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# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

## VARSITY FOCUS

A general Information Sheet from the Vice-Chancellor

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1. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE UNIVERSITY

1.1 The Vice-Chancellor will address the entire academic community on Friday 24th August 1979 at 10.30 a.m. in Taifa Hall. This will be preparatory to the meetings with Faculties and Institutes on planning and development of the University scheduled to start on 27th August, 1979.

1.2 The Vice-Chancellor will outline his observations on the topic "THE UNIVERSITY: ITS OBJECTIVES, OPERATIONS AND ORIENTATIONS IN SOCIETY" during his first 100 days in office as Vice-Chancellor.

2. FACULTY MEETINGS

2.1 Departments and Faculties are therefore requested to prepare proposals on how their activities fit into each of the objectives and programmes as outlined in section 3 of this document.

2.2 The meetings with Faculties are aimed at involving staff in making proposals for planning and development of the University for the 1979/83 plan period.

2.3 The outline below consists of nine(9) objectives derived from section 5(1) of the University of Nairobi Act (1970).

2.4 Under some of the objectives are programmes which have been derived from the Section of the 1979/83 Development Plan dealing with University Education, namely paragraphs 5.130 - 5.136.

2.5 The rest of the 1979/83 Development Plan consists of national development goals and programmes for which the University is expected to do research and train the necessary manpower. These goals and programmes will be circulated to the Faculties and Institutes during their planning meetings with the Vice-Chancellor.

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3. UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT (1979 - 1983)

Objective 3.1

To assist in the stimulation of cultural development of Kenya.

Objective 3.2

To assist in the stimulation of intellectual life of Kenya.

Objective 3.3

To co-operate with the Government in the planned development of higher education.

Programme 3.3.1

Expand the facilities at Kenyatta University College Campus to cater for the increasing number of students who will be training as secondary school teachers.

Programme 3.3.2

To intensify activities on arid and coastal areas; marine science and engineering; chemical engineering; water engineering; and mining engineering as a basis for the development of another university.

Objective 3.4

To examine and approve new proposals for new faculties, new departments, new degree courses, or new subjects of study submitted to it by any constituent college or other post-secondary institution.

Objective 3.5

To provide facilities for University education, including technological and professional education.

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Programme 3.5.1

Address itself to the problem of manpower shortages to be indicated by the proposed manpower survey through its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Programme 3.5.2

Produce trained manpower with motivation, skills and knowledge necessary to enhance Kenya's technological progress.

Programme 3.5.3

Establish and operate a University Students Service Scheme whose aim will be to impart sound knowledge of the development problems in rural Kenya.

Programme 3.5.4

Introduce an external degree programme in order to cater for those who would like to further their academic studies but are not able to undergo a conventional university education.

Programme 3.5.5

Plan postgraduate programmes according to national needs, laying emphasis on training Kenyan University tutors and other specialised personnel.

Programme 3.5.6

Continue the Students' Loan Scheme for meeting lodging and other expenses, exclusive of academic costs which are financed through a Government grant.

Objective 3.6

To provide facilities for research, either directly or through the medium of connected Colleges, Schools, or Institutes.

Programme 3.6.1

Continue to provide a home for basic research combined with teaching.

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Programme 3.6.2

Engage in research relevant to the nation's needs such as the following:

- 3.6.2.1 The nature and causes of social change and the policies appropriate for guiding it in constructive directions.
- 3.6.2.2 Identification and adaptation of appropriate technologies in the modern and informal sectors.
- 3.6.2.3 The impact of development on the environment and the means of sound ecological management of the nation's resources.

Programme 3.6.3

Introduce scholarly studies of Kiswahili to facilitate the production of adequate literature and other educational materials for the teaching of Kiswahili in schools.

Programme 3.6.4

Explore the possibility of starting an Institute of Kiswahili for research.

Objective 3.7

To assist in the increase, preservation and transmission of knowledge.

Objective 3.8

To determine who may teach and what may be taught and how it may be taught in the University.

Objective 3.9

To conduct examinations for, and to grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other awards of the University.