

PRESS RELEASE: ISSUES AT THE THIRD UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

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The third meeting of the University of Ibadan Stakeholders' Forum, the first to be called in a crisis-free moment, held on Thursday, 23 May, 2019 at the UI Alumni Association Multipurpose Auditorium. The meeting, called to collectively review the state of the university, was organised around four key items: a documentary of the current shape of the university, an address by the chairman of the occasion, Dr Akin Onigbinde, the Vice Chancellor's exposition of students' academic life, housing and welfare and an interactive session.

The meeting opened with a masterfully-produced documentary which showcased substantially renovated students' halls of residence and the university's efforts to assist indigent students and entrepreneur the studentry for a more adaptive and self-reliant post-graduation life. Both the Chairman and the Vice-Chancellor, in different degrees, connected the university's sustained top rank among Nigerian and world universities to some of the interventions of stakeholders and the university's continued commitment to excellence. In addition, the Vice-Chancellor informed the gathering about the successful processing and approval of all undergraduate results for the long-drawn 2017/2018 academic session, in spite of the clogs constituted by the protracted strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and announced the 15th of June as the resumption date for the 2018/2019 session. He equally emphasised the introduction of several new courses and the on-going execution of many capital projects by the university.

During the interactive session, parents and students expressed satisfaction with the level of infrastructural, academic and welfare-related development achieved by the university. They equally lauded the Vice-Chancellor's openness and approachability which have ensured mutual understanding of issues and greater confidence in the current administration. Some parents appealed for a raise in the number of graduates admitted to Law Faculty and speedier academic sessions. While the Vice-Chancellor observed the possibility of pursuing a higher number of admissions for graduate candidates into the Faculty of Law, he asked for understanding on the need to observe compulsory 15 weeks of teaching, which frequently get disrupted with industrial actions and student unrest.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the gathering of an approaching possibility of restoring a strong and purposeful student union, a step being considered alongside the development of a curriculum that incorporates political leadership and the Master Class. This received a loud applause of the audience.

Parents expressed greater readiness to work with the university to surmount some of the financial and infrastructural challenges facing it. This, together with other positive outcomes of the meeting, confirms the appropriacy and value of the Stakeholders' Forum in the university's pursuit of a turbulence-free system.

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