

Strengthening ties with Umutara Poly

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI (UON) AND RWANDA'S UMATARA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (UP) HAVE REVITALIZED A COLLABORATION LINK FOLLOWING INITIAL DISCUSSIONS IN 2011.

In a meeting presided over by Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor met with the team from UP led by the Rector, Dr. James Gashumba, it was agreed that the collaboration will develop, conduct and facilitate academic collaboration and exchanges between the two parties, specifically research in higher education, consultancy, agriculture and veterinary sciences.

As part of the collaboration, there will be sharing of knowledge and skills, staff and student exchange and capacity building.

In his remarks, Prof. Mutoro noted that there is a need to develop collaborative research and educational programmes for the benefit of students and staff and committed the University to ensuring that it will take an active role in actualizing the

goals of the collaboration.

Dr. Gashumba stated that UP was keen to benefit from the good practices in knowledge and research uptake that the University of Nairobi is renowned for.

Prof. Charles Mulei, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. John Mande, Head of Department, Clinical Studies were among those present during the meeting.

Departments to be rewarded for good performance

IN A MOVE CALCULATED TO STIR PERFORMANCE OF COLLEGES, UNITS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF, THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT HAS ANNOUNCED that it will reward well performing departments/ units with effect from 2013/2014 year. Speaking during the signing of performance contracts, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha indicated that the University was up scaling the monitoring of performance reporting to ensure that it is managed with the necessary level of seriousness translating into real gains for the University. As a consequence, units and departments underperforming can only expect sanctions.

The University of Nairobi has been on performance contracts for the last eight years working towards growth in revenues and enhanced visibility. This has been part of its efforts to improve its competitiveness in the face of local and international competition.

During the current contract period, emphasis will be laid on the critical areas of student discipline, service delivery, maintaining a clean and near orderly environment and meeting Commission for University Education (CUE) assessment and audit requirements. Heads of departments are expected to draw work plans for the contract year and to match real evidence of the reported performance on the ground.

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