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VC to staff: Pursue global grants to enhance research, development

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has appealed to staff of the University to actively pursue grant opportunities from global and regional organisations to push the frontiers of research, access cutting-edge technologies, and contribute to the institutional development.

Prof. Egbewole made this appeal last Monday (January 6, 2025) during the Vice Chancellor's In-House Committee meeting held at the University Auditorium.

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A former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. AbdulRasheed A. Adeoye, has been appointed the new Director of Academic Planning (DAP)....

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CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES Egbewole unveils 30 new shuttle buses

By Tajudeen Babamale

In a bold move to ease transportation challenges within the University, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has unveiled 30 new campus shuttle buses.

Speaking during the unveiling ceremony last Monday (January 6, 2025) at the new University Park, Prof. Egbewole explained that the initiative reflects the commitment of his Administration to improving the daily activities of students and staff.

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Egbewole seeks stronger collaboration with DSS



By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has advocated continued collaboration between the University and the Kwara State Command of the Department of State Services (DSS) to safeguard the lives and property of staff and students of the institution.

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VC to staff: Pursue global grants to enhance research, development (Contd. from front page)

The Vice Chancellor urged the Centre for Research, Development, and In-House Training (CREDIT) and the Centre for International Education (CIE) not to relent in identifying grant opportunities and sharing them with the staff members.

Noting that his Administration had cleared a backlog of £6,000 in membership dues to the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), the Vice Chancellor said it is expected to lead to significant benefits through grant applications.

He explained the various opportunities available through organisations such as the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), the Association of African Universities (AAU), and many other international funding organisations.

He said, “We have opportunities from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, Association of African Universities, and many granting agencies. While some colleagues are accessing these grants, unfortunately, a few are doing so in ways that could harm our system.”

Commenting on the revival of the In-House Committee meeting, the Vice Chancellor noted that the gathering, which serves as the engine room of the University for decision-making, has been revitalised under his leadership, holding its third session since he assumed office. He said that the Committee's purpose is to drive systemic improvements, document achievements, and ensure that all directorates and units provide quarterly reports to measure progress.

Prof. Egbewole encouraged the University staff to take ownership of their roles, likening them to Vice Chancellors within their respective units. He also stressed the importance of timely and efficient execution of duties, adding that a change in attitude will positively impact the overall performance of the University.

Speaking on the enforcement of Dress Code, the Vice Chancellor urged the Deans, Heads of Departments and Directors to address dress code compliance within their various Faculties, Departments and Units, noting that it is a collective responsibility, not solely that of the Registrar or a Committee

Commenting on the digitisation and internationalisation agenda, the Senior Advocate of Nigeria mentioned the University's strides in digitisation, including a redesigned portal and the



■ *The Vice Chancellor and the Principal Officers at the meeting*

rollout of smart ID cards. He also reported positive outcomes of the University's internationalisation agenda, as he shared optimism about its continued success, adding that some of the administration's international travels have been self-sponsored, underlining a commitment to achieving institutional goals while ensuring financial responsibility.

Earlier, the Director of Unilorin Holdings, Prof. Bashir Ademola Raji, provided an update on the newly introduced Smart ID Card. He said, “The Smart ID card, introduced by the University, starting with the students, aligns with the Vice Chancellor's automation policy. The card is designed with multiple functionalities, including taking attendance in class, recording attendance for Senate members during meetings, gaining access to official meetings and other restricted areas, serving as a wallet for banking activities, among others. Additionally, the Smart ID card enables cashless payments for the campus shuttle buses, as each bus is equipped with a POS terminal.

Commenting further on the Smart ID Card initiative, the Vice Chancellor said it is one of the efforts being made to enhance affordability and convenience for staff and students. He said, “As part of our discussions, we recognise that some of our staff patronise major retail outlets across the country. We are exploring discounts with select franchises and airlines operating within Nigeria to offer additional benefits to our community”.

He also announced the launch of a pilot programme tied to the campus shuttle system. “The pilot began this morning with the campus shuttle. We are introducing 30 new buses to ease transportation challenges, and the park will be relocated to the gate to enhance security and ensure

affordability”.

Furthermore, the Vice Chancellor announced the integration of a work-study programme, which allows students to engage in productive roles while studying. He said, “Students will be involved in work-study activities such as driving or serving as monitors or officials for the shuttle system. This initiative enables them to 'earn while they learn'. The work-study programme is being expanded across various units, including the Works Unit, PPU, Unilorin Holdings, the Institute of Education, and the Library. Through this initiative, students can earn stipends while contributing meaningfully to university operations,” he added.

The Vice Chancellor also addressed the issue of staff leaving the University without proper notice, saying that this attitude has negative impact on the Institution. He, however, stated that some of the concerned staff members have begun to resign.

He said, “While we are not against anyone seeking opportunities abroad, such as going to the U.S., UK, to work and earn a living, it is essential that we are formally informed of your departure. This allows us to fill the vacant positions promptly.”

On security enhancement, Prof. Egbewole acknowledged the improved security measures, including the provision of nearly 500 solar lamps across the campus, saying that this has exceeded the Strategic Plan's target of 400. He also noted an increase in security personnel and facilities, with expectations for more vehicles to bolster safety on campus.

Egbewole unveils 30 new shuttle buses

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The Vice Chancellor, expressed optimism that the scheme would blossom, noting that the new transportation scheme will be affordable, and efficient. He added that the scheme would also enhance the ease of movement of students and staff, as well as address security issues within the campus.

Prof. Egbewole urged the drivers to exercise caution while driving and appealed to passengers to maintain orderliness when using the buses.

The Vice Chancellor also explained the importance of integrity in the operation of the initiative, saying, "We have designed strategies to identify those who may attempt to cut corners. As responsible staff and students, we must uphold our core values, one of which is integrity. Let us be guided by these values when patronising this initiative."

Prof. Egbewole further said, "The only way this initiative will succeed is by adopting an integrity-driven approach. This is why we aim to make the system as cashless as possible, to enable us to track daily passenger numbers and ensure transparency in revenue allocation



■ **Dr Akanmu**

to the investor."

In a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu, commended the Vice-Chancellor on his efforts in improving transportation within the University.

Dr Akanmu noted that while there is still progress to be made, the University has come a long way in addressing transportation challenges. He emphasised that the initiative has the potential to expand further, benefiting both students and staff alike.

The Dean observed that the

introduction of the new campus shuttles marks a significant development by providing an affordable and efficient transportation system for the University Community, adding that the initiative also aims at curbing extortion and create a more student – staff friendly commuting experience.

