

EXTRACT OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 106TH MEETING OF SENATE HELD ON THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL 2021/ 3 RAMADAN 1442AH IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

The Senate at its 106th meeting held on Thursday; 15 February, 2021 reviewed the Reaccreditation Visit by the National Universities Commission 6-14 April 2021 with a view to addressing issues/observations arising from it. The meeting reviewed the specific comments/suggestions in respect of each of the EIGHT programmes as made by the NUC teams and others.

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Sociology

- i. The philosophy of the programme needs to be more explicit.
- ii. The Programme should introduce additional innovative courses, related to the local and Islamic orientation of the University beyond the NUC requirement as contained in the BMAS.
- iii. Specific areas proposed include Sociology of Islamic societies, Sociology of disaster Management, Sociology of organisations, historical sociology, Political economy of old Oyo Empire/Sokoto Caliphate/Borno etc,
- iv. The programme should have more practical courses that would afford students the kind of exposure gained through SIWES.
- v. Internal Quality Assurance should be instituted for the programme different from that of the University.
- vi. There should be evidence of research collaboration with other institutions.
- vii. Evidence of skill acquisition by students is unsatisfactory.
- viii. The e-component of the library holding quite pleasing.

Economics

- i. The nomenclature for MSS 101 & 102 should be Mathematics for Economics and not Maths for Management & Social Sciences.
- ii. At 200 and 300 L, micro and macroeconomic courses need to be adequately beefed up.
- iii. There is need for a better supervision system of students' projects which must also be properly certified by supervisors and external examiners with their signatures.
- iv. Students should be encouraged to participate in activities of relevant professional bodies such as National Economic Students Association (NESA), visits to CBN, SEC, among others.
- v. There is a need to have more practical-oriented courses.
- vi. There is the need for co-curricular activities.
- vii. Internal Quality Assurance required in the Department.
- viii. Departmental Records are not well kept.
- ix. The Econometric Lab needs to be improved.
- x. Strict staff monitoring alleged but this was disproved on the argument that staff members need to demonstrate a good sense of responsibility in their movements and conduct.

Computer Science

- i. Evidence of Internal Quality Assurance required as are reports and records of the Department. No Quality Assurance Report/minutes.
- ii. There is need to separate between Hardware/Network Labs.
- iii. Office furniture and space inadequate.
- iv. More than one software lab required.
- v. Some of the courses as given do not cover the curricula in detail; for example, Data Structure and Algorithm. Basic Programming as given at 300L are too low.
- vi. Overhead projector and Public address System required.
- vii. Refrigerator and befitting furniture items required in staff offices.
- viii. Inadequate Administrative Assistants noted
- ix. No evidence of student assessment of lecture and service delivery...
- x. Staff development should be improved.

Business Administration

- i. No evidence of evaluation of students' skill acquisition.
- ii. Philosophy and objective of programme not well spelt out and mentorship seems to be lacking.
- iii. Less than 50% of academic staff possess PhD
- iv. Need to integrate the programme in the University collaborative research agenda.

- v. Inadequate number of non-teaching staff.
- vi. Poor office furniture and fixtures.
- vii. Staff development needs to be improved
- viii. Many unsigned student projects and results.

Political Science

- i. The University indicated preparedness for Political Science and Public Admin as per SSF whereas the mandate from NUC to the team was simply for Pos Science. The University was advised to sort this out with NUC and JAMB The
- ii Mock parliaments for key institutions such as AU, UN, summits, election simulations should be introduced.
- iii. Classic Texts on Pos Science required for the library holding on the programme
- iv. No female lecturer/Graduate Assistant
- v. Poor supervision of final year projects.
- vi. Internal Quality Assurance required.

Microbiology

- i. Need to improve on staff development; Less than 70% of academic benefit from it, and just about 27% of non-academic does. Technicians with higher degrees need to be upgraded.
- ii. Only 1 out of the 4 approved Computer courses is listed
- iii. Book on Elect Engineering found in HoD's Office, suggesting borrowed office.
- iv. Inadequate e-journal holding and poor familiarity of Chief Technologist with the Lab.
- v. Poor toilet facilities

Accounting

- i. Final year projects must follow acceptable standards and must be on topics that are STRICTLY related to Accounting, not other related subjects such as Bus Admin.
- ii. MCATI and other value-adding programmes should be encouraged.
- iii. No Internal Quality Assurance mechanism.
- iv. More current titles with IFRS orientation must be acquired.
- v. Students' evaluation of lectures/lecturers and service delivery should be encouraged.
- vi. Accounting Lab too small.

