

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY EDUCATION VISITS FUBK WEDNESDAY**

The House Standing Committee on Tertiary Education and Services of the Federal House of Representatives has on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 visited the Federal University Birnin-Kebbi on an Oversight function. The Committee was led by its Chairman, Honourable Aminu Sulaiman, Member Representing Fagge Federal Constituency of Kano state.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Sahabi Maidamma Jabo, in a brief address welcomed the Committee to the institution at a meeting held at Faculty of Science Conference room, main campus of the University.

While highlighting the evolution of the University, the Acting VC disclosed the low state of overhead cost of the University, while noting that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of the University was also meagre. He pleaded with the Committee to assist in ensuring the release of a 2 Billion Naira Special Intervention Funds that were earlier promised for the University.

Dr. S. M. Jabo further lamented that the University was battling with some challenges to do with shortage of funds to undertake certain important capital projects. He pleaded with the Committee to come to the aid of the institution to enable it overcome the challenge for which the University could not recruit more desired senior academic staff at the moment.

In his address at the interactive session with the Management of the University, the Chairman of the Committee highlighted that the visit was "neither a witch-hunting exercise nor a fault-finding mission." He stated that the Committee was interested in ensuring probity and accountability in the education sector in the entire country.

He explained that the Committee is saddled with the responsibility of visiting all tertiary institutions in Nigeria so as to ensure that all appropriated funds are judiciously expended as required by the laws of the land. He said their visit was also to discover challenges facing the institution and work towards solving same.

The Chairman of the delegation who recalled that the Committee was at the institution sometime in 2014 for a similar visit, stressed that they were impressed with the level of infrastructural development so far put in place in the University.

"I must confess that of all the universities we have visited so far, I am glad to see a different story in this baby institution. We are highly impressed," he said.

He maintained that the Committee would take into consideration the issues raised, pledging that urgent intervention and increased funding would be made in the appropriation for universities, Federal University Birnin-Kebbi in particular.

He further commended the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sahabi Jabo for steering the affairs of the newly established University for a year, adding that it was an honour to be able to "weather the storm" smoothly.

FUBK News Bulletin reports that the Committee inspected some completed and ongoing projects at the University's main campus and College of Health Sciences after which it paid courtesy visit to the Kebbi State Governor.

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