

UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

CONVOCATION

MINUTES OF THE 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION
HELD ON FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2009, IN THE UDSM COUNCIL CHAMBER

ATTENDANCE:

Refer to the attached attendance list

PRELIMINARIES:

Minute No. 312

- 312.1 **CONFIRMED** the quorum.
- 312.1.1 **OBSERVED** that the quorum for Annual General Meeting is 15 people.
- 312.2 **OPENED** the meeting at 10.58 a.m.
- 312.3 The Convocation President **THANKED** members for attended the meeting.
- 312.4 **ADOPTED** the Agenda with four items.

**ITEM NO. 1 OF THE AGENDA: To RECEIVE and CONFIRM Minutes of the 38th
Annual General Meeting**

Minute No. 313

- 313.1 **RECEIVED and CONFIRMED** Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting after the following corrections:
 - Minute No. 308.1.1 the sentence “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, to read “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 President of the United Republic of Tanzania.
 - Minute No. 308.1.2 to delete the word “positive” and the sentence to read “..... reported that no response has been received from the State House”.

ITEM NO. 2 OF THE AGENDA: Report on the Activities of the Convocation for the Year 2009

Minute No. 314

314.1 **RECEIVED** a report on the activities of the Convocation for the year 2009.

314.2 Convocation Directory and Website

314.2.2 **REPORTED** that graduates, mainly those who graduated in 2009, have continued to fill the update forms from the Convocation office.

314.2.2 **OBSERVED** that currently the directory has 25,576 entries.

314.3 Committee Meetings

314.3.1 **INFORMED** that the Convocation Activities Committee held its 32nd and 33rd meetings on 6th March and 20th August 2009 respectively. Among other issues the following were discussed:

- (i) Progress on preparation of the Symposium
- (ii) Preparations for the 2009 Annual General Meeting

314.3.2 **INFORMED** that the Convocation Publications Committee held its 32nd meeting on 14th August, 2009 in which a number of issues were raised for discussion and action. Among them were:

314.3.2.1 Convocation Books

(a) *Why is Tanzania Still Poor 40 Years After Independence*

Edited by: Prof. Saida Yahya-Othman, Dr. Martha A. S. Qorro, Dr. Benjamin Mtinangi and Mr. Jenerali T. Ulimwengu, 2003

The English version copies have all been sold hence only the Swahili version is available with very few copies at the Dar es Salaam University Bookshop and the Convocation Liaison Office.

(b) *The Social Services Crisis of the 1990's, Strategies for Sustainable Systems in Tanzania.*

Edited by: Anna K. Tibaijuka.

A few copies are available at TPH Bookshop down town, the University of Dar es Salaam Bookshop and in the Convocation Liaison Office.

314.3.3 The Dar Graduate Journal

314.3.3.1 **REPORTED** that the Journal of the University of Dar es Salaam Convocation Vol. 6 No 2 December, 2006 was submitted to the Convocation Liaison Office by Mr. M. Mwaipiana on 23rd December, 2008. 200 copies were printed at a cost of Tshs 1,650,000/=.

314.3.3.2 **AGREED** that complimentary copies should be circulated to contributors of the Journal articles, University leadership plus members of different committees of the Convocation of the University of Dar es Salaam

314.3.3.3 **OBSERVED** that the plan is to have the Journal of the University of Dar es Salaam Convocation Vol. 7 No 1 out before June 2010 and to post a soft copy version on the Convocation website.

314.3.3.4 **INFORMED** that during its 32nd meeting of the Convocation Publications Committee, it was suggested that the following officials be requested to act as associate editors of the Dar Graduate Journal:

- Prof. Casmir Rubagumya
- Prof. D. Komba
- Prof. H. Campbell

314.3.4 Convocation Newsletter

314.3.4.1 **REPORTED** that the plan for the coming Alumni/Alumnae Newsletter Vol. 7 No. 2 is as follows:

- Interview with Dr. K. Kamanga in relation to the launching of the School of Law (Formally Faculty of Law).

- Interview and pictures of Chief Justice Augustine Ramadhani, a prominent alumnus.
- Interview and pictures of the outgoing DARUSO President, Mr. Daudi Deo on various challenges he faced during his tenure.

314.4 38th Annual General Meeting

314.4.1 **REPORTED** that the 38th Annual General Meeting was held on 28th November, 2008 at the Nyerere Lecture Theater II (UDSM Main Campus) from 9.00 a.m.

314.4.2 **INFORMED** that the theme was “The Dilemma Facing Research in Building Local Capacity for Development in Tanzania.”