Banking & Finance

- i. Team spirit lacking among the staff.
- ii. Staff development programmes must be improved to allow non-academic staff to benefit from it
- iii. Quality of supervision of final year projects needs to be improved.
- iv. Unsuitable lecturers noticed on the staff list of the programme
- v. No designated building/lecture hall for the programme.
- vii. Some Lecturers were not available when needed.
- viii. Data structure and algorithm should cover the curricula in detail and more than one software lab is required.

General Remarks on Final Year Project of Students:

- a. It must be signed by the appropriate authorities; supervisor(s), external examiner(s).
- b. It must be typed in the approved font type, font size, paper quality and cover colour of the College
- c. Library to take over the binding of projects from the 2020/2021 session. And the University is advised to have a Printing and Bindery outfit for improved revenue

Library Collection

- i. There is a need to improve Library Holdings for some programmes
- ii. There must be Reference section for all programs.
- iii. The entrance to the University Library needs to be improved from erosion effect and made usable to those with physical challenges.

ICT services

Epileptic internet services, perhaps due to weak broadband.

Registry

Inadequate non-academic staff in the Colleges/Departments, and acute shortage of technical support staff in the Library, Laboratories, ICT, and Works.

Works and Physical Planning Unit

- i. The environment needs to be kept tidy from bushes, filthy spots.
- ii. Indiscriminate parking of vehicles distorts the campus and must be corrected immediately.
- iii. Poor campus illumination and wastage in electricity. Fans and electrical appliances were on, even when not needed.
- iv. Toilets should be renovated, tiled, and gender-designated to give a befitting status.
- v. Valid fire extinguishers, sand buckets, and muster points should be adequate.

- vi. Works Department should remove the inscription "Lecture Theatre" from the facial board of the Library building.
- vii. Overhead projectors and Public address System should be put in lecture rooms.
- viii. Offices of Professors should be adequately furnished, and must have *en suite* conveniences.
- ix. Staff members without office accommodation should be provided for IMMEDIATELY.
- x. A Large Lecture Theatre is required.

The VC on behalf of Senate appreciated staff members and others who contributed to the successful Reaccreditation Exercise. A formal appreciation by the Registrar is directed to be made to all staff members (to include cleaners, security men, gardeners) for their support during the exercise.

2.0 2020/2021 Matriculation Ceremony

Senate was informed that the Matriculation Ceremony of the University for the 2020/2021 holds on Tuesday, 27th April, 2021 as scheduled.

3.0 Re: Appeal letters by ABDULAZEEZ, Faruk Gbolahan (FUO/18/0076) 300 Level Mass Communication & ORIRE Qasim (FUO/18/0076) 200 Level Business Administration –

Senate was informed that the one Semester Suspension given to each of the above two students has been reduced to one month Community Service by the Pro-Chancellor on behalf of Council.

4.0 Inaugural Lecture

Senate was informed that Prof. Muse Oke has agreed to deliver the 1st Fountain University's Inaugural Lecture by July, 2021.

5.0 University Orator

Senate accepted the nominations of Drs. N.B. Afolabi-Balogun, T. Ayinde and Mr. A. Sanni as University Orator. They would be screened for audition.

6.0 Submission of Report

Senate agreed that 22nd April be the final deadline for submission of reports by various Committees of Senate, Units and Departments and that defaulters be sanctioned appropriately.


7.0 Payment of Honorarium

Honorarium of Adjunct Lecturers engaged during Reaccreditation would henceforth be paid at the end of the exercise. Hotel bookings should also be documented and backed with financial deposit. Coordinates of Accreditation Team members should also be harvested upon their arrival at hotels for proper documentation.

8.0 Ratification

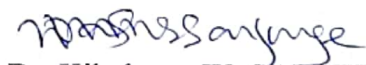
Senate ratified the approval given by the Vice Chancellor on requests by LAWAL, Zainab O. (FUO/0206) 400 Level Chemical Sciences as follows:

- i. Request for permission to add extra 3 units, and
- ii. Request for permission to register a lower-level course (pre-requisite) alongside a higher level course.



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29/07/2021