



**MUNI UNIVERSITY
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Figure 1 New Members of Council. Seated third from the left is the New Council Chairman Mr. Bwoch Gustavo and His Deputy Mr. Habib Tibirichu, third from Right.

New Members of Muni University Council were on Friday 9th of March 2018 sworn in by the University Legal Officer/ Commissioner for Oaths Mr Samuel Ondoma at the University Council Hall.

This was after the second University Council of Muni University was constituted. The Members elected Mr. Bwoch Gustavo Orach Lujwero, (retired Accountant General, Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, Government of Uganda), as the new University Council Chairperson, Mr. Habib Tibirichu Amin

(Director/Lead Consultant, creative Business Development Group as Vice Chairperson.

Five other members were elected as Chairpersons of the various committees of Council that includes;

- Appointments Board, chaired by Professor Peter Latin Okidi
- Estates and Works Committee, chaired by Professor Sandy Stevens Tickodri Togboa
- Finance Planning, Resource mobilization and Investments Committee, chaired by Mr.Habib Tibirichu Amin
- Students Affairs and Disciplinary Committee, chaired by Hon. Sabo kamilo Amade.
- Audit committee, chaired by His Worship Odokorwoth Nyipir Gabriel, and retired Chief Magistrate.

16 members were sworn in during the exercise and they also took oath of Allegiance and Secrecy. The other members of Council sworn in included;

- 1.Professor Christine Dranzoa, Vice Chancellor Muni University
2. Associate Professor Anguma Simon Katrini, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs
3. Dr. Johnson Nkuhe former Chairperson Council
4. Dr.Elizabeth Madraa Former Vice Chairperson Council
5. Hon.Tom Buruku
6. Miss Jolly Uzamukunda
7. Mrs Mary Basaasa Muhenda
8. Mr. Anyama Saul
9. Hon Gerald Oola, Muni University Guild President
10. Miss Priscilla Kasowole Deputy Guild President.

Muni University students excel at Huawei Seeds for Future Competition.

Four students from Muni University beat all odds to become the best in a recently concluded project writing and presentation competition under the Huawei Seed for Future Programme.

Huawei Seeds for Future Program involves competition among Public Universities in which students are required to write proposals on how to improve Uganda's economy through various sectors which include Education, Health, Transport and

Agriculture among others.

Muni University sent four students to the competition who all managed to impress the Judges and took up four of the 10 slots almost beating Makerere University that also had four and the two from other Universities that competed. The four shining stars from Muni include non-other than the brilliant Guild President HE Gerald Oola (ITM) who previously won some US dollars in a Hock-a-thon tournament, Kirebwe Andrew (ITM), Mugisha Samuel (ISM) and Nakate Annet (ISM).

The four will
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China early
off and
shake which
the end of
Kampala.
Chancellor
Christine
small get
welcome the



join their
and travel to
April after a flag
Presidential hand
will take place at
March 2018 in
The Vice
Professor
Dranzoa during a
together to
students

congratulated them for their achievement and for being very studious and research driven.

“Whatever you do, whatever you touch, whatever drives you, you must have quality at the gate. Whatever you set for yourself, you must have the resilience that it takes to become globally competitive that’s what you have demonstrated but where does it start? It starts with having analytical minds, keen observation of your environment, period. That’s all it takes to innovate, you don’t have to be a scientist, and all it takes is analytical thinking” she stated. Professor Dranzoa, Urged students to always move with a pen and a writing pad because ideas come at unique times. She thanked the Deans and the Heads of Department and Staff for inducting the students adding, leaders are created when you lead by example. She requested the Dean of Students to budget for Students’ Research and Innovations platform stating its very cardinal. She appealed to the Dean Faculty of Technoscience to expedite the operationalization of the Business Incubation Center so that the students come back to incubate these ideas in that

center.

Professor gave her blessings to the students and urged them to make good use of the chance. “When you go out, it’s an opportunity for you to strategically build a network of friends, Partners, Donors, for yourselves but also for the Institution because I would like to see that each one of you and even the members here and your colleagues who have not had the opportunity to benefit and the communities you represent can benefit in a sustainable manner. We are now having the Bamboo Project and China is a bamboo country, we would like to set a bamboo industry here, I want IT integrated in bamboo or the other way, because there are thousands of uses of bamboo and we can turn the economy of this sub region in a very short time.IT is a tool which can fit anywhere in Agriculture, Environment, so the sky is the limit”. She concluded. Last year Jonathan Kigozi who is currently in year three, travelled to China after taking one of the 10 slots. He joined the four to share his China experience as well.

