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Editor's Pen



Welcome to the 9th Edition of the MMUST *NewsPost*. We appreciate you for your steady support to the editorial team. This week we bring you the accreditation of MMUST as an IERC institution as well as collaborative efforts by the School of Education that has seen the University Library equipped and stocked with current books. We shall also give you a sneak pick to our students' performance in Sports at various competitions.

We thank each and every staff for their effort in making MMUST a truly international and student-centred University.

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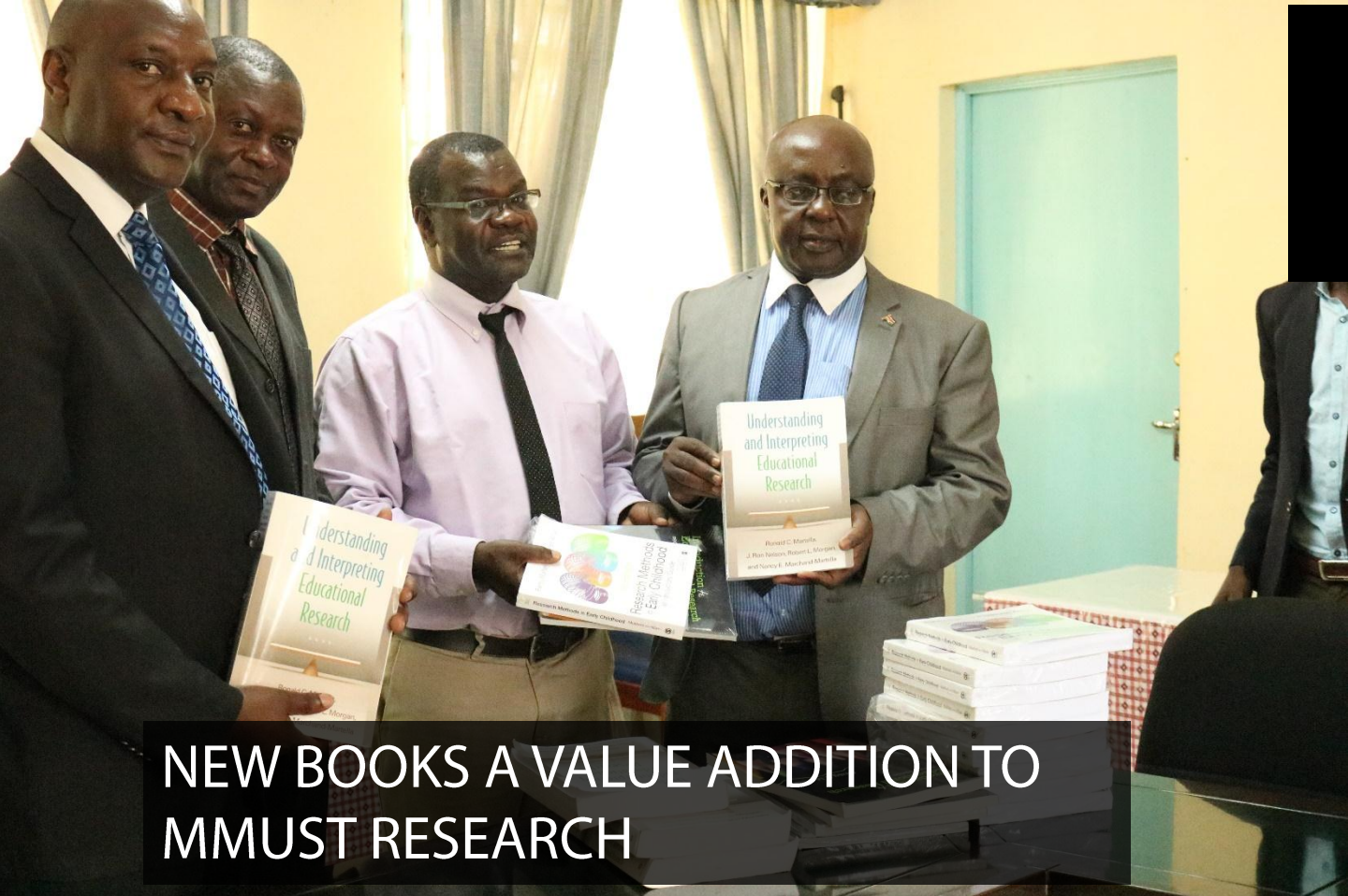
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NEW BOOKS A VALUE ADDITION TO MMUST RESEARCH

By Sandra Dorcas Awuor

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fredrick Otieno, received current research books donated by Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme (CADFP) on 14th November 2018. This comes after a successful proposal written by Dr. Kennedy Bota, the then Chairman of the Department of Psychology (MMUST) to the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Programme (CADFP) entitled “Culturally Responsive and Graduate Student Monitoring”, in the Fall 2017. Supplementary funds amounting to \$1500 from (CADFP) upon an application made by Dr. Bota and Prof. Muchera, were used to purchase the Research books.

