UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI DURING THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE FOR PEDAGOGY AND ANDRAGOGY TRAINING OF CBPS ACADEMIC STAFF HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016 AT CCU, AT 2.00 P.M.
Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning,
I am happy to be here, invited by the Principal CBPS to officiate at the opening of training of college academic staff by the Centre for Pedagogy and Andragogy. As you are already aware, the University of Nairobi is committed to quality as its guiding principle in its decision making and leadership in provision of university education.

In order to realize this, the University has established the Centre for Pedagogy and Andragogy (CEPA) to provide knowledge and skills training in pedagogy to all lecturers and professors.
Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to learn that CEPA has embarked on this noble responsibility and has already mounted a successful training for academic staff from CAVS and CAE. The outcome of training for the CAVS and CAE academic staff was very encouraging.

The academic staff described it as informative and powerful in improving their delivery skills when lecturing, conducting tutorials, doing laboratory and workshop based teaching.
Being the third cohort to be trained, I believe the academic staff from CBPS are going to benefit immensely, especially in the following areas:

1. Programmes (Curriculum) development
2. Effective teaching
3. Assessment of learning outcome
4. Improvement of learning environment.

As the first group of members of academic staff to be trained from CBPS who are going to benefit from the training, I request you to take keen interest in the course and be willing to learn from the team of
professionals from the Department of Educational Communication and Technology who are here not only to train you but more so to share their experiences in the field of pedagogy.

This is a good team and I have confidence in them since they conducted similar training of academic staff for the whole University from 2003 to 2008.
Take note that the three days you are going to spend here are going to make a difference in the quality of teaching you provide to students in your School and Department.

In conclusion, let me thank the organizers of this training from both CBPS and CEES, for making this function a success. I expect that CEPA are arranging for similar training for the remaining colleges.
With those remarks, it is now my pleasure to declare this Pedagogy training officially open.

Thank you.

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