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FUHSI CAREER CENTRE HOSTS CAREER TRAINING TO GUIDE STUDENTS IN FUTURE PLANNING

The Career Service Centre of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI-CSC), on Thursday 6th February 2025, held a 1-day Career Training Programme to equip students with essential tools for career exploration and planning.

The event, which attracted 276 students from eight departments, was themed “*Career Exploration: Helping Undergraduates Identify their Interests, Values, and Strengths While Exploring Career Options.*”

The programme, which was held at the University's Multi-Purpose Hall in Ogbagbara, featured sessions by industry experts who shared practical strategies for career development and personal growth.

The convener of the career training programme, Dr Olayemi Zainab Oduola, stated that the training was organised to create a platform for students to reflect on their aspirations and gain clarity about professional opportunities. She added that FUHSI-CSC reaffirmed the University's commitment to preparing students for the dynamic demands of the professional world by helping them make informed and meaningful career decisions.

In his keynote speech, The Founder and CEO of Vanguard Pharmacy Limited, Pharm. Odukoya Taofik Oladipupo shared his career trajectory and how he built Vanguard Pharmacy into a recognised brand. He stressed the importance of collaboration and partnerships while advising students to align their career paths with their values and interests to achieve fulfilment.

The Head of Human Resources and Fleet Management at Vanguard Pharmacy Limited, Mr. Ojo-Thomas Blessing, led a compelling session on self-discovery and strategic career planning.

He encouraged students to think innovatively and set realistic and adaptable goals in light of changing global trends. Mr. Ojo-Thomas urged the attendees to link passion with purpose in navigating the world of work.

The students expressed a strong sense of motivation and appreciated the guidance provided through the training.



A Cross section of the 300-level Students During the Career Training Programme

FUHSI CHANCELLOR, SHEHU IBRAHIM EL-KANEMI, RECEIVES STAFF OF OFFICE FROM GOVERNOR ZULUM



The Borno State Governor Babagana Zulum Presenting the Staff of Office to the Chancellor, Shehu of Dikwa, Ibrahim Ibn Umar El-Kanemi

In a landmark ceremony held on Sunday, 9th February 2025, the Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, officially presented the staff of office to His Royal Highness, Ibrahim Ibn Umar El-Kanemi, as the new Shehu of Dikwa.

Governor Zulum, in his address, underscored the evolving demands of leadership in modern times, urging the new Shehu to embrace innovation and forward-thinking leadership.

“His Highness has ascended the throne in an era markedly different from that of his illustrious predecessors. These are more modern times that require your best efforts in

This significant occasion marks not only a pivotal moment for the Dikwa Emirate but also for the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), where the Shehu serves as Chancellor.



The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Governing Council, Prof. Wale Sulaimon with Dr. Abba at the Coronation of the Shehu of Dikwa

The event was attended by members of the FUHSI Governing Council and Principal Officers, whose presence demonstrated the University's strong ties to traditional leadership and its commitment to community engagement.

As Chancellor of FUHSI, Shehu Ibrahim El-Kanemi plays a vital role in advancing the University's vision of becoming a centre of excellence in health sciences education and research, his leadership is poised to inspire both students and staff, promoting a culture of integrity, service, and innovation.

With the Shehu's leadership bridging traditional authority and academic advancement, FUHSI is well-placed to expand its impact on public health and sustainable community development.



The Member of the University Governing Council, Dr. Abba (First left) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Akeem Lasisi (Second right) with Members of the Dikwa Council Emirate at the Coronation

FUHSI VICE-CHANCELLOR URGES FRESHERS TO UPHOLD GOOD CHARACTER, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Adeleke, speaking at the 2025 Orientation Programme

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, has charged newly admitted students to uphold integrity and moral conduct as a foundation for their academic success.

