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MOU**AU** to **GREATER** Heights!

KUDOS to a seasoned Mathematician and Administrator per excellence.

Staff welfare in my mind
...Otunta

There is a management philosophy which opines that people tend to follow a leader through whom they perceive their own personal aspirations shall be met. Let me vehemently aver before you all that staff welfare issues would remain fundamental in our symbiotic efforts of nation building and pursuit of

A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success

-Joyce Brothers

The 5th Vice Chancellor of MOUAU; Set to achieve his inaugural OBJECTIVES:

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attainment of the University goals. Any amongst you here cognizant of my antecedents would attest that I am not a novice in the art of making people happy and comfortable. By experience, I know that comfort provokes a man to give off his best and be more productive in his service delivery. Hence, efforts within the purview of our financial capability would be geared towards ensuring a conducive working atmosphere for the staff to enable each to contribute positively towards our efforts to make the University a world-class Institution. Part of the ideals of the change mantra of the

Federal Government has hijacked salary payments through the Treasury Single Account Policy. Based on this, one cannot confidently vouch for a particular pay day for the workforce. But all documentation that would enhance early and quick response would be vigorously pursued on our own part. Also staff appraisals and promotions would be transparently and judiciously performed on and as at when due, without personal bias and any form of victimization. The feedback mechanism created in an appraisal modality would enable an aggrieved staff

to notify management of any irregularities or perverted judgment. In the same vein, all qualified staff shall be encouraged to seek higher degrees both internally, and if the embargo being proposed against oversea training by the federal government is not feasible, then externally.

Staff development through conferences, seminars and workshops shall also be given priority attention by my administration.

The following members are worthy of commendation according to records from the Servicom unit.

This punctuality rate has been maintained from March 2016 till date, between 6.40 am ... 8.00am.



MOUAU EARLY BIRDS

**HURRAY ! MOUAU ,
stands up for
HER MOST PUNCTUAL
STAFF MEMBERS !!!**



Happy birthday
The Public Relations/Protocol Unit
Michael Okpara University of
Agriculture, Umudike (Mouau)
congratulates all those born in
September.
Congratulations!

NAME	PERFORMANCE	COLLEGE	DEPT.	RANK
NWAOGU EMILIA UCHE A.	100%	CAERSE	AGRI BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	HEAD MESSENGER
NWAKA UGOCHUKWU	98%	COLMAS	ACCOUNTANCY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
IKECHUKWU	95%	CEET	CIVIL ENGINEERING	SENIOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT

See How FRANKLY, FRANK Can Be!

As earlier promised by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Francis Ogbonnaya Otunta, that Management will treat the issue of students' accommodation urgently, following the plea by the SUG Executives for reduction in their hostel rates, when they paid him a courtesy visit.

The University Management at its 84th meeting held on August 16, 2016 has directed a reduction on the amount paid by students per bed space at the NDDC and Jonathan Hostels from sixty thousand (N60, 000.00) to fifty thousand (N50, 000.00).

APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES



The following appointments and committees have been constituted and inaugurated following the approval of the Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Francis Ogbonya Otunta;

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MOUUAU AND NRCRI

A joint committee for the review and update of the Memorandum of Understanding between Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, and the National Root Crops Research Institute both in Umudike has been constituted.

According to the Registrar, Professor O. O. Ekumakama of the Entrepreneurship Studies Centre is the Chairman while Mr. C.J. Egwu will serve as secretary. Other members are Professor Ike Nwachukwu, Professor J.O. Echeme, Dr. M.J. Eka and Dr. C.C. Ononuju.

The Committee which has four (4) weeks to submit its report is expected to interface with the NRCRI team and agree on the review and update of MOU and schedule a date for signing.

COMMITTEE ON AGRIPRENEURSHIP SYMPOSIUM AND RELATED ISSUES

Following the outcome of the Agripreneurship Workshop organized by the Association of Deans of Agriculture in Nigerian Universities, (ADAN) at the Landmark University, Omuaran, Kwara State, the above Committee has been constituted and is expected to organize a one day University wide symposium on Agripreneurship for MOUUAU students of Agriculture during the first month of the 2016/2017 session, with the following

members:

Professor S. N. Ukachukwu – Chairman, Mr. B. I. Okike – Secretary, Professor R.N. Echebiri, Professor E.N. Ogbodo, Professor J.C. IHEMEJE, Professor O.O. Ekumankama – members.

