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Ms. Sarah Mweu receives a Certificate of Appreciation from the Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza recognizing her thirty-four years of service to the University. Ms. Mweu was among forty-three other recipients of the long-service awards handed out during the Staff Christmas Party held on campus on Thursday, December 15, 2016. Photo: Diana Meso

USIU-Africa announces ground-breaking undergraduate programs



The School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has announced the introduction of the Bachelor of Science in Epidemiology & Biostatistics in May 2017. An epidemiologist studies disease outbreaks, while a biostatistician collects, analyzes, presents and draws inferences from data for research in agriculture, medicine and health.

The program will be a mixture of statistical theory, software programs and application of contemporary statistical methods, with graduates expected to work in the biomedical industry, providing support in disease surveillance, as well as data collection and analysis for biomedical research institutions.

Applicants to this program must meet the minimum university requirements, as well as having attained the following grades (Biology C+; Mathematics/Physics B- and English B-) or equivalent grades at similar educational systems.

The Bachelor of Arts in Animation program to be

offered by the School of Science and Technology, is the first of its kind in Africa, while the Bachelor of Arts in Film Production and Directing is the first of its kind in East and Central Africa. A film producer and director interprets a writer's script to create productions such as motion pictures television shows, live theater, commercials, and stage plays. On the other hand, an animator manipulates drawings to create illusions of motion, thereby bringing life to a story.

Students in the Film Production and Directing program will choose from four concentrations namely cinematography, scripting, directing and editing, while those in the Animation program will focus on using visual effects, 3D and 2D animation, storyboarding and acting for animation to tell the African story to a global audience.

Applicants for admissions into the undergraduate degree programs require a minimum grade of C+ or a diploma recognized by the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC).

New call issued for research into sustainable development

The ESRC-DFID Development Frontiers Research Fund 2016-17 is looking "to fund innovative, strategic and catalytic research with the potential to radically impact on sustainable development concepts or practices, or lead to new thinking and action on poverty reduction."

The Fund sits within the ESRC-DFID Joint Fund for Poverty Alleviation Research - a partnership formed 12 years ago between the United Kingdom's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DFID). This second call is targeting researchers who will conduct small-scale, exploratory projects with a view to developing ideas, collaboration, and research capacity for larger future grants, to tackle the challenges encountered at the intersections between poverty, environmental sustainability and conflict within specific developing country contexts.

Only projects with a full economic cost (fEC) value of between £200,000 and £300,000, and which must be completed within a period of 12 and 18 months, and by 31 March 2019 will be considered.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply by emailing Mr. Bonn Jonyo (bjonyo@usiu.ac.ke) by Friday, January 27.

USIU-Africa to explore partnership with Red Cross affiliate



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza (left) met with the Secretary-General of the Kenya Red Cross Dr. Abbas Gullet (second left), to discuss a proposed partnership between the university and Boma International Hotel College (BIHC) - an affiliate of Kenya Red Cross Society - on Friday, January 13 at the BOMA Hotel in Nairobi. The proposed partnership will involve collaboration in the University's Hotel and Restaurant Management program, research activities and internship opportunities. The meeting was also attended by USIU-Africa Director of University Advancement Mr. James Ogolla (right), and the Principal of Boma International Hotel College Mr. Gianfranco Astori (second right). Photo Credit: Uvyu Mbole

Faculty participate in International Debate

On Saturday, December 17 2016, three faculty members represented USIU-Africa in an international debate themed “Africa, Continent of Opportunities” held at the offices of a Spanish online newspaper - Bez - in the capital, Madrid.

The debate featured Associate Professor of International Relations Dr. Fatma Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Spanish & Literature Javier Serrano, and Assistant Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication Dr. Maria Canudo, who presented various theories and concepts in line with the debate theme.

Dr. Fatma Ali while presenting her research on “Mujeres y guerra. Deconstruyendo la noción de víctimas y reconstruyendo su papel de constructoras de la paz” (Women and War: Deconstructing the Notion of Victims and Reconstructing their Role as Peace Builders) published by Universitat Jaume I in 2015, argued that although women have been depicted as victims, they have played other active roles in armed conflicts either as peace builders or even as perpetrators.

