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EMPOWERING STUDENTS: SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CAREER ADVISING FORUM

The School of Humanities and Development Studies (SHDS) organized a Student Advising Forum for its students on 4th March, 2025, at the Nelson Mandela Hall. The event, an initiative of Prof. Sheila Pamela Wandera-Simwa, the Academic Dean of SHDS, was well-attended by both staff and students. The forum was officially opened by Prof. John Kanjogu, the Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs (DVC ARSA).



Prof. John Kanjogu, Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor, giving opening remarks during the Student Advising Forum at the Nelson Mandela Hall

In his opening remarks, Prof. Kanjogu highlighted the critical importance of student advising and praised the school for initiating the forum. He expressed appreciation for the strong faculty attendance, noting it reflected a genuine commitment from the academic staff. He also observed that student participation was impressive, with the hall reaching full capacity.



Students from the School of Humanities and Development Studies during the Career Advising Forum

The keynote address, titled "Academic Mentorship for a Transformative Agenda," was delivered by Prof. James Onyango Ogola, a senior faculty member at the university. Prof. Ogola encouraged students to reflect on the University's vision, "Nurture and Transform for the World," and aspire to become responsible global citizens

equipped with both technical and soft skills. He posed a thought-provoking question to the students: "How do you nurture and transform for the world?" He emphasized that core values such as Quality, Integrity, Sustainability, Innovativeness, and Collaboration could empower students to bring out their best and make meaningful contributions globally. Prof. Ogola also advised students to take control of their academic and personal well-being, emphasizing the importance of time management and maintaining a balance between their social, economic, spiritual, and academic lives.



Prof. James Ogola, Lecturer, Department of LITCOMS, advising students

Student advising plays a vital role in the university experience by providing academic guidance and supporting personal and career growth. Advisors assist students in selecting courses, understanding degree requirements, and managing academic challenges. Advising also helps students explore career opportunities, understand job market trends, and find internships or research opportunities, ensuring that students are on track for their professional aspirations. Beyond academics, advisors often serve as mentors, helping students build life skills, emotional intelligence, and decision-making abilities. They also connect students to resources for mental health support, time management, and conflict resolution.

Prof. Sheila Wandera-Simwa, the Dean of the School, offered further guidance to the students. She counselled them to familiarize themselves with their departments and exam officers to navigate their academic journeys effectively. She encouraged students to read the Student Handbook and familiarize themselves with the university's rules and regulations, stressing the importance of maintaining academic integrity. Prof. Wandera-Simwa also emphasized the significance of attending classes regularly, meeting the 75 percent attendance requirement, sitting for Continuous Assessment Tests (CATS), and adhering to a respectful dress code. She concluded by urging students to take ownership of their academic progress, as the responsibility for success lies with both the individual and the institution.



Prof. Sheila Wandera-Simwa, Dean, School of Humanities and Development Studies, advising students at the forum

Effective student advising not only contributes to academic success but also supports personal and professional development, enhancing the overall university experience. Students were encouraged to make the most of their academic advising sessions to ensure their growth and success.

The event was attended by a distinguished group of individuals, including the Chief Guest, Prof. John Kanjogu, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor (ARSA); Prof. Sheila Wandera-Simwa, Dean of SHDS; the Keynote Speaker, Prof. James Onyango Ogola; the Chairs of Departments, Prof. Babere Chacha and Dr. Nelson Ndiritu; Exam Officers Ms. Penina Mumbua and Dr. Florence Mwithi. Other faculty members in attendance included Rev. Fr. Dr. Peterson Kabugi, Prof. Albert Rutere, Prof. Jacinta Ndambuki, Prof. Eliud Kirigia, Dr. Joakim Oundo, Mr. Macdonald Juma, Dr. Lydia Waiya, Prof. Wendo Nabea, Mr. Nahashon Nyangeri, Prof. Goro Kamau, and Dr. Pauline Ngoro. Prof. Felicia Yieke and Fancy Sitonik represented the Directorate of Corporate Affairs alongside Ms. Janet Lagat from the Faculty Secretariat.

DISABILITY INCLUSION AND EMPOWERMENT

The Laikipia University Disability Mainstreaming Committee, chaired by Dr. Florence Opondo, hosted a luncheon for persons living with disabilities at the University Restaurant on March 5, 2025. The members, comprising students and staff, gathered to share their experiences, challenges, and suggestions for enhancing accessibility and inclusion within the university.