CONSTITUTION OF PROCUREMENT UNIT

According to the memo signed by the Registrar, Dr. Azubuikwe Nwokocho, Engineer A.O. Onwubuiko who will Head the Unit will also be the Secretary of the University Procurement Planning Committee and the University Tenders Board.

Members of the Unit include Engineer Wisdom C. Nwoko-Omere, Mr. Gregory Ikwueze and Mr. Ifeanyi Chukwuba.

The Unit is expected among other things to serve as secretary to the University Procurement Planning Committee and the University Tenders Board.

RE: PRE-AFFILIATION VISITATION TO ABIA STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AROCHUKWU (ASCETA)

AT its 178th Regular meeting held on 3rd August, 2016, Senate considered the report of Pre-Affiliation Visitation to Abia State College of Education (Technical) Arochukwu (ASCETA) accepted the affiliation subject to a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Senate therefore, appointed the following as the Chairman, Secretary and members of the committee to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between MOUUAU and ASCETA on the mode of affiliation.

They include: Professor N.A. Umezulike member, Professor Ike Nwachukwu member, Professor V.O. Ifeanyi member, Professor J.A. Mbanasor member and Mrs. N. Nnorom-Emecheta member /Secretary.

The Committee which is to review

the report and draft up a Memorandum of Understanding on the various areas of affiliation, to review the programmes and suggest the mode of affiliation and to recommend other possible ways of facilitating the affiliation process, is expected to report to Senate at its next meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSAL WRITING

Professor A.A. Nlewadim –Chairman, Mr. C.I. Mpamah Secretary, Professor O.O. Ukoha, Dr. Yinka Nwachukwu, Professor D.O. Asawalam and Professor K.J. Simonya.

In a related development, the **TASK FORCE COMMITTEE ON PIGGERY** has been constituted with Professor Sunny N. Ukachukwu as Chairman and the Director of Farm Centre as Secretary.

Others are Professor Cosmos Ogbu, Dr. Eugene Nwachukwu, Dr. Uchechukwu Okeh, Dr. Asogwa Vincent Chidindu and Dr. David F. Adieke.

COMMITTEE ON CASES OF DELAYED APPRAISAL AND PROMOTION

In another development, the University Appraisal Committee has constituted a committee to look into cases of delayed appraisal and promotion to professional cadre in a meeting held on September 9, 2016.

Members of the Committee are Professor S.N. Ibe as Chairman, Mr. R.C Udushirinwa Secretary, Professor C.E. Onyenweaku, Professor P.C. Ojmelukwe, Professor V.I.O Ndirika and Professor M.C. Okafor.

The Committee which has two weeks to submit its interim report has the following as terms of reference: to consider cases of delayed appraisal/promotion to professional

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cadre, to verify each claim and determine the immediate and remote causes for the delay, to make recommendations on how to resolve each case and advise on ways of forestalling future occurrence.

RE-CONSTITUTION OF STAFF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

The following are the Chairman and Members of the above committee; Professor J.C. Echeme - Chairman, Professor V.I.O. Ndirika , Professor C.O. Muoneke , Dr. (Mrs.) O.C. Nzeagwu , Dr. (Mrs.) S.C. Akomas , Professor C.U.U. Kadurumba , and Dr. M. Agbai as the Secretary.

Terms of Reference is to study report of the University investigation Panel referred to it and make recommendations to Management or Council as the case may be. The committee has tenure of three year.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH HELD AT MOU AU

Corporate organizations and oil companies in the Niger Delta Region have been called upon to show commitment to their corporate social responsibilities and community development to avert ongoing economic sabotage by the avengers.

Vice-Chancellor of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Professor Francis Otunta who made the call during the first ever International Conference of the Society for Community and Communication Development Research held in the Senator Anym Pius Anyim Auditorium, MOU AU, pledged to work on the Institutions areas of strength to make landmark contributions to the agricultural and community development of Nigeria.

Declaring open the conference, Professor Otunta represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Madu Iwe Ofo thanked the organizers for putting the conference together at a time the economy is dwindling occasioned by the massive fall in oil prices and disruption in oil production.

In an opening remark, Chairman of the conference, Professor Udo Herbert who welcomed the August visitors to the University, noted that corporate organizations have a responsibility to their host communities to carry them along in developmental issues.



