



# **Machakos University College**

ISO 9001:2008 Certified

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)

## **OFFICE THE PRINCIPAL**

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## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **FACT SHEET VOL. 1 NO. 2**

This is yet another season when we bring to you the highlights of the many occurrences in our institution.

#### **1. STUDENT MATTERS**

##### **Bandwidth:**

For a long time, the University College has been operating with 10Mbps bandwidth. However with effect from March, 2015, KENET has been engaged to and has already connected the University College to a 1Gb/s (1,000Mbs) fiber link plus radio backup link to NOFBI node at Machakos Telephone House. This has greatly enhanced connectivity especially for research related activities in the library on e-books and e-journals.

##### **Student Portal:**


The student portal is at advanced stages of installation. This will enable the students to among others to check their results and fee statements

**Student Elections:**

The elections for the SAMUC officials were held in a very democratic and peaceful manner. The University College congratulates the winners and the student body for being an example to be emulated by other institutions.

Below are the new SAMUC officials:-

**Rotich Bramwel**




**President**

**Benjamin Ndolo**




**Vice – President**

**Irungu John Mbeceke**




**Secretary General**

**Punyua Sururu Lekerio**




**Finance Secretary**

**Martha Wambui Kihenjo**



**Academic and ICT Secretary**

**Anthony Matere**



**Catering, Health and Accommodation Secretary**

Githaiga Patrick



Special Needs  
Secretary

Otieno Boniface



Games and Sports  
Secretary

Odero Shiltone



Entertainment,  
Gender and  
Social Secretary

Maryann Mukami



Female Hostel  
Representative

Patrick Kamau



Male Hostel  
Representative

Clintone Okeyo



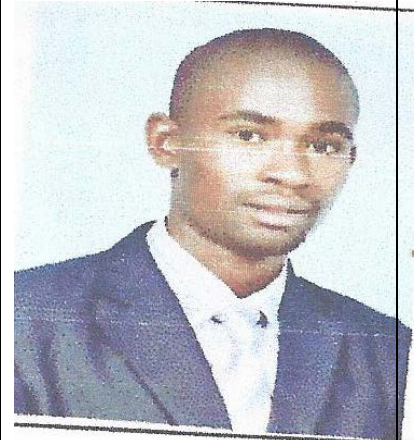
Non- Resident  
Representative

Cheruiyot Chris  
Kemboi



School of Pure and  
Applied Sciences  
Representative

Stallon Mativo



School of Business &  
Economics  
Representative

Wafula Barasa  
Stanley

School of Education  
Representative

Mutua Benard



School of  
Engineering and  
Technology  
Representative

Odhiambo Moses  
Aoko



School of  
Agriculture and  
Natural  
Resources  
Management  
Representative

Stephen Owuor  
Ochieng

School of Hospitality  
& Tourism  
Management  
Representative

Ruth Nzomo



School of  
Humanities and  
Social Sciences  
Representative

The student leaders were taken for an induction training on governance and it is my hope that they shall use the newly acquired skills to lift MUC to greater heights



*The University College Management and SAMUC leaders at the induction training held at Maanzoni lodge on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2014*

### **Health Services:**

The reporting of the Clinical Officer and two (2) Pharmaceutical Technologists in January marked a major step in the range of Services the Health Unit can offer to the students. The University shall recruit more staff as the student population increases.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Level 5 General Hospital and MUC will ensure that all medical cases are handled in the shortest time possible.

### **Welfare:**

Following the recruitment and reporting of the Student Counsellors, The Student Counselling Unit is now fully functional under the Dean of Students.

The students are, however, discouraged from engaging in drug and substance abuse activities and any other behavior that would lead to psychological, emotional and physical harm. “A healthy mind resides in a healthy body”

## **2. STAFF MATTERS:**

The University Council and Management is dedicated to the improvement of staff welfare and since the beginning of the year, major milestones have been made towards this. Notably:-

### **Medical Health Insurance Scheme.**

Beginning March, 2015, the University rolled out a Medical Health Insurance Scheme for its staff and their dependants. In covering five (5) dependants, the University College has become a bench mark for other public institutions some of which cover only three (3) dependants.

