

CAMPUS THIS WEEK

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USIU-AFRICA UNVEILS A NEW CHAPTER

KEY DATES

Saturday, 9 April
Instruction for spring semester 2016 ends

Monday 11 - Saturday, 16 April
Exam week

Monday 18 - Friday, 22 April
Innovation Camp (April 2016)

PAUL T. ZELEZA INSTALLED AS UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR

Prof. Paul T. Zeleza was installed as University Vice Chancellor on Thursday, March 31 during a ceremony presided over by the Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria. On hand to witness the inauguration was Prof. Zeleza's spouse Prof. Cassandra Veney (Professor of International Relations), other members of his family and former colleagues such as Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court Dr. Willy Mutunga.

In his address, Prof. Zeleza described his background growing up, living, studying and working on two continents over four decades, as having prepared him to ensure that the founding President Dr. William Rust's dream of a global educational experiences continues.

The Chief Guest Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Education, Science and Technology looked forward to working closely with the governing bodies and the management team led by Prof. Zeleza, to chart a new path for private universities and other higher educational institutions in the country. The ceremony also saw the introduction of the new Board of Trustees and University Council, which will be headed by Mr. Linus Gitahi and Dr. Lola Odubekun respectively. The ceremony caps the three months since Prof. Zeleza's arrival on campus where he took over from long-serving Vice Chancellor Prof. Freida Brown.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul T. Zeleza (second left) puts on the ceremonial gown assisted by the Chair of the Board of Trustees Mr. Linus Gitahi (center) and Chair of the University Council Dr. Lola Odubekun (left). Looking on are the Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria (second right) and former Vice Chancellor Prof. Freida A. Brown.

LAUNCH OF NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

On Thursday, March 31, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza launched the 2015/16 - 2019/20 Strategic Plan during a baraza in the auditorium. The new plan is anchored on five goals and will guide institutional priorities and activities over the next five years, as well as form the basis for divisional and school strategic plans.

He noted that the university needed to "provide globally competitive and innovative academic programs incorporating research and co-curricular activities for holistic education" so that students can receive an education that will take them places.

Prof. Zeleza also thanked Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the Strategic Planning Task Force for their exceptional dedication, noting they had volunteered their time and energy, even in the midst of pressing faculty and staff demands.

The plan is available to the faculty, staff and students on the cx portal (cx.usiu.ac.ke).



Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza addresses student leaders introducing the new Strategic Plan 2015/16 – 2019/20, during the On-Boarding Workshop for Student Leaders held on Friday, April 1.

NEVA HOSTS ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

As USIU-Africa's incubation center, the New Venture Economy Accelerator (NEVA) exists to provide entrepreneurship training, advisement, mentoring, and work space for student run ventures. Among its initiatives is the third annual Entrepreneurship Week from March 29-31, 2016.

Having identified lack of access to finance, strategic partnerships and mentorship opportunities as the key challenges facing entrepreneurs on campus, the center organized series of events to provide those missing critical elements in every entrepreneurial journey.

Two days were set aside for sessions involved talks from prominent entrepreneurs in beverages, IT, telecommunications, financial services, waste management and logistics industries, speaking on how they started and run their businesses, while a trade fair featured student businesses showcasing their products and services.

The conclusion of the week was an investor pitching event dubbed Shark Tank Relations attended by the Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria, Mr. Peter Nduati (CEO, Resolution Health), Mr. Josiah Mugambi (GEMBA alumnus and Executive Director, Nairobi iHub) Sam Gichuru (CEO, Nailab), Cate Njoki (Centonomy Entrepreneurship Program Manager) and Eric Kinoti (Entrepreneurship Boot Camp).



A student pitches his business idea on during the entrepreneurship week Shark Tank Session on Thursday, March 31. Looking on is Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria

ICT DIVISION

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the university's subscription to Microsoft Office 365. Aside from the 1000 gigabytes of free cloud storage available through that subscription, users are free to install all Office products on any five devices of their choice including smartphones running Android and iOS.

