



Machakos University College

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(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)

OFFICE THE PRINCIPAL

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1. Preamble



Machakos University College, is a Constituent College of Kenyatta University. Founded in 1957 as Machakos Technical Rural Training School, the College has undergone several transformations since its inception; Machakos Technical and Trade School in 1958, Machakos Technical School in 1967, Machakos Technical Training Institute in 1987 and on 16th September, 2011, through the Legal Notice No. 130, the institution was upgraded to its current status.



The University College has been facing challenges of change management and transitional arrangements from a Technical Training Institute to University College, but the University Council and Management has been in the forefront to address these challenges. It is good to note that these challenges are not unique to Machakos University College as the same challenges are being faced by other Universities and new University Colleges. Some of the challenges are generic and being experienced in many public universities and constituent university colleges. However, despite these challenges, the University College has made major strides in its endeavor to provide high level manpower through quality training, research, consultancy and community service.

Therefore, this fact sheet highlights the development in the University College in the past six (6) months.

2. Learning Resources and Academic Programmes

Learning facilities/Resources

In order to prepare adequately for the September-December 2014 semester, the University College has purchased and received more than seven hundred and fifty (750) chairs to complement what is available. More than five hundred (500) lecture chairs are expected before the end of this month.

Plans are also at an advanced level to procure 100 computers for the computer laboratories.

The University College has benefited from a donation of forty five thousand (45,000) volumes of assorted library books from an American organization; Books for Africa. The books are expected to be delivered before the end of 2014.

Large lecture halls have been fitted with Public Address System (PAS) to enhance communication between the lecturers and students.



Building and Civil Engineering complex

Academic Programmes

The University College has embarked on development of market-oriented academic programmes to cater for all cadres of learners. As a result of this, undergraduate degree programmes have increased from a low of six (6) programmes to twenty six (26) programmes during the last few months. The number of University College diploma and certificate courses has also increased to Twenty Eight (28). This has increased the number of undergraduate degree student's population from seven hundred and eleven (711) to two thousand five hundred and twenty (2,520) this year. This has constrained the available resources.

However, the University College Council and Management is doing its best to assure the availability of adequate teaching and learning facilities and

ensure that studying at Machakos University College is worth the experience.



Fashion & design students in a practical lesson

3. Student Welfare

The University College Health Unit is set to be fully operational following the recruitment of a Clinical Officer and two Pharmaceutical Technologists. The capacity of the Dean of Student's Office has been enhanced by recruitment of two full time students' counselors. These officers are expected to take up appointment before or by January, 2015.

Plans are also under way to procure a Disco system in consultation with the student leaders.

4. Staff Recruitment and Convention of academic staff

In order to comply with requirements from the Commission for University Education (CUE), recruitment of academic staff commenced in August, 2014 and so far 26 teaching members of staff have been appointed; among

them Tutorial Fellows, Assistant Lecturers, Lecturers, Senior Lecturers and Associate Professors for the various schools and have accepted their appointment. Some have reported while others are expected to report in January 2015. The University College has converted eight (8) staff members from non-teaching terms of service to academics terms of service after completing master's programme and registering for Ph.D. degrees.

The University College has also recruited a Finance Officer and a Librarian among other senior non-teaching staff.

The recruitment process still going on.

5. Accreditation of Engineering Programme by Engineering Board Kenya (EBK) and other bodies.

The University College is working closely with Kenyatta University, EBK, KNDI and the Nursing Council to ensure that the relevant programmes are accredited.

In addition, the University College has recruited senior academic staff to serve as thematic leaders in key areas such as Education, Engineering and Business.

Regular updates regarding the progress of accreditation and development of more programmes will be communicated from time to time by the Deputy Principal (Academic, Research and Linkages).

6. Infrastructural Development

It is good to note that the government has released part of the 2014/2015 development grants and previously stalled projects have since been restarted. The four (4) floor Classroom and Lecture Theatre Complex which is scheduled to be completed in 2015 shall increase the sitting classroom capacity by over 3,000.



Hospitality & Tourism Management Training Facility

The University College has received approval from the Natural Treasury for implementation of five (5) projects under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Further, the University College has received funding from the World Bank to carry out feasibility studies for the five PPP projects.

These projects are:-

- (a) Development of 10,000 capacity Student Hostels;
- (b) Development of a 600 bed capacity Teaching and Referral hospital ;
- (c) Construction of an Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Building Panel Factory.
- (d) Construction of Staff houses;
- (e) Construction of a Five Star Training hotel;

7. Partnerships

The University College has partnered with the Machakos County Government and Safaricom limited in management of E-waste. To ensure

the success of this noble activity, the University College has provided a 20ft container to serve as a collection centre for e-waste from Machakos County and beyond. Those with electronic goods to dispose are advised to get in touch with the Chairman, Department of Computing and Information Technology.

8. Engagement With the County Government

The University College has engaged the Machakos County Government with a view to being allocated 100 acres for the envisaged expansion of the University.

The Machakos County Government has undertaken to install street lights along the Machakos- Wote Road to enhance security of students and staff in and outside the University College. The University College is also engaging the County Government to construct a foot bridge across the road to enhance safe crossing of the road by students and staff.

The County Government of Machakos has engaged thirty two (32) students from Machakos University College for ten (10) days to assist in digitization of the land registry and each student will be paid 1000/= per day.

This is a demonstration of the faith and confidence the County Government of Machakos has with our students. Let us keep up the good name.

9. Staff Welfare

Medical Health Insurance scheme for staff members is scheduled to be in operation early next year.

The University College has engaged MoEST to enhance capitation with a view to paying the pending Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) arrears. Discussions are going on and any breakthrough will be communicated in due course.

A number of Committees have been formed to address various issues touching on staff welfare.

In conclusion, I urge all of us to work as a team to build a world class University despite the challenges. Let us go to that extra mile and work as if we are working for God and not for man.

On behalf of the University College Council and Management I wish all the students success in the end of semester exams and a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2015.