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VICE CHANCELLOR'S DEANS AND CHAIRPERSONS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP HELD

The Vice Chancellor's Deans and Chairpersons' Management Workshop was held on Thursday the 18th of July 2019 at Hope Fay Hotel in Marondera.



Vice Chancellor, Deans and MUAST Chairpersons pose for a photo at Hope Fay Hotel

The objective of the workshop was to inculcate Faculty and Department corporate governance to ensure the smooth running of the institution. In his opening remarks the Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Nyamangara underscored the need for establishing corporate governance structures for the University to operate effectively and efficiently. He also stressed the need to foster integrity and credibility in all University operations in an effort to build a premier MUAST brand. In the wake of depleting fiscal space, Professor Nyamangara advised participants to critically analyse the shifting resource mobilisation terrain in order to come up with fundraising strategies that will bear fruits.

The University invited seasoned facilitators from the Chinhoyi University of Technology (CUT) and the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) to deliver presentations on different topics. Doctor Raphael Muzondiwa Jingura from CUT presented on quality assurance with Professor Arnold Bray Mashingaidzegiving a presentation on examination administration. Mr. Phillip Nyamugafata from UZ tackled issues on departmental leadership while Professor Edson Gandiwa from CUT tackling faculty leadership issues. Human Resources

Management presentation was presented by Mr. Musiwa Casper Makaza from CUT. The general academic regulations, faculty and departmental matters came from Mrs. Ngaatendwe Takawira from the UZ. The facilitators gave concise and enlightening presentations that definitely assisted the participant. Ms. Charity Pisa, the Acting Dean in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences thanked the facilitators for informative presentations.

PROFESSOR FANUEL TAGWIRA ON FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF DOZMERY CAMPUS

Professor Fanuel Tagwira, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Professor Fanuel Tagwira, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development toured the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Dozmery campus on Wednesday the 17th of July 2019.

The Permanent Secretary was welcomed by the MUAST Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Nyamangara and the MUAST team at the Dozmery Campus. After a briefing meeting Professor Tagwira toured the administration block, student accommodation, lecture venues, campus clinic, laboratories and staff



Prof Tagwirei (left), Prof Nyamangara (center) and Dr Macheke (right) in a briefing meeting at Dozmery campus

residence. Accompanying the Permanent Secretary in the tour was the Acting Registrar, Mrs Grace Gwatidzo, the Director of Works and Estates, Mr Farai Tendayi Mungofa and the Director of Marketing Public and International Relations Mr. Chenjerai Muchenje. In his departing words, Professor Fanuel Tagwira expressed gratitude to the University for affording him the opportunity to visit the University. The Permanent Secretary also guaranteed government support to the Marondera University of Agricultural sciences and Technology capital expenditure projects and operations.

Employee wellness key to productivity says Prof Nyamangara.

MARONDERA University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUASt) held its inaugural annual sports and wellness day on Friday 19 July 2019 at the CSC campus grounds.

The Sports and wellness day saw all MUASt staff members from both CSC and Dozmery campuses taking part in sporting activities with major highlights including an aerobic session, tug of war, volleyball and netball. CSC volleyball team beat the Dozmery volleyball and the CSC netball team fell prey to the Dozmery team when they took the lead but were later beaten. The CSC soccer team was also clobbered by the visiting Dozmery team. The CSC team redeemed itself by winning the tug of war competition.



Prof Tagwirei (left), Prof Nyamangara (center) and MUASt staff members at Dozmery campus



In his speech the MUAST Vice Chancellor, Professor Justice Nyamangara encouraged members to health conscious to ensure productivity. The Vice Chancellor also took the opportunity to thank the Marondera community for the warm welcome and acceptance of the new MUAST employees and students.

All MUAST employees from both campuses were delighted to take part in the staff sports and wellness activities and thanked the University for organising such an important day which will be included on the University's yearly calendar.

WELLNESS UNPACKED



Dr Muzamindo presenting on wellness

Doctor Muzamindo, a wellness consultant with the CIMAS unpacked wellness and Health issues at the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) staff and wellness day. In her wellness talk, she concisely articulated wellness and health issues and enlightened the MUAST staff members on wellness and its tenets.

The MUAST 2019 wellness day Guest Speaker, Doctor Muzamindo defined wellness as a positive active change process that is meant to transform individuals into

healthy citizens. She also underscored the need to balance the different dimensions of wellness which include emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social and spiritual welfare.

Dr Muzamindo shed light on communicable and non-communicable diseases. Her presentation also centred on the benefits of health and wellness in lowering health risks and health care costs. Encouraging and helping employees to stay healthy is beneficial for MUAST as it improves employer brand, build loyalty among current employees and save health care costs.



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MUAST ACTING LIBRARIAN ATTENDS 2019 CONFERENCE OF RECTORS, VICE-CHANCELLORS AND PRESIDENTS OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES (COREVIP).

The Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) Acting Librarian, Miss Shamisa Mutavayi presented a paper at the (COREViP) conference held in Cairo, Egypt from the 8th to 11th of July 2019.



Ms Shamisa Mutavayi at COREViP in Egypt

The COREViP conference was organised by the Association of African Universities (AAU) and ran under the theme, “The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Promoting the Continental Education Strategy for Africa.”. The conference aimed at creating a congenial environment to ensure that Higher Educational Institutions play their role in promoting Continental Education Strategy for Africa. The discussions also focused on the science and mathematics curricula in youth

training and the dissemination of scientific knowledge and culture in society. The promotion of peace, education, conflict prevention and resolution at all levels of education and for all age groups also took centre stage. Education Management Systems, enhanced capacity for data collection and management, use of ICTs, quality assurance, research scholarship and efficient governance of Higher Education Systems in Africa were among other issues presented.

The Acting Librarian, Ms Mutavayi presented a paper on the Feasibility of a National Policy on Research Data Management, a case of Zimbabwe. She emphasised the vitality of research data management and policy needs to facilitate collection, storage, preservation and access of data for future development. She reiterated that in order to achieve Zimbabwe’s vision of being a middle income economy by 2030, development must be driven by researchers and be built from national research repository database. Results showed there is need for National Research Data Management Policy that will clearly state how all research data should be preserved for future access.

VICE CHANCELLOR’S DEANS AND CHAIRPERSONS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP IN PICTURES



MUAST Staff Sports and Wellness Day in Pictures

