



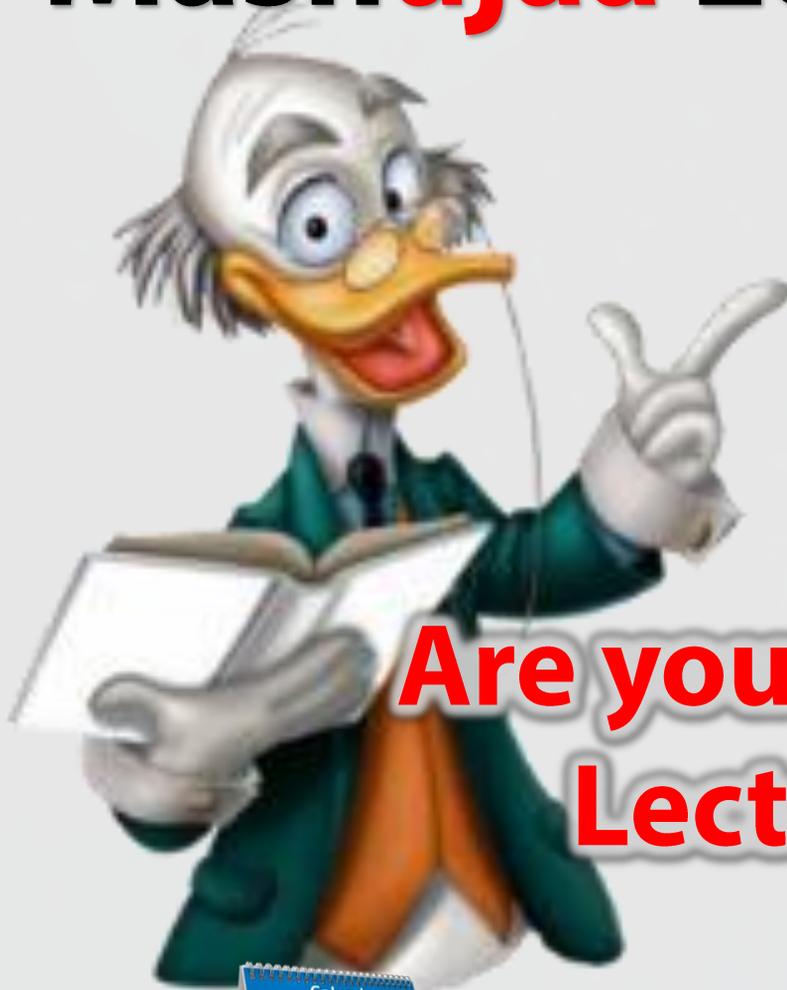
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In this 5th edition of the **MMUST NewsPost**, we bring you the Chancellor's visit to the Kaimosi Friends University College (KAFUCO) and the words of wisdom delivered to the staff and students. In addition, we start a five part series on the University's role in the realization of the Presidential Big Four Agenda by highlighting specific and priority thematic areas of research as submitted by the University to the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). In sad news, we also pay tribute to our student, the late Prisca Wanjiru Njoroge who perished in the Kericho accident recently. We pray for her family. As always, we thank you for your feedback on the editions and for enjoying us in events in your sections.

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Chancellor visits Kaimosi Friends University College

The Chancellor of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Dr. Peter Wanyaga Muthoka, on Friday, 19th October 2018 visited the Kaimosi Friends University College (KAFUCO) as part of his mandate as outlined in the MMUST Charter. Earlier in May 2018, the Chancellor had visited MMUST in his inaugural tour of the University since he became the Chancellor on 14th December 2017. Next on his visitation tour is to Turkana University College; the youngest constituent college of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology.

In his address to staff and students of KAFUCO, the Chancellor called on every one to embrace the culture of peace, harmony, dialogue and tolerance as is currently being observed in Kenya. He said that it is important to respect inclusivity in order to have a sustainable life. Dr. Muthoka lauded KAFUCO for the growth so far experienced since his last visit almost forty four years ago. He urged the KAFUCO Council to align their Strategic Plan to encompass the current Presidential Big Four Agenda, Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In her part, the KAFUCO Chairperson of Council, Dr. Bernadette Mungai said the College was committed to its course after it successfully transitioned from a Campus to a University College. She pledged to nurture the College into an excellent teaching, research and innovation hub. She was grateful to MMUST for being a good mother to KAFUCO.

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Dr. Jeremy Bundi, the MMUST Chairperson of Council, said MMUST is desirous of assisting KAFUCO to go to higher levels. He encouraged the teaching staff to keep up momentum despite shortage of funds. He also called on religious leaders to support the College both religiously and academically.

