USIU-Africa prepares for re-affirmation of accreditation

By Jackline Chirchir

USIU-Africa is currently undertaking an institutional self-study exercise in preparation for the re-affirmation visit by WASC Senior Colleges and University Commission (WSCUC) in 2018. The process was launched in 2016 in a public Baraza where students, faculty, staff and management were briefed on the series of activities they will undertake towards the WSCUC accreditation re-affirmation.

Since then a number of activities have taken place, culminating in the writing of the draft re-accreditation report by a self-study team, supported the task force team.

On Wednesday 28th June 2017 the steering committee, the self-study team and the task force team met to interrogate the draft report and make recommendations for improvement.

USIU-Africa is dually accredited by the Commission for University Education (CUE) in Kenya and (WSCUC) in the USA. Both accreditors require the accredited institutions to undertake and submit periodic institutional self-study reports as part of assuring quality in the institutions.
USIU-Africa signs agreement with Kenya School of Government and National Crime Research Centre

By Jackline Chirchir

On Wednesday 28th June, USIU-Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kenya School of Government (KSG) and the National Crime Research Center (NCRC). The MOU promotes sharing of expertise and knowledge in training, consultancy and research, skills development and best practices between the three parties.

The partnership will see the three institutions collaborate in writing joint proposals for evidence-based training and research grants, hosting high level dissemination workshops, symposium and conferences as well as participating in each other’s research dissemination events through presentation of papers and posters by faculty and students.

The three institutions will jointly bid for Criminal Justice, Security Policy, Crime Prevention Strategy and Violence detection and prevention policy consultancy projects. The three organizations aim at improving their staff capacity in the execution of consultancies as well as improve their profile in undertaking consultancies, while increasing their market share in research and consultancies.

The partner organizations will collaborate in design and delivery of high level short-term training programs in crime, violence and National Security under the World Bank Grant that USIU-Africa received earlier this semester.

The planned training will bring together government officials at national and county levels, civil society and academia to learn about crime and violence prevention; and promote policy and public discourse on crime and violence prevention and safety. Additionally, participants are expected to explore strategies, tools and methods of crime and violence prevention and thereby aid in the emergence of a multi-sector group of actors engaged in crime and violence prevention in Kenya.

Student wins coveted internship opportunity

By Jackline Chirchir

Peter Krop, an APT major in the School of Science and Technology is among the 47 students selected to participate in the Jenzabar internship program, The Jenzabar Internship program attracted 277 applications from over 40 schools around the world, spanning as far, Greece, and the British Virgin Islands. The selection was based on positivity, diligence, enthusiasm for learning, and communication skills.

The one of a kind internship program is tailored by each campus to each student awarded and USIU-Africa owns jurisdiction over the internship curriculum, allowing the program to fit the needs and schedules of all involved.

Peter will be based on campus and will work with the ICT Division under the Business Application team where he will develop visuals for the Business Intelligence Systems based on data from the ERP system (CX), design institute-wide workbooks that contain views, dashboards and custom reports.

“The Jenzabar Internship allows us to put our money where our mouth is by equipping students with the skills and professional experience they’ll need to thrive into today’s competitive workforce,” said Bob Maginn, Jenzabar Chairman and CEO in his congratulatory message.

Jenzabar is a leading provider of the software, strategies, and services that are vital to the efficient administration of higher education institutions.
Korean ambassador to give talk on foreign policy

By Jackline Chirchir

The Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea to Kenya, H.E. Ambassador Kwon Young-Dae, will visit USIU-Africa on Wednesday, 5th July, 2017 to deliver a talk on Re-Unification and Foreign Policy. The talk will be.

“The talk will be held at the Auditorium from 3:00pm and will provide insights on foreign policy issues as well as give students a chance to tap into opportunities that South Korea has for International Relations professionals,” said Dan Odaba, a lecturer in International Relations.

Interested students can reach Dan Odaba at dodaba@usiu.ac.ke

Get your eyes checked on campus

By Jackline Chirchir

From Monday July 3-7, eye specialist, Eye N U Ophthalmics Ltd will hold an eye health talk and a free eye screening at the Health Center to sensitize students, staff and faculty about eye problems like keratoconus, glaucoma, computer syndrome, cataract, retinal detachment and other eye allergies.

For further information please contact Eric Gichane on egichane@usiu.ac.ke or +254 730116178

By Diana Meso

Patricia Njagi IBA major and financial aid beneficiary thanks USIU-Africa for supporting her to realize her dream of high quality university education. Patricia and three other beneficiaries were recruiting members of the Management Board on Tuesday June 27, 2017 in the VC’s Board Room to participate in the upcoming USIU-Africa Fun Run 2017.

To register for the Fun Run please visit www.usiu.ac.ke/funrun or visit the Fundraising Office. You may also reach the team on fundraising@usiu.ac.ke or 0730116640/326/205

By Diana Meso

A team from the National Defense Forces College in Kenya together with 38 high ranking military officers from Kenya, Egypt, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Burundi, Togo, Namibia, Rwanda, Nigeria and South Sudan visited USIU-Africa Wednesday June 28. They are joined by Damiana Kiilu (Chief Librarian) for a photo after a tour of the Library.
Sports updates

By Diana Meso

Basketball

The ladies team was on a winning streak this past weekend after they beat Western Delight 80-32 and Strathmore University 60-57 on Saturday and Sunday respectively in the ongoing Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) Women's Premier League which took place at Strathmore University. Their male counterparts recorded a 76-68 win against Equity Bank but lost to Ulinzi Warriors 55-91 in the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) Men's Premier League played at the Nyayo Gymnasium.

Hockey

The men's team beat Technical University of Kenya (TUK) 1-0 on Saturday June 24 at City Park Nairobi in the ongoing Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) Men's Premier League. This places them in second position in the league after Telkom Orange with 21 points from eight matches. Meanwhile the ladies team had a goalless match against Strathmore University in the Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) Women's Premier League on Sunday June 25.

Media mentions

Compiled by Diana Meso

June 27: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Ulinzi suffer shock loss at the hands of Umoja.”

June 26: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled “Coal plant politics stokes archipelago election fires.”

June 26: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Underdogs Umoja end Ulinzi's unbeaten run in league.”

June 24: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Standard in an article titled “Police and Telkom remain top after weekend fixtures.”

June 24: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star in an article titled “Blades cut Usiu in tough league duel.”

June 23: The Daily Nation mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Greensharks, Warriors face off in hockey league.”

June 22: The People Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “USIU take Kings of Rugby lead, Simbas eye win.”

June 20: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star in an article titled “Equity wrap first leg with former champs USIU-A drubbing.”

June 19: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the People Daily in an article titled “Butali take on Greensharks as KHU league gathers momentum.”

June 17: The People Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Equity take on USIU-Africa at Nyayo Gym.”

June 14: The People Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Ulinzi suffer shock loss at the hands of Umoja.”

June 22: The People Daily mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled “Ulinzi suffer shock loss at the hands of Umoja.”

Upcoming Events

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Rugby Tournament © Maseno University.

USIU-Africa Ladies vs National Youth Service © Kabete Nairobi.