Dr Akanmu announced that certified drivers among the students would be part of the drivers for the new shuttle buses. He said, "Such students will work 40 hours per month, as practiced in developed countries. The arrangement has been made to ensure that the working hours do not affect their study hours. This arrangement is in line with the 'study-and-work' initiative of the Vice Chancellor."

Also speaking, the President of the Student Union, Comrade Agezeh Victor, said, "Students will be the drivers of all the new buses and they will be paid for the service rendered, which is in consonance with the work-and-study policy of Prof. Egbewole-led Administration.

The Student Union President also appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his management team for fulfilling promises

Egbewole seeks stronger collaboration with DSS

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Prof. Egbewole stated this last Wednesday (January 8, 2025) when he paid a courtesy visit to the new DSS State Director, Mr. Mikel Oganwu, to formally welcome him to Kwara State.

Noting the vital role of the DSS in maintaining the University's reputation as a secure and conducive environment for academic and research excellence, Prof. Egbewole told the new DSS Chief, "Your service and our University have enjoyed a very positive and symbiotic relationship, and we are committed to continuing on this path."

The Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to the DSS Command for acceding to the University's earlier request for security personnel training, which has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the Institution's internal security framework.

Prof. Egbewole reiterated the University's prioritisation of security as a key factor in fostering academic excellence, saying that "as a University, we put a premium on the security of our staff and students. This is why we are requesting your continued support by having your men patrol our campuses regularly to ensure the safety of all members of our community."

The Vice Chancellor further acknowledged the fruitful relationship that had existed over the years between the University and the DSS, as he expressed optimism that this partnership would grow even stronger under the leadership of Mr Oganwu.

While welcoming the University of Ilorin's team to his office, the DSS Director,

Mr. Oganwu pledged to elevate the longstanding partnership between the DSS and the University to ensure that the institution continues to enjoy maximum security of life and properties.

Mr Oganwu expressed his appreciation for the historical collaboration between the Command and the University, saying, "When I assumed office, I reviewed reports detailing the fruitful

relationship between the DSS and the University of Ilorin over the years. I am well-briefed and fully aware of the University's significance as a key stakeholder in Kwara State."

While assuring the University leadership of continued support, Mr Oganwu affirmed his commitment to strengthening the existing partnership for the greater benefit of the society. He said, "I vow to sustain the foundation I met and improve upon it for the benefit of humankind. Be rest assured that whatever support you require will be provided, and the DSS will continue to stand by your university."

The DSS boss also applauded the Vice Chancellor and his management team for appointing Mr. Femi Ogidi as the University's Ag. Director of Security, describing him as a seasoned professional.



■ **The DSS Director presenting a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor while the Registrar, Mr. Alfania, watches**

He described Mr Ogidi as one of the finest officers in the DSS before his retirement, adding that his expertise has been invaluable since joining the University of Ilorin.

With the Vice Chancellor on the visit were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Alex Akanmu and the Ag. Director of Security, Mr Paul Bamidele Ogidi.

UNILORIN Management clarifies position on Alumni rift

By **Mustafa Abubakar**

The Management of the University of Ilorin has said that it was fully aware of the change in leadership of the Institution's Alumni Association with the election of a new Executive Committee, led by Prof. Abdulrazaq Olubusuyi Kilani, on August 24, 2024.

It has, therefore, condemned the actions of Dr Wale Fasakin, who has continued to parade himself as the Association's President.

Making this clarification while speaking with newsmen in Ilorin yesterday, the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, said that the tenure of Dr Fasakin "came to an end in 2021 through a resolution of the Association's Congress." He added that "a Caretaker Committee was, thereafter, put in place and it ran the affairs of the Association till the August 2024 Congress where the new Kilani-led exco was elected".

But the former President was reported recently to have led some people on what they called a 'courtesy visit' to an alumna of the University, the Comptroller General of the Nigerian



Mr Akogun (right) with the Correspondents Chapel Chairman, Mr Abdulhakeem Garba, at the press briefing

Immigration Services, Mrs Kemi Nandap, claiming that the visit was by the National Executive Committee of the Unilorin Alumni Association.

Mr Akogun said, "Even though the

University Management does not want to dabble into the internal affairs of the Alumni Association, it can no longer sit back and watch the existing unity in the Association destroyed by needless wrangling."

The University spokesman noted that "the Management appreciates the relevance of the Association and its potential to make positive contributions to the overall development of the University and so it would stridently continue to find a way of promoting internal peace and harmony within the Association.

While calling on Dr Fasakin to stop parading himself as National President of the Unilorin Alumni Association, especially as a new executive committee is already in place, Mr Akogun "urged all corporate organisations, government officials, and other well-meaning individuals, as well as stakeholders of the University to stop giving audience to Dr Fasakin or transacting any business with him, as he has ceased to be an official of the Association and so, is no longer in any position to represent it".

18 year-old Unilorite becomes chartered accountant

By **Abubakar Imam**

In a rare display of the superlative service delivery obtainable at the University of Ilorin, an 18 year-old student of the Department of Accounting, Miss Faith Aduragbemi Olabisi, has qualified as a chartered accountant.

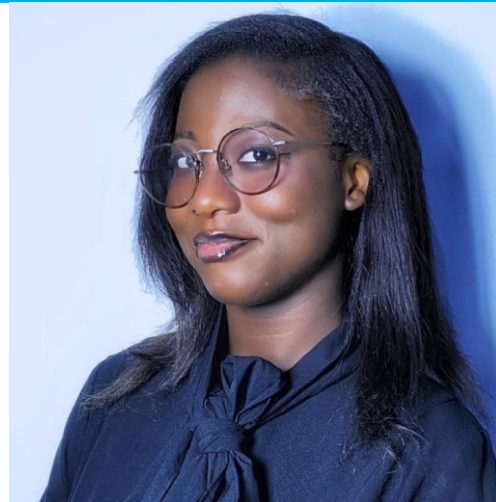
Miss Olabisi is one of the several candidates who were successful in the November 2024 professional examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

In a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**, Miss Olabisi said that it had always been her dream to become a chartered accountant as soon as possible.

Miss Olabisi appreciated the support of her lecturers and mother who provided her with the necessary motivation needed to attain the feat at her age.

Also speaking on this rare feat, the Ag. Head of the Department of Accounting, Dr Segun Abogun, said that he was very impressed with what he called "Miss Olabisi's outstanding achievement".

He explained that Miss Olabisi



■ **Miss Olabisi**

is one of the several students of the Department that passed the ICAN professional examinations last year.

Dr Abogun encouraged Miss Olabisi and her colleagues to continue to serve as role models to others for the Department to produce more chartered accountants among them even before their graduation from the University.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo

Egbewole, SAN, expressed delight with the laudable achievement of the Unilorite.