All these and other shared resources can be accessed through the university's wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) to enhance students' learning experience in and out of the classroom using online and mobile technologies. Additionally, students get to work on course materials, participate in collaborative learning environments and become skilled and confident users of technology.



MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

VC Inauguration

The Board of Trustees of the United States International University- Africa (USIU-Africa) installed the 5th Vice Chancellor, Prof. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza. The ceremony was filled with pomp and color. In attendance was the Cabinet Secretary Dr. Fred Matiang'i who was the guest of honor. The Board of Trustees, Chancellor, University Council, Management Board, Faculty Council, Staff Council and the Student Affairs Council were also represented.

8 April: The People Daily, Daily Nation, Standard, Business Daily ,

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7 April: Capital FM, Homeboyz Radio, Baraka FM, NTV , KBC report that USIU-Africa installed their 5th Vice Chancellor.

6 April: Ms. Robi Koki (Lecturer of Journalism) made an appearance on KTN's morning television show - Morning Express - on their 'Newsroom' segment. The program reflects on how the media told the prominent stories on events last week. She commented on the kind of frames that the media uses and the implications on the thinking of the public on those issues.

4 April: Business Daily, and the Daily Nation report that USIU-Africa and Cisco Systems have officially launched the Cisco Networking Academy at USIU-Africa.

2 April: www.universityworldnews.com featured Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza and raised questions as to whether African universities is ready for diaspora academics and the role they play in economic globalization and higher education internationalization.

1 April: aptantech.com, latestnigeriannews.com, nigeria.shafaqna.com and uncova.com report that new Cisco Networking Academy opened at USIU-Africa.

31 March: Techmoran.com, myinforms.com, newspic.info, cio.co.ke and businesstoday.co.ke report that USIU-Africa partnered with Cisco Systems Inc to launch a Networking Academy.

THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

The Academic Research Office organized a roundtable discussion on the "Future of Higher Education" on Tuesday, April 5, bringing together thought leaders in the education industry, to identify the main challenges facing Kenya's higher education system.

The panelists recommended investments in partnerships, research, academic excellence and funding, to address those challenges. The event was moderated by Mr. Laban Cliff Onserio (Reporter, NTV).



From left: Dr. Eusebius J. Mukhwana, Deputy CEO Commission for University Education (CUE), Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, Chancellor Dr. Manu Chandaria, Mr. Mike Eldon(Chancellor, KCA University), Prof. Alex Ezeh CEO, African Population and Health Research Consortium and Dr. Moses Rugut, Director-General - National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI).

PACS LAUNCHES RECRUITMENT DRIVES



Students listen keenly during a talk from Deloitte on Tuesday, March 1 at the library bookshop

Placement and Career Services (PACS) hosted two audit firms (Deloitte and PwC), a pharmaceutical giant (GlaxoSmithKline) and a financial services firm (Umati Capital), when they held recruitment drives on campus during March 2016. Additionally, GlaxoSmithKline also incorporated an interview preparation session to help students avoid common pitfalls during real interviews. Two training sessions were held to prepare a new batch of student volunteers who will be able to handle career-related queries from their fellow students on February 12 and March 4.

Students have until the May 6, 2016 to apply online for the Unilever Future Leaders Program – a 2-3 year graduate program that seeks to develop leadership skills by having graduates work on supervised live projects.

Unilever has been recognized as Africa's top employer, with over 2 billion customers interacting with its portfolio of over 400 brands on a daily basis.



TV host and journalist Larry Madowo speaks to journalism students and faculty during a talk organized by the journalism program on Wednesday, March 30.

ON TO THE FINALS!

Our men rugby team defeated Impala III 20 - 12 on Saturday April 2 to reach the final of the Kenya Rugby Union Nationwide League! They will face the Catholic Monks from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa on Saturday, April 9.

On the same day, the ladies hockey team thrashed Daystar University 10-0 during a Kenya Hockey Union league match.



The rugby team in action against alumni during the annual Wazee Vijana rugby match in June 2015.