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PG School hails Egbewole's emergence as UNILORIN VC

The Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, has applauded the appointment of Professor Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, a Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria, as the institution's 11th Vice Chancellor.

In a statement signed on her behalf by the Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, Prof. Bakare-Odunola described the appointment as well deserved and a reward for excellence, capacity, integrity and hard work.

She added that the University is fortunate to have a man of Prof. Egbewole's calibre as its Chief Executive at this critical time in her history.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola explained that the new Vice Chancellor had paid his due as an academic and administrator as she believed that the cumulative experience of Prof. Egbewole as an Head of Department, Dean and a Member of the institution's Governing Council as well as the Chairman of the institution's chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities would surely assist him in taking the University to the next level.

The Dean, while expressing her conviction that Prof. Egbewole would give a good account of himself by repositioning the University for better service delivery, urged the foremost legal scholar to always prioritise the interests of the institution's Postgraduate School because of its place in the promotion of research and corporate image of the University within and beyond the country.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola also saluted the appointments of the former Director, Academic Planning Unit of the University, Prof. Olubunmi Omotesho, and a former Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof. Suleiman Funsho Ambali, as the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), respectively.

The Dean said that the new Deputy Vice Chancellors are



distinguished academics and foremost administrators who have contributed their quotas towards the progress of the University of Ilorin.

She added that the combination of the high qualities of the two eminent academic giants coupled with the resourcefulness and goodwill garnered over the years by the Vice Chancellor the University is poised for greatness.

While expressing her conviction that the trio of Professors Egbewole, Omotesho and Ambali would do a good job by lifting the University to higher heights, Prof. Bakare-Odunola urged the new management to support the Postgraduate School to become the hub of postgraduate training in Nigeria.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola assured Prof. Egbewole and his team of the readiness of the management and staff of the Postgraduate School to cooperate and work with them for the University to attain its corporate objectives.

The statement wished the trio a successful and rewarding tenure of office.

In a related development, a cross section of students of the Postgraduate School have charged the new administration to continue to make postgraduate studies at the University more attractive.

The students who spoke to **UNILORIN POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL DIGEST**, expressed delight with the emergence of Prof. Egbewole as the new Vice Chancellor of the University as they also welcomed the new Deputy Vice Chancellors to their new offices, saying that the three scholars are undoubtedly prepared for the tasks ahead.

They expressed the hope that they would enjoy better deal under the new administration as they also called for the building of a dedicated hostel for postgraduate students of the University in order to make their sojourns on campus more lively for them to pursue learning and research with ease.

Overstayed students to go by July

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has concluded arrangements towards ensuring the termination of academic programmes of the students of the school who had overstayed the stipulated durations of their programmes.

The School, in a memo dated January 16, 2023 addressed to all Heads of Departments warned that any student who had overstayed his or her programme would have such terminated on July 1, 2023.

The decision to terminate unnecessarily prolonged programmes is in furtherance of the resolve of the authorities of the University to discourage overstay of Postgraduate students on campus.

While advising concerned students to be conscious of this policy, the Postgraduate School Board directed all the Heads of Departments to ensure that the list of defaulting students get to the Office of its Secretary by or before the

midday of Friday, June 23, 2023 for necessary actions.

It should be recalled that sustained efforts had been made over the years to ensure that students complete their academic programmes as scheduled. These include the executive approval granted by the Vice Chancellor on October 30, 2019 and the memo issued by the Board of the Postgraduate School on December 8, 2022 which was based on the resolution of its meeting held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 as well as the moratorium of one academic session extended to all students which ended in January, 2022.

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No evidence of payment of school fees, no exams, PG School warns students

Following the increasing disregard for prompt payment of school fees, the Board of Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has warned that students who fail to present evidence of payment of such fees would no longer be allowed to sit for examinations.

The Board, in a memo signed by the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfaña, and addressed to all Heads of Departments directed that no student should be scheduled for defense unless evidence of payment of the fees is presented. This, according to the memo, applies to examinations for all postgraduate programmes

PG School makes Handbook mandatory for students

Henceforth, both the newly admitted and returning students of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, must purchase a copy of the Postgraduate Handbook.

The decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Board.

It was further decided that evidence of purchase of the Handbook must be shown at the point of registration.

Senate approves appointment of PG students' co-supervisors

The Senate of the University of Ilorin has approved the appointment of co-supervisors for students undergoing postgraduate programmes at the University.

The approval of the appointment was part of the decisions taken by the University's Senate at its 292nd meeting held on Monday, December 19, 2022.

A memo signed by Egunoluwa O. Osagbemi on behalf of the Deputy Registrar, Academic Support Service (Senate), a copy of which was made available to *Unilorin Postgraduate School Digest* said that the meeting also approved the recommendations from the Board of Postgraduate School on the issues of Research Enterprise and Virtual Defense.

Forward your papers timely, PG School urges HODs

In order to ensure that members get themselves acquainted with the contents of documents to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, the Board has urged all the Heads of various academic departments to ensure that they forward all their papers

on time.

The Secretary, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfaña, stated this in a memo dated May 7, 2021, saying that the early submission of the papers is necessary for members to be adequately prepared for discussion.

The memo explained

that the lateness of the papers often make it impossible for them to read ahead of the meeting and therefore urged all those concerned to ensure that they meet the deadline dates for submission.

