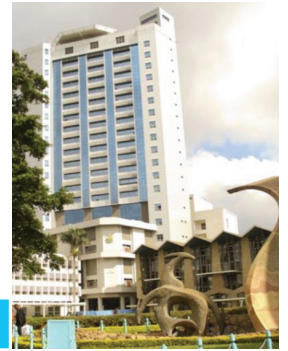




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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The months of January and February 2022 were characterized by five major events – Reorganization of Faculties and Departments; Enhancing student Life; Upscaling Performance Management; Visitations by High Schools and the Annual University Prayer Day.

The Academic Affairs Division continued to focus on student life by spearheading amendments to UNSA Constitution 2017, preparations for UNSA elections, 2022 and championing student well being; and to lead the way in accountability and efficiency the DVC signed Performance Contracts with the Deans of Faculties; and

Heads of Sections committed to enhance the Division performance by signing the Cascaded Divisional PC. The team committed to lead their staff towards attaining Institutional targets.

The University further opened its door to high schools to visit and interact with staff and students as their are guided on career paths available to them.

The Division also organized the 2022 Annual Prayer Day on which the University Community offered thanks to the almighty, and dedicated the year to the Lord.

For these and more I welcome you to the 14th Issue of the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter.



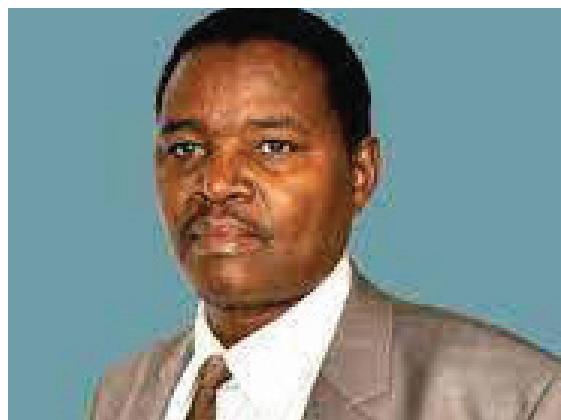
Prof. Julius Ogeng'o
Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs

REORGANIZATION OF FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

The University of Nairobi continued with the systematic implementation of the Governance Reform Agenda. The most significant movement at this stage of reform was the reorganization of Faculties and Departments. In this process the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Arts were merged to form the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). This merger created the second largest faculty after the Faculty of Business & Management Sciences. The Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences has about 10,000 students, 285 teaching staff and 86 non-teaching staff, and a portfolio of 76 programmes distributed across fourteen (14) teaching departments.

Prof. Ephraim Wahome, previously the Dean Faculty of Arts was appointed Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS).

The Faculty comprises fourteen (14) Departments namely:
The Departments also witnessed internal reorganization with the Strategic Programme Area of Population Studies and Research moving from the Department of Economics, Population and Development studies to the Department of Geography Population & Environmental Studies. Appointment of new chairpersons for the reorganized and new departments were also undertaken.



Prof. Ephraim Wahome Dean Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences



The Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Main Office is in the Education Building Main Campus

The Chairpersons of Departments of the faculty are as follows:

SN	DEPARTMENT	CHAIRPERSON
1	Anthropology, Gender and African Studies	Prof. Washington Onyango-Ouma
2	Economics & Development Studies	Prof. Anthony Wambugu
3	Journalism & Mass Communication	Dr. Silas Oriaso
4	Geography, Population & Environmental Studies	Dr. Boniface Wambua
5	History & Archeology	Dr. Ken Ombongi
6	Diplomacy & International Studies	Dr. Patrick Maluki
7	Library & Information Sciences	Dr. Dorothy Njiraine
8	Philosophy & Religious studies	Prof. Karori Mbugua
9	Linguistics & Languages	Prof. Jane Oduor
10	Political Science & Public Administration	Prof. Fred Jonyo
11	Sociology, Social Work & African Women Studies	Prof. Charles Nzioka
12	Literature	Dr. Jennifer Muchiri
13	Kiswahili	Prof. Iribe Mwangi
14	Psychology	Dr. Charles Kimamo

REORGANIZATION OF FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

The following Departments were restored in the Faculty of Health Sciences and Chairpersons appointed.

SN	DEPARTMENT	CHAIRPERSON
1	Anesthesia	Dr. Patrick Olang'
2	Ophthalmology	Dr. Stephen Gichuhi
3	Pharmacology and Pharmacognosy	

CHAIRPERSONS OF DEPARTMENTS



Dr. Ken Ombongi
Chairman Department of
History & Archeology



Prof. Jane Oduor
Chairperson Department of
Linguistics & Languages



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PROMOTING STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

One hundred and fifty five (155) staff and students participated in a 5 Km walk in Thika town on Friday, February 11, 2022 raise awareness of O3plus Project.

