# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS 2015 REPORT**

All sections of our department have continued to perform well but we of course aim at better performance daily.

#### **SONU**:

The office continues to relate with the Student Leadership (SONU) in facilitating them where necessary. They held their Executive Retreat in Mombasa in October 2015 and they are planning to hold the Congress Retreat in Kisumu at the end of this month.

#### **Other Students' Associations:**

The other students' associations continue to do their activities with some showing more integrity and maturity than others. The most active in this regard, are:

KiliRover Scouts WOSWA M.C.C.U Rotaract, AIESEC, USIS, Peace Ambassadors among others.

#### **Counselling Services**

The office continues to offer Counseling Services through the offices of the Assistant Deans in the Colleges and the Student Counselor in Main Campus.

The University has now appointed 2 Assistant Deans of Students and 10 Students' Counselors for every college who will be representing the Dean of Students office and student counselor respectively in the colleges.

#### **Chaplaincy Services**

The Catholic Chaplain continues to engage our students every step of the way and in this way we are able to reach a large number of our students. Weekly masses are held at all the campuses and many charity activities done the very notable one being a visit to Kamiti Prison.

Further, the Chaplaincy has had a number of other common activities including a day of sports where the students compete and the winners are rewarded. Where need be, the Chaplaincy also helps a number of individual students who may be lacking in some basic provisions through a Chaplain's kitty funded by the Chaplain and some friends.

The Protestant Chaplain's contract has expired and there is need to start the process of recruiting one. The Muslim Chaplaincy also requires a chaplain as the one present is on acting capacity.

## **Disability**

As far as we can and as far as we have been enabled by the University, the department has been assisting disabled students whose numbers are on the increase.

A proposal for funding of the Disability Resource Centre was written to the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and in their letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, the Council is in the process of considering funding one Resource Centre worth Kshs. 5,670,000.

### **Needy Students**

The department continually supports needy students especially by connecting them with the relevant support systems within the university.

#### **Placement Services**

The Placement Office has continued to support our students in various ways.

- The office has linked vast numbers of students with organizations for industrial attachments and internships.
- In other areas the office organized high level talks meant to provide employment opportunities for the graduates. The World Bank talk was exceptionally attended.
- On Entrepreneurship: Youth Enterprise Fund visited University to encourage students to apply for funds.