MR. CHRISTOPHER MOTURI APPOINTED AS THE NEW ICT DIRECTOR

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi has appointed Mr. Christopher Moturi as the new Director ICT, effective March 1st 2017. Mr. Moturi is taking over from Dr. Ibrahim Otieno who has served as the Director from May 2012 to Feb 2017. Up until his appointment, Mr. Moturi served as the Deputy Director School of Computing and Informatics (SCI).

During the Farewell ceremony held at the ICT boardroom on 2nd March 2017, the outgoing Director introduced Mr. Moturi to the ICT fraternity noting that that the new Director is bringing in a wealth of experience in the field of ICT. Dr. Otieno also took time to express his gratitude to the entire ICT staff for the support they have accorded him during his 5 year tenure. He also highlighted the major instrumental systems ICT has developed and implemented during his tenure, such systems include SMIS, HRMIS, online application where students apply for admissions online, RGMIS, among others. He thanked the entire staff for working tirelessly to meet and surpass set targets that have seen the ICT department ranked position one in performance Contract for the units in central administration for the last 2 years. As a parting shot, he asked the ICT members of staff to extend the same support to the new Director so that ICT can continue shining and to make the University a World class University.

On his part, the new Director Mr. Moturi thanked the entire staff for the support they have given Dr. Otieno for the last five years. He noted that UON visibility is being felt not only in the region but also in the world because of the leadership, effort and teamwork of ICT staff. He also noted that the first task assigned to the incumbent was the payroll system and Dr. Otieno managed to streamline the system and make it better.

Mr. Moturi shared his vision and plan for the coming months stating that he will mainly focus on the following key strategic areas to make ICT and the University better. The strategic areas of focus include:

(i) ICT Master plan – The approach is to finalize and implement the master plan which will give direction for the next 20 years and enable ICT deliver its objectives.

(ii)Execution of the University Website Marshal plan- This helps the university to be more visible with continuous content update and upgrading of the university websites

(iii) Improvement of ICT infrastructure-Continue enhancing and improving ICT especially LAN/WLAN and secondary data storage

 (iv)Continue enhancement of ICT resources- This is the physical security, online security and the entire security of all resources'.

 (iv) Focus on human resources- especially capacity building, career path, welfare and skill upgrading.

 Mr. Moturi noted that in ICT technology changes and "we need to be at per with new skills.

Mr. Moturi concluded by asking the ICT staff to continue working as a team so that we can scale to greater heights.

All ICT members of staff from various Colleges and Central Administration were in attendance to witness the handing over ceremony.

We welcome Mr. Moturi to the University of Nairobi ICT fraternity.