They were joined by their partners UNESCO and Mount Kenya University walked to raise awareness for the students' physical and health wellness while in campus and to integrate the community interests with the students' wellbeing. The walk is one of the key advocacy activities part implemented under the O3 Plus project.

The Vice Chancellor, university of Nairobi, Prof. Stephen Kiama applauded the students for leading in the walk and fully embracing the (O3 Plus) Project. He said that students are the real owners of the project. "I believe the partners want the young people to lead this project. This is about your future, your families' future, your country's future, the future of the world."



UON and in partnership with UNESCO participating in the 5km O3 plus awareness walk in Thika

The walk also happened on the same day as the International day of women and girls in science that aims to promote women and girls in science.

The overall role of UNESCO's project is to ensure that young people in higher and tertiary education institutions in the Eastern and Southern Africa realize positive health, education and gender equality outcomes through sustained reductions in new HIV infections, unplanned pregnancies and gender based violence.

The project being implemented in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe aims at enabling young people to reach their full educational potential and contribute more effectively to the development of their countries and region as graduates, professionals and young leaders.

The Walk was officially flagged off by Vice Chancellor UoN Prof. Stephen Kiama and his counterpart Vice Chancellor Mount Kenya University Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi.

PROMOTING STUDENT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



The Vice Chancellor UoN Prof. Stephen Kiama (right) and his counterpart VC Mount Kenya University Prof. Deogratius Jaganyi flagging off the 5km walk

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UNIVERSITY AMENDS THE UNSA CONSTITUTION, 2017

The University of Nairobi Student Leadership is anchored on the UNSA Constitution 2017 (amended 2021). Amendment to the UNSA Constitution was informed by the need to align the organization and activities of the Student Association with the current organizational structure of the University; and to address any observed contradictions and gaps. This was done in line with provisions of this Constitution as provided for in Article 25, (2).

In that regard, a Committee was appointed by Senate on August 30, 2021. The terms of reference were to; propose amendments of UNSA Constitution, 2017, to align it to the organizational structure of the University; and to consider any other matters directly related to the UNSA Constitution. On 19th January, 2022 Senate approved the amendments to the Constitution and was endorsed by the Vice Chancellor for immediate use.

The Senate approves the amendment of the
Constitution of University of Nairobi Students
Association
on this 19th day of January 2022.



PROF. S. G. KIAMA
VICE CHANCELLOR

UNSA Constitution 2017, (Amended 2021)

CHARTING THE WAY FOR UNSA ELECTIONS 2022

The 2022 UNSA Election is scheduled to take place on March 25, 2022 virtually, therefore the University had lined up a roadmap to ensure the success of the elections by mapping out all key activities before the election is held. One major aspect was the amendment of the UNSA Constitution, 2017 which was considered and approved by Senate during its 231st meeting on 19th January, 2022.

Further, Senate proposed and later approved activities for the Student Association that included nomination of UNSA Student Electoral Commissioners successfully appointing Raphael Wamono, Sharon Aserena and Titus Mucheke as the student Commissioners. Senate approved the proposed election timetable giving a green light to the UNSA Election. The Election Timelines were then officially released by the Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission Prof. Collins Odote.



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI UNSA INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION

February 17th, 2022

UNSA 2022 ELECTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Article 16 (1) and (2) of the UNSA Constitution, 2017 (Amended), 2021, the Independent Electoral Commission wishes to announce the commencement of UNSA 2022 electoral process for:

- i) Faculties and Campuses Students Association elections to be held online on **Friday, March 25th, 2022**.
- ii) The Student Council elections to be held at a date set by the Commission, immediately after the Faculties and Campuses Students Association elections as provided for in Article 16 (2) of the UNSA Constitution, 2017 (Amended), 2021.

Prospective eligible candidates and students are advised to carefully familiarize themselves with the UNSA Constitution, 2017 (Amended, 2021), and the Students Code of Conduct (Revised) 2021, which are

The Independent Electoral Commission released the timelines for the UNSA Election

STUDENTS SENSITIZED ON DISABILITY INCLUSION IN STUDENTS LEADERSHIP

The Disability Liaison Office and the Central Administration Disability Mainstreaming Committee conducted a Seminar to build capacity of Students with disabilities on disability Inclusion in Students Leadership and Governance on February 10, 2022. The training brought together a total of 57 students with disabilities drawn from all the ten Faculties and Kisumu Campus.

Facilitators delivered presentations on topical issues including; Advocacy on participation of students with disability in Students Leadership and Governance, UNSA constitutional provisions on rights and welfare of students with disabilities, revitalization of UoN Students with Disabilities Association and support services available at the Office of Dean of Students.

