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BINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOLDS RETREAT FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, GOVERNING COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bingham University recently held a retreat for its Management Committee, the Governing Council and Board of Trustees, where several papers were presented by experts.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. William B. Qurix, OFR in his welcome address



(Left) Pro-Chancellor, Gen. M. L. Agwai Rtd, Trustee Prof. E.H Kwon-Ndung & the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W.B Qurix During the Retreat

thanked the Management Committee, Board of Trustees and Governing Council members for attending the retreat. He stated that “there were major issues confronting universities in Nigeria. One of them is the issue of governance, and that is why we are here to address this challenge as it relates to Bingham University.” He particularly appreciated the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed mni, MFR, who was represented by Prof. Chiedu F. Mafiana, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the NUC for honouring the invitation.

Prof. Chiedu F. Mafiana, speaking on the topic “Governance issues in the Nigerian University system” stressed the need for all organs of the University to adhere strictly to their roles as defined in the university law as a panacea for sustainable peace and development in the university system. He stated that the Vice-Chancellor must understand that he must maintain the efficiency and good order of the university, and that all other officers of the administration are responsible to him. However, the administration as a whole is also governed by the policy decisions of the Board of Trustees, Council and the Senate, and the advice emanating from the committees system thereof. Prof. Mafiana said that the role of the Vice-Chancellor is therefore, “not that of a forceful or autocratic figure, but that of a coordinator and a strong image figure operating under system of constraint and countervailing power.” He added that the success of the

Vice-Chancellor in managing the human, monetary and material resources of the university depended not only on his professional skills as an academic, but also on his ability to lead, motivate and inspire



Retreat in session

administrative associates, academic and non-academic staff as well as students to work toward the central purpose of the university to advance learning.

Speaking on the topic “The Dynamics of University Administration”, the second speaker, Mallam Idris Ahmed, a former Registrar with the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (ABU), stated that the “Registry is the service

delivery or the engine room of the university charged with the responsibility of providing relevant support service to the management, teaching staff and students”. Mallam Ahmed added that the overall function of the registry is to provide efficient and cost effective service delivery, which will support continued development and ensure a healthy interactive relationship between various units of the university as well as smoothen communication within and outside the university. The function of the registry touches the lives of all members of the university community in one way or the other. Failure to discharge its responsibilities properly would no doubt adversely affect the university.

He implored the registry staff to ensure production of qualitative minutes and proper documentation of records.

Speaking on the topic “Challenges of operating private universities in Nigeria”, the third speaker, Prof. Michael Faborode, former Secretary General, Association of Vice-Chancellor's of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU), who was represented by Prof. Paul Omojo Omaji, a former Vice-Chancellor of Salem University, stated that Universities, public and private, confront challenges. Some are generic affecting all universities even if in varying degrees and others are specific to individual universities. For universities to rise above their challenges, private universities inclusive, they must possess effective leadership skills to be able to achieve the desired goals, which should stand on four pillars namely; Character (credibility) calling (disposition), competence (performance) and consequence (legacy-mindedness).

He said that all challenges, no matter how tough or seemingly intractable, bow to strategic orientations. Contrary to the conventional discourse, which places 'resources' at the centre of solving most challenges, the

thinking leadership prioritises 'resourcefulness' as the most powerful key to sustainable solutions. This, in a nutshell releases 'imagination', 'right actions', 'innovativeness' and 'doing a lot with little' as the substance of resourcefulness.

In conclusion Prof. Omaji stated that for organisations, including private universities governed by a leadership that cultivates and deploys resourcefulness, challenges become opportunities to thrive rather than atrophy. Institutionalising such a leadership is a task that the Management, Governing Council and the

Board of Trustees of Bingham University must do, if they are to sustain their vision of Bingham University as a Christian University.

In his presentation, the fourth speaker, Mr. Shedrack S. Kaibi, a former Bursar of the Kaduna State University, in a paper entitled "Financial Management in the Nigeria University system", harped on the need to create a sound procurement policy in the university system. He stated that "there is a need for proper mobilization of finances and the proper utilization of the funds realised".



Management Committee members exchanging pleasantries with Mal. Idris Ahmed former Registrar with the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria during the Retreat

Mr. Kaibi went further to say that maximising inflows and minimising outflows is key to effective management of funds. He stressed that operating a university is capital intensive and the need to charge appropriate fees cannot be overemphasized. He concluded by saying that there was a need to be transparent and accountable at all times.

