



Mulungushi University

The School of Social Sciences

DEAN'S INTRODUCTORY NOTE



On behalf of academic and administrative staff members of the School of Social Sciences, I cordially invite the University community to read this inaugural edition of the School's Quarterly Bulletin. The bulletin aims at disseminating activities the School is undertaking in the three broad spheres of Academic Teaching, Research & Publications and Public/Community service.

The School of Social Sciences occupies a 'frontline role' in projecting Mulungushi University's unique RARE (Responsible Accountable Relevant Ethical) ethos to the general public and the Zambian nation as a whole. Academic programmes offered by

the School's three Departments; Economics Department, Social Development Studies Department, and Political and Administrative Studies Department, directly impact the lives of Zambia's citizens. Thus, the School inculcates RARE values and norms into graduates who come out of the School so they can serve the citizens of the Republic of Zambia with excellence and probity.

In 2017, the School became the first faculty in the University to confer an honorary Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Political Science upon Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda the country's founding President, an illustrious African patriot and a distinguished global statesman. This profoundly symbolic act also cogently underscored the monumentally historic importance of the *Mulungushi Rock of Authority*, seat of the University and the spiritual home of Zambia's political emancipation and by logical extrapolation the emancipation of the entire African continent.

The School of Social Sciences shall unrelentingly strive to become a center of academic excellence that will make it the most sought after entity for earning highly valued certificates, diplomas and degrees in Zambia and beyond

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team was also involved in the preparation of the Social work draft bill.

In addition, MrsChristabel Ngongola-Reinkewho is currently the Kabwe Chambers of Commerce President, was appointed Board Member of the Radiation Protection Authority in the Ministry of Health.

ENHANCING CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCES IN LINE WITH PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A number of staff have been contributing positively to improvements in their professions, locally and at national level, and that has not gone unnoticed. It is therefore a pleasure to congratulate Mr. Jacob Sichone for the appointment as Committee Member for the Social Work Association of Zambia, after the MU social workers (students inclusive) participated in the Association’s 2018 Annual General Meeting. During this event, the Social Work



Mrs. Christabel Ngongola Reinke

PROMOTING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP

The school has been involved in a number of partnerships with other institutions in and outside the country. In the Economics department, the Trade policy course material development between Mulungushi University and the National Board of Trade-Sweden was extended to 2020. This is a good sign as it shows mutual trust and accountability in terms of course delivery, after trainings.

MrsKundaChishimba, Mrs Sheila Kafula, MrsRebecca Shula, Mrs Erica Siyumbu, MslreenMoonga and Mrs Mary Lubinda who visited the Mukobeko Correctional Services female section. They gave messages of encouragement and shared few clothes with the inmates’ children. However, the inmates asked the university for toiletries, General Certificate in Education sponsorship, tertiary education opportunities, and linking their products to the market.

In another activity, special appreciation be given to the DrBupeSimuchimba,

During this quarter, the staff participated in a number of local and international conferences. In January Prof Syed Ali, Christabel Ngongola Reinke and Mr Victor Chikampa participated in the Zambia National Education Conference and exhibition, under the theme, “ *Improving the quality of Zambia’s education system- the education we want.*” The organizers used a multi-sectoral approach which included the government, Institutions of higher learning, general citizenry, education authorities, the private sector and traditional leaders. Recommendations were thereafter forwarded to parliament and now we are hearing of school fees at public schools being reduced.



Mr. Chikampa facilitating at a Young leader’s workshop

In March, the Economics department introduced a Masters programme in Economics, through a consultative workshop held at Chrisma Hotel in Lusaka. In another event, Dr. Bupe S. Simuchimba travelled to Addis Ababa,

Mr Chikampa also attended a Restless Zambia Young leader’s workshop from the 13th to the 15th of March 2019 in Kabwe where he imparted leadership skills to young leaders in the mayoral project. Influence tactics specifically impression management such as exemplification, Ingratiation, self-promotion, proactive and reactive tactics were explored. Cardinal leadership values promoting leader effectiveness were also emphasized. The second session was on decentralization. Various issues were discussed, starting from the theoretical framework, to the historical perspective, forms, importance and how to go about decentralization.

Ethiopia where she participated in a Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) study visit that focused on constructing the social accounting matrix for Zambia and the inclusion of gender in the Computer General Equilibrium (CGE). This involved

working on a research entitled “Can a Wage Subsidy be used to Improve Women’s Formal Employment in Zambia?” She thereafter developed a CGE model.

In another event, The President of Zambia, H.E Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu was in Kabwe on official duty to commission a passout of Officer Cadets, on the 30th of March, 2019. During his stay in the district,



H.E. President Lungu chatting with Mrs. Reinke

PRODUCING HIGH QUALITY GRADUATES RELEVANT TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Lastly, the International Relations Association for Mulungushi University Students (IRAMUS) girls visited Muteteshi secondary school, where they educated pupils on entrepreneurship, self-esteem and menstruation hygiene. The pupils were excited and motivated by our ladies who are also their role models. However, the association has great plans but seeks support (which could even be non-financial)

he had a chat with the Kabwe Chamber of Commerce President Mrs Christabel Ngongola-Reinke. The key issues discussed were on Kabwe being centrally located and needing deliberate policies to attract investors especially with the congestion challenges Lusaka was facing. She also argued that that would be way cheaper than expanding Lusaka.

CARRYING OUT INNOVATIVE RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT

During the quarter, the school has had one publication from :

Syed Ali (January, 2019): “The Healthcare Financing and Health Outcomes in Zambia”. In Prof. Augustine Nduke Eneanya (Editor), “Human Rights, Public Values and Leadership in Healthcare Policy”. IGI Global Publishers, U.S.A. pp. 65-86.

from the MU community in order to help the needy in the area.



MU students with Muteteshi secondary school girls