

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEADSE BOARD, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30TH MAY, 2018
IN THE CENTRE'S BOARD ROOM

1.0 Membership

Prof. O.D. Akinyemi	Director
Dr. A.O. Fafiolu	Deputy Director
Prof. O. S. Awokola	Environmental Systems and Climate Change
Prof. T. A. Shittu	Food Processing and Value Addition
Prof. O. R. Pitan	Crop and Pasture Production and Sustainable Environment
Prof. O.O. Oluwatosin	Livestock Production and Sustainable Environment
Prof. B.A. Adewumi	Agricultural Mechanized and Sustainable Environment
Prof. (Mrs.) C.A. Afolami	Agricultural Economics and Environmental Policy
Dr. A. E. Obayelu	Agricultural Economics and Environmental Policy
Dr. P.O.O. Dada	Agricultural Mechanization and Sustainable Environment
Dr. E.O. Idehen	Crop and Pasture Production and Sustainable Environment
Dr. B. S. Bada	Environmental Systems and Climate Change
Dr. J.O. Daramola	Livestock Science and Sustainable Environment
Dr. O.P. Sobukola	Food Processing and Value Addition
Dr. I.O.O. Osunsina	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
Dr. O.O. Olujimi	Safeguard Officer
Mr. S.A. Dosunmu	Higher Executive Officer (Admin)
Mr. G.O. Olaniyan	ICT Officer, CEADSE

2.0 Opening

The meeting started at 12:44am with an opening prayer led by Dr. Idehen. The Director appreciated the members for creating time to attend the meeting despite their busy schedules. He said the meeting was originally slated for Monday, 28th May, 2018 but was later rescheduled for Wednesday because of those who had some other meetings.

He also said the meeting was the first major meeting after the Retreat held in Ijebu - Ode and he appreciated the members for their support so far and informed them that some members of staff of the Centre had been redeployed and new set of staff had been transferred to the Centre.

3.0 Projects

The Director informed the members about the states of the Centre's projects. He said the poultry house, the sheep house and the Kalahari goat house had been completed and that the tractor had been supplied. He particularly gave detailed information about the inability of Femimat Concept Limited to supply the items they were to supply until they were issued a deadline after which the

contract would be terminated. He then stated that only nine of the items were outstanding and they had promised to supply them on Friday, 1st June, 2018.

He further reiterated that World Bank was on the Centre's neck for verification so that the University could be reimbursed. He also informed the members that if World Bank officials did not come in August, they would not come again until December and the University would lose the money it was supposed to be given in August. Meanwhile, he also said the contractors were already threatening to abandon sites as a result of non – payment of their money.

He finally said that advertisements had been placed for new set of procurements. He said the major work was the conversion of one of the seminar rooms to CEADESE laboratory which would be well branded with World Bank.

4.0 Admission

The Director informed members that the first batch of the admission into the Centre's programmes for the 2017/2018 academic session had been concluded and had been approved by the Post – Graduate Board. On that note, he appreciated the Programmes Leaders for their support.

He also informed the members that the second batch of the admission would be concluded at the meeting and that it would be sent to the Dean, Post – Graduate School for executive approval. He said further that CEADESE students, whose oral reports for M.AgSE had not been approved, were not considered for admission into PhD.AgSE.

5.0 Calendar

The Director informed the members that the calendar for the 2017/2018 academic session had been a little bit distorted. He then said that lectures had been rescheduled to start on Monday, June 4, while registration would also be going on in between.

He also said that the lecturers should get set to start lectures while awaiting their letters of engagement which would be sent to them soon. He said it was just a minor correction that needed to be effected before the letters would be dispatched.

6.0 International Accreditation

The Director said that the accreditors were set to send their comments. He said they would come to the University in two batches, September and October. He said the Centre's handbook would need to be improved.

He also said all the equipment would have been installed by then. He also said lecturers, students and administrators would be involved and therefore some of the students would be kept around till that time. He further informed the members that World Bank had always rated CEADESE students as the best, so the expectation would be very high.

7.0 Short – Time Courses

The Director said the short – time courses were discussed at the last retreat and the programme in Burkina Faso. He said the short – time must have regional components, that is, the students, the

lecturers or the resource persons must be from outside the country. He further said the courses could also be conducted outside the country to give them regional status.

He further informed the members that the Centre already had ten short – time courses, two of which were international. He said the two international courses would be coming up in August. He also said that letters had been written to Vice–Chancellors, Rectors and Provosts of many Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Education and Research Institutes across the nation, to nominate participants for the courses.

He also said some students and staff would benefit and that it would also be a source of internally generated revenue to the Centre. Finally he said one of the courses would be organized in collaboration with AMREC.

8.0 Internship

It was reiterated that the internship must be done in private organizations only. On that note, the Programmes Leaders were enjoined to help in getting new partners where the students could undertake their internship.

9.0 Appeal for Payment of Domestic Tuition Fee

The Director presented a letter from Mr. Yarnlay Yarmento Mark written on behalf of six (6) Liberian students, requesting that one of them be allowed to pay semi – international fee and two to pay domestic fee. After an extensive deliberation, it was agreed that the students should pay as follows:

1. Anderson Preston	-	\$7,600.00
2. D. Kpenpa Levi	-	\$7,600.00
3. Kezzilee Lorpu	-	\$7,600.00
4. Wennah S. Arthur	-	\$7,600.00
5. Dans Kiamue Johnson	-	#200,000.00
6. Nduomahun Francis	-	#200,000.00

It was however agreed that while numbers ‘1’ to ‘4’ would be exclusive of accommodation, numbers ‘5’ and ‘6’ would be exclusive of both accommodation and research expenses as they would not be entitled to research support from the Centre.

10.0 Seminars

The Deputy Director gave the report on students’ post – data and pre – data seminars which took recently and said the students had to be given deadlines when it was observed that many of them were already overstaying. He said further that a good number of students presented from Livestock Science and Sustainable Environment, Crop and Pasture Production and Sustainable Environment and Food Processing and Value Addition and that all the past Deans of the College of Plant Science (COLPLANT) were present.

He also said he observed that the idea of three reviewers to look at the students’ write – ups before seminars, was strange to some of the Programmes Leaders and said that the motive was to add value to the students’ works and that it would also be a form of recognition for anyone to be asked to review the students’ write – ups.

There was, however, a complaint that the information about the involvement of reviewers did not get to the Programmes Leaders on time. It was therefore said that there should be consistency and that information about change in any process should be properly disseminated to the Programmes Leaders who were the stakeholders and implementers of the information.

11.0 Publication of Works

It was agreed at the meeting that no student would be allowed to do final defence without commitment from the student and the supervisors toward publishing. It was said the students should know right from orientation that their works must be published in order to project the image of the Centre.

12.0 Attendance of Conferences

It was said at the meeting that the students should be encouraged to attend both national and international conferences and that the Centre had always been supportive in that regard. It was also said the students should not only attend conferences, but present papers at the conferences.

13.0 Orientation for New Students

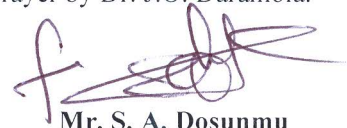
It was said that the date for the orientation for the newly – admitted students would soon be determined.

14.0 Closing

The meeting was brought to an end at 3:14pm with the closing prayer by Dr. J.O. Daramola.



Professor O. D. Akinyemi
Chairman, Board of CEADESE



Mr. S. A. Dosunmu
Secretary, Board of CEADESE