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INSIDE FEATURE:

**PROFESSOR ALBERT RUTERE ACADEMIC
JOURNEY**

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Welcome to the 4th Edition of *LU INFO POINT*. It is always a pleasure to have you our readers appreciate this Newsletter Let us continue sharing activities taking place in our departments. This will ensure that Public Relations Office will always have content for publication. In this edition Info Point highlights important events that have taken place in the University for the last one month.

Together let us continue telling captivating and encouraging narratives about LU.

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LAUNCH OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY ISO 9001:2015 - QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND ISO 27001:2013 - INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In May 2015, Laikipia University was certified under the Quality Management System based on ISO 9001:2008. However, in September 2018, ISO 9001:2008 became obsolete and was replaced by ISO 9001:2015. This automatically meant that Laikipia University's certification under ISO 9001:2008 also became obsolete.

In the year Financial Year 2017-2018, The Government of Kenya through the Performance Management and Coordination Office, Executive Office of the President directed all Ministries, Departments and Agencies to implement Information Security Management System. This directive meant that implementation of ISO 27001:2013 was to be targeted under the Safety and Security Indicator of 2017-2018 Performance Contract.

Based on the obsolescence of ISO 9001:2008 and the Government directive to target implementation of Information Security Management System under the Safety and Security Indicator of Performance Contract in 2017-2018, Laikipia University engaged Maier Consulting Limited on 20th December, 2017 to guide the University in process of transition to ISO 9001:2015 and certification under ISO 27001:2013.

On Friday, the 22nd day of March 2019, Laikipia University Council, through its Representative Mr. Moses Marwa, launched the implementation of the two systems. The launch marked an important milestone since it meant that the University's operations were to be fully guided by the freshly documented processes and procedures. In addition, it aimed at providing assurance of consistency and effectiveness in services delivery to our esteemed customers – our Students.

The process of documentation of the two systems was achieved through several documenting sessions with the respective Heads of Departments taking the lead. After documentation, validation process of these documents was done in which these documentation were confirmed as a true reflection of Laikipia University operations. With the University's core mandate being training, research, innovation and community outreach, implementing these systems will assure and enhance customer satisfaction.

Laikipia University will tap into the benefits of the implementation of ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 27001:2013 in many ways that may include:

- Assured and enhanced customer satisfaction,
- Operating in efficient and effective manner,
- Improved financial management prudence,
- Continual improvement,
- Improved processes and operational strategies,
- Securing confidential information
- Management of information risks,
- Guaranteed business continuity,
- Compliance with University policies, contractual, regulatory and legal requirements,
- Protected and enhanced reputation, and
- International recognition.

Laikipia University intends to be ISO certified under ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 27001:2013 International Standards before the end of 2018-2019 Financial Year.

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Nakuru Campus

Professor Kibett Rotich-Vice Chancellor, Laikipia University has appointed *Prof. Albert Mugambi Rutere* to understudy Prof. James Ogola, Director Nakuru Campus.

Prof. Rutere is an Associate Professor in Literature in the department of Literary and Communication Studies, School of Humanities and Development Studies, Laikipia University.

Prof. Albert Rutere academic journey began back in 1968 when he enrolled in Standard 1 to Standard 7 at Kigane Primary School in Meru after which he joined Meru High School for A Level education. He got admission at Kenyatta University in 1983 to pursue a Bachelor of Education Degree- specializing in English, English Literature and Education. In 1989 he got an ODA/British Council Scholarship through Kenyatta University to proceed to the University of Edinburgh Scotland, UK for a Master of Science in Applied Linguistics. In 1990, he returned to Kenya to teach Communication. In September 2002, he proceeded for his Doctoral Studies at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. At MSU, he worked at the Writing Center, where among other duties he was tutoring undergraduate students in Academic Writing Skills. He won an Award for the best graduate student in College of Liberal Arts in 2009 due to his academic excellence. In the same year, he became the second PhD graduate student in Literature in English Department.

In the year 2011, he returned to Kenya and briefly worked as a Senior Lecturer at Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) where he became the Chair of English Department. He then joined Karatina University as a Senior Lecturer in the department of Humanities and Languages. In 2014 he joined Laikipia University as a Senior Lecturer in the department of Literary and Communication Studies.

He has worked as a Director Board of Undergraduate Studies, Teaching Practice, and Field Attachment besides teaching, supervising and mentoring duties..

He has published over 40 papers in refereed journals, edited several papers and 1 book, and authored 2 books.

He chairs the Board of Management for Nkuene Boys Secondary School, Meru County.