More speakers came on stage to speak on various topics amongst which were Dr. Noel Saliu, NUC Director of Quality Assurance, who spoke on the topic "The imperative of maintaining a Healthy accreditation Status in Nigerian Universities", Dr. Noel spoke on the benefits of quality assurance, emphasizing that "it is necessary to ensure quality assurance because when the input and the process are right, you get proper output". Noel charged Bingham University to work on the quality of its input to ensure that the quality of its graduates are good enough for the job market.

Dr. Mariam Sali, the Director of Student support services at the NUC, spoke on "Entrepreneurship Education in Nigerian Universities." She emphasised the need to strengthen entrepreneurship education in the universities and charged Bingham to develop an entrepreneurship culture to ensure that students become job creators rather than job seekers. Dr. Sali, lamented the lack of adequate funding towards entrepreneurship education. She added that "our entrepreneurship curriculum needs to match the international standards to ensure adequate entrepreneurship education".

Speaking on the topic "Observing Academic Standards for the survival of Nigerian Universities" Dr. Gidado B. Kumo, the NUC Director of Accreditation, who was represented by Barr. Samuel S. Adejoh, Deputy Director, Undergraduate Curriculum Development and Planning, NUC, stated that it is necessary for lecturers "to work with the curriculum and not from their imagination". He challenged the proprietor to ensure proper funding while ensuring that the administrators were suitable for qualitative management of the university. He concluded by stating that "meeting good academic standards is easy if funding is consistent".

Retreat in Pictures



The Deputy Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Chiedu F. Mafiana (left) and the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. B. Qurix, OFR (right) at the Retreat



Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adelaiye and Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Suchi



Rep. Chairman Board of Trustees and members of the BOT at the Retreat



DAP, Ass. Prof. Nuhu Gado (left) Provost, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Prof. A. M. Yakubu (Middle) and Dean, FBMS Dr. Nuhu Adeh during the Retreat



Members of the Governing Council during the Retreat



Team Management Committee in a Group Photograph



Team Governing Council and Board of Trustees in a Group Photograph



Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. W. B. Qurix, doing a kick-off during the novelty match

Zankli Research Centre Bingham University in Pictures



Twincubator for detection of DNA



GT blot 48 and Genoscan for reverse hybridization



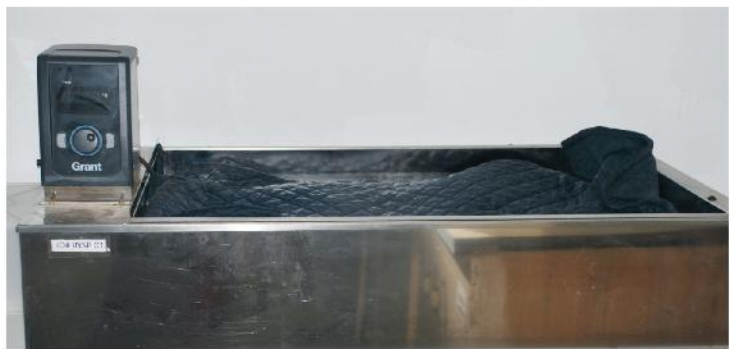
Wheaton incubator for Solid Culture



MGIT 960 for liquid culture and DST



Lamina flow hood for media preparation



Inspissator for coagulation of media



Automated microscopy



Microscopy lab with scientist reading slides



(LPA) Data room – Line probe Asssay



Training session for genexpert and microscopy sites In Nasarawa State in Biosafety class II plus laboratory

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The ECWA General Secretary, Rev. Yunusa S. Nmadu Jnr, who was represented by Rev. Jonah Samson, spoke on the topic “Creating an Excellent Institution in a Christian Environment,” challenged all attendees to emulate Daniel and the spirit in him. He stated that “God must be involved for any institution to be successful and we must be as disciplined as Daniel”. He went further to say that Bingham should stop following the crowd and develop a unique trademark. He urged the attendees to yearn for the spirit of God because he was behind Daniel's success.

On the side-lines of the retreat, it was fun and laughter all the way as team Management Committee engaged team BOT/Council in a novelty football match. At the end of the match team BOT/Council beat team Management Committee 2-0. In attendance at the retreat were Chairman of the Board of Trustees Justice J. O. Ogebe Rtd, who was represented by Rev. Dr. Siman Ibrahim, a member of the Board of Trustees, Pro-Chancellor, and Chairman of the Governing Council, General Martin Luther Agwai Rtd, and members of the Board of Trustees, Governing Council and Management Committee.

ZANKLI RESEARCH CENTRE BINGHAM UNIVERSITY BLAZES THE TRAIL IN TUBERCULOSIS RESEARCH

The Zankli Research Centre, Bingham University, is a well-furnished tuberculosis research laboratory with state of the art equipment with the ability to perform most TB diagnoses. The centre has a staff strength of 15 people under the leadership of Prof. Lovett Lawson, a professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine, who is the centre's Director.