Muni University Library Day Celebrated

Various schools, Partners and Exhibitors converged at Muni University on 22nd March 2018 to celebrate the Library Day themed, “Reading for Transformation of Lives and Development”.

The day was marked with exciting activities like reading competition among schools, training staff and students in access to e-resources, tour of the University Library and exhibition stands.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Christine Dranzoa indicated that Muni University is a Public University like Makerere University and is open to the students to come not only to the Library but



also to visit the other departments so that they can understand largely what happens in a University. She thanked the Teachers and the schools that have been able to send their students to Muni University and specifically for accepting to come to participate in the various competitions and to tour, adding that a cheerful learner with inquisitive mind to discover things will always be a very

successful person in life. She also thanked the Guest of Honor for availing his time to come and officiate at the function as well as the University Librarian and his team for creating this opportunity which has been merged with other activities like training the Professional Librarians through the partnership with Good Steward Global Initiative, USA which she said is extremely important and very inspirational. "We have deliberately set sections in the Library, for Preschool children, Preprimary and also for Primary and Secondary, we are trying to build a very comprehensive Library to meet the dire needs of this region. As a University we are in the process of setting up a language center, our placement here is very key and can benefit a number of our population here, given that we are very close to Congo and south Sudan". She revealed.

The Guest of Honor for the day, Dr. Willy Ngaka, expressed excitement to see many of the Students visiting a Public University for the first time saying by the time he was in Secondary, they had to travel many miles away and the only university by then was Makerere but now the students have the liberty to come to a University adding, the bridge between the various schools in the region is now the Muni University Library and Library attracts the best Scholars, the best Students, and the best Researchers. He thanked the University Management for putting Literacy in the fore front and for working together with Good Steward Global Initiative USA to ensure that Muni is able to see to it that people have access to information as a right that everybody must enjoy, and for creating different interest groups so that all the needs of the people are met. "Our theme is Transformation and Development and in between these two I see the word change and I can see the only thing that brings about this change is reading and reading is done inside the Libraries. We should do our best to help people read the word and the world because the conditions in which we are trapped are created, they are social, economic, and we can only get the liberty to unfold and untangle them by using these wonderful books". He finished.

The event was concluded with issuing of Certificates to the best performing Schools in the reading competition as well as Individuals and to all the Schools that participated. Good Steward Global Initiative, USA was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Vice Chancellor, for their collaboration with the

University Library to train School and Community Librarians, opening and stocking Community Libraries in West Nile.

Muni University participates in NCHE Exhibition.

Staff and students of Muni University participated in the 10th Annual Uganda higher education exhibition at UMA Lugogo show ground Kampala organized by National Council for Higher Education (NCHE).



The exhibition which commenced on Thursday 15th March and ended on Saturday 16th March 2018 was aimed at providing a one stop opportunity for engagements with Academicians and higher education stakeholders. Higher Institutions were able to exhibit their products and services.

The theme for this year's exhibition was, **“Higher Education for the future: Strengthening Innovations for sustainable Development”**. Among other items exhibited by Muni University were the University Brochures, Electric Display Unit for Advertising and display, Automatic Security Light Switch that switches on lights as soon as it senses darkness and the reverse is true, Automatic traffic lights, Automatic Solar Tracker which tracks the sun in every direction and turns the solar panel towards it to receive maximum intensity of light, these were innovations by the IT students. The Nursing Department also had services that they offered like providing information and carrying out checkups on some of the people who came to the stall. The visitors were fascinated by the innovations that kept the Muni University stall busy throughout the exhibition.

The Vice Chancellor Professor Christine Dranzoa graced the event and spoke to a cross section of visitors who were at Muni stall during her visit. She congratulated the team that represented the University at the exhibition and thanked them for the job well done. Approximately 821 people visited Muni university stall ranging from the current O level and A level students, Prospective students for 2018 intake, Parents and the general public including members from the Media fraternity, Government Ministries and Departments and other players from the Private sector.

43 Universities (Public and Private) participated in the exhibition with over 48 secondary school students visiting, a better turn up compared to the previous exhibition.

The exhibition ended with a closing ceremony where all Universities were awarded with certificates of participation.

Other events in the month of March 2018

Muni University participated in Women's Day Celebration with the Vice Chancellor Professor Christine as the Guest of Honor at the event

Librarians in West Nile trained by Good Steward Global Initiative USA at Muni University Council Hall

Muni University Students of Nature Uganda participated in street cleaning in Arua Town.

Mentorship session organized for female staff of Muni University.