

NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

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From: Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of Senate

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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT (8TH) TO THE 221ST MEETING OF SENATE, WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT THE SENATE CHAMBER NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY, AWKA

1.0 THE OPENING

Senate is welcome to its 221st Meeting and will find presented below events deserving of its attention that transpired in the University since its last meeting.

2.0 ACADEMIC EVENTS

2.1 Inaugural Lectures

- i) 87th Inaugural Lecture: *Working With Children With Disabilities in a Socio-cultural Context: Practical Viewpoint on Adapted Physical Activity (APA)*, Prof. Okey Charles Ogu, Department of Human Kinetics and Sports Science, 3rd August 2023.
- ii) 88th Inaugural Lecture: *Pedagogical Dimensions in Science: Enhancing Students in Biology Through Innovative Approaches*, Prof. Josephine Nwanneka Okoli, Department of Science Education, 10th August 2023.
- iii) 89th Inaugural Lecture: *Host-Pathogen Interactions and Plant Defenses*, Prof. Amadi Jude Ezejiofor, 17th August 2023.
- iv) 90th Inaugural Lecture: *The Human Heart: A Workaholic With Numerous Saboteurs*, Prof. Gladys Ifesinachi Ahaneku, *mni, MBBS (NAU), FWACP, FWACP, FNCS, PHF, JP*, Faculty of Medicine, 14th September 2023

2.2 Public Lectures, Conferences, Workshops, Inductions, etc.

- i) The Vice-Chancellor Prof. C.O. Esimone, *FAS, FPSN*, attended the 2023 International Executive Workshop organised by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian University's with the theme: *The Nexus Between Education, Nigerian Universities and*

- Community Ecosystem Development*, held 3rd to 9th September 2023 in Birmingham, the United Kingdom
- ii) Professor Ngozi Eunice Egbuna International Centre for Regional Integration and Trade Research Hybrid Symposium with the theme: *African Trade and Integration in the Post Covid-19 Pandemic Period: Prospects and Challenges*, at the Department of Economics, Tuesday 19th September 2023
 - iii) 2nd International Hybrid Conference of the Department of Public Administration with the theme: *Building Strong Institutions for Effective Leadership and Good Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons From the Nigerian Experience*, 15th – 16th September 2023 at the ASUU Secretariat
 - iv) 2023 Iri Ji Festival Organised by the Directorate of Igbo Village and Centre for African Civilization in collaboration with the Anambra Ministry of Culture, Entertainment and Tourism; Anambra State Ministry of Health; and Office of the Special Adviser to the Anambra State Government on Indigenous Medicine and Herbal Practice, Friday 15th September 2023 at the Faculty of Arts Arena.
 - v) 2023 CEP Orientation for Fresh CEP Students, Thursday 14th September 2023, at the University Auditorium
 - vi) Valedictory Ceremony of the 2021/2022 Final Year students of the Department of Human Physiology, Thursday 14th September 2023, at the College of Health Sciences Auditorium, Okofia, Nnewi
 - vii) 12th Induction/Oath Taking Ceremony of the Department of Nursing Sciences, Friday 1st September 2023, at the College of Health Sciences Auditorium, Okofia Nnewi
 - viii) Inaugural South-East Regional Summit on Sustainable Development, Organised by the University's Centre for Sustainable Development, in concert with the United Nations in Nigeria, with the theme: *Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges, Gains and Prospects*, Friday 1st September 2023, at the ASUU Secretariat Complex
 - ix) Education Summit of the University's Directorate of International Collaboration and Linkages, with the theme: *Education Development in Nigeria: The Urgent Need for International Collaboration*
 - x) Training of some select staff of the Community Resource Management and Conservation Initiative (CRMCI) and the Faculty of Agriculture, Nnamdi Azikiwe University on the Use of Locus Map Application By Nigeria Conservation Foundation (NLF) Team, 9th –

11th August 2023 at the Faculty of Agriculture Nnamdi Azikiwe University

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- xi) International Forensic Science Conference organised by the Forensic Science Programme of the University with the theme: *Challenges and Prospects of Forensic Science in Democratic Nigeria*, 3rd August 2023.
- xii) Department of Economics: Alumni Homecoming and Launch of One Hundred Million Naira (₦100,000,000.00) Fund for Econometric Laboratory, 16th August 2023.
- xiii) Maiden International Conference (Hybrid) of the Centre for Arts, Culture and Humanities in partnership with the Anambra State Ministry of Culture, entertainment and Tourism, 27th – 28th July 2023. The theme was: *Emergent Intercultural Realities in Contemporary Africa*.
- xiv) Dr. Ogunsina Olusola, RQS: Training Workshop on the Use of Qcloudcosting at the Polytechnic Iresi, Osun State:

Dr. Ogunsina Olusola, RQS, Ag. Head, Department of Quantity Surveying conducted a one-day training workshop on Qcloudcosting for the staff and students of the Polytechnic, Iresi, Osun state.
- xv) Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Maiden CIBN Generation Next Forum, Thursday 3rd August, 2023:

Students of the Department of Banking and Finance, under the auspices of the Department participated virtually in the above-named event, which had the theme: *Industry 5.0 Banking Revolution: Insights for Generation Next*.
- xvi) Sandwich Unit:
 - a) training of staff on on-line teaching, learning and examination in sandwich/distance education, 9th August 2023
 - b) Orientation for fresh students and further training on e-learning and examination in Sandwich/Distance Education, 29th August 2023 at the CBN Hall Faculty of Education
- xvii) The 14th Induction/Oath-taking Ceremony of the 2023 Physiotherapy Graduands of the Department of Medical Rehabilitation, 12th August 2023: The Induction Lecture was: *Addressing the Japa Syndrome: Brain Drain to the Nation or Greener Pastures to the Physiotherapists*.

2.3 ACCREDITATION MATTERS

1) Result of the Accreditation visit, 14th – 17th June 2023, of the Estate Surveyors and Valuers Registration Board of Nigeria (ESVARBON) to the Department of Estate Management.

The Department earned full accreditation tenable for five (5) years from July 2023 to June 2028.

2) National Universities Commission's Resource Assessment Visit To New Departments, 18th – 19th August 2023

The following new programmes received the NUC resource assessment visits:

- i) B.Sc. Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- ii) B.Sc. Urban and Regional Planning;
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- iv) B.Sc. Cyber Security;
- v) B.Sc. Information Technology; and
- vi) B.Sc. Software Engineering.

3.0 HONOURS WON, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONATIONS

3.1 Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone, *FAS, FPSN*: Nomination for Academic Leadership Award by the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN)

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3.2 *Always Life Fountain Initiative* Scholarships for The 2022/2023 Academic Session

The *Always Life Fountain Initiative* has, following successful screening, awarded its 2022/2023 scholarship of ₦50,000.00 each to the underlisted students with the prospect that it could be extended to the 2022/2023 academic year if the students remained in good academic standing. They are:

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Ogugua Samuel Udoka, Department of Guidance and Counselling; and
Ibekwe Praise'EL, Department of Applied Microbiology and Brewing.

3.3 Prof. Kate Omenugha Elected Member of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations

Prof. Kate Omenugha of the Department of Mass Communication has been elected as a member of the Governing Council of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) NIPR is the regulatory body for public relations practitioners in Nigeria.

3.4 The Nigerian Institute of Management has awarded its 2023 Best Chapter Award to Nnamdi Azikiwe University Chapter

3.5 Benefactions To the Faculty of Agriculture

The Faculty of Agriculture, with the drive of the Dean, Prof. C.I. Ebenebe and her management team has attracted the following benefactions:

a) Dr. Forster Ihejiofor, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture, Anambra State:

- i) Donated 600 coconut seedlings and 1,000 oil palm seedlings in his name and the purchase from the Faculty of 500 breadfruit seedlings by the state Government.
- ii) *SD4 2* Instrumental to the collaboration between the Department of Forestry and Wildlife and the Anambra State Government for the supply of 10,000 breadfruit seedlings and 10,000 ogbono seedlings to the Anambra State Government.

- iii) Donated the sum of one hundred thousand naira (₦100,000.00) to the Association of Animal Science students Association as well as award of scholarship from 100 to 500 level to two indigent intelligent students of the Departments of Animal Science, to be nominated by the Department.

b) Mr Jude Nwankwo, Programme Manager, Anambra State Agricultural Development Programme (ADP):

Incorporated the Faculty of Agriculture into the vegetable production project sponsored by the World Bank.

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c) Dame Adeline Nwazota, wife of the former Chief Justice, Obiorah Nwazota

Donated four (4) cows to the Department of Animal Science on multiplication partnership.

d) Mrs Esther Anierobi, Ag. Clerk, Anambra State House of Assembly: Offset the school fees of the underlisted ten (10) indigent students of the Faculty of Agriculture:

- i) Nnebe Godsgift Ogochukwu, Department of Forestry and Wildlife;
- ii) Chukwukere Favour Chibuenyim, Department of Animal Science and Technology;
- iii) Nsonwu Chibogu Emmanuella, Department of Food Science and Technology;
- iv) Dan MaryEkor, Department of Soil Science and Land Management;
- v) Asogwa Roosevelt Chidera, Department of Crop Science and Horticulture;
- vi) Obunabor Ifesinachi M., Department of Food Science and Technology;
- vii) Dunu Chinedu, Department of Soil Science and Land Management;
- viii) Ashinze C. Rita, Department of Soil Science and Land Management;
- ix) Epuna Oluchukwu David; and
- x) Igwe Peter Oluebube, Department of Agricultural Economics.