### **Work Injury Benefit Act (WIBA) & Group Personal Accident Cover Plus (GPA+)**

Work Injury Benefit Act is a statutory requirement for which the University proudly complies to. Further to that a round the clock Accident Cover has been provided for all employees. This is another unprecedented move by the University College

### **Allowances:**

The following allowances have been implemented as from January, 2015:

- (a) Improved Commuter Allowances for all cadre of staff
- (b) Introduction of book allowance for all academic members of staff
- (c) Introduction of Professorial Allowance
- (d) Introduction of Professorial Telephone Allowance

These allowances coupled with the recent increase in the basic and house allowances have greatly enhanced the financial base of the members of staff. You are advised to invest wisely.

## **3. MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACQUIRES EXTRA 100 ACRES OF LAND WITHIN MACHAKOS TOWN!!**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2015 His Excellency the Governor of Machakos County Dr Alfred Mutua met members of the Governing Council and Management of the Machakos University College led by the Chairman of Council, Dr. Charles Maranga.

During the meeting, the County Government allocated the University College, 100 acres for its expansion programmes at the new Machakos City.



*His Excellency, The Governor, Machakos County Dr. Alfred Mutua points out the land allocated to Machakos University College by the County Government*

Since then, the County government has issued a confirmation of the first 43 acres which the University College intends to start developing in anticipation of the award of the Charter and expansion in the shortest time possible



*His Excellency, The Governor, Machakos County Dr. Alfred Mutua, The Chairman, Machakos University College Council and the Principal during the meeting*

#### **4. MoU WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

During the meeting, the County Government and Machakos University College agreed to collaborate and work together to improve the education standards in the County. Towards this it was agreed that the University College would initiate academic programmes tailored for the youth to enable them get jobs at the County level. The County Government committed to provide learning venues especially at the polytechnics in each of the 40 wards to enable the University College courses be accessed at the grassroots level.





*His Excellency, The Governor, Machakos County Dr. Alfred Mutua receives the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) from Dr. Charles Maranga, Chairman of Machakos University College Council*

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) includes the following key areas of collaboration:-

- The University College to provide specialized training for the County Government staff on Human Resource, Procurement, Public Relations and proposal writing.
- The County Government to use the available human resources and expertise in the University College for their research projects.
- The County Government create a sponsorship/bursary fund targeting Machakos County students undertaking Certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes in Machakos University College.

- To encompass students in the County but in other Institutions of Higher Learning, the County create a revolving fund with HELB for Machakos County students.
- The County Government to provide Internship opportunities for graduates and attachments for Machakos University College students.



*Members of the County Government, Machakos University College Council and Management during the meeting*

## **5. PROGRESS TOWARDS CHARTER**

Since upgrading to a Constituent College of Kenyatta University on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, Machakos University College has been making steady progress towards becoming a full-fledged University.

The Commission for University Education (CUE) evaluation team visited the University College on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to carry out a Technical Inspection of the University College's readiness for Charter Award. The rigorous

exercise was led by Commissioner, Joseph Musyoki was also attended by the Chairman of Council. The projection is that the University College may become full-fledged by December 2015.



*The CUE Evaluation Team, Mr Joseph Musyoki (Centre) Dr Livingstone M.H. Nguo (left), Prof. Harriet W. Njui, Dr. Joyce B.M. Mutinda and the Machakos University College Team led by the Chairman of Council, Dr. Chalres Maranga (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) Principal, Prof. Francis M. Mathooko and Deputy Principal (Academic Research & Linkages), Prof. Prisca Tuitoek during the opening meeting.*



*Members of the University College Academic Board during the evaluation meeting*



*The evaluation Team conducts a physical inspection of the facilities and equipment*

## **6. MASINGA TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE**

Following the upgrading of many Technical Institutes, the government has initialized sixty more technical training institutes with one in Machakos County at Masinga. The University College being the only University fully based in Machakos County was given the role of mentorship to the proposed Masinga Technical Training Institute.

