SPEECH BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. PETER M.F.MBITHI DURING THE TRAINING/SENSITIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BOARD AND SENATE ON NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE IN THE UNIVERSITY HELD AT THE CCU ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
The Directorate of National Cohesion and National Values
The Deputy Vice-Chancellors
The College Principals,
Deputy Principals
Members of Senate
Values officials
Ladies and gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you today for the training/sensitization session on national values and principles of governance. I would also like to welcome the officials from the Directorate of National Cohesion and National Values who are conducting
this important training session whose target group comprises members of the University Management Board and Senate.

Ladies and gentlemen, in 2014/15 Performance Contract, under the indicator of Compliance with Constitutional and other statutory obligations, the University committed to mainstream the government policy on national cohesion and national values.

Following consultations with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Directorate of National Cohesion and National Values, the University has been guided on how to address this target. The Directorate has advised that the University needs to:
• Identify focal persons for cohesion and national values;
• Establish an institutional cohesion and national values committee;
• Have the national values committee members undergo training on cohesion and national values;
• Conduct sensitization of at least 20% of the University staff on cohesion and national values;
• Identify national values core to the University’s mandate and develop and implement a roadmap to facilitate their realization; and
• Prepare and submit the University’s annual report on measures taken and progress achieved in the realization of cohesion and national values.
To this end, the University has already forwarded names of the focal persons to the Directorate for training so that they can coordinate all the activities related to national values and cohesion in the University.

Ladies and gentlemen, the University has also appointed national values committees at the corporate level, colleges and central administration. Some of you are members of these committees. Today’s workshop is therefore a training session by the Directorate to the University Management and the Senate. It is expected that after this training you will be able to facilitate the same training/sensitization at your unit level.
Ladies and gentlemen, the prime objective of mainstreaming is to make national values and national cohesion the fulcrum around which national activities and programmes are anchored. The national values and national cohesion should become a central rallying ingredient and theme in the planning and execution of all our programmes and activities for sustainable development as envisioned in the Kenya Vision 2030.

With those remarks, it is now my pleasure to declare this training/sensitization session officially opened.

Thank you.