In a statement issued by the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor, who said that he was not surprised with the performance of Miss Olabisi, said that the University had always produced record-breaking professionals among its students, staff, and alumni.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the Secretary-General of the Association of West African Universities (AWAU), explained that it is performances like that of Miss Olabisi and the enduring peace within the University that has made it the nation's most sought-after.

Prof. Egbewole congratulated Miss Olabisi for making herself, family, the University and womanhood proud as he encouraged her to continue to give her best to her studies and to remain a shining role-model not only in learning but also in character.

The Vice Chancellor also encouraged other students of the University to emulate Miss Olabisi for them to also succeed in their academic and professional endeavours.

UNILORIN, GFSRD sign MoU to advance rural development

By Abubakar Imam

The University of Ilorin, Nigeria and Global Forum for Sustainable Rural Development (GFSRD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at advancing sustainable rural development.

The Director, Centre for International Education, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, disclosed this last Tuesday (January 7, 2025) in a chat with **UNILORIN Bulletin**.

The historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was signed virtually penultimate Thursday (January 2, 2025), underscored the commitment of the University to fostering global collaboration and driving impactful change in sustainable rural development.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Training and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole, described the partnership as a monumental stride in the University's mission to impact society positively.

He said, "This collaboration will provide our students and researchers with a platform to contribute to global solutions

for rural development challenges."

The Vice Chancellor added that the MoU solidifies a mutual agreement between the University of Ilorin and GFSRD to collaborate in key areas such as research, capacity building and community development.

He added that the partnership would strengthen efforts targeted at achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while enhancing the University's contribution to rural development initiatives.

On his part, the Director of CIE, Prof. Lateef Onireti Ibraheem, explained that the MoU is targeted at creating opportunities to provide exchange and internship opportunities for qualified students of both institutions; facilitate staff (e.g. sabbatical) exchange programmes for knowledge on best practices related to rural development.

He also said that the MoU would equally encourage the creation of opportunities to facilitate and coordinate joint research cooperation and curriculum development; organise seminars, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities.

Also speaking at the event, the Secretary-General of GFSRD, Dr Jayanta

Choudhury, highlighted the importance of the partnership and building alliances that bridge the gap between academic research and real-world applications.

He added that the MoU signing marked the beginning of an exciting journey towards sustainable rural development in Africa.

With the combined expertise and resources of both institutions, this partnership holds great promise for transformative impact at local, national, and global levels.

The event, which was facilitated by Prof. Onireti, was witnessed by Dr Bilqis Abiola Lawal, the Deputy Director, CIE; Dr Abdulhakeem Zubair, the Language Translator, CIE; Prof Oluyemisi Bolajoko Fawole, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture; Prof. Ganiyu Amuda-Yusuf, the Dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences; Prof Bola Simeon-Fayomi and Dr Olanji Oluwafemi Peter, the Desk Officer, University of Ilorin/GFSRD MoU signing.

On the part of the GFSRD were Prof. Manas Mohan Adhikary, former Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, India and Member, Board of Directors, President Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee, and Vice-president Prof. R. R. Prasad, among others.

Azeez inaugurates steering committee of ACSPN in Kwara

By Abubakar Abdulquadri and Bashir Dawodu

The Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, University of Ilorin, Prof. Adesina Lukman Azeez, last Tuesday (January 7, 2025) inaugurated a five-member committee that would facilitate the inauguration of the Kwara State Chapter executives of the Association of Communication Scholars and Professionals of Nigeria (ACSPN).

The inauguration was a major highlight of a meeting held between Prof. Azeez, who is the Vice President (North Central) of ACSPN, and Heads of the Department of Mass Communication in institutions of higher learning in Kwara State at the Department of Mass Communication Boardroom, University of Ilorin.

Members of the Committee include Dr Victor Babatunde of the Kwara State University, Malete; Mr.Olohunbe Fatiu of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin; Dr Bankole Temitope of the Federal Polytechnic, Offa; Mr A. I. Ibrahim of Thomas Adewumi University, Oko; and Mr Kehinde Adeniran of Lens Polytechnic, Offa.

Prof. Azeez charged the committee members to work diligently to ensure that the state chapter executives are inaugurated by March 2025.



■ Participants at the meeting

the University of Ilorin, whose excellence and integrity, he said, contributed to his emergence as ACSPN's Vice President.

In his remarks, a former Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Kayode Lambe Mustapha, commended Prof. Azeez for facilitating a

successful deliberation. He encouraged them to mobilise their staff to join the Association, emphasising the importance of institutional membership and professional inclusion.

Prof. Azeez assured that registered members of ACSPN would receive identification numbers and membership certificates for ease of recognition at the state and national levels. He highlighted the benefits of membership, which include regular conference attendances.

He expressed gratitude to attendees and acknowledged the support of the Department of Mass Communication staff at

successful deliberation.

Dr. Mustapha advised members to be supportive, committed, and proactive in their responsibilities. He also encouraged them to submit useful suggestions and ideas to the Desk Officer, Dr. Adisa, who would update the committee members, thereby ensuring the Association's success.

Other Mass Communication scholars that attended the meeting included the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, University of Ilorin, Dr. Patrick Udende; and a former Head of the Department, Prof. Saudat Salah Abdulbaqi, among others.

New campus shuttle service to complement, not replace commercial buses – VC

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has assured commercial bus drivers operating on the University campus that the newly inaugurated Campus Shuttle Service will not negatively affect their business.

Prof. Egbewole gave this assurance last Monday (January 6, 2025) during a meeting he held with the commercial bus drivers operating at the University Auditorium.

Addressing the concerns of the drivers, the Vice Chancellor explained that the meeting was convened to dispel misinformation suggesting that the Campus Shuttle was introduced to replace their services.

While expressing appreciation to the commercial bus drivers for their efforts in conveying students and staff to and from the campus over the years, Prof. Egbewole clarified that the new shuttle buses were introduced to ease transportation challenges facing the University's growing student and staff population.

“We are aware that many of you are parents, and some of you have children studying here. We want for your children the same comfort and convenience we desire for other students”, the Vice Chancellor said, adding that “the Campus Shuttle initiative is not designed to displace you but to complement your services and make life easier for our students.”

Prof. Egbewole stated further, “If we want to achieve development, we must always listen to the complaints of our students, who are our customers, because the customer is king. Our students are the reason we are here as staff, and their existence is the reason you are also here. If we fail to respond to their demands, we might be jeopardising our jobs.”

The Vice Chancellor urged the drivers to continue with their legitimate



■ The Vice Chancellor (inset) addressing the commercial bus drivers

operations on campus while treating students with respect and recognising their role as key stakeholders in the system. He said, “Our students are at the core of everything we do. Their needs must always be a priority for all of us.”