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Kaimosi Friends University College

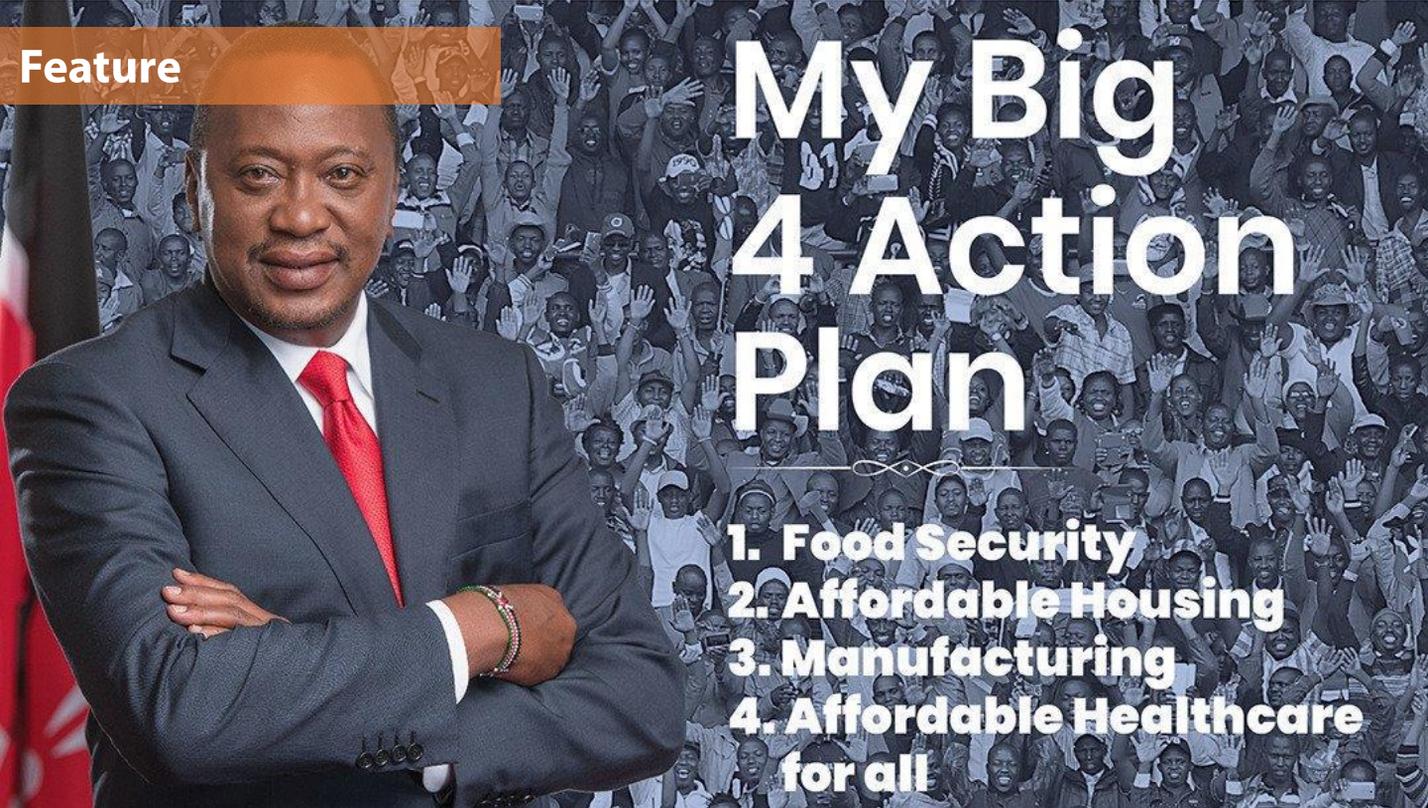


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The Vice Chancellor of MMUST, Prof. Fredrick Otieno, reiterated on his vision five years ago when he joined the University of building a world class student-centred University. According to him, such a University is characterized by quality teaching and learning, cutting edge research, innovation and consultancy. He was proud to mention that under his leadership, the MMUST had registered exponential growth in its webometric ranking from a distant position 24 to the current position 7. He said his vision was to now move MMUST to the top three universities in Kenya by 2021. He was grateful to the Chancellor for the guidance and support he continues to accord MMUST. Further, the VC encouraged KAFUCO to build a strong, academic and financial stable College as they pursue the attainment of a Charter in a few years to come.