Mr. Serrano in his presentation about education in Africa and its evolution since the sixties, identified transition from metropolitan affiliations, financial issues and access to education as some of the major challenges facing Africa’s education.

Dr. Maria Canudo’s presentation focused on African political leadership and its evolution in the last sixty years. She described how Botswana and Mauritius drew from their respective colonial experiences to build their nations.

University forms committee to issue research permits



Above: Members of the Institutional Review Board following a training session held on campus. Photo Credit: Mr. Paul Ruto

All researchers will now be required to seek approval from USIU-Africa’s Institutional Research Board (IRB) to proceed with their research. The Board, which was formed following the university’s accreditation by the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI), is mandated to review, approve and oversee research proposals involving primary data. This will safeguard research integrity by ensuring ethical procedures are followed.

Dr. Damary Sikalieh (*Associate Professor of Management, Business Research Methods and*

Entrepreneurship) chairs the Board, which also includes Dr. Dana Basnight-Brown (*Assistant Professor of Psychology*), Dr. Simeon Sungi (*Associate Professor of Criminal Justice*), Ms. Paula Musuva (*Lecturer of Forensic Information Technology*), Mr .Paul Ruto (*Senior Research Officer - Academic Research*), Ms. Lucy Simiyu and other subject matter experts.

The Board will become operational in February, when it will be officially launched. In the meantime, further information is available on request (irb@usiu.ac.ke).

Human Resources announces two vacancies



The department of Human Resources has announced vacancies in the University Advancement, and the Academic and Student Affairs divisions. Full details are available from the jobs portal at www.usiu.ac.ke/jobs.

Principal Institutional Research Officer

The University Advancement division is seeking a suitable candidate for the position of Principal Institutional Research Officer. The successful candidate will be in charge of organizing, analyzing, storage and dissemination of institutional data, and conducting institutional surveys and studies.

The successful candidate will also develop, implement, and manage a comprehensive institutional research program that will support strategic planning, evidence-based decision making, and outcomes assessment.

It is also expected that the successful candidate will be involved in strategic plan review, monitoring and evaluation, as well as support business units to effectively implement their strategic plans in a timely manner.

Interested persons are required to hold at least a graduate degree in Business, Mathematics, Statistics, Economics or any other relevant Social Sciences, and must apply to the Administration Director before Friday, January 27.

Career and Placement Officer

The Office of Placement and Career Services in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, wishes to internally recruit a Career and Placement Officer who will primarily be involved in sourcing for employment, internship, or volunteer opportunities for students and alumni. The Office of Placement and Career Services provides services to students, and alumni and also works to broaden relationships between the university and potential employers.

Interested persons are required to hold an undergraduate degree in any social science or in business administration, and must apply to the Administration Director before Friday, January 27.

USIU-Africa is an equal opportunity employer.

Men's swim team bags seven gold medals at regional games

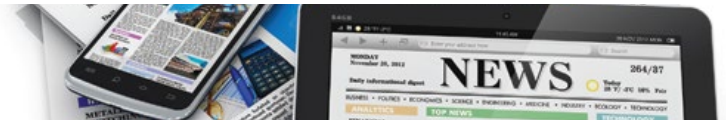
USIU-Africa are the 2016 men's swimming champions after winning 7 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal in the five-day East Africa University games (EAU) that took place from 16-22 December 2016 at the Moi Sports Center Kasarani. The win propelled USIU-Africa to the sixth position overall, out of forty three Eastern African universities that participated in the event.

The ladies swimming team won 2 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal placing them at fourth position overall. The ladies hockey team came second after losing to Strathmore in a penalty shootout in the finals, while the men's hockey team came third. The ladies basketball team lost to Kenyatta University at the semi-finals, while the men's basketball men and

ladies soccer teams dropped out after losing in their respective quarter finals.