e) Hon. Golden Iloh, House Committee Chairman on Agriculture

Donated the sum of twenty thousand (₦20,000.00) to the Animal

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f) International Forestry Symposium, Germany, 16th August to 1st September 2023

Two students of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife have won fully funded sponsorship cumulatively valued at Six Million Naira (₦6,000,000.00) from the International Forestry Symposium Society (IFSS) for the above-named Symposium.

g) Dr. Onyeka Eyisi, Managing Director, EM Farms Ltd, Umunya and Chairman, Poultry Farmers Association of Nigeria, Anambra State Chapter

Donated the sum of thirty thousand naira (₦30,000.00) for any 100 level Animal Science student with the highest CGPA for the 2022/2023 academic year; he also donated twenty thousand (₦20,000.00) to the Animal Science Students' Association.

h) Millennium Fellowship of the United Nations Academic Impact and Millennium Campus Network

A 300 level student of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife, Divine Maduekwe, was selected for the above-named fellowship in a competitive screening of forty-four thousand plus candidates from over three thousand University campuses spread over one hundred and nineteen nations of the world.

i) Dr. F.C. Ikeogu, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Management:

Attracted the donation and mounting of twenty (20) ceiling fans in the Faculty Lecture Halls.

3.6 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) With Prof. Obiora Okonkwo, *Dikeora Ogidi*

Through the intermediation of Engr. Dr. Joseph Ikenna Ubah, of the Department of Agricultural and Biosciences Engineering, the University has signed a MoU with Prof. Obiora Okonkwo, *Dikeora Ogidi*, by which he is to:

- a) Build an animal feed mill in the University through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with the University.
- b) Offer IT placements to indigent students of the Faculty of Engineering and employments to graduands of the Faculty in his United Nigeria Airlines.
- c) To use his good offices as President of Nigeria-Russian Chamber of Commerce to source for PhD scholarships and Fellowship positions in

provide Universities in Russia for academic staff of the Faculty of Engineering.

3.7 Chief Chika Emenike presently constructing a 20-room Office Apartment at the Permanent Site of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, Akamili, Nnewi SDG 3
The duo of Engr. Dr. Joseph Ikenna Ubah of the Department of Agricultural and Biosciences Engineering and Prof. Uche Nwogwugwu, of the Department of Economics attracted Chief Chika Emenike who is building a 20-room office block for the College of Health Sciences at the permanent site of the University Teaching Hospital, Akamili, Nnewi and has signed a MoU with the University to partner with the University's Centre of Excellence on research matters.

3.8 Confucius Institute at Nnamdi Azikiwe University (CI-NAU): HSK Examination International
Two students of the University: Ms Emenike Chinaza and Ms. Jacob Angel Omotola emerged in the third position in a competition involving five thousand (5,000) students drawn from ninety-four (94) countries around the world.
CI-NAU also received the Excellent Organisation Award.

3.9 Book Donation: Prof. Godwin and Lady Christie Ogum Foundation SDG 4
The above-named Foundation has donated the following books published by late Emeritus Professor Godwin Ogum, to the University.
Emeritus Prof. Ogum was of the Department of Statistics and Demography and a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, while his late spouse, Lady Christie Ogum, was a Director (Pharmaceutical Services) in the University Medical Centre.

- The books are:
- i. Testing of Significant Differences Statistics (500 copies)
 - ii. Revision Exercises in Multivariate Analysis Statistics (20 copies)
 - iii. Introduction to Methods of Multivariate Analysis Statistics (15 copies)
 - iv. A Matter of Circumstances a Novel/Fiction (150 copies)

3.10 Nnamdi Azikiwe University High School

Students from our High School represented Anambra State in the Inspector-General of Police Taekwondo Championship held in Bayelsa State.

They emerged victorious.

4.0 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) has awarded a contract, valued at ₦15,021,713.15, for the construction of standard, meteorological Enclosure 20M x 20M and provision of conventional Meteorological Instrument at the Faculty of Agriculture Ifite-Ogwari premises of the University.

5.0 DEATH OF A 300 LEVEL STUDENT IN A MOTOR ACCIDENT

Miss Onyechi Favour Ekpeleamaka, a 300 level student of the Department of Adult Education/Economics was hit on July 25th 2023 by a pick-up commercial vehicle negotiating to enter the University through the Medical centre gate. She died instantly on the spot. She was the daughter of Mr Joseph Onyechi, official driver attached to the Chief Medical Director of the University Medical Centre.

6.0 ACTION SOUGHT

The above Report is presented to Senate for information and noting.



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