

## UON Vice-Chancellor meets C.B.P.S academic members



Prof Peter Mbithi Vice Chancellor University of Nairobi

The College of Biological and physical sciences presented a memorandum of its operations to the Vice chancellor Prof Peter Mbithi. The Principal C.B.P.S, Prof. Bernard Aduda said that the College is committed to enhance its revenue through various strategies which include increasing the student numbers by exploring different programmes and scheduling different intakes within an academic year. Currently , the Colleges has over 5,000 students with postgraduate students accounting for 16 percent. However, in order to accommodate the growing student numbers, Prof. Aduda emphasized on the need to deal with the limited infrastructure such as laboratories, lab equipment, lecture halls and student hostels. He noted that refurbishment of some of the existing facilities and acquisition of modern equipment is important. Other avenues for enhancing revenue include offering short courses, sourcing for grants by academic staff, consultancies and engaging in income generating activities such as production and sale of detergent by the Department of Chemistry. To cut on costs, the College is exploring various ideas including working by an approved budge.

On service delivery, Prof. Aduda noted that the College commits to serving customers within a short time, efficiently and humanely. He however revealed that high turn-over of staff in various cadres is a challenge that needs to be dealt with. The College organizes training sessions for student leaders as a way of enhancing student mentorship. There is need to develop and document a guide that will assist the academic staff on student mentorship.

The ,Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mbithi thanked the members present for collectively sharing in the University's vision to be a world class institution. He said that the deliberations with the various academic boards will facilitate the management in making pertinent decisions in line with the University's strategic plan. Prof. Mbithi noted that for the University to move forward, it is important to deliberately create change by being innovative and creative.

In addition, the Vice-Chancellor urged all academic members of staff to embrace various website strategies in place. He called on them to consider publicizing their works on the internet, make an impact in their research by acknowledging the University whenever they publish in online journals, and encourage students to refer to their works online.

C.B.P.S the third college the Vice-Chancellor has visited since he took office. He will be meeting all Colleges Academic Boards to receive their views on the state of University, create genuine connections between the management, staff and students, create shared visions among the various units and plan strategically in order to spur growth in the University.



The V.C with CBPS academic members after the meeting