The KAFUCO Principal, Prof. O.M.J Nandi, said he was proud of its Council and the progress made in two years. The Council has initiated ten projects since 2014 among them the Dining Hall, water reticulation programme, Executive Ablution for staff and two for female and male students respectively, new biometric gate, library, 24No. Lecture rooms among others. Prof. Nandi called on the Chancellor to support them to get a Charter.

The Chancellor toured the various KAFUCO infrastructural developments and later officially opened the new biometric gate.



My Big 4 Action Plan

- 1. Food Security
- 2. Affordable Housing
- 3. Manufacturing
- 4. Affordable Healthcare for all

MMUST In Pursuit of the President's Big Four Agenda

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A team of scholars and researchers from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), led by the Executive Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SONAS), Prof. William Shivoga, has come up with Big Four Agenda Research thematic priority areas in line with the Presidential Big Four Agenda for submission to the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). On 12th December 2017, H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta announced his new plan, the 'Big Four', which would guide the development agenda of Kenya in the period 2018-2022. The plan focuses on key basic needs that are critical in uplifting the standard of living of Kenyans on the path to becoming an upper middle-income country by 2030. Prioritized are affordable and decent housing, affordable healthcare, food and nutritional security, and employment creation through manufacturing. These four areas are expected to

bolster strong and inclusive economic growth. The current Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology(MMUST) 2015/16-2019/20 Strategic Plan sets out to; increase student enrollment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to produce human resource capacity equipped with requisite technological and scientific skills needed for development; relation of University education to the needs of the society; gender mainstreaming; improvement of teaching through application of ICT and pedagogic principles; enhancement of research, innovation and community outreach and development for transformation of society in line with Vision 2030,the African Union(AU)2063 and Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs).



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In 2016, MMUST was declared a Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institution by the Ministry of Education. This requires the University to develop Certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes geared towards competency training and acquisition of skills in TVET fields. In the current Strategic Plan, the University is to establish and equip an institute of technical vocational education and training to spearhead training, research and extension activities in appropriate technology creation, innovation and transfer. In this regard, the University is establishing and operationalizing a TVET Institute and developing TVET programmes hence it is seeking financial support to equip TVET workshops and laboratories.

Over the years, a number of achievements have been realized. Student enrolment has increased from 7,004 in 2009 to 17,571 by 2017. Similarly, development of physical infrastructure and acquisition of equipment for teaching basic science courses has been enhanced. Recently, the University through partnership with the African Development Bank (AfDB) has been able to acquire newer and advanced technological equipment to support STEM courses. Furthermore, the University has also established linkages with local and international partners including the French Agreenium Consortium. The University has introduced a number of STEM programmes recognised by the Commission for University of Education (CUE) and accreditation by relevant

professional bodies in Engineering, Nutrition, Nursing and Medical Laboratory, Medicine and the TVET. However, the University has also experienced a number of challenges viz: low development of physical facilities and modern equipment to match the growing number of students.

MMUST is, therefore, striving towards creating its own niche in relation to the Big Four Agenda. In the subsequent **MMUST NewsPost** publication, focus shall be centered on the research thematic priority areas:

- Increasing Food Security And Household Incomes
- Manufacturing, Employability And Entrepreneurship
- Achieving Universal Healthcare Coverage In Kenya

Special mention to the following contributing MMUST scholars; Prof. Dr. William A. Shivoga, (Executive Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SONAS) – Team Leader, Prof. Maurice Omolo (Director Quality Assurance), Prof. Hassan Were (Acting Dean, School of Agriculture Veterinary and Technology (SAVET), Dr. Kelvin Omieno (Acting Dean, School of Computing and Informatics (SCI), Prof Shalo (School of Agriculture Veterinary and Technology (SAVET), Mr Owate Wambayi (Institute of Technology and Vocational Training (TVET), Dr. Anthony Sifuna (School of Medicine and School of Natural Sciences) Dr. Bernard Omogo (School of Natural Sciences) and Isaa Kweyu (School of Public Health and Biomedical Sciences).



Are you a Quack Lecturer?

