

NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY

Internal memorandum

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

To: Members of Senate

From: Vice-Chancellor

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A REPORT (4TH) FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR TO THE 217TH MEETING OF SENATE, WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2023 AT THE SENATE CHAMBER

01 THE OPENING

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to the 217th Meeting of Senate, fresh from the Yuletide and hopefully re-energised to continue the race to catch up with lost time due to the last ASUU strike.

02 ACADEMIC MATTERS

(a) Cessation of the Affiliation of the Enugu State College of Education (Technical) with Nnamdi Azikiwe University.

The National Universities Commission by its letter, Ref. No. NAU/AP/F24/VOL.II/01 dated 3rd January 2023 has informed us that the affiliation of the Enugu State College of Education (Technical) to Nnamdi Azikiwe University has been terminated with effect from the 2022/2023 and transferred to the University of Nigeria, following a request from the College and the University of Nigeria. However, students of the College already enrolled under the affiliation of the College with Nnamdi Azikiwe University will continue and graduate under the affiliation.

(b) TETFund Alliance for Innovative Research (TETfair) Programme

Following a rigorous competitive selection process, a team from Nnamdi Azikiwe made of two staff: Dr. Chika E. Mgbemena

as Team Leader, Prof. Harold C. Godwin, team member and a postgraduate Mechanical Engineering student as team member was selected to participate in the above-named Fair; working on the project: *Development of a Virtual Reality-enabled Cathodic Protection System Remote Monitoring Tool for Predictive Maintenance of Oil and Gas pipelines.*

The event took place from 4th to 14th December 2022 in Abuja. A Report from the Team is still awaited.

(c) **Nomination of Staff of the University for the *Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) Programme***

Nine Staff of the University have been nominated for the above-named programme. They are:

- M.Sc.
Uwanta Ifeanyi Lawrence

- Ph.D.
Nwiyi I.U.
Nworabude Ekene Franklin
Umeh Odira Richard
Obiora Chika U.
Ikegwu Theophilus S.
Adeyemi Muhammed Adewusi

- Post doctoral
Ejikeme J.
Ezembu Eunice N.

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(d) **Workshops**

- (i) **National Innovation Workshop on the Promotion of Local Inventors of Science, Technology and Invention, 25th and 26th November, International Convention Centre (ICC), Awka.**

Two staff of the University: Engr. John Chukwuma Okonkwo (Technologist II) and Engr. Chidiebere Godlin Egboka

(Technologist II) both from the Department of Civil Engineering represented the University in this event. 21

The team had researched on: *poor handling of roof that leads to roof failure and resultant building failure, and case study of the Uyo Church building collapse.*

The team emerged third and received an award of two hundred thousand Naira (₦200,000.00)

(ii) Institutional Repository in Nnamdi Azikiwe University Library

An in-house workshop was organised from 16th - 18th November 2022 by the University Library for seventeen (17) staff of the Library selected from the Main Library, Medical Library (Nnewi), Faculty of Pharmacy Library (Agulu). They were introduced to the Institutional Repository system and how it operates: Creation of Communities and Sub-communities, user registration, creation of collections, assignment of submitters, quality assurance editors, submission of theses, articles and other resources etc.

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(iii) Migration Awareness Workshop of the University's Centre for Migration Studies (CMS-NAU) in Collaboration with the Nigeria Immigration Service, Anambra State Command, 13th December 2022 at the Conference Hall of CMS-NAU.

The theme of the workshop was: *Migration Enablement Procedures*, with Mrs. Ngozi Odikpo, the Comptroller, Nigeria Immigration Service, Anambra State Command, as the speaker.

(iv) The 2nd International Conference on Post-Covid-19 Pandemic Resilience of the Faculty of Biological Sciences

This rescheduled conference took place from 10th to 11th January 2023.

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03 **AWARDS WON BY STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

- (a) **Award of Excellence for Academic Leadership: The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, FAS, FPSN**

The Faculty of Biological Sciences in its post 2nd International Conference award ceremony held on Thursday 12th January 2023 conferred on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, FAS, FPSN, the award of Excellence for Academic Leadership.

