

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:
THE BOARD OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES SENSITIZATION
WORKSHOP ON POSTGRADUATE MATTERS
CCU, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
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- The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Magoha
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellors
 - Principals, Deputy Principals
 - Members of the Board of Postgraduate studies
 - Deans/Directors
 - Heads of Departments
 - Ladies and Gentlemen
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I am delighted that you have made time to attend this sensitization workshop on postgraduate matters

This sensitization workshop is an initiative to ensure that we brush up on how we manage our postgraduate programmes and students and brainstorm on how these processes can be made more effective.

A number of changes have taken place in the last few years such as an increased postgraduate enrolment, increased postgraduate programmes and implementation of PhD studies by coursework among other things.

Further, the University has also implemented a number of new and reviewed policies to enhance the effective management of our programmes. Just to mention a few, the University has reviewed the Research policy and the IP policy. In addition, we have also developed and implemented the UoN Open Access Policy, the UoN policy on Plagiarism the Recognition and Awards Scheme is awaiting discussion by UMB and Senate and we are in the process of developing an Extension Policy and a Communication Policy. We have also implemented the use of Research Notebooks by our postgraduate students and researchers as a process of protecting Intellectual property rights, as well as ensuring ethical conduct of research. We are also in the process of developing a RGMIS to improve on the efficiency of manage grants at every level.

As a confirmation of the changes in our postgraduate programmes, we have witnessed, during the last two graduations an increased number of PhD graduands. For instance, in August 2013 we graduate 65 PhDs and in last week's graduation we had 73 PhD graduands.

Our target is to graduate 100 PhDs within the next 3 years. The Government's target is all Public Universities to produce 2,400

PhDs annually to develop capacity for the younger universities and constituent colleges.

Ladies and gentlemen, during the Research Grants Strategic management workshop and the recent RDAB retreat, it was deliberated that there is need to sensitize senior management on the management of postgraduate programmes to make our processes more effective in managing the changes I have mentioned above.

This workshop will therefore provide us with the opportunity to brush up on the processes and management of postgraduate programmes.

At this juncture, ladies and gentlemen, I wish to seek your indulgence at this stage to inform you of the latest milestone in enhancing access to research funding for our researchers. With the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, the University has subscribed to the Research Africa Platform which provides information on funding opportunities. All staff members and students logged into the UoN network can now access the platform and search for suitable funding opportunities. So far with the support of my office, four training sessions have been undertaken in Main Campus and Chiromo Campus. We will soon be contacting you individually as

heads of units in order to run training sessions within your colleges. This will enable staff members and students to utilize the research Africa facility to its full capacity.

The RPE Division is appreciative of the support that the VC and the University management have provided, enabling us to achieve the highlighted milestone and more.

Thank you all for taking the time to attend this sensitization workshop and I look forward to your valuable contributions.

It is now my humble task to welcome the VC to make his opening remarks.

Thank you.