



NEW ACTING DEAN RESUMES DUTY

Dr. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, formerly Acting Head of Department, Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, resumed office on february 9, 2010 as Acting Dean of Faculty of Law. The immediate past Acting Dean was Dr. M. M. Akanbi.

The new Dean, Dr. Egbewole immediately had a meeting with Dr. Akanbi on resumption where both articulated their dreams for the Faculty. A Board of Studies meeting was also conveyed on february 15, 2010 as well as meetings with the Faculty Office staff where the Dean unfolded his agenda for his one year mandate. He called for the cooperation of all members of staff, laying emphasis on constant consultation and engagement on all issues.

Appreciation was given to the immediate past Dean, Dr. M. M. Akanbi who Dr. Egbewole said had left the Faculty with a clean bill of health after achieving giant strides. He was requested never to fail in availing the new administration of his experiences in moving the Faculty forward.

LAW DISCUSSION FORUM

In a bid to foster freedom of expression and intellectual collaborations, the Faculty has opened a digital forum for its staff. This opens up avenues for discussions of all topical issues particularly as it relates to the wellbeing of the Faculty. All email addresses of academic and non-academic staff of the Faculty have been registered with a googlegroup hub where staff are already engaging in discussions. All staff are encouraged to send their views, opinions, works in progress and findings to lawdiscussionforum@googlegroups.com where all staff can access their comments or shared views, images, data etc

INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN LAW JOURNAL

The Faculty journal, The University of Ilorin Law Journal is presently undergoing a process of internationalization. A host of reviewers and editors of international acclaim have been contacted and are currently laying down the structure and intellectual capacity for this reform. Currently two international scholars, Ass. Prof. Danwood M. Chirwa of the University of Cape Town (and Editor-in-Chief of the Malawi Law Journal) and Prof. Erika M. Szyszczak of the University of Leicester have been brought on board to be part of the team to oversee this reform. Efforts are ongoing to add to this highly esteemed intellectual pool.

As a consequence of these efforts, the new Committee on Faculty Journal Publication has been constituted with a clear and unequivocal mandate. This Committee is made up of:

Dr. I. A. Abdulqadir – Chairman; Dr. A. T. Shehu – Member Mr. Hakeem Ijaiya – Member; Mr. M. A. Etudaiye – Member; Mrs. G. M. Olatokun – Member; and Mrs. K. W. Sallee - Secretary

WORKSHOP ON LAW AND CLIMATE CHANGE

An April 14 and 15, 2010 date has been set for the first workshop by the Faculty on “Law and Climate Change”. Discussions and efforts are currently ongoing to have the most established and highly esteemed publicists, scholars, institutions, agencies and governments involved in a full analysis and discussion of this current issue.

The currency and importance of the issue of climate change has inspired the Faculty in searching for resources in terms of analysis, guidance, philosophies, reasoning, theories and practical steps in combating the effects of climate change. All views are welcome. In view of the above effort, the Faculty’s multi-disciplinary approach has led to Dr. H.I.Jimoh (Geography) and Dr. Awoyemi being already drafted on board as resource persons. Further, the Attorney General of the Federation, Kayode Ademola SAN has been invited to deliver the keynote speech. The Minister for Environment has also been humbly requested to appear and provide an assessment of Nigeria’s efforts on the issue. ECOWAS is also expected to deliver a paper on the effort of ECOWAS on climate change.

The Committee on Workshop on Law and Climate Change is composed of:

Prof. A. Zubair – Chairman; Mr. Hakeem Ijaiya – Member; Mr. Muhtar Etudaiye – Member; Mr. Saka Olooba – Member; Mr. Adua Mustapha Ismail – Member; Mr. Abdulqadir Bolaji – Member; and Mrs. K. W. Sallee - Secretary

MMA AKANBI LECTURE

The 3rd Mustapha Akanbi Faculty of Law Annual Lecture has been scheduled for sometime in June, 2010. Currently, talks are in the process of being had with the honoree and officials of the Mustapha Akanbi Foundation as well as other well meaning Nigerians to make a very fertile and issue generating lecture come to fruition. The first speaker at the Lecture was then Attorney General of the Federation, Mr. Aondoakaa (2008), then Mr. Wale Babalakin SAN (2009). According to the Dean, the estimation of the Faculty is to continue to make the Lecture a most rewarding annual event for the nation in our choice of speakers and issues.

THE JOKE’S ON YOU

Q: If you are stranded on a desert island with Adolph Hitler, a cannibal, and a lawyer, and you have a gun with only two bullets, what do you do?

A: Shoot the lawyer twice.