Dr. Florence Opondo noted that access to lecture halls, a serious concern raised at the previous luncheon, had already been resolved, as the timetabling officer had allocated lectures with students with disabilities to accessible halls. She also encouraged members to raise awareness among more students and staff about the importance of self-acceptance by registering with the

Committee and the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD). She reminded them of the importance of sharing information, as this can help resolve any arising matters quickly and efficiently.



The Disability Mainstreaming Committee and members drawn from both staff and students during the luncheon

On her part, Ms. Beatrice Yogo, Dean of Students, encouraged students to take on leadership roles in the university, as they are capable and hold enormous potential. As a way of empowering them, she promised to involve members from the group in the Laikipia University Students Association (LUSA) elections, which took place in March.

Mr. John K. Mbaka, who represented the Directorate of Planning and Performance Management (DPPM), challenged the students to be proactive in addressing their concerns, rather than merely waiting to be assisted without taking any initiative. The students were encouraged to regularly raise their issues with the relevant offices for assistance.



A Group photo of Disability Mainstreaming Committee and members living with disability

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NYAHURURU PRISON

International Women's Day is globally celebrated on 7th March to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

This year's theme, Accelerate Action, focuses on the urgency of making faster, more effective strides towards gender equality. Laikipia University, through the Directorate of Human Rights and Gender, marked this day by organizing a gender sensitization forum at Nyahururu Women Prison on Friday, 7th March 2025, in partnership with St Martin CSA, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), and Pearl Hospital Nyahururu. This engagement is because although they are our partners, collaboration remains a key strategy for advancing gender inclusion and equality.



Laikipia University members of staff during their visit at the Nyahururu Womens' Prison

This celebration goes beyond a mere event. It is an opportunity to extend compassion, empowerment, and solidarity to women in correctional facilities. It is a chance to connect, inspire, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of fellow women who need encouragement and support.



Cake-cutting ceremony at the Nyahururu Womens' Prison

Besides being an outreach activity, this event aimed to support rehabilitation and reintegration efforts. The day's activities included a roundtable discussion on social-psychological issues facing women prisoners, an expert dialogue on women's health and wellness, as well as women's rights, alongside second-chance success stories and fun activities such as cooking and dancing together as a community, leaving no one behind.

PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN TIATY CONSTITUENCY, BARINGO EAST

Laikipia University embarked on a significant peacekeeping mission in Tiaty, Baringo East, from March 11th to 12th, 2025 to promote peace, foster unity, and

environmental sustainability of the region. The mission included a series of interactive activities such as talks in schools, public barazas (community meetings), and a tree donation and planting initiative. The event was designed to engage various sectors of the community, including students, local leaders, and residents, in meaningful discussions and actions that would contribute to lasting peace and environmental awareness.



Prof. Babere Chacha addressing Tiaty, Baringo East residents

Objective of the Mission: The mission aimed to address the challenges of insecurity, environmental degradation, and community disengagement by fostering dialogue, cooperation, and environmental responsibility among residents of Tiaty and its surrounding areas.



Laikipia University donates tree seedlings to Tiaty residents

The specific objectives were to:

1. Engage local schools in discussions about the importance of peace and coexistence;
2. Bring together community members through public barazas for dialogue on peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution; and
3. Promote environmental conservation through tree donation and planting activities.

Activities Held:

Talks in Schools: The mission commenced with visits to various schools in Tiaty, where representatives from Laikipia University, including faculty members and students, interacted with pupils and students from the area. The focus of the talks was to sensitize young people on the importance of peace, their role in building a cohesive society, and the significance of environmental conservation. Topics covered included *conflict resolution, the impact of violence on development, and how youths can contribute to sustainable peace in their communities*. Students were encouraged to become ambassadors of peace, embracing values such as tolerance, respect, and cooperation.

Public Barazas (Community Meetings): On the second day of the mission, public barazas were organized in key community centres in Tiaty. These forums served as platforms for open dialogue among community members, local leaders, and stakeholders. The discussions revolved around local security concerns, strategies for conflict resolution, and ways to strengthen peacebuilding efforts in the area. Local leaders expressed the need for continued collaboration between the community, government, and educational institutions in creating an environment where peace can thrive. The university representatives facilitated these discussions, ensuring that all voices were heard and that actionable strategies were outlined.



