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Laikipia University Alumni Association AGM & Fun Day

Laikipia University Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting and Fun Day on Saturday 4th February, 2023 at the University's Mandela Hall. The meeting was attended by the Alumni Association members and students. The Chief Guest of the day was the Laikipia County Deputy Governor Hon. Reuben Kamuri. Members also had various team building activities and shared a meal.

KUDHEIHA/KUSU/UASU Personal Finance Training

Personal Finance Training targeting Grade I-16 University staff was conducted on 6th to 7th February, 2023. The groups involved were Kenya Union of Domestic Hotels, Educational Institutions, Hospitals & Allied Workers (KUDHEIHA), Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU) & Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU). The training topic focused on Pre-retirement, Personal Finance Management & Sensitization on Citizen Service Delivery & Excellent Customer Service Culture.

CAK Programming Code Brief to Media Students

On 8th February, 2023 there was a briefing from Communication Authority of Kenya (CAK) officials on Programming Code to Media Students at Mandela Hall.

The forum was organized by Literary and Communication Studies Department and Laikipia University Radio. The briefing agenda revolved around; CAK's objectives and values, laws, policies, licenses and license revocation.

MOU between Laikipia University and Nyandarua National Polytechnic.

A managerial meeting was held on 7th February, 2023 to appoint a committee to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between Laikipia University and Nyandarua National Polytechnic. The meeting was chaired by Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Nicholas Kamau and was attended by member representatives from both institutions. Key points of mutual interests discussed were; Research, Science, Technology & Innovation, Education & Capacity development, Industrial Attachment, Information Sharing, and Resource Mobilization. Following the understanding of the two parties, on 14th February, 2023 a consultative meeting between Laikipia University Vice Chancellor Prof. Kibett Rotich and Nyandarua National Polytechnic Chief Principal Mr. Felix Mungatu was held. Main agenda of the meeting was on collaborations between the two institutions on Research, Construction, Exchange

Programmes, Development Programmes, Hospitality Industry and Infrastructural Development.

LUSA Elections

Laikipia University Student's Association Elections for the 2022/2023 Academic for Electoral College was held on Thursday 16th February, 2023 and the Executive Council election on Friday 17th February, 2023. This was done after successful preparations were done, which included vetting and swearing in of Electoral Commissioners. The elected team shall serve for a period of one year as per the requirements of the LUSA Constitution. The ceremony to swear in the newly elected Student Government was held on 23rd February, 2023 at the University's Mandela Hall grounds. The ceremony was presided over by the Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Finance, and Planning, Prof. Nicholas Kamau was representing the Vice Chancellor. The event was also graced by the Ag. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Research and Student Affairs, Prof. Jacinta Ndambuki, Deans, Directors, the Office of the Dean of Students, former and current LUSA Officials, and students.

Courtesy call from Africa Digna Foundation Director.

The University Management hosted Africa Digna Foundation Director Mr. Alejandro Lucena Mir to discuss on

collaboration between the two institutions on scholarship assistance to needy students in the University. Hosted on 16th February, 2023, the Director thereafter they signed an MOU concerning the same with Laikipia University Vice Chancellor Prof. Kibett Rotich. The Foundation offers financial assistance to needy students and so far two students have benefitted in Laikipia University. The number is expected to increase in the future.

Hostel Owners Meeting

The University through the Initiative of Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, Research and Student Affairs office, Office of the Registrar Academic Affairs and Office of the Dean of Students held a meeting with hostel owners on Tuesday 21st February, 2023 at Mandela Hall. The meeting was to address challenges facing the University, students and the hostel owners. It also aimed to address their key responsibilities in serving the student community and to find the way forward concerning the pressing challenges facing them.

Signing of Performance Contract

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kibett Rotich, on 21st February, 2023 presided over the Laikipia University

FY 2022/2023 Departmental Performance Contracts signing ceremony at the University Boardroom. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor requested Heads of Departments to ensure the implementation of targeted activities stating that Performance Contracting was an important tool geared toward the realization of the University's Strategic Objectives. He emphasized that proper evidence for implementing the PC activities needed to be kept in preparation for evaluation at the end of the contract period.

Career Mentorship Forum

Through the School of Education and the Directorate of TVET, Career Placement, Alumni, and External Linkages, the University organized a career mentorship forum for students taking Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) course from Laikipia University and Karlstad University, Sweden. The Karlstad University students have been in the University on Exchange Programme for the last month. The forum was held on 21st February, 2023 at Mandela Hall.

Laikipia University-KE shines in the 2022/2023 Huawei ICT Competition

Laikipia University students and their instructor were awarded after exce-

llent performance during the 2022/2023 Huawei ICT Competition held at Serena Hotel, Nairobi on 24th February, 2023. Dr. Alex Kibet was awarded with the Prestigious Excellent Instructor Award while Brian Kiprotich Rutto was the top student countrywide in the cloud Track and Dan Kipchirchir Ronoh came second. Dennis Fundi Ndunda was 2nd best student countrywide in the Network Track. We wish the team all the best as they proceed to the Regional Finals.

Laikipia University participates in the Skills for Prosperity Kenya Program

On 24th January, 2023 during the S4PKe Learning Event the University was represented by Prof. Vicky Khasandi Telewa during the celebration of the graduation ceremony of S4PK Digital Education Champions, Class of 2023, where 168 participants graduated out of a total of 350. The remaining are finishing up their courses and the programme ends on 31st March, 2023. The University had two graduands who had completed their course, Dr. Alex Kibet and Mr. Eric Yullu, who were presented with their certificates by the Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration, Finance and Planning), Prof. Nicholas Kamau, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor. We would like to congratulate them on successfully completing their course and look forward to having the

remaining lot graduating in the next graduation.

New Appointments

In the month of February the following new appointments were made:

1. Prof. Robert Mwebi - Registrar Academic Affairs.
2. Dr. Charity Chemnjor - Director of Quality Assurance and Standards.
3. Dr. Alex Kibet - Ag. Chair of Department Computing and Informatics.

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