The proposed Masinga Technical has been received with great enthusiasm by the County and especially the Masinga constituents who through their MP Hon. Benson Mbae have donated 10 million in support of the TTI under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF).

The site was handed over to Machakos University College and ground breaking ceremony held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.



*The Principal, Prof. Francis M. Mathooko hands over the site of the proposed Masinga Technical Training Institute grounds to Mr. Macharia of Corban Construction Ltd. Looking on is the Masinga TTI Steering Committee Members, Principal, Masinga Boys Secondary School and University College Management Board Members.*



*The Principal, Prof. Francis M. Mathooko breaks the Masinga Technical Training Institute grounds. Looking on is the Masinga TTI Steering Committee Members, Principal, Masinga Boys Secondary School, Machakos University College Management Board Members and the Contractor.*



*Masinga TTI Steering Committee Members, Machakos University College Management and the Contractor at the MITI grounds*

## **7. RECRUITMENT OF LECTURERS**

The University College is committed towards providing the highest quality of education to its students. Over the last three (3) months following lecturers were recruited as at 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014:

### **School of Business and Economics**

1. Prof. Charles Ombuki
2. Evans Geoffrey Mogeni
3. Ishmael Daniel Mwasu
4. Angeline Muthoni Mwabi

### **School of Education**

1. Prof. James Muola
2. Dr Francis Bisi Mutua



### **School of Pure and Applied Sciences**

1. Dr Patricia Muendo
2. Dr Stephen Nzioki Mailu
3. Dr Veronica Otieno
4. Benson Wang'ombe Ng'ang'a

### **School of Engineering and Technology**

1. Charles Mwaniki

### **School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

1. Dr. Sophie Njeru
2. Florence Wanguba Mmbwanga
3. Evelyn Etakwa Simiyu
4. Alex Kamwaria

### **School of Hospitality and Tourism**

1. Esther Nduku Muia

The recruitment process is going on and the University College expects to have recruited the critical staff by the end of the 2014/15 Financial Year.

### **8. CUE EXHIBITION STAND**

The University College participated in the just concluded Universities exhibition in Machakos on 20-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. MUC exhibited some of its outstanding innovations in Engineering, Hospitality and Fashion and Design.



*CEO, Commission for University Education, Prof Some visits Machakos University College stand. He is flanked by the Machakos County Minister for Tourism Ms. Ruth Wathome, The Principal MUC, Prof. Francis M. Mathooko and Deputy Principal (Administration, Planning and Finance), Prof. Kenneth Mavuti*



*School of Hospitality stand*



*School of Hospitality Stand*



*Fashion and Design exhibition*



*Fashion and Design exhibition*

## **9. COLLABORATION WITH THE INDUSTRY**

The University College has been engaging the industry in trainings, attachments and other research activities. Notably are:-

- (a) Memorandum of Understanding with Agricultural Training College
- (b) Samsung on attachment and training of Students
- (c) Safaricom on e-waste management
- (d) Machakos County Government on attachment of students

## **10. MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO GARISSA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

It is with a heavy heart and sorrow that we witnessed the barbaric acts of terrorism that occurred in our sister University College in Garissa. I on behalf of the University College Council, Management and entire fraternity pass my

condolences to the victims and their families, the entire Garissa University College fraternity and stakeholders and condemn the perpetrators of these acts.

I urge all of us to endeavor to live in peace and learn to tolerate our diversities in religion, culture, backgrounds and orientations. The purpose of education is to broaden our horizons and become global scholars and ambassadors of peace.

Let us all remember that safety and security starts with us as individuals and it is our duty to report any suspicious activities to security agents.

I wish all of us a very successful semester and welcome back our dear students for the May –August Semester of the 2014/2015 Academic year.

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