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### **SEMESTER BREAK: AN UPDATE**

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Chief Wole Olanipekun, SAN, during a scheduled visit to the University on Friday, 04 May, 2012, noted the recent students' protest on the poor power supply on campus which resulted in the University proceeding on a Semester break. He affirmed the commitment of Council and Management to improving the teaching and learning environment through the provision of excellent conditions for learning and research. This abiding commitment informed Council's approval for the procurement of all necessary equipment and materials for improved municipal services on the campus.

The Chairman was conducted round the project sites aimed at rehabilitating the ageing infrastructure, especially in improving power supply which Management had embarked on before the crisis. Most of the projects he inspected had reached advanced stages of completion, especially the two (2) brand new MVA generating sets being installed for the purpose of doubling the University's self-generation capacity in electric power. The project will enable the entire University to be powered at the same time in the absence of power supply from the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN). The Chairman also inspected the 33/11 KVA injection Substation which will facilitate the connection of the University to another supply line from the PHCN which is semi-dedicated for the University. The highlight of the visit was the commissioning of the Inverter Back Up Systems at Queen Idia and Mellamby Halls, Unibadan Micro Finance Bank as well as the Ajibode Bridge which is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project of the University to the Ajibode Community, Ibadan.

The Chairman also had a fruitful interaction with the staff and students' unions, religious leaders and other stakeholders. The forum reviewed the current municipal services on the campus as well as the current security situation in the country and noted the appreciable efforts of the University Administration on these challenges.

After receiving assurances from the various contractors handling the projects on the realistic date for the completion of the projects, it was agreed that a meeting of Senate be scheduled for Friday, 18 May, 2012, after which the effective date for the end of the Semester Break would be communicated.

Finally, Management appreciates the concern and support of members of the University community in finding a lasting solution to the issues of municipal services and appeals for their continued understanding.

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