314.4.3 **FURTHER REPORTED** that the presenters were:

- (i) Mr. Rakesh Rajani – “Insensitivity of Public Policy to Research Results and Researchers”.
- (ii) Prof. A. M. Nikundiwe – “Isolationism of the Research Community”.
- (iii) Prof. Saida Yahya-Othman – “The Language and Style of Communication and Failure of Research Results to Trickle Down to the Grassroots”.

314.5 The 38th University Graduation Ceremonies

314.5.1 **REPORTED** that the University of Dar es Salaam graduation ceremonies were held in two clusters: Cluster A and Cluster B.

- (i) Cluster A graduation was held on 29th November 2008 comprising FASS, FAST, CoET, IJMC and School of Graduate Studies.
- (ii) Cluster B graduation was held on 6th December, 2008 comprising Faculty of Commerce and Management, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Informatics and Virtual Education.

314.6 Investment

314.6.1 **INFORMED** that the University of Dar es Salaam Convocation bought 33,400 CRDB shares which cost Tshs. 5,010,000/= from the Core Securities as agreed by the Executive Committee of the Convocation.

314.7 33rd Sabasaba Trade Fair

314.7.1 **INFORMED** that the Convocation Liaison Office participated in the 33rd Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair from 27th June to 9th July 2009. During the exhibition, the following items were displayed:

- Dar Graduate Journal
- Alumnae Newsletter
- Convocation Update forms
- Convocation Symposium Books
- Convocation T-shirts

314.8 The 4th Exhibition on Higher Education, Science and Technology in Tanzania

314.8.1 **REPORTED** that the Convocation Liaison Office participated in the 4th Exhibition on Higher Education, Science and Technology in Tanzania, which took place from 22nd to 24th April, 2009 at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Dar es Salaam.

314.8.2 **OBSERVED** that the Convocation used these exhibitions to contact its alumni/alumnae through updating its databank. Also the exhibitions were used to display Convocation items like Alumni/Alumnae Newsletter, Dar Graduate Journal, and Symposium books.

314.9 Convocation Warrant of Funds for the Year 2009/2010

314.9.1 **INFORMED** that The Convocation Office has been allocated T.Shs. 16,742,569/= to support various Convocation activities. Members were requested to note that in this year's allocation of funds, there was an increase of T.Shs. 8,700,548/= compared to T.Shs 8,042,021/= allocated in the year 2008/2009. The above allocation is less than the actual amount needed taking

into consideration the number of meetings per year and expansion of the Convocation activities.

314.10 Diaspora Summit

314.10.1 **INFORMED** that the Convocation Liaison Office was working very closely with TPN in preparation of the first Diaspora Summit which will take place from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th December 2009 at the Blue Pearl Hotel – Ubungu Plaza. This summit will provide an opportunity for the Convocation Office to trace its alumni who are living abroad.

314.11 Preparations of the 7th Convocation Symposium

314.11.1 **INFORMED** that the activities that remained to be done were: generating funds, and organizing and holding the Symposium. It was proposed that the Symposium Committee and the Activities Committee should work together to ensure that these two activities are conducted in early 2010.

ITEM NO. 3 OF THE AGENDA: Convocation Financial Report of 2008/2009

Minute No. 315

315.1 **RECEIVED** the Financial report of the year 2008/2009.

315.2 **DISCUSSED** and **AGREED** that the purpose of the Convocation was to contribute towards the development of the University.

315.3 **INFORMED** that the Executive Committee of the Convocation during its 93rd meeting held on 24th November, 2009, agreed that the Secretary to Convocation (Deputy Vice Chancellor-Administration) should form a team which would come up with strategies for massive campaigns to promote the University of Dar es Salaam Convocation.

315.3.1 **NOTED** that alumnae from this University normally contribute to other outside Universities where they asked to do so but not here.


ITEM NO. 4 OF THE AGENDA: Any Other Business

Minute No. 316

316.1 **AGREED** that any member with any view towards the development of the Convocation should send his/her message through Convocation Liaison Officer or the Secretary to the Convocation.

There being no other business, the meeting was **CLOSED** at

Prepared by:-



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D. Stephen

Convocation Liaison Officer

19/05/2010

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Date

Approved the Minutes for issue by:-



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Prof. Y. D. Mgaya

DVC-Administration/Secretary to the Convocation

18th June 2010

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Date

Confirmed at the next meeting by:-

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Judge Joseph S. Warioba

President of the Convocation

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Date