council and management of Kano University of Science and Technology visited Bayero University on Monday, 12th October, 2020, Alhaji Mahmoud noted that BUK and KUST had a long standing relationship which he said Bayero University was serving as a mentor to KUST, a role which they were all happy with.

The Council Chairman who was represented by Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim Dantiye, said that KUST and BUK share many things in common particularly in their mission and vision, which is serving the interest of the society.

He congratulated BUK's VC for the well deserved appointment when which he said BUK was lucky to have Sagir Abbas as the new helmsman, describing him as someone who is committed to growth and development of the education.

Also speaking, the Vice Chancellor of KUST Wudil, Professor Shehu Musa Alhaji described Bayero University as one of the best universities in the country. He commended the mentoring effort on KUST by the BUK over the years. He also commended the peaceful transition in the University.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas expressed delight at the visit and the special prayer offered him.

He said his administration is always open for collaboration and partnership with any organization or institution for the overall interest of the society.

VC Vows to Resuscitate Centre for Entrepreneurship, Training and Research

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has vowed to resuscitate the University's African Centre for Entrepreneurship, Training and Research domiciled at the Dangote Business School (DBS), with a view to giving a boost to entrepreneurial studies for a better society.

He spoke while responding to a request by the Dean, Dangote Business School, Dr. Talatu Muhammad Barwa, when she led a delegation of the Management and staff of the School to congratulate the VC on his appointment.

According to him, the idea to establish the Centre was informed by the desire to inculcate self-reliance amongst the teeming youth by way of boosting the teaching of entrepreneurship programmes which would go a long way in developing the economy of the country.

The Vice Chancellor noted that youth are the backbone of societal growth and development; therefore, "if we can put them into the path of entrepreneurship, certainly Nigeria will develop and prosper to emerge as one of the strong economist in the world." "Our quest for a better society will only be realizable when we have a good number of our youth engaged in various entrepreneurships."

He commended the Dean of DBS and her team for their

commitment to the cause of the University, assuring that his administration would work tirelessly in order to make the University great. "We are all working for the University and we shall do everything within our capacity to ensure that we move Bayero University to greater heights."

Earlier, the Dean of Dangote Business School (DBS), Dr Talatu Muhammad Barwa said the team was in Vice Chancellor's office to specifically congratulate him on his well-deserved appointment as well as to intimate him on a progress report concerning the School.

She noted that the School would very soon start a bachelors degree programme in Marketing but would require more staff especially teaching staff in that field. Equally, the Dean requested for additional staff as well as more office accommodation.

Dr. Talatu Barwa who pledged unalloyed loyalty to the administration of Professor Sagir Abbas, also prayed to Almighty Allah to guide and give him the wisdom to steer the affairs of the University so as to write his name in gold in the development of the institution.

The Dean appealed to the Vice Chancellor to revisit the issue of resuscitating the African Centre for Entrepreneurship, Training and Research which was established in 2011 but was somehow abandoned midway. She also requested for a Bus to for School to use.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (sitting 3rd right) in a group photograph with the Dean, Dangote Business School and other officials of the School

BUK Mulls Adoption of E-learning Concept for Future Development ...VC

By Lamara Garba

Any University yearning for growth and development must adopt the concept of information and technology which has become part of the new normal in the global arena, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has revealed.

Speaking on Thursday, 12th November, 2020 while receiving an interim report from the University's Centre for Information Technology (CIT), at the VC's Committee Room, Professor Sagir Abbas hinted that the future development of the University hinges on the strength and capability of its CIT Department.

The Vice Chancellor, who appreciated the zeal and

normal which has come to stay," said Professor Abbas.

He charged the Centre to develop a blueprint for strategic plan on how to migrate and operate within the concept of the global new normal. "This is something that comes up unexpected with the emergence of Covid-19 pandemic and we, as an institution, must adopt it with utmost priority."

On virtual teaching, Professor Abbas noted that eventually the University had to go into it, because that is the direction where the world is going and we cannot operate in isolation. However, he said the management would await any national policy to that effect.

The Vice Chancellor equally mandated the Centre to revamp the website of the university as well as to come up with a design on how to digitilise the students records including results and academic transcripts.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre, Professor Bashir Galadanchi, while presenting a report, commended the management of the University for the Support it has been rendering to the Centre over the time.

