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FOR THE
3rd STUDENTS' COUNCIL
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AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER HALL

- Members of the University Management and Senate
- The Commissioner for Oaths;
- The Outgoing Students' Government
- The Incoming Students' Government
- Staff &
- Students

Good afternoon.

This is yet another important day in our University when we gather to witness yet another peaceful transition in the Students' Government.



Today, we are inaugurating the **3rd Students' Council** of the University of Embu since the Award of Charter. This is the second time we have conducted the Students' Council under the Universities Act enacted in 2016 which clearly prescribed how the Students' Council election shall be conducted in all Universities in Kenya.

The 2019 – University of Embu Students Association (UESA) Elections for various positions held on Tuesday, 19th March 2019 were largely peaceful, transparent, free and fair.

There were no reported incidences throughout the entire exercise from the nominations, campaigns, voting as well as during the vote counting stage. This is commendable on the part of the students, the candidates and the Electoral Commission. Once again, you have lived to our expectations and you have made us all proud.

As I have said before in similar occasions that we have held in the University during the last 5 years, the maturity shown by the candidates and the voters during the elections as well as the professionalism with which the Electoral Commission conducted the election makes the University of Embu the envy of many.

I congratulate the winners and welcome you officially to the frontline in the leadership of this great University.

We also appreciate all the candidates who participated in the elections, thus creating the right environment for competition which made it possible for the leaders we are swearing in today to win; without the fellow contestants an election would not have been held because everyone would have been declared unopposed.

We all commend the candidates who accepted defeat with honor and humility. This is the true spirit of mature and great leaders. In life, there is always a next time. I encourage you to work together with the elected leaders to serve the students better.



I also thank all the students who turned up to vote despite your busy academic schedules, for exercising your democratic right to elect your Student Council officials.

As Usual, I extend my appreciation to the Electoral Commission for a job well done. I thank you for being impartial, transparent and open throughout the electioneering process.

To the outgoing students' leaders led by Mr. Nathaniel Saul and Ms. Stella Njiru, we thank you and congratulate you. Thank you for the commitment that you had during your tenure which in a significant way, has contributed to the many milestones and successes that we celebrate today in the University of Embu.

We are proud of you and on behalf of the University, Management and entire family of University of Embu, and indeed on my own behalf; I thank you and wish you a fruitful 'retirement'. I urge you to assist the newly elected leaders to settle in their new roles and fit into the new shoes they have acquired.

As the newly elected Students' leaders take up their new assignments, my advice to you is to do so with humility and dedication; also please remember that even in the midst of all the efforts that you will put to represent and articulate the issues affecting the students, let me remind you that your core business in this University is to seek knowledge, academic excellence, professional growth and personal development.

As leaders, you must always remember that you are students first and foremost and ensure that you do not neglect your academic work. We have witnessed some instances in previous governments, where elected leaders have deteriorated in their academic performance to the point of almost missing graduation, yet they were elected to office with very good grades. I pray that none of you will find themselves in this sort of predicament.



In conclusion, please remember that the University exists for all of us. Therefore, strive to do what is good for all of us so that at the end of the day we are able to achieve the vision and mission of the University of Embu.

On the part of Management, I promise that we will work with the elected leaders to address the issues that will be of concern to our students in order to make the University of Embu the best place to be and the best University that we all want to see.

Ladies and gentlemen;

With those few remarks - it is now my privilege and honour to officially Commission the New 2019/2020 University of Embu Students' Council so that they can begin their work with immediate effect.

Thank you and God Bless you.

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