Also speaking during the meeting, the Ag. Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Alex Akanmu, applauded the thoughtfulness of the Vice Chancellor in initiating the meeting to douse the tension among the commercial bus drivers plying the University.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the University Korope Drivers' Association, Alhaji Isiaka Oriowo, expressed appreciation to Prof. Egbewole and his management team for their consideration.

Alhaji Oriowo noted that many of his colleagues have achieved significant milestones, such as building houses and

purchasing new vehicles, through their work on the University roads. He assured the Vice Chancellor that his colleagues would always give priority attention to students' welfare.

The Vice Chancellor was joined during the meeting by members of his management team, including the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Prof. Sulyman Folorunsho Ambali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the University Librarian, Dr Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa.

Omotoso delivers 272nd Inaugural Lecture

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, invites members of the University community and the general public to the Two hundred and seventy-second (272nd) Inaugural Lecture of the University scheduled as follows:

Lecturer: Professor A. B. O. Omotoso
MBBS (Ibadan); FWACP; FACP; FMed. Ed; FNCS; CERT. HEALTH PLNG & MGT (Ilorin)

Department: Medicine
Faculty: Clinical Sciences

Topic: “Of the Heart for the Heart, and from the Heart: Communicating the Non-communicables Heartily”

Date: Thursday, 16th January, 2025

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: University Auditorium,
Main Campus, University of Ilorin

Chairman:
Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla
Registrar



■ Prof. Omotoso

VC laments Africa's lag in adopting AI

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has lamented Africa's lag in adopting artificial Intelligence (AI) and called for urgent measures to accelerate its integration across the continent.

Speaking at a Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Referencing Managers organised by the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Physical Sciences last Wednesday (January 8, 2025), Prof. Egbewole noted that while the global conversation has progressed to artificial general intelligence (AGI) and artificial super intelligence (ASI), Africa remains focused on the basics of AI.

The Vice Chancellor opined that the workshop was aimed at exploring effective and ethical ways to integrate AI into academic and professional work without compromising originality or engaging in plagiarism.

Prof. Egbewole expressed the hope that the workshop would enlighten participants on how to utilise AI technology responsibly and productively, saying, "Instead of using the technology in a way that portrays us as ingenious or fake, I believe this workshop will open our eyes to better ways of harnessing its potential".

The Vice Chancellor also applauded the Department for the integration of global perspectives through virtual participation by attendees from outside Nigeria. He said, "We didn't limit ourselves to the geographical boundaries of Nigeria; we leveraged technology to involve participants globally, which means we are actually drawing knowledge from a broader spectrum".

Prof. Egbewole encouraged



■ Dignitaries at the Workshop

participants to seize the opportunity offered by the workshop, saying that they ought to have paid for the programme because of how essential the programme will be to their academic and individual career going forward.

In a conversation with *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences, Prof. Baba Alafara, stated that the workshop was designed to benefit not only the University of Ilorin community but also stakeholders from industries and participants worldwide.

Prof. Alafara explained that the beneficiaries included students, staff, industrialists, and global participants, highlighting the Department's view of the workshop as a community service initiative contributing to the global community.

While acknowledging Africa's lag in adopting AI, he expressed optimism about the workshop's potential to reshape perspectives on integrating AI into teaching and research activities.

Reflecting on the strides made by

the Faculty under his leadership, Prof. Alafara noted that the Faculty of Physical Sciences, recognised as the University of Ilorin's best Faculty for 2024, is guided by an ambitious vision known as "1:1:10:500".

He said the vision involves being the leading Faculty at the University of Ilorin, the top Faculty in the field of Physical Sciences in Nigeria, among the top 10 Faculties of Physical Sciences nationally, and among the top 500 Faculties of Physical Sciences globally.

The Dean disclosed that the Faculty developed this vision during its December 2023 retreat, which focused on integrating the three core pillars of any University, that is, teaching, research, and community service, into all its activities. Prof. Alafara attributed the Faculty's recognition to its consistent alignment with these principles and reaffirmed its commitment to retaining the honour.

UNILORIN hails Saliu Mustapha's philanthropic gestures

By Abubakar Imam

The management of the University of Ilorin has saluted the philanthropic dispositions of the Turaki of Ilorin and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Production Services and Rural Development, Senator Saliu Mustapha, to the University.

The appreciation was contained in a letter sent to the Senator on behalf of the University management, by the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaola.

In the letter, dated December 27, 2024, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, the University specifically appreciated Senator Mustapha's fulfillment of a pledge of N3,



■ Senator Mustapha

000, 000 he made to the Faculty of Physical Sciences at its maiden Hybrid International Conference in June, 2024.

The Registrar explained that the

University deeply values leaders like Senator Mustapha, "whose acts of kindness elevate the reputation of the University."

He added that the generosity of the federal lawmaker "inspires not only the Faculty of Physical Sciences but also the entire University community" as it equally demonstrates the Senator's "remarkable commitment to giving back while promoting education and reinforcing the enduring bond between him and the University".

The Registrar, who thanked the Senator on behalf of the Council, management, staff and students of the University, wished the Turaki of Ilorin a more successful career.



■ Dignitaries at the Workshop

Let's integrate technology into research, training -- Egbewole

By **Mustafa Abubakar,**
Tajudeen Babamale and
Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has reiterated the indispensability of technology in modern research and teaching, urging researchers to integrate it into their academic activities.

He made this assertion last Wednesday (January 8, 2025) while declaring open the Faculty of Clinical Sciences' Public Lecture and Research Workshop, organised in collaboration with the Offa Descendants' Union North America (ODUNA), at the University Auditorium.

While explaining the indispensability of technology in driving institutional processes and societal advancements, Prof. Egbewole said technology has come to stay, and it is now a necessity, not an option.

While expressing optimism about the outcomes of the lecture, Prof. Egbewole said, "It is my hope that by the end of this lecture, we will have actionable strategies to improve our teaching and research methods. More importantly, we must extend the benefits of these innovations to our communities, ensuring that the impact of our work is felt in the society."

The Vice Chancellor commended the collaboration between the Faculty of Clinical Sciences and ODUNA, describing it as a significant milestone in the University's drive for meaningful partnerships. He said, "For deeming it fit to collaborate with ODUNA to organise this Public Lecture, I extend my heartfelt commendations. This partnership reflects

the priorities of this Administration, which is deeply committed to fostering impactful collaborations."

In his lecture, titled "Living Life on a Mission: Career Path of an Intervention Radiologist", the Guest Lecturer, Dr Hammed Ninalowo, charged stakeholders in the Country to prioritise collaboration between government agencies, private investors, and academic institutions as the possible way of advanced medicine in Nigeria.