Students with disabilities shared their Campus Life Experiences including the opportunities and challenges that they navigated on a daily basis. They unanimously agreed to revitalize the University of Nairobi Students with Disabilities Association to serve as their Unified Voice as well as to participate in the UNSA elections both at Council level and at Faculty and Campuses level.



Students sensitized on disability inclusion in students' leadership and governance.

STUDENT APPEALS – DUTY OF CARE

Students are still accorded the right to appeal disciplinary action taken against them during their course of studentship in regards to suspension, expulsion and discontinuation on academic grounds. During the month of January and February 2022 the Appeals Committee dispensed fourteen (14) appeals. This platform continue to provide an avenue to seek redress in cases where a student would like a matter revisited and considered.



Students are granted right to appeal decisions taken on academic misconduct

CONNECTING WITH HIGH SCHOOLS

The Office of the Dean of students and career Services on Wednesday February 16, 2022 hosted 50 students from Mang'u High School for a Career Guidance session and tour at the Faculties of Engineering and Health Sciences and on February 25, 2022 hosted Oshwal Academy. These organized school visitations opens up the University to prospective students to have a feel of the University of Nairobi, interact with staff, enjoy the state of the art facilities for teaching and learning and receive professional guidance on career selection and paths.

The Admissions and Office of Career Services in the Dean of Students Office has therefore been mandated to engage High School students offering them career advice and also recruiting them to consider joining the University. This entails;

1. Providing details on various aspects of student's life in the University that will include testimonials from current students, parents, alumni and staff
2. Using informative brochures at recruitment events including most attractive features at the institution and its programs already with name, phone number and email of the Career Office for prospective students to contact directly
3. Planning recruitment events in conjunction with high school principals and teachers
4. Addressing obstacles to enrollment e.g. if students will need financial aid or specific courses (bridging courses) before attending universities and tertiary institutions

These tailors Schools visitations will go on throughout the year.



Githia Secondary School Students pose for a photo at the University when they visited the institution

CONNECTING WITH HIGH SCHOOLS



Oshwal Academy students pose with the Admissions team at the University of Nairobi Towers when they visited the University for career talk and guidance



Mang'u High School students pose with the Admissions team at the University of Nairobi Towers when they visited the University for career talk and guidance

DEANS OF FACULTIES SIGN PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The Deans of Faculties signed the 2021/2022 Performance contract on 6th January, 2022 with the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Prof. Julius Ogeng'o and the Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Kiama. This is a critical exercise aimed at improving efficiency and enhancing accountability in the delivery of the UoN mandate of teaching and learning. This has seen the University consistently record a score of excellent since 2005 when the University adopted the Performance Management System. The PC signing was witnessed by Eng. Kariuki Muchemi, Member of Council, on behalf of the council Members.

Eng. Kariuki Muchemi opined that the University of Nairobi being a public institution, the PC resonates with the public expectations. He emphasized that all staff need to be conscious of the need to use PC as a tool for enhancing service delivery instead of viewing it as a ritual. The PC was Cascaded between the Deans of Faculties and Chairpersons of Departments.



The VC Prof. Stephen Kiama (right) DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o and the Dean Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Prof. John Mande pose for a photo after signing the 2021/2022 Performance Contract

CASCADING PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS TO SECTIONS

The DVC Academic Affairs, Prof Julius Ogeng'o signed the Cascaded Performance Contracts with the Academic Division Heads Section on 4th February 2022. During this exercise the DVC emphasized the importance of accountability in each Section and the need to achieve the set targets. He noted that the Performance Contracts will act as a baseline of what is required in each Section and will guide the Sections in their day to day activities.

The PC lays down the core function of the Academic Affairs Division and therefore the Cascaded PC will clearly show what each of the seven (7) Sections are required to do in order to achieve excellence in the Section.

The DVC also advised the Heads of Sections to cascade their Section PC to the Subsections in order to increase Accountability and Efficiency.

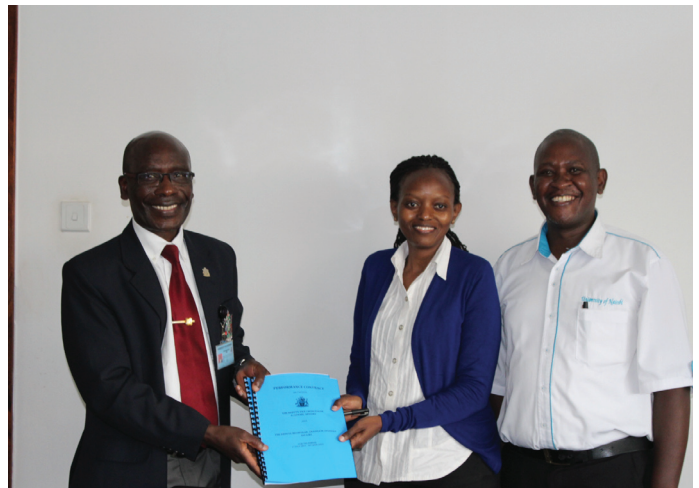


DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o right pose for a photo upon signing of the Cascaded PC with Admissions team led by the Deputy Registrar Admissions Mrs. Miriam Manyia (left), Senior Assistant Registrar Mr. Evanson Mbuva and Senior Administrative Assistant (Admission Records) Ms. Celestine Mayende

