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MESSAGE TO ALL UASU MEMBERS

DATE: 29th January 2024

Good afternoon, UASU members, and we hope this finds you all well.

This afternoon, as part of our endeavor to engage with University Management, the Executive Committee of UASU - UoN met the newly appointed Chancellor of the University, Prof Patrick V. Verkooijen, at the Wangari Maathai Institute.

We took this official meeting as an opportunity to not only welcome the new Chancellor to our University but also to brief him on what we thought was of immediate concern that also requires his intervention:

- The Internal CBA 2017/2021
- Infrastructure Support for Staff
- Research Funding

Whereas the University Management had invited UASU to the launch of negotiations of the long overdue Internal CBA 2017/21 on 9th January 2024, the last-minute postponement of this launch on 11th January 2024 without a proposal of a new date did not inspire good faith. We reiterated the same to the Chancellor, and we are optimistic of a quick resolution to this matter.

We also called upon the Chancellor to re-examine the matter of infrastructure support for staff in the discharge of their duty. This includes issues of office space, hardware, and software systems and a constant review of our health management.

The backbone of the University hinges on the research that academic staff can undertake. The main cog that grinds research rests on capacity that is invigorated by funding, and we called upon the Chancellor to leverage his worldwide network to kitty the research portfolio at the University.

Lastly, UASU takes this opportunity to congratulate the SIXTY-SEVEN members of staff who were interviewed and promoted to the position of Associate Professor earlier this month. We wish you all well in your academic journey.

We will keep you posted as we remain your labour champions.

Regards,

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