



**MINUTES OF THE 515TH REGULAR MEETING OF AHMADU BELLO
UNIVERSITY SENATE HELD VIRTUALLY AND PHYSICALLY ON 27TH
JANUARY, 2022 AT 10:00 AM IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, MAIN CAMPUS**

1.0 ATTENDANCE (See Appendix)

2.0 AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was adopted, sequel to a motion moved by Prof. I. J. Musa and seconded by Prof. Sani Abdullahis as follows:

- PART A:**
- 1) Opening Prayer/Chairman's Opening Remarks.
 - 2) Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes of the 514th (Regular) Meeting
 - 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - 4) Report from Senate Standing Committee.
 - 5) Report from Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring
 - 6) Communication from School of Postgraduate Studies
 - 7) Vice Chancellor's Report

- PART B:**
- 1) Report on the White Paper/Implementation Committee on Faculty-Wide Academic Audit of Programmes/Results in the Faculty of Education
 - 2) Briefing on the Activities of NAERLS by the Director
 - 3) Any Other Business
 - 4) Adjournment

3.0 Opening Prayer/Chairman's Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced at 10:37am with the recitation of the second stanza of the National Anthem as opening prayer. The Acting Chairman wished members a happy new year and informed the meeting that the Vice Chancellor was away on other official matters and that he wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

4.0 Reading, Correction and Adoption of the Minutes of 514th (Regular) Meeting held on 16th December, 2021

The minutes of the 514th (Regular) meeting were read and adopted sequel to a motion moved by Prof. A.K.B Sackey and seconded by Alhaji A.L Gambo subject to the following corrections:

Page 1, line 24, "acting" was corrected to "Acting"

Page 7 "Department of Agriculture" was removed

7.0 REPORTS FROM THE ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Directorate of Academic Planning and Monitoring presented the Academic Brief and Strategic Plan Volumes I & II during the 514th Senate meeting held on Thursday, 16th December, 2021. However, Senate members made observations/suggestions and requested the policy documents to be re-presented. The Directorate has addressed the issues raised as follows.

I. Academic Brief

- a) The Master Plan was suggested to be included in the Academic Brief– Based on the National Universities Commission (NUC) template for the preparation of the Academic Brief, the Master Plan is not part of it but rather information in the Academic Brief is used as part of the input in preparing the Master Plan to create a synergy.
- b) Research Policy was suggested to be include: The Research Policy has been included.
- c) Chapter 8 (Growth Pattern) was suggested to include Departments/Units Growth Pattern: Projections on students enrollment and academic staff needs of each Faculty and the College of Medical Sciences are included. However, Departments/Units shall use the information in the Academic Brief and the University Strategic Plan to reflect their growth pattern and future projections in their Strategic Plan.
- d) Chapter 9 (Cost Estimates) was suggested to include cost implications of the activities earmarked in the Academic Brief: The Strategic Plan, which is a short term plan drawn from the Academic Brief captures the cost implications (budget).
- e) It was suggested that adequate time be given to the Senate members to study the documents and make input: The documents have been circulated to the members since 4th January, 2021, that is, 3 weeks ahead of the Senate meeting. Inputs have been received and incorporated.

Senate Decision

Senate considered and approved the proposed Academic Brief for the University.

The Chairman of the above Committee briefed senate members on its findings and recommendations which includes the following:

1. There are a lot of irregularities in the Departments such as arbitrary upgrade and downgrade of student's scores
2. Improper moderation of examination scores
3. Change of class f degree
4. Changing of scores for the purpose of Faculty Board Meetings

These are some out of the numerous irregularities as identified in the Committee's Report. Finally the Committee Chairman recommended that the Professor. Buratai led committee's report must be upheld as weak leadership was identified as a major factor responsible for these problems

11.0 Briefing on the Activities of NAERLS by the Director

The Director of the National Agricultural Extension Research and Liaison Services Ahmadu Bello University briefed members on the activities of the Center. This he did using pictures

and slides as projected for members at the meeting for better understanding.

The Acting Chairman said this kind of briefing will be encouraged by heads of centers; this will encourage sensitization about the institutes and centers in the University

12.0. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member raised an issue about some students from Faculty of Arts that were unable to graduate, he was asked to route his complain through the Head of Department to the Dean and to Chairman Senate Standing Committee.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

In the absence any other business, Dr. Aliyu Abbas moved a motion for adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by Dr. A. Amoka. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.



Professor Ahmed D. Ibrahim
Acting Chairman

Rabi'u Samaila
Secretary