

UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

CONVOCATION

MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT NEW LECTURE THEATER 11

PRELIMINARIES:

Minute no. 306

- 306.1 **CONFIRMED** the quorum
- 306.2 **OPENED** the meeting at 11.33 a.m.
- 306.3 The Convocation President **THANKED** members for attending the meeting
- 306.4 **ADOPTED** the agenda

ITEM NO. 1 OF THE AGENDA: To **RECEIVE** and **CONFIRM** minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting.

Minute no. 307

- 307.1 **RECEIVED** and **CONFIRMED** minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 OF THE AGENDA: Matters Arising from the 37th Annual General Meeting

Minute no. 308

- 308.1 **Organizing a fundraising dinner by year 2008 and be hosted by President of the United Republic of Tanzania (previous minute no. 302)**
 - 308.1.1 **INFORMED** that the letter was drafted on 26th November, 2007 by Prof. L. A. Msambichaka and signed by the Vice Chancellor and Convocation President and then forwarded to the United Republic of Tanzania.

- 308.1.2 **REPORTED** that no positive response has been received from the State House.
- 308.1.3 **AGREED** by the Convocation Executive Committee at its 92nd meeting held on 19th September 2008 to prepare another fundraising event without targeting the President of the United Republic of Tanzania which will be early next year.
- 308.2 Convocation Newsletter, Dar Graduate Journal and Books (previous minute no. 303.4.3)**
- 308.2.1 **INFORMED** that a total of 11 institutions and 15 secondary schools were given books as agreed during 2007 Annual General Meeting.
- 308.3 Organizing Reunion (previous minute no. 307.8.3)**
- 308.3.1 **INFORMED** that due to preparations for the upcoming symposium and shortage of funds, the Chairperson of Activities Committee and Convocation Liaison Officer proposed to the 91st Convocation Executive Committee Meeting that the re-union be postponed until March 2009 so that members can get more time to prepare for the symposium and was approved.

ITEM NO. 3 OF THE AGENDA: Report on the activities of the Convocation Liaison Office for the year 2008

Minute no. 309

- 309.1 **RECEIVED** a report on the activities of the Convocation for the year 2008
- 309.1.1 **REPORTED** that Graduates, mainly those graduated in 2008 have continued to fill the update forms from the Convocation Office. Currently the directory has 23,987 entries.

309.1.2 **OBSERVED** that the joint development team for the re-design of Convocation website met on 5th and 6th April, 2008 at Convocation Office.

309.2 Alumni/Alumnae Newsletter and Dar Graduate Journal

309.2.1 **REPORTED** that 2000 copies of Newsletter Volume 7 No. 2 were printed and submitted to convocation Office on 10th April 2008 by Central Printing Works Ltd. The printing charges were Tshs. 2,640,000/=

309.2.2 **INFORMED** that Convocation Liaison Officer distributed 990 copies of Alumni/Alumnae Newsletter to different institutions.

309.3 Convocation Books

309.3.1 *Why is Tanzania Still Poor 40 Years After Independence*: Edited by: Prof. Saida Yahya-Othman, Dr. Martha A. Qorro, Dr. Benjamin Mtinangi and Mr. Jenerali Ulimwengu, 2003

309.3.1.1 **REPORTED** that there were more that 1000 copies, some in University Bookshop, Tanzania Bookshop and others in Convocation office.

309.3.1.2 **INFORMED** that 700 copies be donated to Secondary schools and other universities.

309.3.2 *The Social Services Crisis of the 1990's: Strategies for Sustainable Systems in Tanzania*. Edited by Anna K. Tibaijuka

309.3.2.1 **REPORTED** that there were 311 copies at the University store and 514 at the University Bookshop.

309.3.2.2 **INFORMED** that 500 copies be donated to Secondary schools and other Universities for reference.

309.3.3 **OBSERVED** that the idea behind being to avoid books sitting idle in the office while they were meant to be read.

309.3.4 **INFORMED** that a total of 15 Secondary Schools and 11 higher learning institutions in Dar es Salaam were given 1224 copies of books as approved by the Executive Committee.

309.4

Preparations for the upcoming Convocation Symposium

309.4.1

INFORMED that Symposium Committee had proposed a topic for the 7th University of Dar es Salaam Convocation Symposium titled “Education can be a big enabler or lack of it a big impediment in poverty alleviation efforts”.

309.4.2

OBSERVED that REPOA had agreed to fund research emanating from this topic since it falls within their area of research interest. Five concept notes were written and were approved by REPOA after joint discussion between concept note writers and REPOA. The five concept notes focus on Education, Socio-culture, Demography, Language and Agricultural economy as listed below:

- (i) Interrogating the link between Education and Poverty Alleviation in Tanzania
- (ii) Does Investing in Education Reduce Poverty? A Socio-Cultural Analysis
- (iii) Demographic Factors in the Role of Education in Poverty Reduction
- (iv) The Role of Language in Communicating Knowledge for Development and Poverty Alleviation in Tanzania
- (v) Education and its Role in Developing Human Capital in Agricultural Growth and Poverty Alleviation in Tanzania.

309.4.3

INFORMED that the concept notes were then developed into full research proposals; however, only four out of five proposals were submitted to REPOA. Three research proposals were approved in August 2008 and the researchers have already started fieldwork while one proposal has been approved (12/9/2008) after some required revisions had been made.

309.4.4

FURTHER that the schedule of remaining activities has changed slightly since the researchers are at different states of fieldwork. Consultations with those in the field show that the remaining activities can be completed as scheduled below:

