



CHANGE OF GUARD

Prof Benedict Mutua, the new Vice-Chancellor, takes the reigns of power as Prof Paul Shiundu who has been performing the functions of the vice-chancellor in acting capacity bows out.



Prof. Benedict Mutua speaks during a joint meeting between the University Management Board and Council.



Prof. Benedict Mutua with Council Members and the University Management Board after the joint meeting in the Conference Room.

CHANGE OF GUARD AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KENYA

The new Vice-Chancellor, Prof Benedict Mutua has assumed office today 18th September 2023. Prof Mutua was introduced to the University during a joint meeting between the University Council and the University Management Board (UMB) held in the Conference Room.

The Chairman of the University Council, Dr Idle Farah welcomed Prof Mutua and assured him of the full support by the Council and the university community.

“Be assured that you are joining a great university that has recorded a range of successes.”

He noted that Prof Mutua was joining TU-K at a time, when the country was implementing a range of reforms as provided for in the report Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms that will affect all institutions of learning.

Dr Farah said it's time for the Management to come up with a new strategic plan to take the institution forward.

The Chairman of Council noted that financial constraints and other governance issues will be the immediate tasks the new Vice-Chancellor will be confronted with.

Dr. Farah challenged the University Management to support Prof. Mutua to ensure that issues of student unrest do not occur and therefore taint the image of the University.

The Chairman handed over the instruments of power to Prof Mutua.

The instruments included the original signed copy of the University Charter, seal, a copy of the statutes, crest, a copy of Universities Act, a copy of the Organisational Structure and copies of various accreditation certificates.

Prof Paul Shiundu who has been performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor in acting capacity said the challenges facing TU-K are surmountable and wished the new VC the best in his new role.

Prof Shiundu, whose second term as DVC in charge of Academic and Student Affairs ended on 21st August, 2023, handed over his exit report as well as that of his time as Acting VC, a role he took up on 16th May 2023.

The immediate former Vice-Chancellor, Prof Francis Aduol handed over his exit report and congratulated Prof Mutua on his appointment.

He noted that he exited the helm of TU-K leadership with his head up because of the great achievements the institution had recorded.

“TU-K has in past five years been ranked between number 6 and 8 nationally. This is no mean achievement considering we are the only institution

formed after 2013 that has consistently appeared in the top 10.”

Prof Aduol noted that the University had hired some of the top rated academic staff and that it had developed a strong reputation over the years. He assured the new VC of his unwavering support to move the institution forward.



Prof. Mutua greets a Council member, Ms Isabella Kogei.



Prof. Francis Aduol, the immediate former VC speaks during the joint University Management Board and Council meeting.



Dr. Idle Farah hands to Prof Mutua the University Seal



Dr. Idle Farah hands over to Prof Mutua the signed Original University Charter



SATUK Chairman Dennis Muchoki speaks at the joint meeting between the University Council and Management Board.

NEW VC PAYS TRIBUTE TO PROF ADUOL, ASSURES STAFF OF SUPPORT

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Benedict Mutua has paid tribute to his predecessor, Prof Francis Aduol for the central role he played in the establishment and development of TU-K to be what it is today.

“It is no mean feat to have participated in the committee that came up with a report that was used by the Government to elevate the then National Polytechnics to universities, became Chairman of the Kenya Polytechnic, appointed the Principal of Kenya Polytechnic University College and later appointed the founding Vice-Chancellor of TU-K. You have done well and congratulations.”

Prof Mutua said whenever necessary, he will be consulting Prof Aduol because of his institutional memory and experience.

He said he was open-minded, ready to listen and work with both staff and students on condition that they uphold the ethos of truthfulness and honesty.

“There can never be a university whenever there is disagreements

between the students and Management, Council and so on. I can assure you that we will work together to build this great university. We will create an impact in the academia and industry,” said he.

Prof Mutua said that during his time

at TU-K, he will practice an open-door policy kind of management to allow consultations for the sake of moving the institution forward.

The new VC said his priority will be to have research findings commercialised so as to have a real impact in society.

He commended the Management and indicated that “we have a plan for this university. We will unveil as the days go by. Let’s start working”

“When I checked the profiles of the TU-K staff, I was really impressed.

The University has a great complement of qualified and experienced academics whom, we can tap on to achieve great things for this country,” said Prof Mutua.

He thanked the University Council, Management and staff for the warm welcome they had accorded him.

The VC assured the Council of his commitment and dedication to steering the university and challenged the staff and students to stick to the ethics of truth and honesty if they aspire to move further.



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