Presenting his address, the founder of the society and conference convener, Professor Ike Nwachukwu said the society was borne out of his desire to foster academic excellence and research in the South East Geo-Political Zone

of the Country which according to him is lagging behind compared to other Zones.

In his keynote address presentation, former permanent secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. McJohn Nwaobiala

said that a good model for using corporate social responsibilities to achieve community development should be driven by the quest to improve the standard of living of the community inhabitants.

ABIA GOV'S WIFE AFFIRMS PARTNERSHIP WITH MOUAU A D R CENTRE ON **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**



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he Co-ordinator, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre Barrister Mrs. Bertha Nnenna Otunta has expressed willingness to partner with the office of the wife of the Governor of Abia State, Mrs. Nkechi Ikpeazu for the realization of relative peace and harmony in the University and Abia State in general.



Speaking when she led her team on a courtesy visit to Mrs. Ikpeazu at Government House Umuahia, Barrister Mrs. Otunta who said the visit was to intimate the wife of Governor on the existence of the Centre solicited that certain controversial matters be referred to the Centre for possible settlement.

She said that the idea of the Centre was conceived the moment her husband Professor Francis Otunta assumed office as the Vice-Chancellor of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike in March 2016, adding that the Centre is prepared to take matters for settlement from Student affairs Department, disciplinary committees and any other bodies involved in conflict situation as it is deemed fit.

She challenged Abians to embrace the traditional ways of dealing with conflicts and shun running off the court at the slightest provocation, noting that the court should be the last resort where other forms of settlements have failed.

Responding, wife of Abia State Governor Mrs. Nkechi Ikpeazu thanked Barr. Mrs. Otunta for the visit, and noted that no stone should be left unturned in the promotion of peace and social harmony. Mrs. Ikpeazu said that the Centre which stands for justice, hope and peaceful co-existence, should give special attention to the youths, widows and teenagers, hereby pledged to assist the Centre in any possible way.

In a vote of thanks Barrister Williams Agugo thanked Mrs. Ikpeazu for granting the team audience, promising that the Centre will be at its best to resolve conflict creditability.

Christians have been charged to take religion beyond praying and fasting

MOUAU Prays

Christian have been challenged to take religion beyond praying and fasting and embrace Mercy, Justice and compassion to the widows, less-privileged and the disadvantaged in the society.

Preaching a sermon on the topic "God Created us for Good Works", at the September edition of MOUAU PRAYS- a monthly prayer meeting for management, staff and students of Michael Okpara University of

Taking his text from Ephesians 2: 1-2, 8-10, John 14:12-13, I Peter 5: 8-9 and Zechariah 5:4, Professor Ukoha

emphasized on the need for Christians to serve God through their chosen professions and lifestyle, adding that closing the will of God at



for the University challenged Christians to desist from practicing submarine Christianity which according to him is

a situation where Christians only live for Christ on Sundays and go back to sin the rest of the week. He also urged all present to practice the word of God and thereby appeals that others should be invited to join in the



Agriculture, Umudike, Professor O.O. Ukoha identified sin and disobedience as gateways to cruses and advised Christians to keep away from them in order to enjoy God's glory.

all times leads to living a fulfilled life in Christ.

In a closing remark, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Francis Otunta who thanked the speaker and the Evangelist for their fervent prayers

worshipping God.

The prayer meeting featured songs, special prayers for the sick, the University Management, Staff, Students, Nigeria and Abia State.

THE FORMER DVC, BURSAR, AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, BOWS OUT IN STYLE

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Professor Anya O. Anya has charged all staff of the institution to endeavor to serve and behave well in order to be honored and celebrated. He gave the charge during a send-forth party organized in honor of three former Principal officers of the University held recently and thanked them for the selfless services they rendered to the institution.

THE FORMER DVC, BURSAR, AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, BOWS OUT IN STYLE *from the page 6*

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Francis Otunta, In his brief remark, extolled immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dominic Aja Okpara, former Bursar- Chief Sunny Sumuonu and the

discharge of their duties. Lending his voice, Professor Ojewole commended them for not allowing their highly placed position change the negatively but rather showed understanding, maturity, and

Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor for giving approval for the party to hold and the former principal officers for their meritorious services to the Institution.