The biennial games are organized by the East Africa University Sports Federation to bring together universities from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Media mentions



January 12: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Private varsities face enrolment crisis as entry grade remains C+"*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/education/-private-universities-enrolment-crisis--C--entry-grade/2643604-3514320-h263xnz/index.html>

January 11: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"USIU tackle Equity in play-off semis as KPA host Coop"*
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2017/01/11/usiu-tackle-equity-in-play-off-semis-as-kpa-host-coop_c1485247

January 11: The Business Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Private varsities in a tight spot as admissions grade retained."*
<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/539546-3513124-1n8mrl/index.html>

January 5: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"The brains behind your favorite hits."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/myNetwork/The-brains-behind-your-favourite-hits/3141096-3506458-qnr3snz/index.html>

January 3: The Business Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Shady backroom operators, World Bank report cloud latest RVR sale plan."*
<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/Opinion-and-Analysis/539548-3505852-item-1-4wk645/index.html>

January 2: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Business Daily in an article titled *"Imperial, Dubai Bank collapse cases to remain in the headlines."*
<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/Corporate-News/Imperial--Dubai-Bank-collapse-cases-to-remain-in-the-headlines/539550-3504844-item-1-nb26ab/index.html>

January 2: The Business Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Ex-CEO who left corporate glamour for dairy sector cash cow."*
<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/Ex-CEO-who-impeded-corporate-glamour-for-dairy-sector-cash-cow/248928-3504794-irp7pf/index.html>

January 1: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Telkom Orange at '100 pc' for African event."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/hockey/Telkom-at-100-pc-for-African-event/1108-3504024-14ipdgc/index.html>

January 1: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"Kenya caught up in changing global dynamics"* authored by Macharia Munene, professor of International Relations.
<http://www.nation.co.ke/oped/Opinion/Kenya-caught-up-in-changing-global-dynamics/440808-3503424-3s24n2/index.html>

December 30: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"Going was tough for local sides in Africa."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Going-was-tough-for-local-sides-in-Africa/1128096-3502516-13gd93p/index.html>

December 30: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Congested season spills over"*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/Congested-season-spills-over/1128096-3502500-po7w7jz/index.html>

December 20: The Business Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Standing up against skin-deep prejudices"*
<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/Standing-up-against-skin-deep-prejudices/1248928-3495392-10sjvcvz/index.html>

December 20: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"KPA have one foot in final after victory."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/Basketball/KPA-have-one-foot-in-final-after-victory/1128096-3492158-t9o49j/index.html>

December 20: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Peerless Ndejje*

University retain overall team title."
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/othersports/Peerless-Ndejje-University-retain-overall-team-title/1951306-3492964-15gdn7ez/index.html>

December 18: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"Kenyans caught up in a bitter rivalry between two brothers in South Sudan."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Sibling-rivalry-has-cost-Kenyans-life-in-prison-in-South-Sudan/1056-3489994-ot6vl6z/index.html>

December 18: USIU-Africa was featured by the Daily Nation in an article titled *"Strathmore beat Uganda's Kyambogo University to lift regional rugby title."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/sports/rugby/Strathmore-clinch-East-African-University-Games-rugby-title/1106-3491016-nlrx6z/index.html>

December 18: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"Moi lawyer' pocketed Sh255 million in land deal, police say."*
<http://www.nation.co.ke/news/moi-lawyer-pocketed-millions-in-land-deal-police-say/1056-3491824-73y9ba/index.html>

December 17: KTN mentioned USIU-Africa during the checkpoint segment of the KTN news
https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/ktnnews/index.php?videoID=2000118995&video_title=usiu-are-the-2016-men-s-swimming-champions-in-the-east-africa-university-games

December 17: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled *"USIU face Equity, Co-op host KPA as women's play off finals start today."*
http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/12/17/usiu-face-equity-co-op-host-kpa-as-womens-play-off-finals-start-today_c1474740

December 16: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the People Daily in an article titled *"USIU face Equity as KPA face Co-op in KBF in semis"*
<http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/people-daily/282396/usiu-face-equity-kpa-face-co-op-kbf-semis/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 14
RUGBY: USIU-Africa RFC vs Kisumu RFC
Mamboleo Stadium, Kisumu City

Wednesday, January 18
University Baraza
12.30pm @ the Auditorium