Tiaty residents during the university's visit

Tree Donation and Planting: To promote environmental sustainability, Laikipia University organized a tree planting exercise. Through this initiative, **over 1000** tree seedlings were donated to schools and the local community, and the residents participated in planting them at designated sites. This activity not only contributed to the environmental restoration of the area but also symbolized the community's collective commitment to nurturing peace and harmony, much like the growth of the trees. The event underscored the vital link between environmental health and peaceful coexistence, as the well-being of one often affects the other.

local community, increasing awareness about the need for peaceful coexistence. Both young people and adults left with a better understanding of how individual actions contribute to collective peace and security.

Strengthened Community Engagement: The public barazas served as a strong reminder of the power of community participation in conflict resolution. Local leaders and residents felt more empowered to address issues collaboratively, which is crucial in an area that has occasionally faced challenges with insecurity.

Environmental Impact: The tree planting initiative was a notable success. The newly planted trees are expected to enhance the environmental landscape, reduce soil erosion, promote biodiversity, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the region.

Building Partnerships: The mission helped build stronger ties between Laikipia University and the Tiaty community, creating a foundation for future collaborations. The positive reception from local leaders and residents suggested that the partnership between the university and the local community is likely to grow in the years to come.



Laikipia University students during the Peace Mission visit in Tiaty, Baringo County

The Laikipia University peacekeeping mission in Tiaty, Baringo East, was a successful and impactful event. It not only addressed critical issues of peace, security, and environmental sustainability but also fostered strong community engagement and cooperation. The mission's activities created lasting positive change by providing the tools for conflict resolution, environmental stewardship, and youth empowerment. Laikipia University's efforts have set a precedent for future initiatives in peacebuilding and environmental conservation, demonstrating that when communities come together, tangible progress is possible.

This mission exemplified the power of education, collaboration, and community engagement in fostering peace and environmental sustainability, setting a solid foundation for future development in the region.

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP: LUSA OFFICIALS 2024/2025 SWORN IN

Laikipia University extends its congratulations to the newly elected and sworn-in officials of the Laikipia University Students Association (LUSA) for the 2024/2025 academic year. Rev. Fr. Dr. Peterson Kabugi, University Chaplain, administered the swearing-in ceremony on 20th March 2025.



Rev. Fr. Dr. Peterson Kabugi, Chaplain Laikipia University, swearing in the LUSA Chair, Mr. Emmanuel Kibet

Ms. Beatrice Yogo, the Dean of Students, thanked the university management for facilitating a smooth, peaceful, and calm election process. She noted that the election saw the highest voter turnout ever and praised both outgoing and incoming LUSA officials for their successful civic education efforts, which contributed to the large, peaceful turnout.

In his farewell speech, outgoing Chair Mr. John Wambua Mule emphasized that leadership is about service, commitment, and responsibility. He reflected on his team's achievements, made possible by teamwork, resilience, and support from both students and the administration. He reminded the new officials that the challenges ahead will require hard work, but encouraged them to build upon the foundation laid by his team. He expressed confidence that the future of student leadership is in capable hands and that together, they will make the university a better place for future generations. He thanked the University Management, and fellow students for the support accorded to them during their tenure.



Mr. John Wambua, outgoing LUSA Chair addressing his fellow students and the new LUSA Team.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Emmanuel Kibet, the newly elected Chair of LUSA, expressed profound gratitude to his fellow students for entrusting him with the leadership role. He committed to working tirelessly to ensure the university remains a place of growth, opportunity, and excellence. He thanked the outgoing officials for their dedication and vowed to continue building upon their successes to elevate Laikipia University. He assured university management that the new leadership would work closely with them to strengthen the relationship between students and the administration. With unity, determination, and a shared vision, Mr. Kibet affirmed that Laikipia University will continue to thrive as a place where every student can succeed.



Students cheering on the new LUSA team during swearing-in

The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Hezron Nyamwega, Registrar of Administration and Human Capital (AHC); Dr. Fred Buluma, the Returning Officer; staff from the Directorate of Corporate Affairs, led by the Director, Prof. Felicia Yieke; staff from the Dean of Students' office; and students.

