

UoN Vice Chancellor Made a Maiden Visit to CAVS Today, Thursday, 15th January, 2015

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, finally made his maiden visit to his "Mother" college, CAVS, today, Thursday 15th January, 2015. In this visit, he met the College of Agriculture Veterinary Sciences Academic Board to discuss the College memoranda.

During the interactive session, the Principal, Prof. Agnes Mwang'ombe made a presentation detailing the pertinent issues affecting the College. In her brief, Prof. Mwang'ombe revealed that the College had committed to grow its income by 20 percent during the financial year as well as save on costs, in its revenue enhancement as per the recent performance contracting commitments. She said that the College has come up with innovative ways of revenue collection which include advertising its programmes in local and international exhibitions. The College has in place various income generating activities including commercialization of research output and products and offering consultancy services in different skills sets. In addition, the College is exploiting various government funding channels such as the women, youth and Uwezo fund as well as bidding for centers of excellence that are being sponsored by the World Bank. Under student mentorship, the College organizes annual student leaders training sessions with professional thereby creating an informed and composed student leadership.

The Principal and members of the academic board present shared their views and identified areas that need improvement within the College in order to enhance service efficiency, maintain and improve the teaching and learning facilities.

While appreciating the College's efforts in realizing the University's mandate, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi highlighted the need to ensure that services the University should be student centered. Prof. Mbithi said that his vision for the University which is to ensure that UoN becomes a top-ranked, sustainable, world-class institution with enduring and valuable scholarly excellence. According to the Vice-Chancellor, it is key for the University to improve the academic and social facilities for students with more attention to student mentorship, orientation beyond classroom extracurricular activities and social life. Indeed, it is therefore important to review academic processes in order to ensure quality programmes, in-build experiential learning in all the programmes, implement all-round student mentorship by faculty, and sustained faculty training on pedagogy and andragogy.

The Vice-Chancellor 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.