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Dr. Munyi expounded on the packaging of the “Brexit” issues, explaining that the EU policies affecting the immigration crisis, had an outsized influence on the decision by a majority of UK citizens to leave the European Union.

The Board of Trustees has appointed Ms Katherine Marie Perry to serve on the University Council with effect from 1 July 2016. Ms. Perry is currently the Coordinator for the Kenya program of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a position she has held for the past 5 years.

As PEPFAR Country Coordinator, Ms. Perry is responsible for coordinating the U.S. government agencies’ overall budget of $500 plus million with planning, overall management, budgeting and reporting processes for the U.S. government HIV country program.

Prior to taking up the position in Kenya as the PEPFAR Coordinator, Ms. Perry worked in Nigeria as the Country Representative for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for four and a half years. She was also instrumental in renovating a state-of-the-art bio-safety level II laboratory in Nigeria; the first of its kind in the country. Ms. Perry also spearheaded a PhD program in Medicinal Chemistry in collaboration with the University of Ibadan and a pharmaceutical company.

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On a related note, Mr. Musau demonstrated an LED traffic light system built on an Arduino prototyping board, while Mr. Githua shared information on the extensive undergraduate programs offered at USIU-Africa, with parents, students and teachers.

The Nairobi Academy hosts students aged 2-19 years, who are prepared to sit for O-Level and A-Level International General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations. The awareness day is organized to provide insight on the future of technology and its growing importance as a career choice.
**VC CONVENES UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP TO DELIBERATE ON STRATEGIC PLANS**

The Vice Chancellor hosted a retreat for the university leadership to deliberate on strategic matters and for team building at the Great Rift Valley Lodge & Golf Resort in Naivasha from 2-4 June. Attendees included members of the Management Board, the Academic Management Team, Program Directors and several full professors. The first day and a half of the retreat was devoted to team-building activities led by four facilitators from the Federation of Kenya Employers, while the second day focused on interrogating divisional and school strategic plans.

The retreat offered an invaluable opportunity for the whole team to pause, step back from their everyday duties of working “in the business” and gain enough perspective to reflect “on the business” in constructive ways. The retreat is set to be an annual event in the university’s calendar of activities.

**HEAD OF HOUSING RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT**

On Friday, June 24, through a Kenya Gazette notice, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta appointed Mr. Michael Kisilu (Head of Housing) to the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD)/Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Kenya Governing Council for a period of three years. The Council is a newly-formed body based on the merger of two pre-existing institutions (NEPAD National Steering Committee and the APRM Kenya Governing Council), and will primarily focus on undertaking research studies, that will inform the activities of the new NEPAD/APRM Secretariat.

The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) is an economic development program of the African Union, with the primary objectives of poverty eradication, promotion of sustainable growth and development, and the empowerment of women. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) is a self-monitoring governance mechanism launched in 2003, by the African Union with a declared goal of ensuring policies and practices of participating states conform to the agreed political, economic and corporate governance values, codes and standards.

**UNIVERSITY TO CLOSE FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

University offices will remain closed and services will be unavailable on Monday, July 4 in honor of the United States Independence Day. Classes will resume and offices will re-open on Tuesday, July 5.

Similarly, on Thursday, July 7, university offices will again remain closed and services will be unavailable to mark Idd – Ul- Fitr. The day is celebrated to mark the end of Ramadhan - a month of fasting observed by Muslims worldwide.

Emergency assistance can be obtained through the university pilot line or directly to the security desk on 0730116461.

**ANNUAL ALUMNI RUGBY MATCH TAKES PLACE THIS SATURDAY**

This year’s edition of the annual “Wazee vs Vijana” rugby match will be held at the RFUEA grounds on Ngong Road, this Saturday, 2 July from 2pm. For the last 21 years, the current campus rugby team have taken on former USIU-Africa rugby players for the prized bragging rights.

Organized by the former members of our rugby team, the match offers a platform for alumni and current students to meet and reminisce as they support their respective teams, and is followed by a pep talk from the wazees and a networking session among the alumni.

In attendance will be the Kenya 15s national rugby team captain Brian Nyikuli (International Business Administration, Class of 2008), KCB Rugby Football Club team captain Curtis Lilako (Information Systems and Technology, Class of 2014) and KCB Rugby Football Club center back Allan Omuka (International Relations, Class of 2013), among other prominent alumni.
GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

Twenty one graduate Counselling Psychology and Clinical Psychology students from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences' class of 2016, accompanied Assistant Professors of Psychology Dr. Michelle Karume and Dr. Oscar Githua, to the United Nations Offices in Nairobi on Monday, June 6. As practicum students, the trip was intended to provide a supervised practical demonstration of their particular course of study, and in that respect they met Ms. Charissa Villamayor (Training Officer, Staff Development Training Unit, Human Resources Management Service) who gave a brief talk regarding career paths available for psychologists at the global body.

The United Nations Office in Nairobi is the largest UN headquarters in Africa, and performs representation and liaison functions with the host-country, representatives of member states and global non-governmental organizations.

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On Friday, 24 June, the USIU-Africa Alumni Association in partnership with TechWizz, Google Kenya and Oracle Women Leadership (OWL) hosted a hundred and twenty students from Precious Blood School, Riruta and Nairobi School for the High School Tech Day at the auditorium.

The students heard from Tesh Mbaabu, founder of a digital branding firm and an apparel company, who related his college experiences as well as the beginning of his career building websites after high school. Ms. Tilo Ponder, CEO/Co-Founder of What’s Good Networks (an Africa-focused technology and advertising platform), challenged students to build products that solve real-world problems.

Speaking to the students, Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza, encouraged them to continue diligently pursuing their studies in order to join world-class universities. Echoing the Vice Chancellor’s sentiments, Ms. Dorothy Sagwe (Chair, Alumni Association and Business Finance Director at Oracle East Africa) urged female students to pursue a science, technology and mathematics (STEM) education, decrying their disproportionate representation in the technology professional world. She was accompanied by several members of the Oracle Women Leadership (a leadership and professional development program founded in 2006 that supports the growth of current and emerging women leaders within Oracle), who had earlier paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor.

MEDIA MENTIONS

June 24: Dr. Elijah Munyi (Assistant Professor of International Relations) was featured on local television station KTN’s current affairs show - Bottomline East Africa - to discuss the UK vote to leave the European Union.

June 26: The Star newspaper featured USIU-Africa women’s rugby team in a sport feature titled “Mwamba to host Aberdeen Shikoyi Cup”.

June 27: The People Daily newspaper featured USIU-Africa women’s basketball team in a sports feature titled “Flames reap maximum points with double”.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 2 July
Digital Marketing Training
9am-1pm | Auditorium

Monday, 4 July
Global Executive MBA – Health Leadership and Management India Study Tour Begins

U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY:
University Offices Closed

Thursday, 7 July
IDD-UL-FITR HOLIDAY: University Offices Closed

Friday, 8 July
Alumni Guest Lecture @ 9am
Lecture Theater 6 | Science Center

Saturday, 9 July
Annual Fun Run/Walk @ 7.30am
Soccer Pitch