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Consider implementing unit cost in higher education

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha has urged the government to consider implementing unit costing in higher education to reduce the deficit which has continually affected universities offering courses that require a lot of investment in learning materials and personnel. "Universities offering courses that require more resources should be financed at a level that is commensurate to their running costs, as opposed to uniform funding for all government sponsored students," said Prof. Magoha.

Prof. Magoha also appealed to the government to provide more capitation to the University to at least cater for the payroll so that the university can free its funds for development projects. As it stands, the University of Nairobi supplements its payroll to the tune of KES 300 million every month. Prof. Magoha was addressing his last graduation ceremony as the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, will assume office on January 6, 2015.

During the ceremony 8, 803 graduands were conferred and awarded with degrees and diplomas in a ceremony presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, who was also conferred with honorary degree in humane letters and the Royal Media Group Chairman, Samuel Macharia who was conferred with doctor of letters. A record 104 PhDs were conferred during the ceremony bringing the total Phds awarded by university this year to 123.

Prof. Collete Suda, Principal Secretary, ministry of education, science and technology who represented the Cabinet Secretary on the occasion challenged Universities to undertake research that is geared towards innovation and knowledge transfer through incubation centers and help in spurring development in the country. She said that the University of Nairobi Research, Production and Extension division should be critical for end users, providing opportunities for uptake to solve societal problems through extension and other outreach activities. She was speaking during the University of Nairobi 52 graduation ceremony.

Dr. Rattansi called upon institutions of higher learning to commercialize research output and create new industries that will create employment. Dr. Rattansi commended Prof. Magoha for steering the University to realize phenomenal growth during his term.

Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah, revealed that the Council and Chancellor have been working as a team to develop a common vision for the University. He noted that the management will embark upon a process of ensuring that the student experience of the University is wholesome.

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