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Eng. Dr. Erick Tiyo Sekebugga Adriko has been re-appointed as Chancellor of Muni University. He received instruments of office on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at his Office at the university.

The instruments of power which constitute of second appointment from His Excellency Yoweri Kakuta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, and roles and responsibilities were handed over to the him by the University Secretary Rev. Fr. Dr Odubuker Picho Epiphany.

The University Secretary thanked him for coming to receive the instruments and said as resolved by Council, he was appointed to the office for another 4 years and the Council resolution was accepted by the President of the Republic of Uganda HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

During his remarks, Dr. Adriko said he was overwhelmed, as it is a life time honour to be the 1st and 2nd Chancellor of Muni University and he is extremely grateful. “This honour was bestowed on me without any kind of lobbying, it is a natural gift which is very satisfying to me and all those associated with me”

He said in his first term of Chancellor, he was well received in the political circles and other circles and that helped, adding, one needs to be appropriately pupiled to raise the right questions and the right issues. He said he tried his level best to be a brand for Muni University by speaking well, dressing well and conveying what is good.

He said in Muni there’s a good fellowship among the University Staff and community, the people in the region are very clever and this University should be a symbol of cleverness.

He thanked the University Council, saying Council is a body he respects as it is consisting of unique and considerable team and pledged to work closely with the them.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Anguma Simon Katrini welcomed the Chancellor and congratulated him upon being made the 2nd Chancellor of Muni University and thanked him for accepting to serve in that capacity.

“The University associates with excellency and that is the essence of bringing you back, you are an epitome of excellence not only in Uganda but internationally, we are proud and honoured to be associated with your person and as an institution we are glad for your leadership”. Said Professor Simon.

He pledged to continuously encourage good fellowship among the university community and take the University to greater heights.

The DVC together with the US urged the Chancellor to use the opportunity to inform His Excellency on what has been achieved and what is planned to be achieved, and most especially remind him on the 15billion that he promised.

Muni university hosts National Dean of Students and Guild Leaders’ conferences

Muni university hosted the National Dean of Students and Guild Conferences from Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th September 2017 at the newly completed multipurpose health science conference Hall.

Deans of Students and Guild Leaders from over 20 Universities converged at Muni for the three days' event that saw them discuss the

challenges of students in Universities. A number of presentations were made including mentorship for Deans of Students, Financial management and accountability in Higher Institutions of learning, life at Campus, roles and responsibilities of Student Leaders, Security threats including vices of drug abuse, alcoholism and co-habiting among students.

The Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Christine Dranzoa welcomed the delegation to the University and to the conference which was aimed at sharing ideas with the different universities. She said She was glad that the conference is the first activity that is being hosted in the newly constructed health sciences building.

According to the Professor, the Deans of Students are solely responsible for the welfare of students, and their role to management and council is not only to provide secure and safe environment for the student community but the entire community.



“we have to develop essential life skills and support systems like mentorship that we are now doing here. Students are our key stakeholders without which the universities cannot exist as well as Professors without which the students cannot be mentored, mutual beneficial processes in management of universities is very core to sustainability”

She says despite being the youngest university, Muni has accomplished a number of activities, registered great achievements and excelled in some of them like the National Mathematics contest where Muni University scooped 9 out of the first 10 positions in the country and also managed to send 4 students to China through the Huawei Seeds For The Future Program, a highly competitive program, organized annually by Huawei Company to provide opportunities to International Information Technology(IT) students to develop and nurture projects that impact their home countries positively.

The Chairperson of the Uganda Dean of Students Forum, David Christopher Kasasa says the conference also aims at encouraging the guild representatives to understand that they are students even before executing their duties as leaders adding that some guild leaders want to behave like the university authorities and yet they have the limits.

The Director JOADA Consults, Engineer Joel Aita says it is important to discover leadership identity saying some people have leadership qualities but have failed to realize it. He says everyone has great potential and gift if they are able to convince students to vote for them.

He adds that most of the current leaders of the country were once leaders in universities and other institutions of learning.

Stake Holders' Curriculum Review Workshop held at Muni University.

Stakeholders from various Universities and Institutions in Uganda congregated at Muni University on Monday 17th September to review three programmes that have been developed, the programmes include;

Bachelor of Education Primary, Post Graduate Diploma in Education and Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Management.

According to the Academic Registrar Muni University Mr. Felix Okot Opiyo, Stakeholders review workshop is very important, it's one of the conditions for accreditation, you need to expose your document to the public that should look at it and see whether what your passing out is good for consumption or not.



The Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs Prof. Anguma Simon Katrini welcomed all the experts invited from outside Muni university and thanked them for taking time off from their busy schedule.

He said a university runs because there are academic programs running, if there are no academic programs, a university will never be complete. The activities in the university are all interlaced and this interlacing ends up with academic activities so what we are set to do is an important thing which can either make a university or destroy a university.

“I want to urge you to reflect the Mission, the Vision and the Motto of Muni university, let it be at the back of your mind as you go through this process. What is important is we are here to transform lives, how does each of these three programs transform lives? I am confident that the outcome of your efforts will see Muni rising from the current level to a better level!

Professor, Urged the stakeholders to exercise objectivity. “Let us work together as a team much as we are Muni University, these are just three programmes out of many, let us not look at the process Muni is bringing on board as a competition, let's do it as if we are building a Nation. I urge you to be very diligent in handling this very important exercise, I am very happy to see a rich mix of experts from great Institutions. I thank you very much for responding to our call”.

Present at the review workshop were representatives from Kyambogo University, Uganda Management Institute, Uganda Christian University, National Teachers College Muni, Islamic University In Uganda, and Makerere University Business School



Figure 1 Associate Professor Anguma Simon Katrini addressing students during academic presentation on "Prevalence of Prostate Cancer among men with high levels of prostate specific antigen" By Ssali Ibrahim-laboratory Technician - Department of Biology. Academic presentations are done every Tuesday from 10am to 11 am.