Medicine (LSTM). It is supported by IHVN and KNCV through global fund.

The centre was the first to have a laboratory for diagnosis of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (DRTB) in Nigeria and became the laboratory used by the National TB and Leprosy Control programme (NTBLCP) for the diagnosis of DRTB within central states of Nigeria using solid and liquid culture.

Zankli Research Centre currently runs two research grants in collaboration with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM). These include:

- i. The European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP). This is tagged “A one stop shop for the same day diagnosis and management of TB and HIV”.
- ii. Tuberculosis research wave 5, titled “increasing TB detection and treatment of the poor population by engaging Patent Medicine Vendors in Nigeria (PMVs)”.

Furthermore, as a result of the memorandum of understanding the centre signed with the Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN), it is currently being used as a training facility for laboratory personnel on culture Genexpert and microscopy of Nasarawa State health staff.



Prof. Lovett Lawson,
Director, Zankli Research Centre

The Research Centre currently provides clinical diagnostic testing services for patients suspected to have tuberculosis and Bacteraemia, including typhoid fever in accordance with the principles of good clinical laboratory practice. The laboratory conducts research in the areas of infectious diseases and enjoys collaboration with reputable national and international institutions including the Liverpool School of Tropical

The centre also avails its laboratory to local and international Masters and Ph.D. students for their bench work. The centre has the overall goal to develop into a centre of excellence for research on tropical diseases in the West African sub-region.

BINGHAM UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT RENOVATES POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARY, SETS UP NEW E-LIBRARY

In its bid to improve facilities and make the university conducive for learning, the management of Bingham University has renovated the departmental library for the department of Political Science. The management has also set up a new e-library for the department.



Political Science Departmental Library



E-library for Political Science Department

PROF. A. B. ADELAIYE (DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR) PRESENTS JOURNALS TO BINGHAM UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT



Prof. A. B. Adelaiye (left) presenting journals to the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. B. Qurix (middle) while Dr. Dan Ajibill, Acting University Librarian (right) looks on

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Bingham University Professor Alexander Babatunde Adelaiye, presented journals in medicine and sciences to the management of Bingham University.

Prof. Adelaiye, while presenting the journals which were received by the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. B. Qurix, stated that the journals were donated to the university by the National Health Institutes during his recent visit to the Institutes in Baltimore Maryland, USA.

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, while receiving the journals, stated that the university management was delighted by the donations, promising to put the journals to immediate use for the benefit of the university community.

BINGHAM UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT ACQUIRES WATER TANKER FOR THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES JOS, COMPUS



The acquired water tanker for College of Medicine and Health Sciences

Not resting on its oars, the management of Bingham University has again acquired a new water tanker for the college of Health Sciences, Jos campus, to complement the boreholes for water supply to the students' hostel and college buildings.

The Jos campus has experienced perennial water scarcity due to the hospital terrain, which makes it difficult for the numerous boreholes to produce sufficient water.

It will be recalled that management had earlier renovated classrooms and installed solar energy to complement public power supply.

CONDOLENCE

The Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. W. B. Qurix has, on behalf of Management condoled the Director of Academic Planning, Associate Professor Nuhu D. Gado and his family on the passing away of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Dogara. The sad event occurred on Friday 25th May, 2018. She was aged 102 years and has since been buried at her home town of Ashafa Gida, Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

May her soul rest in peace.



LIST OF PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN BINGHAM UNIVERSITY, KARU

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Faculty of Humanities, Social and Management Sciences

- B.A. English
- B. Sc. Mass Communication
- B.Sc. Accounting
- B.Sc. Business Administration
- B.Sc. Economics
- B.Sc. Political Science
- B.Sc. Sociology

Faculty of Science and Technology

- B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry
- B.Sc. Industrial Physics
- B.Sc. Computer Science
- B.Sc. Bio-Chemistry
- B.Sc. Microbiology
- B.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics

College of Health Sciences

- MBBS
- B.Sc. Anatomy
- B.Sc. Physiology

Faculty of Health Sciences

- B. NSc. Nursing

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

- B. Pharm. Pharmacy

Faculty of Law

- LLB. Law

SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty of Humanities, Social and Management Sciences

Department of Business Administration

- MBA, Business Administration
- M.Sc. Human Resource Management
- PGD, Management

Department of Accounting

- M.Sc. Accounting and Finance
- PGD, Accounting

Faculty of Science and Technology

- M.Sc. Biochemistry

SCHOOL OF BASIC STUDIES

- IJMB (A/Level)
- Remedial Programme