



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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

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ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph :

1. Publication of Federal Government White Paper on the Report of the Visitation Panel into the Affairs of the Federal University, Lokoja (2016–2020)

2. Citation.

SCHEDULE

**WHITE PAPER ON THE REPORT OF THE VISITATION PANEL INTO
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(2016–2020)**

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

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(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 the 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) University Management should adhere to extant financial regulations and circulars;

(ii) The Report of the Visitation Panel did not capture critical elements of some of the Terms of Reference ;

(iii) The current Governing Council and Management should do all they can to ensure peace and harmony with staff, unions and students by running an inclusive administration;

(iv) The Governing Council should ensure that all project allocations should be expended on the Permanent site only;

(v) The Vice Chancellor should ensure that Senate meetings hold regularly, and should work more to ensure harmony with the existing unions in the university;

(vi) All staff in the university, especially the senior staff, should ensure that they play positive roles in building unity and harmony in the university and desist from taking actions that may bring about disaffection against the management of the university;

(vii) Management should ensure that faculties with less need for laboratory services are moved for effective occupation of the Felele Campus ;

(viii) Management and Council should make more efforts to complete outstanding projects that have exceeded project duration;

(ix) All buildings which are being funded should be equipped with requisite furniture and materials for teaching;

(x) Priority should be given to the funding of the perimeter fencing of the Felele Campus to obviate further encroachment, and guarantee the safety and welfare of the university community;

(xi) The University should encourage staff to seek research grants ;

(xii) The Governing Council should ensure that the University put in place a more robust staff development programme to be able to accommodate more staff;

TERM OF REFERENCE ONE

"To inquire into the level of implementation of the White Paper on the last Visitation Report."

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2.0.		Since its establishment in 2011, the Federal University, Lokoja(FUL.) did not receive a Visitation Panel for the period 2011-2015. No report or White Paper exists on Visitation exercise. This Term of Reference is therefore NOT APPLICABLE.	This TOR is not applicable to the University.	<i>Visitor notes this recommendation.</i>

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		<p>development with the support of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Federal Government Capital Projects Intervention and NEEDs Assessment of Nigerian Public Universities (NANPU) Presidential intervention at both Adankolo and Felele campuses.</p> <p>(d) However, there were complaints of high-handedness and indiscretion against the Vice Chancellor by a few of the staff which could not be ascertained. Furthermore, majority of the workforce, including the most senior academic staff and members of Senate, commended her diligence, creativity and hard work.</p>		
34.	DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR	<p>(a) The Deputy Vice Chancellor assisted the VC to ensure harmonious working relationship among the various internal organs of the institution, and in the day to day administration of the university.</p> <p>(b) The office ensured academic leadership, programme excellence and innovation for ongoing and new programmes in the university.</p> <p>(c) The DVC was considered effective and diligent.</p>	The harmonious working relationship among the various internal organs of the institution should be sustained.	<i>Visitor notes this recommendation.</i>

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		<p>(c) The university Library was the heart of the University's academic operations.</p> <p>(d) Even under difficult operational circumstances, plagued by shortages, the Librarian ensured that the Library continued to be the epicentre of academic work in the university.</p>		
3.8.	OTHER RELEVANT FINDINGS	<p>(a) The Governing Council met regularly as prescribed in the university Law.</p> <p>(b) Council also met with stakeholders.</p> <p>(c) Management placed advertisement as stipulated in the University conditions of service, before appointment.</p> <p>(d) It was however, abnormal not to allow Heads of relevant Departments to shortlist candidates but rather gave the function to a committee.</p> <p>(e) The Senate did not meet regularly due to discord between the Vice Chancellor and members of Senate.</p> <p>(f) The Tenders Board met regularly.</p> <p>(g) The Annual Audit report that should come to Council did not come. The meeting of</p>	<p>(i) Council and Management should ensure that the University is in line with the extant rules.</p> <p>(ii) Council to ensure peaceful coexistence between the University and the community.</p> <p>(iii) As a matter of urgency, Council and Management should ensure movement to the permanent site in phases from 2021.</p> <p>(iv) Henceforth, all project allocations should be expended on the Permanent site only.</p> <p>(v) The Vice Chancellor should, through the Senate, appoint a Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) to facilitate sustained movement to the permanent site.</p> <p>(vi) The Vice Chancellor should ensure</p>	<p>(i) Visitor accepts recommendations (i), (iv), (vi), (vii) and (ix).</p> <p>(ii) Visitor notes recommendations (ii), (iii), (v) and (viii).</p>

