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Federal Republic of Nigeria
on the
Visitation Panel Report into the Affairs of the
Federal University of Technology, Minna
(2016 - 2020)**

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1. The Federal Government White Paper on the Report of the Visitation Panel into the affairs of the Federal University of Technology, Minna (2016-2020) as provided in the schedule to this Notice is hereby published in the Federal Government Gazette.

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(vii) examine the Law establishing the University including the relationship between the various internal organs, units and offices, and indicate the ways the Law has been observed by the competent authorities, and also suggest any modifications to the Law;

(viii) trace the historical evolution of the University and take stock of its net achievements and problems as well as its style and direction ;

(ix) examine the general security in the University and how the University has dealt with it, and recommend appropriate measures ; and

(x) examine the processes and structures of discipline of students in each University in line with due process of the rule of law.

1.3. Details of the Findings/Observations and Recommendations of the Visitation Panel, as well as the comments indicating recommendations accepted, noted or rejected by the Visitor are contained in a tabular format in sections 2 – 11 of this gazette. The highlights of the Visitor's directives include:

(i) Management should publish a book of Extracts of the Major Decisions of the Senate, as well as the book of Extracts of the Major Decisions of the Governing Council at the end of every calendar year;

(ii) Council should ensure computerisation of the Bursary and Library Departments ;

(iii) The Management should ensure that the renovation and upgrade of the library block and its facilities are effected comprehensively and timely;

(iv) Council should ensure that the Managing Director, FUTMIN Ventures, possesses the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur ;

(v) Council to ensure that the Venture be made the hub for the commercialisation of the several research products of the university;

(vi) Management should ensure that TETFUND projects that have been completed should be Commissioned and put to use immediately;

(vii) Management should make concerted effort to attract more qualified academic staff;

(viii) Management should encourage all academic staff to explore other avenues for sponsorship to attend international conferences;

(ix) Management should ensure that recruitment of junior staff should always reflect the needs of the university;

(x) FME should ensure that Councils carry out their functions in accordance with the provisions of the law;

(xi) IPPIS is a Public Financial Management tool that would enhance efficiency and effectiveness in resource allocation, and directs the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation to enhance periodic reviews in line with contemporary developments; and

(xii) Management should immediately repair and make functional the two Hilux security patrol vehicles in need of repairs.

TERM OF REFERENCE TWO

"To look into the leadership quality of the University in terms of the roles of the Governing Council, the Vice Chancellor and other Principal Officers."

S/No.	Item	Observations/Findings by the Visitation Panel	Recommendations by the Visitation Panel	Comments by the Visitor
3.1.	THE GOVERNING COUNCIL	<p>(i) There were two Pro-Chancellors for the university within the period of this report.</p> <p>(ii) The meetings of the Governing Council were regular with records kept accordingly.</p> <p>(iii) Altogether, the Governing Council held 32 regular and special meetings (Council Meetings No. 116 - No. 141) at different times within the period under review.</p> <p>(iv) Under the two chairmen, the Governing Council exercised its functions well.</p>	<p>Government should continue to appoint Pro-Chancellors and Chairmen of Council of federal universities based on academic background and experience.</p> <p>Government should continue to appoint Pro-Chancellors and Chairmen of Council of federal universities based on their academic background and experience, in order to enable them to exercise maximum influence in the discharge of their duties. In this regard, it is recommended that experienced academics and senior public officers, who are versed in management affairs and are familiar with the workings of the university system, would be more likely to exercise the functions of the office of the Pro-Chancellor effectively.</p>	<p>(i) Visitor notes recommendation (i)</p> <p>(ii) Visitor notes recommendation (ii).</p>
3.2.	THE UNIVERSITY SENATE	<p>(i) The University Senate met 53 times (392nd -453rd) within the period of this report, from January 2016 to December 2020.</p>	<p>(i) Management should be commended for regularly publishing the annual book of Extracts of the Major Decisions of the Senate.</p>	<p>(i) Visitor notes recommendation (i)</p>

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			take into account competence, experience and integrity in recommending any appointment into the office of Registrar.	
3.5.	THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN	<p>The librarian, who held office within the period covered in this report, was engaged in sourcing funding support for the comprehensive rehabilitation of the university library.</p> <p>The library stocks were still inadequate.</p>	<p>(i) The Management should ensure that the renovation and upgrade of the library and its facilities is effected comprehensively and with minimum delay.</p> <p>(ii) Special attention should be paid to enhancing lighting.</p> <p>(iii) Library collections should be enhanced and updated regularly.</p>	<p>(i) Visitor notes recommendation (i).</p> <p>(ii) Visitor notes recommendation (ii).</p> <p>(iii) Visitor accepts recommendation (iii) and directs Management to implement.</p>

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4.3.	DIRECTORATE FOR COLLABORATION, AFFILIATION AND LINKAGE	The Directorate has been vibrant and generated a lot of revenue for the university.	Management should explore ways to encourage the Directorate and make it more vibrant, so as to generate greater income.	<i>Visitor accepts this recommendation and directs Management to explore other means of generating funds.</i>
4.4.	ACCOUNTING POLICIES : ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.	<p>(i) Though properly managed, the Bursary Department was still not fully computerised.</p> <p>(ii) Proper books of accounts were kept and Council had ensured that accounts were audited for the years under review, as statutorily required, except for year 2020 for which the Governing Council is yet to appoint an External Audit firm.</p> <p>(iii) Procurements were processed by the Procurement Unit.</p> <p>(iv) Capital grants to the university from the Federal Ministry of Education continued to dwindle since 2016 with releases much lower successively, except for that of 2020 in which the total released was exactly the appropriated sum.</p> <p>(v) TETFund capital grants and releases remained on the increase over the years within the period under review.</p> <p>(vi) There were no shortfalls in the releases by the Federal Government for personnel cost.</p>	<p>(i) The Governing Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Bursar should be commended for their efficient financial management of the funds available to the university in accordance with appropriate regulations.</p> <p>(ii) The operations at the Bursary Department should, as a matter of urgency, be fully computerised for more efficient and effective service delivery.</p> <p>(iii) Government should increase its grants to the university, both for capital and overhead costs, and ensure that whatever is appropriated is released to the university, accordingly.</p> <p>(iv) TETFund should continue to provide intervention funds for capital and other critical projects and increase grant for Staff Training.</p>	<p>(i) <i>Visitor notes recommendation (i).</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Visitor accepts recommendation (ii) and directs Management to implement within available resources.</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Visitor notes recommendation (iii).</i></p> <p>(iv) <i>Visitor notes recommendation (iv).</i></p>

