School of Business to launch on-line courses



Prof. Isaac Mbeche, DVC, Student Affairs, holds

discussions with representatives from SMC.

The School of Business (SOB) will launch two online postgraduate programmes through the support from Switzerland Management Centre (SMC).

The programmes to be offered are the doctorate and masters in Entrepreneurship and Human Resource Capital. This initiative will be possible after the two schools signed a memorandum of understanding to share academic resources and develop online programmes at <u>SOB</u>.

The SOB will tap into SMC expertise in developing and running relevant online programmes. According to the Dean, School of Business, Mr. Stephen Nzuve, the new method of delivery will increase admission of students to the School and accord many prospective students a chance to continue with their education devoid of barriers of distance and physical attendance requirements. By offering on-line courses, the School will make the much needed higher education accessible and convenient to all.

Chairing the meeting, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, welcomed the initiative by the two schools and emphasized the importance of collaborations, linkages and partnerships in developing capacities in modern institutions. He challenged the stakeholders to share experiences and resources to benefit both parties and also grow beyond the School of Business.

Speaking on behalf of SMC University, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Ted Sun said the students will be elevated to a world class level through the quality of on-line education offered, developing appropriate programmes and focusing on research. He was accompanied by Dr. Gerald Schwaiger, the Business Development Manager, SMC.

This development will support the ongoing e-learning efforts by the University through the Centre for Open and Distance Learning and the e- Learning Centre. In attendance was Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Prof. Evans Mitema, Director, Centre for International Programmes and Links (CIPL).