Dr Ninalowo, a renowned medical expert in the field of interventional Radiology, underscored the immense potential Nigeria holds in achieving globally competitive healthcare standards, adding that advance medicine is possible in Nigeria only if people are ready to sacrifice.

He emphasised the importance of strategic investment in infrastructure, training, and research, coupled with the efficient use of local resources.

Dr Ninalowo noted that "Nigeria has the talent, the determination, and the resources to achieve advanced medical breakthroughs", lamenting, however, that people are not ready to give back to their country". According to him, "What we need is a unified commitment to building systems that empower our healthcare professionals, encourage innovation, and ensure access to quality care for all."

Dr Ninalowo also commended the University of Ilorin for fostering academic excellence and creating platforms for meaningful dialogue on pressing healthcare issues, adding that "Institutions like UNILORIN play a critical role in shaping the future of healthcare by nurturing talents and driving research."

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences,

Prof. Lukman O. Abdurrahman, said that the Faculty is committed to addressing the healthcare needs of Nigerians through research, education, and community service.

Prof. Abdurrahman stressed the need for a multi-faceted approach to tackling the country's healthcare challenges, such as inadequate healthcare infrastructure, shortage of healthcare personnel, and limited access to healthcare services.

He also highlighted the importance of collaboration between the academia, healthcare providers, and the community in finding solutions to the country's healthcare challenges.

While explaining that the Public Lecture was part of the efforts of the Faculty to promote healthcare development and education in Nigeria, the Dean said that the Faculty of Clinical Sciences has established itself as a center of excellence in medical education and research in Nigeria.

Prof. Abdurrahman said that by seeking solutions to the country's healthcare challenges, the Faculty is demonstrating its commitment to improving the health and well-being of the Nigerian people.

Speaking on behalf of the ODUNA, the Acting Director of the University Health Services, Dr Rasheed Odunola, appreciated the University for accommodating the Association, which he said was established to address health issues of Offa indigenes and other Nigerians at home and abroad.

He promised continued collaboration in the interest of the University at large, calling on others to join the association in making the country health system unique for all.



UNILORIN wins 3 awards at Huawei ICT contest

By Temitope Omoniyi

The University of Ilorin's commitment to excellence in ICT education has earned her another recognition as one of the Best Huawei Information and Communications Technology ICT academies in Nigeria.

At the 2024/2025 Huawei ICT Competition Nigeria National Final Awards Ceremony held in Abuja last December, leading institutions, instructors, and exceptional students from across the country were rallied to celebrate outstanding achievements in the field of Information and Communications Technology ICT.

The University of Ilorin won three prestigious awards that unequivocally demonstrate its leadership in ICT education and innovation in the country.

Also, a staff member in the Department of Telecommunication Science and instructor at the Unilorin Huawei ICT Academy, Yusuff Nurudeen, was recognised as one of the Best Huawei Academy instructors nationwide.

Takeenah Sodamade, a final-year student of the Department of Telecommunication Science and Huawei ICT

Academy Student Ambassador, was named one of the Best Huawei ICT Academy Student Ambassadors in Nigeria.

The Bursar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Abiodun Lawal, who led the delegation of the University to the awards ceremony, noted that the university's exceptional performance at the event demonstrates its dedication to empowering students, staff, and the broader academic community with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in ICT.

In his reaction, the Director of the Centre for Research, Development and In-house Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, pointed out that this achievement underscores the University's commitment to promoting a vibrant learning environment that nurtures innovation, excellence, and a deep understanding of the evolving ICT landscape.

As the University of Ilorin continues to build upon this remarkable achievement, it solidifies its position as a beacon of progress and a driving force in shaping Nigeria's digital future.

Fawole, Dean of Agric bags Fellowship of RSB

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and Professor of Soil Microbiology in the Department of Agronomy, Olujemisi B. Fawole, has been elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (FRSB), UK. The election, by the Council of RSB, was

on January 1, 2025.

RSB is a globally respected organisation dedicated to advancing biological research, education, and professional development.

The Fellowship (FRSB) is a distinguished honour awarded to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the biological sciences.



■ Prof. Fawole

We've achieved 98% of our campaign promises -- Unilorin SSANU Chairman

By Idris Alooma

The Senior Staff Association of Universities (SSANU), Unilorin Chapter, has made remarkable strides under the leadership of Comrade Naheem Olusola Falowo, with an impressive 98% achievement of his electioneering campaign promises.

This was disclosed by the Chairman, Comrade Falowo last Tuesday (January, 7, 2025) while fielding questions on a Unilorin FM popular Yoruba programme, 'Oro to n lo', anchored by the Station Manager, Mr. Idris Akintola Ibrahim (Idris Alooma).

Comrade Falowo highlighted several notable accomplishments by his executive committee to include the completion of the SSANU Secretariat, equipped with modern furniture, a board room, and a state-of-the-art crèche, considered the best in Kwara State.

He also listed the Union's active participation in national and zonal meetings, such as the National Delegates Conference, National Executive Council meetings, and



■ Mr. Falowo

Zonal Executive Council meetings.

The SSANU Chairman also noted that the Union has successfully influenced the payment of staff's two months' withheld salaries, payment of responsibility and hazard allowances, and the migration of SSANU members' salary from IPPIS to GIFMIS. He added that two SSANU members, Dr. Rasheed Odunola and Mr. Rasheed Gidado, were elected to the University Governing Council.

Comrade Falowo attributed the Union's successes to its cordial relationship with sister unions, such

as the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the National Association of Academic Technicians (NAAT), and the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU), as well as the University Management, led by Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN. He emphasised that the Union's approach to resolving issues involves consultation, consolidation, and confrontation, with the latter being a last resort.

While acknowledging that there are still pending demands from the Federal Government, such as the remaining two months withheld salary arrears, and the N50 billion arrears of earned allowance, among others, Comrade Falowo expressed his appreciation to SSANU members for their support and prayers. He also appreciated the cooperation of the sister unions and members of the University community at large.

He urged members to trust the leadership, attend congresses, and shun rumours, assuring them of his accessibility at all times.

Don tasks students on talent development

By Abubakar Abdulquadri

The Ag. Head of the Department of Telecommunication Science (TCS), University of Ilorin, Dr Caroline Temidayo Adeniran, has advised students, particularly those in her Department, to continually learn and develop their skills to achieve their future ambitions.

Dr Adeniran gave this advice last Tuesday (January 7, 2025) while featuring on 'Table Talk', a current affairs programme of UNILORIN 89.3 FM.

The don emphasised the importance of students developing their skills through personal efforts, explaining that not all knowledge can be acquired in the lecture room.

