

Turkana University College was visited by MMUST Chancellor Dr. Peter Muthoka on 14th March 2021 and the Principal Secretary Amb. Simon Nakukwesi Ministry of Education State Department of University Education & Research on 15th March 2021.

The Chancellor and his entourage paid a courtesy call to the County Commissioner's Office whereby he met with the Deputy County Commissioner Mr. Juma. The team also paid a courtesy call to the Turkana County Governor EGH, Governor Nanok before proceeding to Turkana University College

The Chancellor, in his remarks, appreciated the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Education for appointing the current Turkana University College Council headed by Dr. Solomon Munyua. He congratulated Dr. Solomon Munyua and the entire Council team for being appointed to offer oversight and leadership roles to Turkana University College. He said that he noted with satisfaction that through the concerted efforts by Council, the University College is steadily growing into a distinct center revered for research and academic excellence. He further said that he acknowledges the oversight and leadership role of the University Council Chairman, Dr. Solomon Munyua, and his team who, through prudent allocation and utilization of resources, are steering the University to achieve academic growth. He also thanked Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology Senate led by the Ag. Vice-Chancellor- Prof. Shivairo for the quality assurance they offer to Turkana University College.

Dr. Muthoka in his remarks acknowledged the efforts made by the Ag. Principal, Prof. George Chemingwa, the Management Board, the Academic Board, and staff in ensuring that the vision and mission of the University are kept in focus. He thanked the Government of the Republic of Kenya for the tremendous support it has shown towards this University since its inception in 2017. He noted that with the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, University operations were disrupted. University activities had to change focus on new and innovative learning modes. At present, virtual learning is the new normal and I urge staff to embrace this new normal with zeal despite requiring a lot of resources to roll the program. Indeed, the pandemic has made the University put in place protocols that have enabled it also to offer virtual teaching and learning which have brought the reality of online teaching and learning to near fruition. Indeed, this is a major milestone for the University. I am informed that the University has created the directorate of ODEL among other interventions which will create networks of people and collaborations which will go beyond our borders as we enter into learning spaces that go beyond the boundaries of the University. Such interventions, Linkages, Outreach, and Partnerships will support the University to become a globally recognized University in teaching training and research.

He also mentioned that the University College must have a positive impact on the community, the nation, and the world, through its operations and practices. This can be achieved through its commitment to fulfilling its mandate. He noted that with satisfaction that Turkana University College is now focusing on fulfilling her mandate by signing key MoUs with several institutions and these collaborations will go a long way to enable the University to deliver on her mandate that will positively impact society. He urged the University Management Board and the Academic Board to go the extra mile to source funds to facilitate the development of infrastructure and also to accelerate the journey to building academic excellence through quality teaching and research of an international standard.

Dr. Muthoka appealed to the Principal Secretary Amb. Simon Nabukwesi, in charge of University Education and Research to assist the University to put up a fence to safeguard its land which has in the recent past been encroached on by private developers.

The Chancellor encouraged the University to continue engaging partnerships like the county governments, businesses, and other institutions through which TUC will be able to nurture and exploit the benefits of collaborations to deliver on her mandate. He also urged the University College that they should develop global partnerships which will make it recognized all over the world and make its students and academic staff part of an international community of scholars

The Principal Secretary, Amb. Simon Nabukwesi in his remarks observed that he came to assess the development projects which are Government-sponsored for the improvement and growth of Turkana University College so that it may be upgraded and given a charter as a fully-fledged University, this year.