

Events and Happenings

SEUCO LAUNCHES HER STRATEGIC PLAN 2010-2020

The University College has realized a major milestone by being the first Constituent College in the country to launch a Strategic Plan. This has left the academic fraternity in awe about the University's Colleges speed as an emerging institution in the national and international arena.

The implementation of the Strategic Plan is estimated at Kshs. 18.5 billion and is expected to transform SEUCO entirely as she works towards being a fully fledged university by 2012. The University College targets to have a student population of 6000 students in 5 years and 11,000 students in 10 years.

This Strategic Plan spells out our Vision, Mission and Objectives that will lead to effective and efficient execution of our mandate and delivery of services. It also articulates strategies that will be used to overcome challenges likely to face us as an institution. The Vision of the University College is to be a globally competitive centre of excellence in teaching, research, innovation and service for purposes of transforming human lives. To achieve this, our Mission is to provide quality and transformative education.

In the 10-year period of the Strategic Plan, the activities of the University College will revolve around eleven key areas, which will, however, be subjected to annual reviews to accommodate new and emerging issues. The crucial areas include: academic programmes, research and linkages, extension services, student welfare, image, processes and systems, governance and management, finance, human resources, physical facilities and technology.

Arising from these strategic areas, the following objectives will be pursued: (i) produce highly

educated, skilled and competent personnel, (ii) produce tangible research based solutions for society and industry, (iii) develop physical infrastructure that meets internal and external demand, (iv) promote collaboration and networking with stakeholders, industry and allied institutions, (v) mobilize adequate resources to fund activities outlined in SEUCO's Strategic Plan and (vi) attract, develop, motivate and retain qualified and competent staff as per the established structure.

In the Strategic Plan, the University College endeavours to create unique academic programmes that are tailor made for the ever changing job market requirements, while the existing programmes will be continually reviewed to ensure quality and relevance.

The launch of the Strategic Plan which took place at the University College's Main Campus in Kitui, on the 25th of March 2011 was graced by Prof. Crispus Kiamba, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MoHEST). The PS commended the University College Council, the Management and the whole SEUCO fraternity for this noble achievement.

In his speech, the PS challenged institutions of higher learning to initiate income generating activities in order to supplement government's support thereby improving their financial base. He expressed his concern that many students are opting to go to universities in other East African countries due to cheaper rates but end up getting an education of 'questionable standards'. It is, however, unfortunate that some of these qualifications are not recognized in the Kenyan job market. He challenged local universities to devise ways of reversing this trend.