YOUR HEALTH, YOUR WEALTH: LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY HOLDS ITS ANNUAL HEALTH WEEK, 2025

Laikipia University successfully hosted its Annual Health Week from March 19th to 21st, 2025, at the University Graduation Square. This three-day event, themed "Re-examining Non-Communicable Diseases, Reproductive Health, and Mental Health for Enhanced Well-being," aimed to raise awareness, promote early disease detection, and encourage individuals to take proactive steps towards better health.



Laikipia University staff and Health Week partners

The visiting health partners paid a courtesy call to the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Finance and Planning, where they engaged in interactive discussions on the importance of health initiatives. Prof. Patience Mshenga, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, expressed her gratitude to the partners for their ongoing support.



Laikipia University staff and medical partners

Prof. Patience Mshenga, officially launched the event, delivering an inspiring speech that emphasized the importance of health initiatives and self-care. She highlighted how such events help communities focus on early disease detection and management, which are essential for addressing health challenges. She also underscored the significance of these discussions in shaping a healthier future for all.



Prof. Patience Mshenga, DVC (Administration, Finance & Planning) during health talk session at The Nelson Mandela Hall

On the first day, expert-led health talks covered critical topics, including:

- *Obesity and Hypertension* by **Dr. Robina K. Oyaro**, Consultant Physician at the Nakuru County Referral and Teaching Hospital (PGH)
- *Cervical Cancer and Reproductive Health* by **Dr. Ali Younes**, Consultant, Gynaecologist and Obstetrics at the Bloom Hospital, Nakuru
- *Cancer Management* by **Dr. Dulcie Wanda**, Consultant Oncologist, Nakuru County Referral and Teaching Hospital (PGH)
- *Prostate Cancer and Its Management* by **Dr. Shehab Emad El-Amir**, Consultant Urologist and Andrologist at the Bloom Hospital, Nakuru
- *Low Back Pain and Arthritis* by **Dr. Martin Kaggia**, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at UltraCare Specialist Hospital, Nyahururu
- *Mental Health Awareness* by **Dr. Lucy Wangechi Mureithi**, Counselling Psychologist and COD Psychology, Counselling and Educational Foundations, Laikipia University



Dr. Dulcie Wanda giving a talk on cancer management at The Nelson Mandela Hall, Laikipia University

The final two days featured field screening sessions that allowed individuals to assess their health, receive professional advice, and take proactive steps toward well-being. These sessions were especially valuable for early detection of severe health conditions, which can lead to better treatment outcomes, lower healthcare costs, and improved long-term health.

Laikipia University's Annual Health Week exemplifies the institution's dedication to health education, fostering collaboration, improving access to vital health services, and contributing to the community through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Let's embrace a healthier future by prioritizing our well-being and addressing preventable diseases.



Dr. Shehab Emad El-Amir (Bloom Hospital, Nakuru) addressing the Health Week participants at The Nelson Mandela Hall

The University extends heartfelt thanks to its partners who contributed to the success of this event, including the County Government of Laikipia, St. Martin Catholic Social Apostolate, Amua Family Health Options, NACADA, Nakuru Blood Transfusion Centre, and the Kenya Red Cross. Health facilities such as Bloom Hospital Nakuru, Nakuru Specialist Hospital, Joy Ellen Women's Hospital, UltraCare Specialist Hospital, Pearl Hospital, Aga Khan University Hospital, Pope Benedict Catholic Hospital, and Charity Medical Hospital played key roles. Financial institutions, including Egerton University SACCO, Equity Bank, and Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), as well as University Unions (UASU and KUSU) and the Kenya National Human Rights Commission (KNCHR), also provided crucial support.

SENSITIZATION TRAINING ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITAL SKILLS, SERVICE CHARTER, AND FINANCIAL WELLNESS AT LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY

Laikipia University, through its Directorate of Corporate Affairs and ICT Department, hosted a comprehensive sensitization training session for all staff members at Nelson Mandela Hall on March 26, 2025. The session focused on three critical areas: **Emerging Technologies and Digital Skills, the University Service**

Charter and Complaints Handling, and Financial Wellness and Management. The training provided a vital platform for staff to refresh their knowledge, acquire new skills, and engage directly with experts on current and emerging topics affecting personal and institutional growth.

