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Courses are of high quality - Anas

THE Acting Pro Vice Chancellor Academic and Research of PNG UNRE has assured students that the courses they have chosen to study at the University are internationally recognised and of high quality.

Mr Aisi Anas said this last week in a night session with Year 1 students.

He said the University has followed a robust system to ensure that all courses offered are accredited with international input.

He said national institutions like National Agriculture Research Institute (NARI) and Cocoa Board have also been involved.

"Therefore, I want to assure you that the courses you're getting are of high quality," said Mr Anas.

He told students that UNRE has a Quality Assurance System in place which ensures that new courses must go through the University's Academic Board for approval and then to the Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (DHERST) for external accreditation. With the DHERST accreditation, scholarships can be offered to students.

Giving an example, he explained that the two new programs at the School of Environment and Climate Change (SECC) - Environment and Climate Change and Renewable Energy and Environmental Engineering are yet to be accredited by DHERST. This



▲ Students at the night session last week.

is why students studying these programs have not been granted scholarships.

Mr Anas assured students that they are still receiving quality because universities are self-accrediting institutions so when a course is developed, the Academic Board has the power to sanction and allow it to be taught to students.

He assured SECC students that scholarships will be given when the courses are certified by DHERST.

Mr Anas also told students that they will also be given the opportunity to provide honest feedback on the course taught.

"When you are given the chance to review the course, you don't review this on a Facebook page. You review through a system. Then your comments will be recognised," he said.

He added that academics delivering these courses are also assessed by Heads of Department or Professors to ensure that they know what

they are teaching.

"We make sure that our staff are qualified," he said.

Mr Anas said all Heads of Department are required to set targets for each academic staff and this contributes towards the staff appraisal.

"At the end of the year, I as the HOD will ask my staff if he or she has achieved the target and at what percentage," he said.

"This is our QA system for teaching so I hope you are happy that you are not coming to a place where people will copy from text books and teach you. It must come from some of the research they are doing."

He also took the time to explain to students that there are rules governing an institution for both students and staff such as the University Bylaws and Academic rules and regulations handbook.

Mr Anas also cautioned them against plagiarism which he said is actually stealing.

OUR VISION

Advancing Knowledge for Sustainable Development

OUR MISSION

Commit to sustainable development of Papua New Guinea and the region by creating knowledge through quality teaching and learning, innovative research and outreach. The university also commits to developing innovative staff, students and alumni as agents for positive change.

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Look after University facilities - VC

PNG UNRE Vice Chancellor Professor Aisak Pue has called on students to look after university facilities.

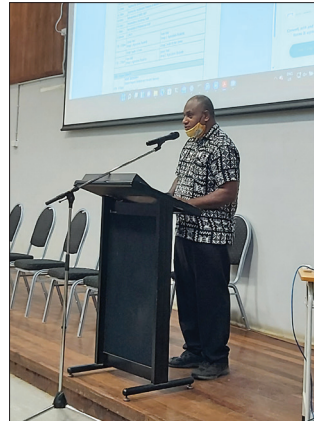
The VC told students in his message to them at the Orientation Welcome last week that over the last five years, the University has spent millions of Kina to renovate dormitories.

He said the money could be used for other developments in the university.

He said as a university student you are expected to perform at a certain level even coming from rural areas.

"These are things that we want you to look after as a responsible citizen of this country. Apart from these, other infrastructure are being upgraded, repaired or built to cater for the University's growth," said Professor Pue.

Meanwhile, acting Dean



▲ **Acting Dean of the Centre for Graduate Studies & Research, Dr Nason Pue.**

of the Centre for Graduate Studies & Research Dr Nason Pue who gave the Keynote Address at the Orientation program, told new students that they have come to a place that requires hard work, diligence, patience and commitment.

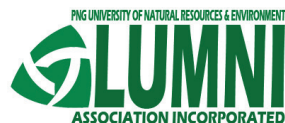
A graduate of the

institution, himself, Dr Pue said the training they get at PNG UNRE will give them a good foundation; and the skills and knowledge to work in either the government or private sector; and will also train them to create employment to help others.

"UNRE is training people to go where real life is, sustain where you live by wisely utilising the resources you have and UNRE is the place that will provide you with the skills and knowledge to do that," Dr Pue said.

He said PNG UNRE is building people of character and urged the students to focus on their studies.

He also encouraged them to be critical thinkers, to be analytical and develop the ability to filter valuable information from a host of information available to them.



GRADUATE DATA FORM

For the purposes of an up-to-date database, graduates of the institution are asked to fill the form below and email it to the University's Public Relations Office at this address: public.relations@unre.ac.pg.

NAME: _____

ORGANISATION: _____

POSITION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____ **MOBILE:** _____

COURSE (tick applicable)

- ☐ Diploma in Tropical Agriculture _____ (Year)
- ☐ Diploma in Fisheries Marine Resources _____ (Year)
- ☐ Bachelor of Tropical Agriculture _____ (Year)
- ☐ Bachelor of Fisheries Marine Resources _____ (Year)
- ☐ Grad Cert / Postgrad Diploma in Management _____ (Year)
- ☐ Masters in Management _____ (Year)

STUDY CAMPUS

☐ Vudal

☐ Popondetta

☐ Kavieng

Student protests banned at PNG UNRE

PNG UNRE has banned any student protests on campus as there are legal consequences of this.

University Vice Chancellor Professor Aisak Pue issued a strong warning to students in a recent campus-wide memorandum.

The VC stated that student complaints must be properly lodged with the department or section of the University concerned in consultation with Students Support Services for the proper redress process.

"Consult the University guidelines or rules, regulations and policies on the steps to take for the different consultation procedures," Professor Pue said.

He said the Student Representative Council must have regular meetings with the general student body to properly educate the student population on issues of concern before taking them (issues) to the Management of schools or the University.