CASCADING PC SIGNING



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) signing the 2021/2022 PC with the Head of Senate Secretariat Section Ms. Purity Nguata



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) pose with the Head of Graduate Student Affairs Section Ms. Catherine Njue. Also present was the acting Academic Registrar Mr. Peter Mbuthia



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) pose with the acting Head of Quality Assurance Section Ms. Doreen Inyo. Also present was the acting Academic Registrar Mr. Peter Mbuthia



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) pose with the staff of the Student Records Data & Statistics Section led by the Head of Section Mr. Henry Odicoh



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) pose with the Dean of Students Mr. Johnson Kinyua and Senior Assistant Registrar General Student Matters Ms. Jane Kahora after the signing of the Section 2021/2022 PC



DVC AA Prof. Julius Ogeng'o (left) pose with staff of the Examinations Section led by the Head of Section Mr. Peter Mbuthia, present also were Assistant Registrars Ms. Esther Wangui and Mr. James Ireri

UON 2022 PRAYER DAY

The University of Nairobi set aside Thursday, 27th January 2022 to hold its annual prayer day. This blended event served as a platform to commit the University Community and all planned activities for the year 2022 into God's hands as well as give thanks to God for his grace and protection. Students and staff were led into praise and worship sessions by the different religions and denominations present at the prayer day. Various religious texts with messages of hope and encouragement were also read. This was very important given the difficulties the University community and the world is undergo-



University staff and Students came together to mark the Annual Prayer Day on 27th January 2022, at Taifa Hall Mani Campus

ing in the face of COVID-19 and other regional and global challenges.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Julius Ogembo in his welcoming remarks quoted Colossians 3:23

"That whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."

On his part, Sheikh Swaleh Mohammed referenced the Quran, Chapter of Mariam 19 as he encouraged faith and belief, trust, prayer, patience, and righteous deeds as essential in the relationship between human beings and their creator and a good guide through the journey of life. The Catholic Chaplain, Father Kaigua echoed the words of Sheikh Swaleh saying "we have a convergence in our faith, we come from different religious backgrounds but the faith is the same. When I talk about Mary as a Catholic, I would probably share the same story Sheikh Swaleh has talked about."

While protestant Chaplain, Rev. Hosea Mitei noted that one of the core values of the University of Nairobi is CARE.

UON 2022 PRAYER DAY

"Today God is reminding us of the importance of planning as a caring community. If we are to achieve our desired goals, we have to plan and God will establish those plans."

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Prof. Stephen G. Kiama closed the prayer day by citing Ephesians 2:10; "The bible says we are God's workmanship called to do good works, as we begin this year with prayer, I ask that God helps us do good works to fulfill our mandate as a University to provide quality university education and training to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people through creation, integration, transmission & utilization of knowledge. Further, The Vice-Chancellor said that University will continue the implementation of structural and governance reforms; this year, University will focus on data and people reforms. He concluded by saying, "We are God's masterpiece, we are God's workmanship. We must begin that as a foundation even as we begin the transformation on this people reforms, to first begin with who are we? Who am I?"



Members of the University of Nairobi Community following the sermon during the annual prayer day

DECEMBER 2021 GRADUATES COLLECT THEIR CERTIFICATES

Graduates of the 66th UoN Graduation congregation began collection of certificates from January 31, 2022 to March 4, 2022. The schedule and procedure of collection was released by the Academic Registrar. The quick turnaround time reflects the commitment of the University to enhancing efficiency and improving focus on key service charter commitments.



Collection of Certificates commenced on 31st January, 2022

PETER MBUTHIA APPOINTED ACTING ACADEMIC REGISTRAR

The Deputy Registrar Examinations Mr. Peter Mbutia was appointed Academic Registrar on an acting capacity to stand in for Mr. H.O.D Webuye who had proceeded for his annual leave. The spirit of teamwork within the Academic Division has embedded continuity of service within the Division ensuring critical functions do not stall even when staff proceed on leave.

END OF SEMESTER EXAMS CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY

The University successfully mounted and completed its end of semester examinations for various level in January, 2022. The examinations were both virtual and physical across all the ten (10) Faculties. The Examinations Section coordinated the examinations during this period.

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