Prof. Patience Mshenga, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Planning, officially opened the training, welcomed the participants, and commended the organizing team for designing a timely and relevant training programme. Key facilitators included Prof. Felicia Yieke (Director, Corporate Affairs), Dr. Alex Kibet (Chair, ICT Department), Adjunct Prof. Kipruto Cheruiyot, Dr. Gilbert Langat, and Mr. Alfred Onyango, the Nakuru Branch Manager of Standard Chartered Bank. In her remarks, Prof. Mshenga emphasized the urgency of continuous professional development in the face of rapidly changing technologies and increasing global competition. "We are living in interesting times," she noted, highlighting challenges such as shrinking financial resources. She urged staff to embrace innovation, update their digital skills, and take proactive steps to improve their financial literacy and wellness, including exploring investment opportunities.

Dr. Hezron Nyamwega, Registrar (Administration and Human Capital), echoed these sentiments, underlining the role of capacity building in enhancing individual and institutional performance. He encouraged department heads to incorporate training needs assessments into their performance contracts to better align professional development with strategic goals. Dr. Nyamwega also reminded staff about the dangers of drug and substance abuse, urging everyone to prioritize their health and well-being for greater productivity.



Dr. Hezron Nyamwega, Registrar (Administration & Human Capital) addressing staff

Dr. Alex Kibet, Head of the ICT Department, spoke about the dynamic nature of information and communication technology and its central role in modern service delivery. He emphasized the importance of staff staying up-to-date on technological advancements to enhance efficiency across all departments. The training session received positive feedback, with participants expressing appreciation for the relevant topics covered and enthusiasm for future training initiatives.

LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY HOLDS DRUG AND SUBSTANCE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Students during the drug & substance awareness campaign walk

On April 4, 2025, Laikipia University held a Drug and Substance Awareness Campaign at the University Graduation Pavilion. The event aimed to educate students on the dangers and consequences of drug and substance abuse while reinforcing the institution's commitment to promoting student health and well-being.

The campaign was officially opened by Ms. Evelyne Oketch, who is in charge of Counselling Services, on behalf of the Dean of Students. In her remarks, Ms. Oketch highlighted the increasing prevalence of drug use among students and its strong links to absenteeism, indiscipline, and a rise in mental health concerns. She reaffirmed the university's proactive approach to tackling these issues through continuous awareness and support initiatives.



Ms. Evelyne Oketch, student counsellor, during awareness launch

Mr. Eliud Maina from the NACADA Laikipia County Office graced the event, representing the regional NACADA Coordinator for Laikipia, Nyandarua, and Samburu counties. He presented findings from NACADA's 2024 national survey on drug use among university students. He noted a concerning rise in cannabis use, reported to be five times higher than the national average, as well as a narrowing gender gap in alcohol consumption. He called for a coordinated, multi-stakeholder strategy to curb both the supply and demand of drugs in academic institutions.



Mr. Eliud Maina from NACADA addressing Laikipia University students

A key highlight of the day was an Awareness Walk around the university campus and its environs. Ms. Oketch, representing the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic, Research and Student Affairs), officially flagged off the walk. Participants included university staff, NACADA officials, representatives from the Laikipia University Students Association (LUSA), student peer counsellors, members of the Anti-Drugs Club, and the broader student body.



Laikipia University students holding sensitization materials

During the event, students also voiced concerns about the rising trend of gambling, equating its effects to those of substance abuse. They urged organizers and stakeholders to expand awareness campaigns to address behavioural addictions as well.

The campaign marks a significant step in Laikipia University's ongoing mission to create a safe, healthy, and drug-free learning environment.

KUCCPS PLACEMENT SENSITIZATION DRIVE AT LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY



Ms. Hannah Njambi (KUCCPS) addressing Laikipia University students

The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) carried out a sensitization drive at Laikipia University from April 3 to April 13, 2025. The objective was to assist students in understanding the application process for their preferred courses in universities and colleges, while also promoting Laikipia University as a top choice for future applicants.

Ms. Hannah Njambi, a KUCCPS representative, led the sessions and emphasized the importance of informed course selection among students. During her visit, Ms. Njambi also paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kibett Rotich. The Vice Chancellor underscored the need for KUCCPS to provide more informational materials, such as cut-off points and professional course requirements, to assist students and university marketing teams who frequently engage in career guidance at secondary schools. Also present during the courtesy call were Prof. John Kanjogu, Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academics, Research and Student Affairs (ARSA), and Prof. Felicia Yieke, Director of Corporate Affairs.