The Vice Chancellor gave this charge during a two-day orientation programme organised for the 2024/2025 academic session freshmen, held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The programme which is an annual culture of the University, is not only a platform for welcoming students into the Institution, it is also used to set the tone for responsible conduct, academic diligence, and a deep understanding of their roles in the FUHSI academic community.

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Monsuru Adeleke, Prof. Lasisi emphasised that character was just as important as academic achievement. According to him, "Good character is paramount. Before any certificate can be awarded, a student must be found worthy in both character and learning."

Prof. Lasisi revealed that the University received over 4,000 applications for only 1,000 available admission slots. This, he said, underscored the competitive nature of the process. He reminded the students that the admission they were offered by the University was a privilege which must be well guided. He, therefore, reminded the newly admitted students that misconduct could lead to the withdrawal of admission as FUHSI had a philosophy of zero tolerance for moral and academic transgressions. The Vice-Chancellor further explained that the orientation programme was designed to introduce students to university life and institutional expectations.

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He cautioned, “If after this orientation you violate the rules and regulations of the school, you will face penalties.” The orientation programme was designed to equip the newly admitted undergraduates with essential information about university life. It featured sessions on anti corruption, student conduct, academic documentation, and registration processes. These sessions were incorporated to instil in the students a sense of integrity and accountability as they begin their academic journey.

ICPC WARNS FUHSI FRESHERS AGAINST CYBERCRIME, ADVOCATES RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USE



Mr. Laaro Sulaimon, a Representative of ICPC, speaking to the students

A representative of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr. Laaro Sulaimon, has issued a stern warning to newly admitted students of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), against engaging in cybercrime, commonly referred to as “yahoo-yahoo.”

Speaking during the University's orientation programme on February 11, 2025, Mr Sulaimon emphasised the dangers and long-term consequences of internet fraud.

“Use the knowledge from the internet to grow yourself rather than to destroy yourself,” he urged the students while encouraging positive and constructive use of digital skills.

“FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS EMPOWERED YOU; EMPOWER YOURSELF” – AMUSA TELLS STUDENTS

Also speaking at the event, the University's Senior Accountant, Mr. Amusa Akeem, enlightened students on the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), a financial support initiative designed to ease tuition and academic costs.

Mr Amusa hinted that the fund is intended to empower students to pursue their education without financial stress and to focus on their long-term career goals. He added that the fund was accessible to all students regardless of course of study or ethnic and religious background.

Mr Amusa demonstrated how the website of NELFUND could be navigated while also providing information on the basic requirements students needed to access the fund.

UPHOLD FUHSI'S CORE VALUES

As part of efforts to maintain discipline and integrity, the Orientation programme also featured a talk on upholding the University's core values.

Students were cautioned against a range of social vices, including indecent dressing, bullying, cultism, and examination malpractice. These warnings reinforced FUHSI's zero-tolerance policy on misconduct.

This is part of the University's vision of raising socially responsible graduates who embody excellence both within and beyond the academic space.

NDLEA WARNS FUHSI FRESHERS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND MATERIALISM



The Assistant Commandant of the NDLEA, Mrs. Toyin Adegoke, delivering her address at the 2025 Orientation Ceremony

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has cautioned newly admitted students of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), on drug abuse and materialism. The drug agency warned students against the devastating consequences of abusing drugs and dangerous substances and how their future could be adversely affected. Delivering her address during the University's two-day orientation programme, the Assistant Commandant of NDLEA in Osun State, Mrs. Toyin Adegoke, spoke on the theme “Youth and Drug Abuse.” She described drug abuse as a critical societal problem, warning that it could lead to individual, familial, and national disasters.

“Drug abuse is the father of all criminal activities in the country,” she stated while drawing connections between substance abuse and crimes such as cybercrime, robbery, and cultism.

Mrs. Adegoke identified peer pressure, ignorance, curiosity, and alienation as key drivers of drug abuse among young people. She, therefore, implored students to reject these influences. “You must avoid it at all costs,” she warned.