His hobbies are; watching folk dances, plays and listening to political debates.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to the following members of staff for their appointment:

Prof. Moses Kipngeno Rotich

Appointment as Director, Directorate of Planning and Performance Contracting

Prof. Albert Mugambi Rutere

Appointment to understudy Prof. James Ogola, Director Nakuru Campus

Dr. Robert Mwebi

Appointment to understudy Dr. Paul Nzioki in the Directorate Quality Assurance & Standards

LAUNCH OF HUAWEI ICT MARKET ACADEMY

Laikipia University launched a Huawei ICT Market Academy on Tuesday, 9th April 2019 at the Main Campus.

The launch was spearheaded by Prof. Kibett Rotich, the Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Simon Karume - C.O.D Computing Informatics. Huawei Company was represented by Su Suki - Training and Certification Manager and Michael Kamau - Huawei ICT Manager. The partnership between Laikipia University and Huawei (Kenya) aims to add value to the ICT programs offered in the University by training and certifying students pursuing courses in ICT and Computer Science. Huawei has developed a comprehensive range of ICT career certifications based on its industry leading technologies and global practices

The Certification Course is HCIA (Huawei Certified ICT Associate) to be offered at Entry and at Intermediate Levels. Huawei (Kenya) has been operating in Kenya for the last 20 years. The University is set to offer these courses in its Nakuru Campus beginning June 2019.

Laikipia University Huawei ICT Academy is a partnership between Laikipia University and Huawei.

Through this partnership, the Academy delivers Huawei ICT technologies training, encourages students to get Huawei certification, and develops talents with practical skills for the ICT industry and the community.

Laikipia University Huawei ICT Academy program includes the following certification categories:

1. Certifications for configuration and maintenance of small to medium-sized networks
 - Network fundamentals
 - Basic connection methods of popular networks
 - Basic network construction
 - Troubleshooting of common network faults
 - Installation and commissioning of Huawei routing and switching devices
2. Certifications for Cloud Computing, Big Data, IoT and AI.

Laikipia University Huawei ICT Academy



Huawei Certified Network Associate (HCNA)

The world is becoming more digital, and having the skills to build networks, develop apps, secure devices, or analyze data is critical to solving the challenges we face. Discover the path to pursue your passion. Do work you love. Invent something or start a business. Change the world. Anything is possible in a digital world. Take our HUAWEI and CISCO Academy Market Certification Courses



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ABOUT CISCO NETWORKING ACADEMY

Cisco Networking Academy is an IT skills and career building program for learning institutions and individuals worldwide. Self-paced courses are designed to take at your own pace, at any point in your career journey.

An incredible opportunity is waiting for you. Technology is changing the world by connecting billions of devices and improving how we live, work, play and treat our planet. No industry is immune. Are you ready to change your life, and possibly make the world a better place? Join Laikipia University CISCO academy Networking Essentials: basic networking concepts and skills you can put to use right away.

- CCNA R&S: Introduction to Networks is designed to prepare you for entry-level networking jobs
- CCNA R&S: Routing and Switching Essentials is designed to prepare you for networking technician jobs.
- CCNA R&S: Scaling Networks is designed to prepare you for networking analyst & engineering jobs
- CCNA R&S: Connecting Networks prepares you for Cisco CCNA R&S Certification.
- Mobility Fundamentals: teach you about mobile & wireless concepts, standards, & applications.
- CCNP Routing and Switching: provides you with a solid overview of enterprise-level networking concepts.
- Cyber security Essentials: For those planning to study for CCNA Routing & Switching or CCNA Security certifications.
- CCNA Cybersecurity Operations: Develop the know-how to monitor, detect and respond to cybersecurity threats.
- CCNA Security: Develop the skills needed to design and support the integrity of network devices.
- IoT Fundamentals: Connecting Things: Hands-on activities teach you how to securely collect data and connect sensors to cloud services.
- IoT Fundamentals: Big Data & Analytics: Add skills in the growing field of collecting and analyzing big data.



HANDING OVER OF STUDENTS READING SHEDS BY KENYA POWER AT LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY (LU)

The Kenya Power has partnered with Laikipia University Alumni Association in construction of modern reading sheds for LU students which have improved the learning environment. A team of Kenya Power staff led by the Director, Kenya Power International, Dr. Jeremiah Kiplangat (4th from right), officially handed over the students' sheds on 18th March, 2019 to the University. The LU team was led Prof. Kibett Rotich, Vice Chancellor (3rd from right), Prof. Wanjiku Chiuri, Deputy Vice Chancellor- Academic and Research (1st from right), and Prof. Isaac Ochieng, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor – Administration, Finance and Development (extreme left).



The team also interacted with group of students at the site who appreciated Kenya Power for the donation. According to the students the sheds have enhanced fruitful discussion groups making learning more interactive and interesting. The University appreciated the mutual relationship with Kenya Power and looked forward to further engagements.



Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPGS) held a proposal writing workshop on 18th and 19th March, 2019. Various senior lecturers from Laikipia University were invited to train the postgraduate students on the various components of a good proposal. The workshop attracted over 120 postgraduate students.

The Registrar (AA) and Director BPGS welcomed the postgraduate students to the workshop. The Vice Chancellor gave his key note address and officially opened the workshop at 10.00am.

Various facilitators covered the following:

DAY 1: 18Th March, 2019

1. Prof Nicholas Kamau – Research Overview (Students expectations, views, input, opportunities and challenges)
2. Prof. Wendo Nabea –Introduction and Background of Study
3. Prof. Felicia Yieke- Guidelines of Referencing (APA, Chicago, MLA, IEEE, etc)
4. Prof. Albert Rutere- Literature Review
5. Prof. John Kanjogu- Research Methodology
6. Dr. Peter Githae- Data processes (Data Collection &Quantitative Data Analysis)

DAY 2: 19Th March, 2019

1. Prof. Onyango Ogolla- Abstract as a tool for scholarly identity
2. Prof. Jacinta Ndambuki- Expectations in project writing
3. Prof. Wendo Nabea- Qualitative Data Analysis
4. Prof. Moses Rotich- Guidelines for Supervision
5. Dr. Janerose Mayabi –Workshop overview and way forward

This workshop brought a lot of excitement to the postgraduate students present as it was an eye opener to many of them. In addition, many of the students commented that they previously lacked such forums to learn and interact with their lecturers, taking into consideration that postgraduate study programme is a very lonely journey.

The students expressed their gratitude to the university and postgraduate office for organizing the workshop. They requested that the university should organize such workshops more often.

The DVC (AF&D) gave his closing remarks at 4.00pm and officially closed the workshop.

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ESALU DONATES DUSTBINS AND SALT SHAKERS TO LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY RESTAURANT

Economics Students Association of Laikipia University is an association registered under the office of the Dean of Students- Laikipia University. The club comprises of open membership to all interested students from Laikipia University.

On Wednesday, 13th March 2019, the association donated dustbins and salt shakers to the University. This was premised on the need to enable everyone to take their meals in a clean and friendly environment.

Economic Students Association leaders includes the following:

1. Mr. Benjack Otieno Ochieng – Patron
2. Thomas Kuntai – Chairperson
3. Enock Titi – Vice Chairperson
4. John Mumo – Secretary General
5. Abel Morara – Vice Secretary General
6. Oscar Mulongo - Treasurer
7. Caroline Gitahi - Auditor General
8. Zawadi Achaya – Hospitality Director
9. Bronson Mwiti - Research and logistics Director
10. Dancan Wanyoike - Publicity Director.
11. Juliet marigwa - Organizing Secretary
12. Patric Muhia - Deputy Organizing Secretary
13. Edward Mutua – Fourth Year Representative
14. Veronicah Ndung'u -Third Year Representative
15. Faith Waweru – Second Year Representative
16. Annabel Ndilo – First Year Representative

DRAMA TROUPE SHINES IN THE ANNUAL KENYA NATIONAL DRAMA AND FILM FESTIVAL AT KIBABII UNIVERSITY IN BUNGOMA



Laikipia University scooped the following Awards:

- Best item on Anti-Corruption
- Best item on Kenyan Values
- Best item on use of Clean Internet Content
- 2 Adjudicators Awards in the Play

Best Items:

- Mime :Position 1
- Play :Position 2
- Modern dance: Position 2
- Solo Verse : Position 3

The mime was featured in the Gala where all the best items were showcased.

The team was led by Prof. Nabea who has written and directed all the productions with the assistance of Mr. Obwanga Benson.

The Drama Troupe is very grateful to the University Management Board for their financial and moral

support. The UMB team led by Prof. Chiuri-DVC AR, Prof Isaac Ochieng-Acting DVC AFD, Dr. Kiugu-Registrar AA, Geoffrey Langat-Acting Finance Officer and Dr. Sheila –Director Gender Center watched the troupe perform live on stage at Kibabii University. This boosted the students confidence and their morale.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM... we are proud of you



SPORTS FOR HEALTH AND CLEAN ENVIROMENT



Laikipia University to hold its 9th Edition Marathon
in September _____

The theme of the marathon is ***SPORTS FOR HEALTH AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT***

Do you want to reduce your stress level, anxiety and blood pressure? Do you want to boost your energy and immunity, increase concentration and problem solving skills? Do not just sit there, take a hike and have a taste of the LU nature trail.

Marathon committee members took a walk in the woods and came out taller than trees.



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Upcoming Events



Happy
Easter

Info Point wishes all the undergraduate and post graduate students all the best in their exams.

To the LU community, **Happy Easter!**

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