She disclosed that her Department had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MAWEY Technology Academy, noting that their curriculum aligns with global standards, offering courses such as data



■ Dr Adeniran

communication, security, and networking.

She explained that her Department's partnership with MAWEY, a leading global telecommunications company based in China, has facilitated the training and certification of over 2000 students since its inception.

Dr Adeniran pointed out that 150 students are currently registered for certification examinations, and that the collaboration with MAWEY has made the training and certification examination free for students. She said that this gesture has also been extended to other Departments within the University.

She added that her Department has four trained instructors capable of conducting mock examinations for students. She explained that selected students must pass through the University Administration, led by Prof. Abdulkarim Oloyede, the Director, Centre for Research, Development and In-house Training (CREDIT) and MAWEY Academy to receive free certification and write examinations.

The Head of the Department also commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his administration's support to her Department, which is enhancing its service delivery capabilities.



■ *The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole (middle), with Principal Officers and members of the newly inaugurated Advancement Board shortly after the inauguration last Friday. (Story on the Back Page)*

Yusuf, Oke counsel young academics on path to a successful career

By Mubarak Oladosu

A Professor of Education Technology at the University of Ilorin, Mudathir Olalere Yusuf, and Dr. Tunde Oke of the Nasarawa State University, Lafia, have counseled young academics and Ph.D. students to reach for their utmost potential by complementing their talents with soft skills, noting that talent alone is never enough.

The duo spoke last Monday (January 6, 2025) at the commencement of a three-day Workshop organised by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) in collaboration with the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), University of Ilorin, themed "Strategic Networking for Researchers: Building Connections and Maximising Productivity."

In his presentation, titled "Strategic Networking for Researchers: Combining Networking and Time Management for Career Success", Prof. Yusuf, who is the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Education, noted that an academic has to engage colleagues in networking, and urged participants to keep in touch with their old and foreign classmates, noting that collaborative research is better rated than solo research in addition to the fact that collaboration could also give research a wider reach.

While emphasising the importance of mentorship in academic

practice, Prof. Yusuf, who is also a former Director of Computer Services and Information Technology COMSIT, University of Ilorin, pointed out that no level of brilliance can replace experience.

In his own presentation, titled "Time Mastery for Productive Research Career", Dr. Tunde Oke, of the Nasarawa State University, Lafia, noted that time is not infinite and so it is precious. He, therefore, urged participants to keep track of how their time is spent.

Dr Oke said that it is important for the young scholars to identify their most productive time of the day and ensure that they make the best of their most productive time so that they do not become what he referred to as "professional Ph. D. students".

While declaring the workshop open earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, congratulated the organisers, noting that the training justifies the University's payment of six thousand pounds membership due of the Association of Commonwealth University (ACU).

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated Dr. Mulikat Mustapha of the Department of Education Guidance and Counselling, for winning an ACU grant and for facilitating the training. He then urged the participants to take a cue from her by winning more grants and replicating such training.

On his part, the Director of the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), Prof. Abdulkareem Oloyede, appreciated the Vice Chancellor for his unflinching dedication to staff training, noting that the Vision 1: 10: 500 of the Egbewole Administration is within reach as far as research is concerned in the University.

Prof. Oloyede, who was represented by the Facilitator of the workshop, Dr Mulikat Mustapha, observed that the leadership of Prof. Egbewole has continued to inspire groundbreaking initiatives.

She also appreciated Prof. Yusuf and Dr Oke for availing young scholars with their wealth of experience.

The Ambassador of the ACU at the University of Ilorin, Prof. Yahya Oyewole Imam, who is also the Director of the Centre for Affiliated Institutions, urged the participants to maximise the opportunities at their disposal to become Commonwealth Scholars.

The event was attended by other Principal Officers of the University and the Director of the Centre for International Education (CIE), Prof. Ibrahim Onireti. and the Coordinator of the Organising Committee of the Workshop, Prof. Nafisat Adedokun-Shittu.

Open Ph.D. Thesis Defence

S/N	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE&TIME	VENUE
1.	OCHIDI Zakeri	Department of the Business Administrative	E-Advertising and Consumer Purchase Descission of Selected Online Stores in Kooi State	Wednesday 15th January, 2025	Faculty of Management Science Board room



UNILORIN WEEKLY FINANCIAL DIGEST

FUND SOURCES AND UTILIZATION REPORT FROM 2ND TO 9TH JANUARY 2025

RECEIPTS:		
Academic Transcript		796,200.00
Sundry & Other Fees Student Charges		2,702,682.00
Sundry Other Incomes		931,800.00
Convocation Souvenir		1,485,600.00
Staff I.D Cards		3,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening		320,000.00
CODL- Clearance Charges		40,200.00
CODL Undergraduate Charges		6,209,200.00
CODL Form Processing Charges		15,200.00
Utility Income		888,000.00
Clinic Registration (Staff)		5,000.00
Rent on University Property		329,981.00
Disciplinary Fines		5,000.00
Students Hire of Gowns		68,000.00
Refund		4,117,385.13
Others		34,000.00
University of Ilorin Fees		10,000.00
Undergraduate School Charges		102,684.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment		6,900.00
Undergraduate Clearance Charges		40,200.00
Undergraduate Hostel Accommodation		181,567.00
Undergraduate Convocation Charges		1,308,100.00
Postgraduate School Charges		22,732,350.00
Postgraduate School Transcript Payment		110,000.00
Postgraduate Application Form		675,000.00
Postgraduate Convocation Charges		628,750.00
Postgraduate Tuition Fees		553,100.00
Remedial Application Form		152,000.00
Remedial School Charges		1,043,800.00
Remedial Acceptance Payment		197,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance		25,200.00
Ilorin Business School Charges		1,371,500.00
JUPEB Application form		126,000.00
JUPEB School Charges		2,153,200.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment		101,000.00
Total Receipt for the Period		N49,470,199.13
PAYMENTS		
PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS:		
Gan and Associates Ltd	Wire Mesh Fencing	16,658,259.40
Sinclair Hotel	Catering Services	59,620.00
Hambib Ventures Ltd	Renovation of Mathematics dept Building	16,365,571.22
Habraib Global Resources Ltd	Plumbing Repairs in Zoology/Plant Biology Laboratories	1,045,301.04
Totzee Nigeria Enterprises	Services Rendered Hostel mgt at mini Campus	1,680,000.00
Real Concrete Nigeria Ltd	Renovation of Food Engineering Dept Building	326,773.51
Habraib Global Resources Ltd	Repairs work at University Auditorium Building	5,086,878.26
Raib Worldwide Interbiz Ltd	Control of Erosion along ASUU Luxury estate junction and Renovation	4,017,545.90
Zakmad Tech Nig Ltd	Supply of Quality Laptop Bags to University	4,898,584.08
Nikeykay Dynamic Enterprise Limited	Plumbing Repairs at Fire Service	1,306,891.26
Exculture Nigeria Ltd	Supply of Drugs and Dressings	3,505,480.00
Chemi Plant Nig Ltd	Repair works at new water Treatment Plant	5,286,035.62
Mallam Sodiq Jamiu Distrinct Metal Constr Works	Erection of Tank Stanchion for Borehole etc	5,192,599.91
Gibat Geosearch Nig Ltd	Repair of Clinic Borehole	637,163.25
Pholataiz Nigeria Limited	Supply, Installation for Biotech. Lab (TETFUND)	70,243,250.00
A.E. Sani &Co	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	2,560,000.00
Nasat & Sons Nig Ltd	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	12,800,000.00
Sulronhallmark Nig Ltd	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	5,120,000.00
Generation Merchants Nig Ltd	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	7,360,000.00
Sheylats Multiglobal Nig Ltd	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	6,960,000.00
Kosemani face Venture	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	4,480,000.00
Atlantic Height Apex Projects	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	4,800,000.00
Famotrust Nig Ltd	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	4,920,000.00
Turaklean Ent.	Payment of Utility Charges for 2024/2025	860,000.00
Halmark of Labour	Purchase of Books	990,000.00
African Newspapers of Nig PLC	Advertisement	557,280.00
Teejay Elevator Ltd	Replacement of Generator Lift operator	235,000.00
Industrial Leaders Communication Ltd	Compendium of Tertiary Institution of Learning in Nigeria	130,000.00
Multibiz Millemium Global Services	Hosting of D-8 Network of Pioneers for Research & Innovation	168,000.00
Qboys Global Resources Ltd	Conversion of former Chemical Engineering Dept for Computer Engineering	164,222.41
OTHER PAYMENTS:		
Various	Various i.e DTA, IMPREST, REFUND e.t.c	25,874,223.30
Purchase Advance	Various	2,677,710.00
Unilorin Petrol Station	Supply of Fuel	170,000.00
Total TSA Charges	Various	65,467.50
Total payment for the period		N217,201,856.66

