

Professor Saidi Hassan reappointed as Chair, Department of Human Anatomy

The Vice Chancellor has reappointed Prof for a further period of three years. During his time of chairman, Prof Saidi Hassan has been both managed and led the department using a combination of flexibility, appropriate exercise of authority and communication. He represented and advocated for the department's faculty, staff and students effectively, planned for changes to enhance departmental effectiveness and provided leadership in program reviews and anatomy as a discipline. Among the major achievements in his first term as chair include:

- (i) Restructuring the governance system in the Department to allow for effective delegation of duties through a system of leaders in departmental committees and sections
- (ii) Resources management including a performing CFP, space improvement, departmental retreats to reenergize, establish positive working environment /enhance team spirit
- (iii) and "Welfare' funds" to Humana, Hatswa and Haaswa
- (iv) Establishment of the *Lens* newsletter, *Anatomy Journal of Africa* and linkage to the Association of African Anatomical Societies
- (v) Fostered high standards for scholarship in the department, faculty improvement, research output and innovations in learning strategies. To this end:
 - Eight academic members of staff have registered, advanced or completed PhD work
 - The PhD Anatomy program has attracted international students
 - The MSc Anatomy program has grown with the last intake of four candidates
 - Six technical staff members have registered or completed their degree courses in laboratory medicine
 - The BSc Anatomy program continued to be a production hub for future leaders of the medical profession. Several valedictory speeches at University graduations have been by graduates of this program.
 - The *Kimani's Histology: text and atlas* book was published
 - The writing of the online Histology content was completed and uploaded
 - Three new curricula (Intercalated PhD Anatomy, intercalated MSc Anatomy and Diploma of Mortuary Sciences) have been approved at the Department for submission to the school and college

- (vi) The Nairobi surgical skills center (NSSC) opened its doors in 2012 and has to date trained thousands of trainees from more than 10 African countries.
- (vii) Provided leadership for personnel actions and professional development including recruitments and promotions etc.

Beyond the department, he doubles up as the Associate dean, school of Medicine. He is engaged at national level as the Chairman of the Surgical Society of Kenya (SSK) and Editor-in Chief of the Annals of African Surgery

The department congratulates him and wishes him more success in his next term.