The Vice Chancellor said that the donation was timely and a great addition as it will enhance capacity of students to do better in research. Mr. V. Chibini, the University Librarian, said that the Library lacked current research books and this addition would ensure that students use the most current resources. Dr. Ndiku Judah, the Executive Dean, School of Education (SEDU) said that the books will fill research gaps amongst graduate students. He was thankful for the donation and commended

efforts made to acquire the new research books. Also present was Prof. Beatrice Adera from Westchester University of Pennsylvania currently on sabbatical leave at the University and who is involved in curriculum and professional development at MMUST as well as work with Masters students in research. Apart from the books received, the University also received Prof. Winnie Muchera from Ball State University for a period of three months. The following books were donated:

Ten copies (10) of the Research Methods in Early Childhood: An Introduction Guide by Penny Mukheiji and Deborah Albon: Sage Publications Ltd. 2018.

Five copies (5) copies of Understanding and Interpreting Educational Research: By Ronald C. Martelk, J. Nelson, Robert. L. Morgan and Nancy E. Marchand- Martella: The Guildford Press 2013.

Six (6) copies of Introduction to Education and Research: 2nd Edition by Craig A. Mertler: Sage Publications 2018.

MMUST IERC ACCREDITED

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology has received an Institutional ethics Review Committee (IERC) license from the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation to operate and conduct ethics review of research proposals in health sciences. This came after assessment by the National Bioethics Committee. The license will last for a period of three years with effect from 27th June 2018 to 26th June 2021.

Following the awareness created by the NACOSTI, research institutions are expected to have a functional and accredited Institutional Ethics Review Committees to be able to give approval and delegated authority to an ethics committee to conduct ethics review on behalf of the National Bioethics Committee. The objectives of MMUST-IERC is to protect the mental, social, physical, welfare, rights, dignity and safety of participants of research both human and animal participants. It is also to facilitate ethical research through efficient and effective review processes. All researches/projects within MMUST and the community around that involve human beings and animals or what affects them directly or indirectly should receive approval from IERC before NACOSTI can issue them with Permit to do research. The charges for review are:

PRICE LIST FOR ETHICAL REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

S/N	CATEGORY OF PROTOCOL	NORMAL REVIEW(ksh)	EXPEDITED REVIEW(Ksh)
1	Undergraduate students	1,000	5,000
2	Masters Students	2000	5,000
3	Phd Students	3000	5,000
4	Project Research(within MMUST)	5,000	10,000
5	Project Research(Outside MMUST)	10,000	10,000
6	East Africa community	15,000	20,000
8	Africa	20,000	25,000
9	Outside Africa	25,000	30,000

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DIVISIONAL RETREAT AND WORKSHOP FOR DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

By Mary Wangari Wambugu

The Directorate of Strategic and Institutional Planning (DSIP) in MMUST, through the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor Planning, Research and Innovation (DVC, PRI) organised a divisional workshop and retreat for directors and administrative staff on 16th November, 2018 at Bishop Stam and Kakamega Forest respectively. The theme of the event was creating synergies for a sustainable division. Prof. E. Kabaji, Prof. J. Achoka, Dr. A. Sang, Mr. D. Wanjere, Dr. S. Waweru, Mr. A. Waliaro, Dr. G. Nguka, Mr. J. Owuor and Mr. Owate Wambayi were among those in attendance at the workshop. During their presentations, the directors highlighted the key achievements and general challenges that they face in their various divisions. Some of the challenges that stood out were lack of funds, insufficient staff and failure to attend meetings. The directors and administrative staff present tried to come up with solutions and the way forward from these problems. Mr. Owate Wambayi, the guest speaker during the workshop, spoke on fostering a cohesive work environment in the University. He paid close attention on the power of synergy. "Teams are an important component of a collaborative work environment," He added. The speaker also emphasized on the need for transparency and open communication in the work place. The DVC, PRI, Prof. E. Kabaji talked about the roadmap to success in MMUST. He stressed on the need to strengthen the MMUST position especially through students. The professor also mentioned that one of the innovations that his division is working on is employing post-graduate students, to teach undergraduate and diploma students, to avoid dropouts due to lack of school fees. He also urged those in attendance to come up with strategies of growing student numbers in MMUST. Prof. E. Kabaji continued to give his divisional goals which included; promoting a good working relationship, to have a beautification programme in MMUST to entice more students and to increase value. Later on, those in attendance went to Kakamega forest for hiking and team building. They engaged in games which were facilitated by Issah Kweyu, who gave them a few tips on teamwork after every game.



