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APPRECIATION OF THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR ADEBOLA BABATUNDE EKANOLA, MNAL, fspsp, TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ON THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

Dearly esteemed colleagues,

Permit me to thank you for your kind cooperation and candid display of commitment during the recent maiden visit of our Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Chief John Odigie- Oyegun. Permit me also to share with you his impressions about us and our campus.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council strongly expressed his admiration of the level of peace and cordiality among staff in spite of the difficult experience we went through last year about the selection of a Vice-Chancellor. In his view, a people's willingness and ability to quickly put aside their differences and focus on the progress of the collective is a heritage worth commending, and an example worth showcasing to the rest of the nation.

Secondly, he commended our ability to remain a green and clean campus and, importantly, promised to support efforts to not just maintain this state but also improve on it.

On the other hand, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, expressed displeasure about the state of the Senate and Council Chambers. In his assessment, the facilities in these Chambers require urgent upgrading to reflect both the esteemed quality of the members who use them, and the world-class status of the University of Ibadan.

Finally, you would recall that the visit of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council coincided with the release of the 2021-2022 World University Rankings in which the University of Ibadan was again ranked the best in Nigeria and West Africa. The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council expressed delight in our constant leadership in the sub-region. He, however, quickly pointed out that our global position calls for concern, hard work and strategy. While reiterating his determination to upscale both staff welfare and the teaching-learning facilities on our campus, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council urges us to treat the improvement of the global ranking of the University of Ibadan as both a personal and a collective challenge.

I want to thank you for the much that we have done as I count on your commitment and support for the lot more that still has to be done.

Thank you.

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