Signed
Abiodun Lawal (FCNA)
 Bursar



S/N	Name	Department	Birthday
1	Amali, Ismaila Oteikwu Onche	Social Science Education	Jan-12
2	Banigbe, Peter Odunayo	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jan-12
3	Abdul-Ganiyu, Shehu	Library	Jan-12
4	Adebayo, Kolawole Adewale	Registry	Jan-12
5	Amuda-Yusuf, Ganiyu	Quantity Surveying	Jan-12
6	Kareem, Suwebat Bidemi	Anatomy	Jan-12
7	Dagbo, Ahmed Zakariyah	Centre For Supportive Services For The Deaf	Jan-12
8	Afolabi, Felix Dare	Directorate Of Corporate Affairs	Jan-12
9	Ganiyu, Abdulrasheed	Security Division	Jan-12
10	Abubakar, Salamat Temitope	Registry	Jan-12
11	Oseni, Adelodun Gobir	Bursary	Jan-13
12	Daramola, Stephen	Security Division	Jan-13
13	Bako, Abdullateef Iyanda	Urban & Regional Planning	Jan-13
14	Emhaneshi, Usman Isiaka	University Lodges Unit	Jan-13
15	Olomoda, Shakirat Olaitan	Registry	Jan-13
16	Oseni, Danjuma John	Registry	Jan-13
17	Babatunde, Yusuf Olanrewaju	Microbiology	Jan-13
18	Awotunde, Joseph Bamidele	Computer Science	Jan-13
19	Yusuf, Abdulrasheed	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jan-13
20	Zakariyah, Rahmat Folashade	Microbiology	Jan-13
21	Rafiu, Kamar Adewale	Ling. & Nig. Languages	Jan-14
22	Ayanda, Stephen Kolawole	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-14
23	Hamzat, Rashidat Bola	Registry	Jan-14
24	Ishola, Sunday Moses	Registry	Jan-14
25	Bamigboye, Mercy Oluwaseyi	Industrial Chemistry	Jan-14
26	Alaya, Abdullhakeem Musa	Estate Management	Jan-14
27	Jimoh, Abayomi Charles	Registry	Jan-14
28	Aweda, Jacob Olayiwola	Mechanical Engineering	Jan-15
29	Idakwo, Isaac	Central Admin: Office	Jan-15
30	Ladeja, Adisa Ibrahim	Works: Parks & Gardens	Jan-15
31	Oyekemi, Hassan Kolawole	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-15
32	Toyin, Salman	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-15
33	Olatoye, Augustine Dele	Registry	Jan-15
34	Abdulrahman, Abdulganiyu Idris	Economics	Jan-15
35	Saliman, Salahu Tunde	Social Work	Jan-15
36	Abdulganiyu, Qazem Adekunle	Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Chemistry	Jan-15
37	Lawal, Kazeem Olawale	Unilorin Staff School	Jan-15
38	Sheik-Ahmad, Rukayat Idowu	Registry	Jan-15
39	Abubakar, Mustapha Apalando	Security Division	Jan-15
40	Solomon, Abosede Oluwakemi	Unilorin Sugar Research Institute	Jan-15
41	Yusuf, Olanrewaju Bashiru	Security Division	Jan-15
42	Johnson, Wahab Rotimi	Paediatrics & Child Health	Jan-16
43	Salman, Toyin Abdulazeez	Web Support Services	Jan-16
44	Olanrewaju, Yinus Alade	Works: Civil/Building	Jan-16
45	Oluwadare, Oluwasegun Akinola	Agric Econs & Farm Mgt	Jan-16
46	Lawal, Fatai Mobolaji	Veterinary Surgery & Radiology	Jan-16
47	Galadima, Folashade Amudat	Unilorin Staff School	Jan-16
48	Sulaiman, Musa Mohammed	Science Education	Jan-16
49	Egbanubi, Oluwatosin Eunice	Chemical Engineering	Jan-16
50	Atunwa, Soliu Abiola	Pharmacology & Toxicology	Jan-16
51	Ibiyeye, Sulaiman	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-17
52	Lawal, Kamal Kunle	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-17
53	Omoloso, Aisha Imam	Mass Communication	Jan-17
54	Hamid, Abdulmunieed Amao	Chemistry	Jan-17
55	Salami, Mumini	Works: Electrical/Telecom	Jan-17
56	Aderoju, Musiliu Adekola	Educational Technology	Jan-17
57	Uthman, Teslim Olayiwola	Chemistry	Jan-17
58	Lamidi, Kehinde	Works: Works/Maint. Office	Jan-18
59	Raji, Mashood Abiola	Veterinary Microbiology	Jan-18
60	Abdulbaqi, Saudat Salah	Mass Communication	Jan-18
61	Adeyina, Adebisi Oluwatoba	Animal Production	Jan-18
62	Ahmed, Zainab Jumoke	Security Division	Jan-18
63	Asaju-Gbolagade, Yisat Wuraola	Computer Science	Jan-18

