

BACKGROUND

The rising demand for higher education following a marked increase in the number of public and private universities, colleges, polytechnics and research institutions seeking for qualified lecturers and researchers necessitates need for a commensurate increase in the number of universities that would offer postgraduate programmes and the number of programmes as well. In the interim, while some newly established universities offer visiting lecturership positions to fill in the human resource gap, others introduce graduate programme to bridge the gap. Al-Qalam University Katsina (AUK), in November, 2015, established a School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS) with the aim of provision of high quality postgraduate training to mitigate the shortage arising from the above developments and to equally achieve staff development internally. It is worthy to note that though taking this bold decision is highly desirable, it likewise unveils the need for capacity building and development in the area.

NEED FOR THE WORKSHOP

At a level higher than that of Bachelor's degree, Postgraduate Studies require additional strength in staffing, physical resources and overall capacity for compliance to higher or graduate academic standards. Assuredly, these are indispensable for effective teaching, supervision, research and academic monitoring in the postgraduate programmes of any serious university. Accordingly, with the establishment of School of Postgraduate Studies in the Al-Qalam University Katsina, the need for a workshop to improve dexterity of academic staff in the university, identify specific resource needs and explore the academic standards becomes imperative. Other universities in Nigeria will also benefit immensely from the workshop considering the papers that would be presented and the caliber of the paper presenters.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The broad objective of the workshop is to build capacity among university administrators: Registrars, Deans of SPS, DAPs and Academics in the areas of management of SPS, general and specific guidelines, rules and regulations governing postgraduate studies in line with the National Universities Commission's (NUC) benchmark for minimum academic standard. Others are to identify:

- i) specific resource requirements for teaching, supervision and research,
- ii) Ways of achieving high academic standards in University postgraduate programme.
- iii) Areas of linkages, collaboration and sources of funding, and
- iv) Ways of internationalization of knowledge.

MODUS OPERANDI

The mode of delivery of the Workshop shall be through interactive power point presentations by erudite professors and practitioners, extensive discussion, illustrations and appropriate examples. The following are the topics and presenters:

- i) Positioning Postgraduate School as a Citadel of knowledge - Prof. Shehu Rano Aliyu (Dean SPS, AUK)
- ii) Resources for Postgraduate Training in Nigerian Universities - Mal. Aminu Abba, (DD, NUC)
- iii) Internationalization of Postgraduate Education Prof. Abdullahi Uba Adamu (VC, NOUN)
- iv) Rules and Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies - Prof. Sa'idu Ahmad Babura (Dean SPS, BUK)
- v) Etiquettes of Postgraduate Teaching, Supervision and Monitoring - Prof. Mohammed Yahuza Bello (VC, BUK)

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- vi) Linkages, Collaborations and Funding of Postgraduate Programme - Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rashid (Former VC, BUK)
- vii) Quality Assurance of Postgraduate Programme (Director Quality Assurance, NUC)
- viii) Management of School of Postgraduate Studies: Experiences, challenges and the way forward Prof. Adeyinka A. Aderinto (Dean PGS, UI)
- ix) Management of School of Postgraduate Studies: Experiences, challenges and the way forward Prof. Okechukwu Ibeanu (Dean SPS, UNN)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop is open, but not limited to the following:

- i) Professors,
- ii) Deans of Faculties and Colleges
- iii) Registrars
- iv) Postgraduate Co-ordinators,
- v) Members of Board of SPS, and
- vi) Directors of Academic Planning

WORKSHOP DATE AND SCHEDULES

The Workshop will be held between 23rd - 26th May, 2016 at the Al-Qalam University Katsina. Arrival shall be on Monday, May 23rd, 2016. The first day of the workshop shall be the opening ceremony where a paper will be presented by the Guest Speaker, Prof. Julius Okojie, OON Executive Secretary NUC on the title "Governance issues in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects". Two technical presentations would be delivered in the afternoon session. Five other presentations would be taken on the second day while two other papers would be presented on the third day.

WORKSHOP MATERIALS

Each participant shall be provided with workshop materials which include: Labeled Workshop Bag, Writing Pad, Pen, Tag and Certificate. There would also be Tea/Coffee Break and Launch at the Workshop venue.

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REGISTRATION FEE:

Fifty Thousand Naira Only (N50,000.00) Per Participant payable to Al-Qalam University Katsina Account Number: 0010135766, Sterling Bank Plc.

ACCOMMODATION FEE:

Hotel Accommodation range from N8,500 - N25,000 within Katsina metropolis

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Our Mission:

The mission of Al-Qalam University is to pursue academic excellence in Islamic, morally sound, efficient and conducive learning environment. The University will provide quality education and promote research and community service through high standards in students admission and staff recruitment.

Our Vision:

The vision of Al-Qalam University is to impart meaningful and relevant knowledge with high moral standard and fear of Allah (SWT) through provision of up to date teaching and research facilities in Informatics, Sciences and Humanities thereby serving as a model to similar institutions in Nigeria.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the University is to provide qualitative university education and avoid incessant strikes by both staff and students. The University aims as its philosophy to provide balanced education for its students with a view to inculcating Islamic values in them and integrating sound values with knowledge in selected disciplines. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said "knowledge is the lost property of a believer; he takes it wherever he finds it". Therefore, knowledge is universal just as explained by the renowned scholar, the late Waziri of Sokoto, Alhaji Junaidu, it (knowledge) has a cultural stamp. In other words, each society shapes knowledge in accordance with its way of life, which determines its values, its hopes and aspirations. The moral decadence in the world today, makes the need for modern education doused with religious and moral underpinnings to raise an educated, morally sound and, Allah fearing society which should be the pride of any community or nation.

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A 3-Day Workshop
on the Theme
Imperatives of Advancing Postgraduate Education in Nigeria

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Muhammad Sanusi II ICT, Center
Al-Qalam University, Katsina

School of Postgraduate Studies