He, however, enumerated a number of challenges which according to him were responsible for poor performance of the centre, include inadequate personnel, dearth in state –of- the arts equipment in ICT, training and poor funding among others.

Professor Galadanchi also proposed that the University should create an incubation centre in which graduates of IT and Computer Sciences would be given training to serve as microcosm of the CIT as well as the need to, in the long run establish an IT Park in the University.

The Director CIT equally requested for redeployment of some staff with ICT certificates in other units, but not properly utilized so as to develop their talent and maximum productivity.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (5th from right) in a group photograph with Director & staff of CIT

determination of the staff of the CIT, assured that his priority project was to have a very strong and reliable IT centre, explaining that in view of the current realities, it had become obvious that any institution who wants to be relevant in the global affair must have a good IT policy.

"The future development of our university certainly depends on a strong CIT unit and in view of this, we shall do everything humanly possible to revitalize our CIT so as to remain very much relevant in the new

Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health (USA) Visits BUK ...Seeks more Collaboration

By Lamara Garba

Medical expert from the Vanderbilt Institute of Global Health (VIGH) from the Nashville in the United State of America have visited Bayero University, Kano seeking for more partnership and collaboration in health related fields.

The team Leader, Professor Muktar Aliyu in company of Professor Bill Wester told the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Friday, 13th November, 2020 that the visit was to give an update on the existing collaboration between the Vanderbilt University Medical Centre and the BUK.

Professor Aliyu pointed out that Bayero University and Vanderbilt University had a long existing partnership in which they have been working on a number of research studies on health related issues.

He expressed delight for the warm reception and support accorded the team which culminated in the successes recorded by the research team. He said the team would work with African Centre of Excellence for Population, Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) and Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR) as well as the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital among others.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas thanked the team for the visit and assured that the management attaches greater premium to collaboration and linkages with both internal and external organization.

Professor Abbas disclosed that the university would come up with a new policy in which it would set aside a certain amount of money at the beginning every academic session specifically dedicated for research development.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (1st left) with the visiting Medical Experts from Vanderbilt Institute, USA

Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar Re-appointed Director, CICID

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the extension of the tenure of Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar as the Director, Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID).

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, says the extension will expire on December, 2020.

Prof. M. Yalwa Gwarzo Re-appointed Director Centre for Biotechnology Research

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved re-appointment of Professor Muhammad Yalwa Gwarzo as the Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research, with effect from 1st

December, 2020.

A letter of appointment signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said the re-appointment is for a period of two years.

Invitation to Participate in the 2020 UAV Competition

This is to inform members of the University community that the aforementioned body is excited to announce and invite interested persons to participate in the 2020 UAV Competition holding in Kaduna, Kaduna State, Nigeria with the theme: **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Challenge 2020**.

The competition aims at discovering the next generation of Nigerians that will champion Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technological revolution in the country as well as to provide a platform for capacity building for the nation's teeming youth in this novel area. The competition will begin on **November 23rd**

2020 and will end on the **26th November, 2020**.

The grand prize for this competition is Six Million Naira (N6,000,000) while the second prize is Three Million Naira (N3,000,000). The third prize is Two Million Naira (N2,000,000) and lots of consolation prizes to be won at the event.

For further information, visit: www.uavcompetition.com.ng, info@uavcompetition.com.ng, nigeriauavcompetition@gmail.com or call +234-701-000-3907 or +234-913-0365-567.



Dr. Musa A. Auyo, BUK Librarian wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Hafsat Musa Auyo with her groom, Aminu Husaini Ibrahim,

scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: 21st November, 2020

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Central Mosque, BUK Old Campus, Kano



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To: Members of the University Community

Resumption of Normal Work by Officers on Grade Level 10 and Below

Following Mr. President's approval of the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, all officers of the University on Grade Level 10 and below are hereby directed to resume normal duties every working day (Monday to Friday) with immediate effect.

Furthermore, in resuming work daily, officers are hereby directed to ensure full compliance with the directives and advice on the COVID-19 Pandemic preventive measures including maintenance of physical distancing, regular washing and/or sanitising of hands and wearing of face masks.

Efforts should be made to avoid overcrowding and nobody would be allowed into the office without wearing face mask.

Lamara Garba

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