- (b) **Nigerian Academy of Education: Prof. Helen Adebola**
Prof. Helen Adebola, professor of Open Distance Learning and Women Education, was on 9th November 2022 inducted into the Nigeria Academy of Education (NAE)

04 **PUBLIC LECTURES**

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Round table Organised by the Alex Ekwueme Centre for Multidisciplinary Research, 8th December 2022

The Round table was held to mark the posthumous birthday of Dr. Alex Ekwueme, GCON former Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which fell due on 21st October 2022. The theme was: *The Legacies of Dr. Alex Ekwueme and Politics of Power Sharing in Nigeria.*

05 **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

- (a) **UNIZIK Business School: Donation of the sum of One hundred million Naira (₦100M) by Chief (Sir) Ikenna Okafor**

Chief (Sir) Ikenna Okafor, Ide Akwaeze has made a donation of the sum of one hundred million (₦100m) towards the infrastructure development of the UNIZIK Business School.

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- (b) **Ground Breaking/Foundation Laying ceremony of a 500 - seating capacity Auditorium for the Faculty of Social Sciences.**

Chief Chinedu Benson Madubuko, CEO of Chico Group of Companies has endowed a 500 seating capacity auditorium for the Faculty of Social Sciences. The foundation laying ceremony took place on Saturday 3rd December 2022.

- (c) **Installation of Internet Services For Clinical Medical students of the University by the UNIZIK Medical Alumni of North America**

UNIZIK Medical Alumni of North America has completed the installation of internet services for NAUTH clinical medical students of the University in the NAUTH premises, at the cost of about six million Naira (₦6M)

The project arose from the engagement of the Provost, Prof. General Udigwe, with the various alumni groups of the College

06 UPDATE ON STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY APPOINTED INTO OTHER ORGANISATIONS

community service

Dr. Nkiruka Evangeline, ASO, of the Department of Estate Management has been appointed Senior Special Assistant (SSA) on Estate/Housing to the Governor of Anambra State.

07 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGISTS (NAAT) UNIZIK BRANCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

NAAT, UNIZIK Branch, at its Congress held on 6th December 2022, elected new officers, as listed below:

Chairman: Comrade Engr. Chinedu Umembamalu
Vice-Chairman: Comrade Anaejekwe Bernedette

Secretary: Comrade Obika Ifeanyi
Treasurer: Comrade Fidelis Okeke; and
Financial Secretary: Comrade Joshua Chukwu

08 SECURITY REPORT

(a) Death of Mr. Alex Nelson and Mr. Ekene Igbokwe from Gunshot

On Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Mr. Alex Nelson, an anti-cult personnel of the University and Mr. Ekene Igbokwe a one-time Anti-cult Director and prior to his death a staff of the Bio-Technology Resource Centre were fatally shot at the Ifite gate axis of the University. They were rushed to the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Teaching Hospital by the Safety Department of the University, where they were confirmed dead on arrival.

Preliminary findings indicate that both were responding to a complainant who had been robbed of his property. In their attempt to recover the property, the alleged robber invited some men who arrived in a white Lexus car and Sienna bus armed with AK 47 rifles and fatally shot them.

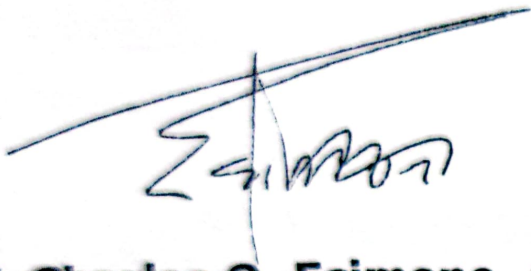
The matter has been reported to the Police for investigation.

(b) Death of a Student, Daniel Ugochukwu Ifeanyichukwu, From Gunshot

The above-named 200L student of the Department of Psychology was shot dead on Sunday 8th January 2023 at the Success Lodge Ifite, Awka. The account of the incident is the victim who was being trailed by his assailants, probably with the intent of robbery, ran into B1 room of Success Lodge occupied by Chidiadi Victory a 200L student of the Department of Mass Communications. The assailants pursued him (Daniel Ifeanyichukwu) there and in a scuffle to dispossess him of his phone shot him. The victim was immediately rushed to the

University Medical Centre by the University Safety Department and therefrom referred to the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu University, where he was confirmed dead as a result of excessive blood loss.

09 The foregoing Report is for information of and noting by Senate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Esimone', with a long horizontal line above it.

Prof. Charles O. Esimone, FAS, FPSN
Vice-Chancellor