

NASARAWA STATE UNIVERSITY, KEFFI

FACULTY LEADERS CONFER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE ON VICE-CHANCELLOR

Presidents of the seven faculties students' associations in the University namely Administration, Agriculture, Arts, Education, Law, Natural & Applied Sciences and Social Sciences have jointly conferred an Award of Excellence on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Shamsudeen O.O. Amali in recognition of his effort towards transforming the University into a world-class centre of academic excellence. The students' leaders performed the rites when they paid a Courtesy Call on the Vice-Chancellor penultimate Monday 9th August, 2010 at the Senate chambers. The Occasion had in attendance principal officers, deans, HOD's and directors.

Speaking in turns, they averred that the last seven months being the period covering the Vice-Chancellor's stay have witnessed visible signs of progress and is equally sign-posting good things to come. Some of the landmark efforts are the standard and befitting renovation and furnishing of the Vice-Chancellor's office and lodge, vegetation control within the admin building and surroundings, a large-scale plan to landscape the University campuses. Others are facilitating full accreditation of the School of Postgraduate Studies and its numerous programmes, securing admission for the University into Association of African Universities (AAU) which will open doors for linkages and exchanges with more than 800 varsities in Africa.

They also applauded his style of leadership which manifests itself through broad-based consultations couple with his efforts to fasttrack and strengthen results compilation and grading as well as his painstaking efforts to bring private developers to construct hostel blocks and Centre of Excellence for the Faculty of Agriculture. These, among others, reflect his vision and

commitment to the overall development of the University for which reasons, they agreed, he deserves not only commendations but support and encouragement.

While noting the recent negative media campaigns in some dailies on his person and the University by extension, they urged him to discountenance such reports as they were only intended to distract him from the good works he has started within the seven months that he assumed duty. They equally assured him of their 100% support at all times as his antecedence proves he is an upright man in addition to his unblemished past records of service to his fatherland. "We are not praise-singers and we say without fear or favour, we vouched for your integrity", the spokesman of the group asserted.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked them profusely for their understanding and show of solidarity. He harped on the need for students to close ranks on issues that are germane to peaceful co-existence, assuring them that his administration place their welfare as a top priority. He promised to help to accelerate the lifting of the ban placed on students' unionism in the University prior to his assuming office. He however charged them to be mindful of their studies, as it takes priority over everything else.

Prof. Amali assured them that there was no iota of truth in the allegations of fraud against him decrying the dangerous trend of petition writing which is creeping into the system. He also described the charge that he slapped the auditor as mean and unfair. He maintained that there was no reason whatsoever to warrant such a show of shame on his part. He said he could not have been involved in this.

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