Mr Alfaña warned that any Department that fails to meet the deadline date for submission of papers would not have the papers processed for the meeting until next one.

Designate PG Coordinator on the portal, PG School tells HODs

Heads of various academic departments at the University of Ilorin have been enjoined to ensure that the Coordinators of their Postgraduate programmes are stated on the portal for the awareness of students and others who may be concerned.

The Secretary of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, stated this in a memo dated December 28, 2022 and addressed to all the Heads of Departments.

Mr Alfanla, who said the directive emanated from the 305th meeting of the Board of the University, which was held on the same date, also directed all the Heads of the Departments to upload details of lecturers participating in Postgraduate programmes on the portal to include allocation of courses, status of lecturers as well as number of supervisees covering the various Postgraduate programmes.

The memo also implored the Heads of Departments to ensure that lecturers upload their results on the portal in line with the global best practices.

In order to ease the tasks, the COMSIT has mandated one of its staff to be on ground at the Postgraduate School on Mondays and Wednesdays to assist all Heads of Departments that might have problem in complying with the directive.

You must comply with guidelines for writing dissertation, PG School tells Masters students

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin has appealed to students undergoing various Master degree programmes to ensure strict adherence to the guidelines for writing dissertation.

The appeal for the compliance was part of the resolutions of the Board's 305th meeting, which took place on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

In a memo signed by the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla, the PG School observed with dismay that many students do not follow the guidelines for writing Masters' dissertations as stated in relevant publications of the University.

The memo, therefore, urged supervisors of these dissertations to ensure strict adherence to the stipulated guidelines as spelt out in the Postgraduate Student Handbook as it advised that any dissertation which did not follow the approved guidelines should not be processed for computation of result.

Bakare-Odunla celebrates elevated colleagues

The Dean, Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola, has felicitated with the Sub-Dean (Academic) of the School, Dr. S. A. Aderibigbe, on his elevation to the rank of Professor by the authorities of the University.

In a statement personally signed by her, Prof. Bakare-Odunola said that she was not surprised by the development as the new Professor has always been very hardworking and exemplary in the discharge of his responsibilities to the University and humanity.

The Dean similarly rejoiced with Dr I. B. Abdullahi and Dr Mistura O. Azeez, who are Representatives of the Faculties of Management and Veterinary Medicine, respectively, on the Board of the School, on their promotions to the apogee of their careers.

She explained that the

promotion of the three foremost scholars was not only a recognition of their profound services but also an honour to the School as it was the first time three members of its Board would be simultaneously promoted to the highest rank of the academic profession.

Prof. Bakare-Odunola, therefore, expressed her appreciations to the authorities of the University of Ilorin for rewarding the industry and commitment of the academics with their well deserved promotions.

While urging other members of the Board and staff of the School to emulate the relentlessness of the promoted scholars, Prof. Bakare-Odunola also encouraged the promoted academics to remain hardworking and exemplary to their younger colleagues, students and the society at large in order to justify their promotions.

Faculty Rep must be at Ph.D. oral defense - PG Board

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has directed that the Representatives of Faculties on the Board of the School be seated at Ph. D. oral defense in the various Departments in their respective Faculties.

This decision was disclosed in a memo addressed to all the Heads of Department dated December 20, 2021 and signed by the Secretary, Postgraduate School, Mr. Mansur Adeleke Alfanla.

The Board also explained that a confirmation of the original copy of thesis for examination must be made by the External Examiner with the assistance of the respective Desk Officer through the Chairman of the panel as well as the verification of the evidence of up-to-date payment of school fees by students before the commencement of the open defense.

PG School reviews charges

The Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin has effected an upward review of some of the charges payable for one service or the other by its students.

In a memo dated January 24, 2023, the management of the School explained that the decision to review the charges was informed by the need to ensure greater improvement in service delivery.

The new charges are as follows:
 Transcript (Official/Student) - N10,000:00
 Evaluation of Result/Certificate - N7,000:00
 Change in Mode of Study - N2,000:00
 Reason for Delay - N2,000:00
 Extension of Study - N2,000:00
 Academic Progress Report - N2,000:00
 Suspension of Study - N2,000:00
 Reactivation of Study - N2,000:00
 Proficiency in English - N5,000:00

The memo also explained that payment for the Transcript should be paid into the University account through REMITA as the sum of N5,000:00 in the charges for Evaluation should also be paid into the University account through REMITA and the remaining N2,000:00 should be deposited into the Postgraduate School's account with the Unilorin Microfinance Bank while all other charges should also be paid into the Postgraduate School's account with Unilorin Microfinance Bank.

The School concluded that while the arrangement takes immediate effect the decision also supersedes the one released a day earlier.

Follow PG academic calendar, Board tells departments

The Board of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, has implored all the various academic departments of the University to strictly follow the academic calendar for postgraduate programmes as approved by the institution's Senate.

Rising from its 305th meeting held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, the Board expressed dismay with the information that over the years some departments were in the habit of

not complying with the Senate approved Academic Calendar for postgraduate programmes.

The memo directed that, henceforth, the representative of each of the Faculty on the Board of the Postgraduate School shall be made to give progress report on all their programmes being run by their departments at the Board's monthly meetings.