LAUNCH OF THE ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CLUB (ESSA)

By Mary Wangari Wambugu

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology's Economics students launched their club, Economics and Statistics Students Association (ESSA), on 14th November, 2018. Sarah Wanjiku, Vincent Ochieng, Timothy Owuor, Peter Mwangi, Zipporah Mwongeli, Denish Obiero, Miriam Kagweria and Don Ouma the founders of the club are also MMUST pioneer students of Economics in 2015. According to the founding members, the main purpose of the club is to increase awareness of economic issues among members of the Club and MMUST fraternity at large, as well as promote economic research by offering the right mentorship. The Club will examine issues related to economics in the future through symposiums, debates, workshops and trainings.

Speaking during the event, Ms Tabby Goko urged the students to use clubs as a platform to develop their employability skills, interviewing, communication and soft skills. She also encouraged ESSA to be proactive in order to attract opportunities such as exchange programmes.

The Club is constitutionally drafted and in action. Students can now register for membership at Kshs. 200 each.

MMUST AT CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Catherine Aurah, the Director of International Relations and Academic Linkages (DIAL) will be giving a presentation at the Northern Institute of the Charles Darwin University in Australia on “Collaborative Opportunities with Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology” on Monday, 19th November 2018.

In her abstract, Dr. Aura advances the cause of MMUST as a University committed to collaboration in higher education and internationalization with a strong focus on partnerships with institutions of higher learning, NGO’s, community and the industry. Dr Aurah will present on the importance of building a partnership between Charles Darwin University and MMUST and discuss the following opportunities for collaboration: capacity building, joint research collaboration with higher education and allied institutions which promote quality and excellence in its core business of teaching, research and community engagement, staff and student exchange, joint publications, joint supervision of post graduate students, sharing of teaching and learning resources and joint grant proposal writing and resource mobilization.



Dr. Catherine Aurah



The University, through the Directorate of Quality Assurance, conducted training on documentation for ISO implementers as from Wednesday, 14th to Friday, 16th November 2018. This training is among a series of trainings conducted towards certification by the Kenya Bureau of Standards for the ISO 901:2015 standard. Among the topics covered include introduction to quality management, determination of external/internal issues, documenting internal/external issues, documenting quality policy, documenting quality objectives and quality management principles.



MMUST Hosts KUSA Games

The University played host to the Western Conference Games 10- 11th, November 2018. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Fredrick Otieno, who is also the Patron of the KUSA Western Conference, was the Guest of Honor. Various games were played including Netball (Men and Women), Handball (Women), X-COUNTRY (Men and Women), and Basketball (Women). MMUST performed as follows:-

Netball (W)	Position 1
Handball (W)	Position 1
X-COUNTRY (W)	Position 1
X-COUNTRY (M)	Position 3
Basketball (W)	Lost in the preliminaries
Netball (M)	Lost in the preliminaries

The KUSA National Athletics, Chess and Table Tennis were also hosted by Moi University on 3-4 November 2018. MMUST teams fared as follows:

Athletics (Men)	Position 1
Athletics (Women)	Position 1
Chess (Men)	Position 2
Chess (Women)	Not ranked
Table Tennis (M&W)	Not ranked

We congratulate the MMUST teams for victories in their various categories!



Winners receiving awards from Prof Fredrick Otieno



MMUST RFC goes down to Western Bulls in a Controversial Championship Derby

Credits: Scrummage.co.ke

Western Bulls came from behind to beat MMUST 15-14 in tensed KRU Championship opener staged at MMUST Grounds that saw two red cards given.

The hosts MMUST scored the opening try through Felix Wamocho and they successfully added the extras to lead 7-0. Bulls managed to equalize after a penalty try.

Open Winger Tyson Juma landed the second try of the match for MMUST and it was converted to send the home seven points up again. The newbies held on for a 14-7 scoreline at the break.

On return from the break, Echulusi, a former Kenya Cup side put their host to pressure and they were paid off with skipper Treasure Odundo going over for the second try that cut the gap to two points.

The slim gap sent the game to a tense mode and elicited emotions that saw Venance Shikuba who was facing playing against his former employers sent off as well as Bulls skipper Treasure Odundo through straight red cards.

Bulls added three points from the tee to lead in the match. MMUST threw away their chance to reclaim the lead after sending wide their two penalties.

Mmust squad. 1 Paul Simiyu 2 Gibson Perez 3.Mike onyango 4.Austin Awuor 5.Mike Wasamba 6 Shikuba Venance 7.Sefalanga Idris 8. Wamocho Felix 9.Kevin Abuga 10. Norbert Lumbwani 11. Claus shirievo 12.Mbeche Samuel 13. Timothy Mmasi 14 Tyson Juma 15 Elvis Amunya

On the Bench: Derrick oksai, John Bahati, Isaiah Mulongo Liyokho Derrick, Jackton Munai, Njeru Brian, Kevin Omondi, Calvin Abraham,Mark oluoch





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