Ms. Hannah Njambi from KUCCPS (far right) during a courtesy call at the Vice Chancellor's Office

The highlight of the sensitization programme was a public open day forum held on April 9, 2025. The event attracted

participants from Laikipia County and neighbouring regions, such as Nyandarua, where attendees received guidance on the programme application process.

Laikipia University extends its gratitude to KUCCPS for the fruitful partnership that has consistently contributed to an increase in student enrolment in recent years.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS CONDUCTS A SEMINAR FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

On 9 April 2025, Laikipia University's School of Business and Economics hosted a dynamic and engaging interactive session for its graduate students at Mandela Hall. The event, designed to foster deeper connections and provide valuable insights, was a huge success, drawing enthusiastic participation from students across various disciplines within the school.

The session started with a warm welcome from the Dean, Prof. Peter Mwaura, and school members, setting the tone for enriching discussions and thought-provoking exchanges. The students were invited to share their ideas and experiences in their academic journey and research, creating an open space for open discussion and collective problem-solving. This collaborative atmosphere enabled participants to gain new perspectives after receiving valuable feedback from experts and supervisors.



Prof. Peter Mwaura, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, during the interactive session with students at The Nelson Mandela Hall

The graduate students enjoyed the interactive nature of the session, during which they were also allowed to pose questions regarding their research work. The exchange of ideas was not only intellectually enriching but also provided valuable networking opportunities for the students, who are poised to become future leaders in the business and economic sectors.

As the session concluded, students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to engage with professionals and academics in such a meaningful way. Many remarked that the event had not only deepened their understanding of the subject areas they are passionate about but had also

inspired them to pursue new avenues for growth and innovation in their careers.



Prof. Stella Muhanji, Chairperson, Department of Economics (right) rendering her remarks after the graduate students' presentation

The School of Business and Economics continues to solidify its commitment to providing an environment that fosters learning, collaboration, and leadership. With such interactive sessions, Laikipia University is shaping a new generation of business and economics leaders ready to make a lasting impact on the world. Laikipia University continues to nurture and transform for the world.



Participants during the seminar proceedings



Presentations during the Seminar

LAIKIPIA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On April 15, 2025, Laikipia University, in collaboration with the Commission for University Education (CUE), hosted a vibrant and impactful forum for its international postgraduate students. The event highlighted the university's growing commitment to internationalization and global academic engagement.



Laikipia University DVC (AFP), Prof. Patience Mshenga (second left), DVC (ARSA) Prof. John Kanjogu, Director Corporate Affairs, Prof. Felicia Yieke, and Officials from the Commission for University Education (CUE)

The CUE delegation, led by Dr. James K. Ngugi, Assistant Commission Secretary for Research and Innovations, began the day with a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor's office. Prof. Patience Mshenga, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, warmly welcomed them.



CUE Officials at the Vice Chancellor's Office

The day's highlight was a dynamic and interactive session that brought together international students to share their personal stories and academic experiences at Laikipia University. A recurring theme among the students' reflections was the university's flexibility, efficiency, and supportive learning environment, which continues to attract students from across the continent.

“The flexible classes allow me to study and work,” shared Shakira from Uganda, reflecting the university’s commitment to supporting a healthy work-study balance.

“When I got my admission, I knew—my dream had come true!” echoed Aisha, also from Uganda, capturing the hope, aspiration, and excitement that Laikipia inspires.

“I applied and got admitted within a very short time!” added Innocent from Nigeria, highlighting the university’s quick and student-friendly admissions process.

These firsthand stories, rich in authenticity, will be featured in the upcoming issue of the Varsity Digest, a publication by CUE, which aims to showcase success stories and motivate future international students to pursue their academic dreams in Kenya.



Dr. James K. Ngugi, Assistant Commission Secretary for Research and Innovation at CUE during the virtual meeting with Laikipia University international students

Prof. Felicia Yieke, Director of Corporate Affairs, represented Laikipia University in leading insightful discussions on the university’s academic programmes, global partnerships, and ongoing internationalization efforts. Joining the discourse were Prof. Stella Muhanji and Dr. Florence Opondo, esteemed faculty members, who shared how their global academic experiences have enriched their teaching and broadened student perspectives.



Laikipia University staff and CUE officials discussing on internationalization of education

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