*MMUST has a number of social media platforms where staff is free to express themselves on a number of issues. One such platform is the “**MMUST Researcher**” comprised mostly of academic staff from the different Schools at the University. On Monday, 15th October 2018, the staff took to the platform to describe some characteristics of a quack lecturer is. Here is a description:*

- Losses student marks and on many occasions tries to blame the students.
- Does not teach 13 weeks of a 13 week teaching semester. Instead, goes to class two or three weeks. When he/she comes to class is always late and leaves early.
- Leaks exams to students because he/she did not teach well or taught only two to three weeks of the 13 weeks allocated.
- Is always very hostile to students without any good reason to be.
- Is always late with submission of everything ranging from CAT marks, exam marks, assignment marks (never returns assignments to students mainly because they never mark or if they do it's poorly marked).
- Does not fully mark his exams. Always prays he is not discovered.
- Does not update his knowledge. Always thinks he knows all yet the students are always ahead of him/her due to this habit.
- Sexually intimidates students in exchange for marks.
- Sets comprehension and knowledge level questions from the little he/she has covered and awards marks generously to be popular with the students.
- Loaded and reloaded with yellow notes.
- Recycles/repeats exam questions, even word for word.
- Downloads stuff from internet and uses it as is to teach.
- Will make sure all students pass so that he's/she's 'covered'.
- Fears to show anybody or upload his/her CV on the MMUST website.
- Never avails the exam question papers to the Library for access by students.
- May have questionable or fake or illegally acquired certificates.
- On many occasions, tries to subcontract others through illegal means to teach for him/her.
- Pretends to be too busy but generally in reality does nothing.
- Will make a fuss out of nothing to cover for his/her weakness e.g try to force your way to be a student supervisor when the student does not want you to be as they generally know the weak or quack lecturers.
- May take forever to complete his/her PhD with endless excuses.
- Does not publish in reputable journals. Does not present papers at peer reviewed conferences.
- Always hostile to hard working colleagues as they fear they will be exposed.
- They generally try to buy (bribe) their way in most situations. So they always mistakenly think everybody does the same.
- Uses grey notes and does not update these. Is generally averse to modern technology in teaching and research.
- Repeats same questions year in year out with nominal changes if any or exactly the same.
- Repeats what he sets in CATS in the main exam as he/she has no depth or lacks time (imagined) to set proper exams.
- On matters research, lacks basic skills in research and statistics and confuses students in this field.
- Does not mentor post graduate students. He/she is bossy.
- Asks for payment from Postgraduate students.
- You are a Mr but you are referred to as Dr; or you are a Dr but you encourage or force the title of Prof on yourself and you quietly or even actively encourage that, which is academic fraud.
- They do not give course outlines so that students may not know what the course is all about.

FARE THEE WELL PRISCAH Wanjiru NJOROGE



The University, through the Catholic Chaplaincy led by Fr (Dr) Kizito Muchanga, held a requiem mass in memory of the late Priscah Wanjiru Njoroge who passed on after a road accident at Fort Ternan along the Londiani-Muhoroni road on October 10, 2018.

Priscah was a Fourth Year student in the School of Business and Economics (SOBE). Death caught Prisca while she was on her way to the University to sit for one special exam. She is remembered for the good work she did especially for the church. She was responsible for many development projects such as ensuring that the seats in the church were sufficient.

Priscah's family from Murang'a was present during the mass. Officers from the University included the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fredrick Otieno, Deputy Vice Chancellor (PRI), Prof. Egara Kabaji, staff from the School of Business and Economics (SOBE), the Acting Dean of Students, Dr. Bernadette Abwao, teaching and non-teaching staff, students among others.

Prisca was laid to rest in Murang'a on 19th October, 2018.

New Appointments >>>

Congratulations to the following members of staff for their appointment as Associate Deans:

- **Dr. Joseph Owino**
Associate Dean, School of Natural Sciences (SONAS).
- **Dr. Kennedy Bota**
Associate Dean, School of Education (SEDU).

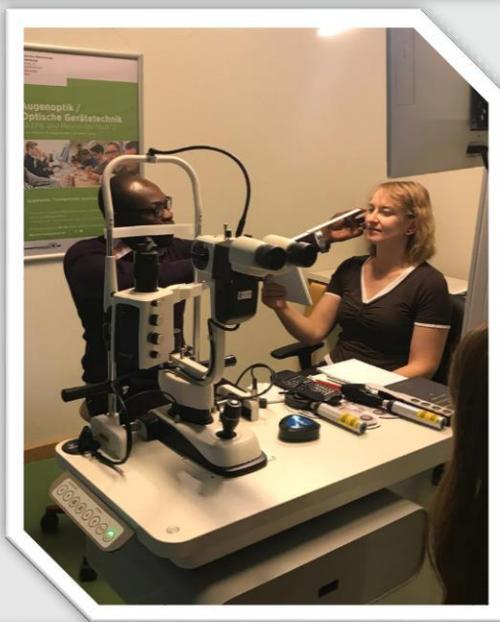


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Pictorial (Chancellor in KAFUCO)



Pictorial (Our Scientists Abroad)





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