She further outlined the dangers of drug abuse, including brain damage, anxiety, premature death, and the disintegration of family structures. Mrs. Adegoke reminded students that being caught with illicit substances could result in severe disciplinary measures, including expulsion from the university.

In a related session, the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Prof. Mutalib Aderogba, addressed the issue of examination malpractice.

While reiterating the University's zero-tolerance stance against examination malpractice and other related offences, Professor Aderogba warned that any students caught in possession of valid question papers before an exam would be dismissed after due investigation.

He added that pre-exam possession of answer booklets would lead to suspension, while smuggling question papers out during an examination would also be dismissal from the Institution.

FUHSI COMMISSIONS NEW SENATE BUILDING, MARKS MILESTONE IN INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH



Members of the University's Governing Council with the Principal Officer at the front of the University's Senate Building on the permanent site

The Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), has celebrated a significant step in its infrastructural development with the official commissioning of its new Senate Building, which reaffirmed the University's commitment to academic excellence and institutional growth.

“The commissioning ceremony was led by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Prof. Wale Sulaimon, on February 19, 2025. Professor Wale Sulaimon while applauding the University's steady progress, attributed the advancement to the unity and collaboration among members of the University Management team.

In his remarks, Prof. Sulaimon described the Senate Building as “fine from far but far from fine,” a metaphor indicating that while the structure stands impressive, it is only the beginning of many more improvements anticipated in FUHSI's development trajectory.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, also expressed satisfaction with the successful completion of the building.

He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to furthering infrastructural and academic development at the University.

While calling for sustained federal support, Professor Lasisi acknowledged that the University still faced notable challenges on its path to becoming a world-class institution.

The event drew attendance from Council Members, University Management, staff, and dignitaries, who gathered to mark the commissioning of a facility expected to strengthen governance and administrative functions within the University.

FUHSI TRAINS STAFF ON GRANT WRITING, BOOST CAPACITY FOR RSTMH APPLICATIONS



The Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun (FUHSI), on February 25, 2025, organised a capacity-building workshop to equip its academic staff with the essential skills to write successful grant applications for the prestigious Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) Grant.

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The workshop, which was facilitated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Monsuru Adeleke, attracted enthusiastic participation from staff members who sought to enhance their grant writing proficiency and research competitiveness.

In his opening address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Akeem Olawale Lasisi, welcomed participants and underscored the strategic importance of attracting international research funding. He noted that successful applications to the RSTMH would significantly elevate the university's academic and research profile while advancing the careers of individual researchers.

The first presentation, which was delivered by Dr. Ahmed Mogaji of Marian University from the United States of America, provided a detailed insight into the essential components of a compelling RSTMH grant proposal.

Dr. Mogaji stressed the importance of novelty, relevance to global health priorities, clarity of objectives, and the feasibility of implementation in terms of budget and team expertise. He also highlighted the need for rigorous literature reviews and alignment with the RSTMH's thematic focus areas.

Emphasising the role of mentorship in the grant writing process, Dr. Mogaji encouraged participants to consult experienced researchers and peers for constructive feedback and guidance. Such collaboration, he noted, would greatly increase the chance of submitting competitive proposals.

Dr. Olabanji Surakat of the Osun State University, Oshogbo, built on the foundation of Dr. Mogaji to offer practical strategies tailored specifically to RSTMH grant requirements. His session included tips on structuring proposals, common pitfalls to avoid, and approaches to clearly articulation of a project's significance and impact.

The interactive nature of the workshop allowed participants to engage directly with the facilitators.

The participants who were faculty members of the University, shared their challenges, and received real-time advice on their proposal ideas.

The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing renewed confidence and motivation to pursue external funding opportunities.

This event reflects FUHSI's broader commitment to academic excellence and research capacity building through investing in initiatives that support staff development and international collaboration. The University promises to continue to position itself as a hub for impactful health sciences research in Nigeria and beyond.