The University Board of Health encourages you to visit the University Health Services for medical check-up on your birthday. Thanks

- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will on Monday, January 13, 2025 unveil a billboard to mark the beginning of the University's golden jubilee celebration. ("Egbewole to Launch UNILORIN @50 Billboard", <https://solarenews.wordpress.com>)
- The University of Ilorin was mentioned among other Nigerian Universities that received allocation from the federal government. ("New federal varsity a misnomer", *The Punch*, Tuesday, January 7, 2025, p.18)
- The University of Ilorin was listed among other institutions that benefited from the Kwara State free transportation palliative for students, initiated by the Kwara State Governor, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq. ("Kwara Govt Approves Free Transport To Returning Varsity Students", *Leadership*, Tuesday, January 7, 2025, p.12)
- The Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr. Mansur Alfa, has announced that the University has kick-started the implementation of a new policy that would enable graduates to collect their unclaimed certificates via courier service. ("Unilorin introduces courier service for unclaimed certificates", <https://midlandpost.ng/index.php/features>; Unilorin introduces courier service for collection of certificates", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "Certificate Collection: UNILORIN offers courier option for graduates", <https://punching.com>; "UNILORIN Introduces Courier Service For Certificate Collection", <https://edugist.org>; "UNILORIN Introduces Courier Service for graduates to receive Certificates", <https://News.digest.ng>; "UNILORIN Introduces Courier Service For Collection of Certificates",

<https://www.nationsrecord.com>; "UNILORIN Introduces New Method For Certificate Collection", <https://gwng.ng>)

- The Management of the University of Ilorin has said that it was fully aware of the change in leadership of the institution's Alumni Association with the election of a new Executive Committee, led by Prof. Abdulrazaq Olubusuyi Kilani. ("UNILORIN management clarifies position on Alumni crisis", <https://vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN Management asks Dr Wale Fasakin to stop parading himself as Alumni President", <https://theshieldonlineng.com>; "Fasakin No Longer UNILORIN Alumni Association President", <https://newtelegraphng.com>; "Unilorin management clarifies position on Alumni rift", <https://tribuneonlineng.com>; "UNILORIN management clarifies position on Alumni crisis", <https://www.vanguardngr.com>; "UNILORIN Management wades into alumni leadership crisis", <https://thegraphicnews.ng>; "UNILORIN Management Clarifies Position on Alumni Leadership Crisis", <https://choice-reporters.com>; "Stop Parading Yourself as Our President, Unilorin Alumni Mgt Tells Fasakin", <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php>; "UNILORIN refutes Dr Wale Fasakin's claim as institution's Alumni President", <https://dailypost.ng>; "UNILORIN intervenes in Alumni Association's rift", *New Telegraph*, Thursday, January 9, 2025, p.30); "UNILORIN Management Clarifies Position on Alumni Rift, Warns Against Impersonation", <https://accuratenewsng.com>; "UNILORIN Management Clarifies Position on Alumni Leadership Crisis", *RadioNigeriaNetworkNews*, Thursday, January 9, 2024, 7.00a.m.; UNILORIN Management asks Dr Wale Fasakin to stop parading himself as Alumni President, <https://theshieldonlineng.com>; UNILORIN Management clarifies position on Alumni leadership rift, <https://blueprint.ng>





UNILORIN moves to boost resource base ...Inaugurates Advancement Board

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has inaugurated the University Advancement Board with a mandate to strengthen the institution's resource base through strategic resource mobilisation, partnerships, and endowments.

The inauguration ceremony, held last Friday (January 10, 2025), at the University Auditorium was attended by Principal Officers, Council Members, the Committee of Provost and Deans, Directors of Centres and Units, Union Leaders, Alumni Association executives, Student Union leaders, and other stakeholders.

The Board is chaired by Dr. Abdulwahab A. Ibrahim, FCA, with Alhaji Bolaji Elelu and Mr. Abiodun Adediran Olatunji, SAN, serving as members. Statutory members of the Board include the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), who will serve as the Vice-Chancellor's Representative and Alternate Chairman; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), the Bursar, the University Librarian, and the Registrar, who will serve as the Secretary of the Board. They will be joined by the University Internal Auditor, one member of Senate, one member of Congregation, one member of Convocation, and the Director of Advancement Centre.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor explained that the Board's membership was selected based on values such as integrity, excellence, courage, and commitment, adding that the inclusion of alumni representatives, demonstrate the University's confidence in its graduates' capacity to contribute significantly to its advancement.

While reaffirming the University's aspiration to "produce globally competitive graduates who are equipped to make meaningful impacts in their respective fields", the Vice Chancellor said, "The University Advancement Board will be instrumental in helping us achieve this vision."

Prof. Egbewole pointed out that the establishment of the Board is particularly timely as the University prepares to celebrate its golden jubilee this year, saying, "This body represents a convergence of talent, expertise, and dedication, comprising leaders from the academia, industry, government, and other sectors." He added that "the



■ Prof. Egbewole



■ Dr. Ibrahim

Advancement Board will serve as a bridge between the University and the broader society we are committed to serving".

Listing its terms of reference, the Vice Chancellor said that the University Advancement Board would develop strategies to enhance the University's Fundraising and Partnership Initiatives; identify and pursue opportunities to expand the University's influence and impact; oversee and support fundraising campaigns, sponsorships, and other resource mobilisation efforts; and identify and cultivate relationships with potential donors, corporate sponsors, and philanthropic entities.

The Board was also mandated to foster strong relationships with alumni, community members, industry leaders, and other stakeholders; promote initiatives that build goodwill and strengthen stakeholder trust; monitor the effectiveness of advancement strategies and campaigns; and ensure alignment of advancement activities with the University's vision, mission, values, and goals.

In his inaugural speech, the Chairman of the Advancement Board, Dr. Abdulwahab A. Ibrahim, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the University and pledged the Board's unwavering commitment to advancing the institution.

Dr. Ibrahim assured stakeholders that the Board would focus its energy on fulfilling its mandate, assuring that those who placed their trust in the Board would have no cause for regret.

He said, "We are here to serve, and we will do nothing but serve", pointing out that "this Board comprises individuals with the capacity to deliver on the terms of our appointment. These terms are designed to advance the course of the University, ensuring it continues to achieve its goals and becomes even better".