Highlight of the send forth party was the presentation of gifts to the past officers by the Pro-Chancellor.



former University Librarian, Professor Ahiaoma Ibegwam, and challenged all present to toll the paths of this former officers who showed commitment and dedication to duty, adding that service rendered for the good of humanity will always be rewarded.

Appreciating the contributions of the past officers, Professor Irene Ijeh described them as three of a kind who brought transformation, intelligence, and professionalism to bear in the

professionalism in carrying out their official assignment. Responding, Professor Dominic Aja Okpara, Professor Ahiaoma Ibegwam and Chief Sunny Sumuonu thanked the Management for the honour given to them, saying it has encouraged them to render more selfless services, knowing that it would be rewarded.

In a vote of thanks, the University Registrar, Dr. Azubuikwe Nwokocha thanked God for the success of the occasion and thanked the Pro-

CHANGE OF NAME

Former Miss Ugi-Idjaboro Edirin Rosemary of the Demonstration Primary School, MOUAU, wishes to be known and addressed as

Mrs. Francis Emonena, Edirin Rosemary.
All documents remain valid.

University community please take note.

OUR GREAT SON OF THE SOIL; **OUR HERO**

Just as the saying goes 'Give honor to whom honor is due', In this light the people of Nkpoghoru Autonomous Community Afikpo, in a Grand style, received one of their illustrious son, their good post master who bears the heart gladden letters of many in his hand and delivers without grudges, Professor Francis Ogbonnaya Otunta ,the ENYA -OHA 1 OF NKPOGHORO , as the 5th Vice Chancellor of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture , Umudike.

In his Speech , the Executive Chairman of Nkpoghoru community development forum(NCDF) Patriot Agha Michael Idume, thanked God for making their son attain a greater height saying "we jubilate today for our HERO who gives Hope to the hopeless, brings succor to the sorrowful mind , resuscitates already dead dreams , who pleased God and human in his first academic leadership , was again selected as the best amongst equal to serve at a higher position this time as a Vice Chancellor , in this light with his service to Humanity , We the people of Nkpoghoru community and entire Afikpo perceives another wind of human development and Youth empowerment".

As the adage goes ' He who pays respect to the Elders, pave his own way to greatness, Prof. Francis who does not only respect the Elders , but shows respect to the poor and widows, by lifting their burdens in measure to his ability. OH! Little wonder he is accorded the title "ENYA -OHA 1 OF NKPOGHORO" meaning the Eyes of Nkpoghoru, our prayers will form a shield of



Otunta receiving elders' blessings (Ihia oto)

protection in your leadership as Vice Chancellor of MOU AU ,the angels of great performance will never depart from you.

He hereby challenged the youth to be committed and consistent in their different profession as true faith and success has hands and feet and takes action.

The Former commissioner, of Peace, Border and Conflict Resolution Ebonyi State Chief Donatus Aja , amongst other dignitaries who graced the occasion , extolled this First Class Mathematician , a hardworking professor, an academican, whose Father was also a Teacher ,who fought tirelessly as the First indigenous Rector of Akani Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, and attracted tremendous projects to the institution through his hard work and Personal Relations with those at corridors of Power, hereby assured the staff of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike that Prof. Francis Otunta's in built Leadership style and determined nature of getting things done , will bring positive and reasonable change to the institution

Contributing to this, Elder Chukwu Egwu for the Elders of Nkpoghoru, prayed God to grant Prof. Otunta

protection and greater heights, as his obedience has brought him greatness.

The women of Nkpoghoru in the same voice, appealed that He may continue in his service of bringing peace and success to their community.

The 5th Vice Chancellor and ENYA-OHA 1 OF NKPOGHORO community, Professor Francis Ogbonnaya Otunta, thanked the community for always receiving and celebrating his great Achievements and promised never to deviate from his Nature of rendering selfless service to Humanity and the community at large , encouraged the youth to be hardworking and diligent , saying his Father use to say" that the height attained by great men was not achieved in a day" and prayed God to grant the Elders long live and good health.

This event which took place on the 24th of September 2016, featured ,the traditional blessing IHIA OTO by the Elders of Nkpoghoru community for God's guidance and Protection on their illustrious Son FRANCIS OGBONNAYA OTUNTA, Ph.D, PHF, FNATE, FIIA, JP. (Professor of Mathematics and Vice Chancellor)