

ABSTRACT

AUTONOMY OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION SYSTEM

University system in Nigeria is centralised and allows for little corporate participation. The advent of democracy in Nigeria has brought about the creation of private Universities. The democratic structures of the Nigerian society has not extended to our nation's Universities. Most Nigerian Universities are under Federal and States controls. There are forty-five Universities in Nigeria today, twenty-four are Federal Universities, fifteen State University and six Private Universities. Non of these Universities enjoys total autonomy from the Federal Ministry of Education and Nigerian University Commission. These same entrance requirements and mode of admission are operated by these Universities. These and some other reasons have affected performance and foreign participation in Nigerian education system.

This paper found out that incessant strikes by the University Lecturers in Nigeria is a result of absence of autonomy. It is equally found out that leadership succession problem that has been associated with the selection of Universities Vice-Chancellors could not be separated from the over supervision of Nigerian Universities by the Federal and State governments.

Brain-drain and students unrest are the end result of authoritarian and undemocratic ways of running Nigerian Universities.

This paper recommends total autonomy for Universities. University should fund itself and set up admission policy that befit its standard. Federal Ministry of Education and Nigerian University Commission should be playing watch-dog roles among these Universities. Exchange programme should be encouraged among Nigerian Universities and foreign Universities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

FOLAMI OLAKUNLE MICHAEL

ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY, AKUNGBA AKOKO, NIGERIA

P.O.BOX 1812, AGEGE. LAGOS

1/3 FARINDE OLOYEDE BALOGUN CLOSE

OFF PUPOSOLA B/S NEW OKO-OBA LAGOS

- a. title of the submission:**AUTONOMY OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**
- b. topic area of the submission:**EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**
- c. two or three keywords that describe the submission:**FUNDING, LEADERSHIP AND ADMISSION**
- d. name(s) of the author(s):**FOLAMI OLAKUNLE MICHAEL**
- e. mailing address(es): **P.O.BOX 1812, AGEGE, LAGOS, NIGERIA**
- f. e-mail address(es):**micho_fl@yahoo.com**
- g. phone number(s)**2348023175361**
- h. fax number(s)**234-1-4965020**
- i. corresponding author if different than lead author.