I Will Support RSUST Medical School Fully – Gov. Wike
...Commissions Law Faculty Building

By Jesse Okedi

The Governor of Rivers State and Visitor to the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, His Excellency, Barr. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, has pledged that he will support the establishment of the proposed College of Medicine in the University.

The Governor made the pledge on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, while commissioning the newly completed Law Faculty building in the University as part of activities to mark his first 100 (One Hundred) days in office as Governor of Rivers State. He said he was glad as an alumnus of the University to complete and commission the building because of its strategic importance to the University and Rivers State in general. He said that he was happy that the University community did not opposing the completed Law Faculty building in the University of Science and Technology, His Excellency, Barr. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, has pledged that he will support the establishment of the proposed College of Medicine in the University.

Ag. Vice Chancellor Sets Five-Year Strategic Development Plan
...Inaugurates Strategic Development Planning Committee

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As part of efforts to reposition the Rivers State University of Science and Technology among Universities in Nigeria and the world over, the acting Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Blessing Chimezie Didia, has set forth a five-year development plan to put the University on a steady part of development.

To achieve this vision, Prof. Didia inaugurated the University Strategic Development Planning Committee on Monday, September 7, 2015, and charged them to do their best in ensuring that the University was put on the global map of best performing Universities of the world. He explained that the University was supposed to have a strategic development plan to ensure that the development programmes of management would be uniform. “The committee will draw up a strategic development plan for the steady development of this University. The development plan will help administrators to plan for the growth of the University and it will be reviewed every five years in line with current...
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He also pledged to build a hostel accommodation for students of the Faculty of Law in the University. “I will support the Medical school fully and I have also directed the contractors building the new site of the University to return and complete the building of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences and Management Sciences because we cannot be wasting our resources”, he said.

He tasked the alumni of the University to give back to the University in any way they could for sustainable development, promising to support the students of the Faculty of Law in the quest to go to the Nigerian Law School. He announced the donation of two buses to the Faculty, one for the staff and the other for the students, urging them to make good use of the facilities and ensure that they were protected. “I feel proud as a product of the Faculty of Law of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology and I can challenge anybody that will say that this Faculty has not done well. As a government, we must live up to expectation”, he concluded.

Earlier, the acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Blessing Chimezie Didia, thanked the Governor Wike for completing the Law Faculty building. He reminisced that the uncompleted portion of the Law Faculty building which housed the Moot Court, had

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Governor Wike said that he would not deceive the people of Rivers State by making promises that he would not fulfill. He explained that government was a continuum and that his administration was poised to completing ongoing projects that had direct bearing on the life of the people.

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adversely affected all efforts by the University to achieve full accreditation for the Faculty’s programmes. “Today, by this singular intervention, we have put behind us the dark days of the Faculty of Law. The University is indeed grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of the dividends of your first 100 days in office”, he said.

Prof. Didia congratulated the Governor on his first 100 (One Hundred) days in office which he described as days filled with active and focussed activities. He appealed for special funding for the University’s proposed College of Medicine because of its capital intensive nature.

The acting Vice Chancellor informed the Governor that upon his arrival to the University, he met a workforce that had low morale but that he had commenced the process of rebuilding the University culture of communal living by revisiting the past of the University. “We have taken some decisions to redirect and re-enforce behaviour and achievement. We have suspended certain instruments and regulations that contributed to the ugly past, restored the check-off system to make Unions responsive, replaced the ASUU vehicle damaged during the strike action crisis, directed the release of Alumni dues deducted since 2009 but not remitted, and the establishment of an Alumni office to attract alumni world-wide for collaborative development”, he said.

He also noted that management had released some delayed staff promotions dating back to 2007. “I am happy to inform your Excellency that these measures have resulted in the restoration of hope, forgiveness, renewed spirit of communal living and mutual trust. The University is now on the path of real growth. The administration building which was hitherto abandoned has been furnished and now in use”, he said.

In a vote of thanks, the Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Nlerum Sunday Okogbule thanked Governor Wike for being a worthy alumnus of the Faculty and the University. He also thanked management, the entire University community and everyone present for making the programme a success. He presented some books written by some lecturers in the Faculty to the Governor.

Highpoint of the event was the presentation of LAWSAN man of the decade award to the Governor by the president of the Law Students’ Association of Nigeria, LAWSAN, Comr. Okanezi Endurance.
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