

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014

The office of the Dean of Students is primarily concerned with student affairs to help address the wholistic growth, development and well being of students in support of the universities vision, mission, and objectives. Dealing with these responsibilities requires a multi-disciplinary task force. Consequently the office is staffed with experienced professionals of diverse backgrounds, and is headed by the Dean of Students, Dr. Fr. Wamugunda Wakimani among them a Placement officer, Counselling Psychologists/ Counsellors, Chaplains, Assistant Deans of Students in all Colleges, sign language interpreters and administrative staff. The officers often work in liaison with different University departments as well as with student leaders, parents and maintain contact with outside agencies and the community to help carry out the mandate of this office effectively and efficiently.

The office encourages students' positive involvement in internal and external events and programmes often planning and facilitating activities with the student community to enhance professional and personal well- being and nurture the right values, strong social responsibility and responsible citizenship.

In this effort the office facilitates ongoing programmes that develop student leadership skills, give students an awareness of topical issues such as HIV/AIDS career guidance and counseling, often supporting student participation in projects that encourage innovativeness and creativity, including a positive interaction with the community and the environment.

The office also addresses issues pertaining to students with special needs and disseminates up-to-date information general to the university, and specific to the office. In the execution of its mandate, the office treats with confidentiality all information of a personal nature in its interactions with its clients.

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

SONU:

We continue to relate with the Student Leadership (SONU) in facilitating them where necessary sometimes under very difficult circumstances. The manner in which SONU money is spent is still a major source of concern.

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

MCCU

Rotaract,

AIIESEC, USIS, Peace Ambassadors among others.

We also assist professional groups from the faculties and a few of them are quite active.

Counselling Services

We continue to offer Counselling Services through the offices of the Assistant Deans in the Colleges and the Student Counselor in Main Campus. Currently we have advertised for 11 positions for the position of Students' Counsellor for every college.

Chaplaincy Services

Our Protestant and Catholic Chaplains continue to engage our students every step of the way and we are happy in this way we are able to reach a large number of our students. Even though our former Muslim Chaplain continues to support us, we still have to recruit one.

Disability

As far as we can and as far as we have been enabled by the University, we have been assisting disabled students whose numbers are on the increase. Currently, we are developing a paper for UMB on a Disability Resource Centre.

Needy Students

Where we can we keep supporting the needy students and connecting them with the relevant organizations.

Placement Services

- **Recruitment and career fairs.**

These were held through out the year. There were many new companies that added to our traditional recruiters.

- **Mentorship activities**

Students from various professional associations held career exhibitions which brought together people from different professional backgrounds meet our students.

- **Attachments and Internships**

The Placement Office has continually assisted our students get attachments and internships in various organizations.

- **Students Data Base**

The students have been requested to send their C.V's to the office for ease of facilitation whenever chances arise.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS

To enhance the world class status of the University of Nairobi the following are some recommendations and future plans

- There is still a greater focus on module 1 students who readily receive information and varied services from this office. Students in other modules do not readily receive this information and are therefore not often aware of the existence of services offered by the office of the Dean of Students. There is need to increase the number of materials published and further post information concerning this office and its services on the University intranet.

STAFF IN DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

Staff	No.
Dean of Students	1
Assistant Registrar	0
Assistant Deans of Students	11
Placement Officer	1
Student Counselor	1
Chaplains	2
Secretaries	4
Administrative Assistant	1
Drivers	2
Messenger	1
Sign Language Interpreters	4
TOTAL	28