The memo stated that a restraining order is in place on protests due to the breach on the SRC's own constitution in 2021.

Persons instigating protests will be arrested immediately. If you have a grievance, please follow all due processes and procedures above.

"Don't take shortcuts as it disturbs the flow of operation," the VC said.

These are steps he mentioned that students should follow to address their grievances:

- For queries on assessments, consult first the Course leader who will advise on the student's performance and advice the student submit a grievance form. The form must be attached to any letter relating to the issue.
- For financial matters, enquire at the Bursary through a letter addressed to the Bursary.
- For scholarship matters, write to or enquire at the Student Administration Office.
- For student welfare matters, including disciplinary matters see Student Support Services for advice.
- For all medical and clinical queries see Clinic personnel.

In the memo, Professor Pue also reminded students and staff including visitors and staff dependents of the University's Zero Tolerance stance on:

- Alcohol consumption and drunkenness on campus;
- Fighting and violence against women and children;
- Possession of weapons or tools;

and

- Drugs and other illicit materials including Pornographic materials.

The VC also issued instructions that all staff and students must wear Identification Cards on campus at all times.

Persons not wearing ID cards will be stopped by security for identification and explanation.

He said all day visitors must report to the security main gate before conducting business on campus.

Betelnut chewing is also banned from the administration, the academic area including classrooms and the lecture halls, the office, the dormitory and mess areas. Unregistered students are banned from accessing all university services. This includes residing with friends in the dormitory or accessing meals at the mess.

Students, staff and dependents must be well attired on campus. Cut trousers, rice hand bags, bushy beards and Rastafarian hair dos are banned on campus.

A Covid-19 check is mandatory at the main gate for all incoming people.

Campus security as well as a private security firm that the University has engaged will ensure rules are being followed.

Don't ask for a medical certificate unless you are sick - HEO

MEDICAL certificates will not be issued to students unless they are proven to be sick.

Health Extension Officer Elias Wutga, in charge of the University Clinic, said this when speaking to students last week.

The three main things he mentioned in his talk about Medical Services at UNRE were alcohol and drugs; pregnancy and medical certificates.

Mr Wutga told students that they came to UNRE to study and not to get pregnant or consume drugs and alcohol.

"If you are taking drugs and alcohol with someone of the opposite sex, the next thing that comes to your mind is sex and that leads to a pregnancy that you are not prepared for," he said.

He said the clinic had recorded 26 student pregnancies last year while

two to three students had withdrawn from studies because they were mentally affected due to drug abuse.

"This is a liability to your parents and the community," said Mr Wutga.

He told the students that there is time for everything and UNRE being a practical University requires students to do a lot of practical work which is inconvenient for a pregnant student.

Talking about medical certificates, Mr Wutga said in previous years' students often asked him to write medical certificates for them so that they could have extra days to complete their assignments. "I'm sorry this will not happen this year," he said.

The University's acting Senior Assistant Registrar (Student Administration) Roselyn Takuru also expressed similar sentiments.

She informed students that if they wish to withdraw from study they must see Student Admin for the appropriate information before they withdraw.

For reimbursement of airfares, students must present their tickets and boarding passes to Student Admin.

Ms Takuru announced that the Department of

Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology's Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) will not be available until mid-March, therefore students are urged to pay the compulsory fee plus 50% of the boarding and lodging component.

She asked students with queries on their academic results to see their various departments for clarification.



▲ University HEO Elias Wutga (second from left) and other speakers at the night session.



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Attempt 4 core modules and 4 electives under the Masters in Management (MMgt) - (Course Work)

Entry Level: A bachelor degree in a given academic discipline with 3 years work experience.

2. Masters in Management: (MMgt) – (Research)

Attempt 6 core modules and 2 electives under the Masters in Management (MMgt) – (Research).

Entry Level: A bachelor degree in a given academic discipline with 3 years work experience.

3. Post-Graduate Diploma in Management:

Attempt four core modules from the program. The modules, MMS126 Research Methods and MMS100 Research thesis/Project are not available for this course.

Entry Level: A degree or its equivalent in a given academic discipline with 3 years work experience.

4. Professional Development/Short Course format:

For those not wishing to study towards a UNRE qualification but would like to attain a Professional Development (Short Course) Certificate in a particular module, you can enroll into a non-award program (short course type) without a need to sit for formal examination. Attend three or five days of face-to-face classes or online zoom sessions/self study for a module you are interested in, complete three assessment tasks and be issued a Professional Development Certificate of Attendance. Eight (8) modules to choose from.

The following are modules including dates they will be offered in 2022.

MODULE CODE & TITLE	DATE OFFERED
2022 course schedule	
MMS122 Project Management (core)	April 25 – July 01, 2022
MMS113 Asset Management (elective)	April 25 – July 01, 2022
MMS111 Quality & Performance Excellence (core)	June 27 – September 02, 2022
MMS121 Leadership & Management (core)	July 11 – September 19, 2022
MMS112 Financial Management (core)	August 01 – October 10, 2022
MMS124 Entrepreneurship, Innovation, C&D (elective)	September 19 – November 25, 2022
MMS126 Research Methods (core)	October 24 - December 30, 2022
MMS100 Project/Research Thesis (core) - Commence with Project/Research Thesis after successful completion of four modules and/or MMS126 Research Methods.	

The above modules are offered through external (online/self study) mode of delivery.

Visiting Professors from renowned Universities in Australia, New Zealand, India and Malaysia conduct all lectures, as well as provide Thesis Supervision and External Examiner roles towards the program.

For course information/application forms/costings) you may contact the Executive Officer – Centre for Graduate Studies & Research (Ms Nawio Api) on phone 9871268, or email address pngunrepostgraduate@gmail.com