

Student Council Leadership Training

The University of Nairobi mounted a one-day sensitization workshop to the student leaders on the University operations at the KCB Leadership Centre, Karen, on September 29, 2017. The student leaders were nominated to the caretaker committee from all the University of Nairobi Campuses and Kisumu Campus was represented by **Justus Otieno**, Bachelor of Law student. In attendance was Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the DVC (Student Affairs); Dr. Fr. Wamugunda, the Dean of Students and other various departmental heads among them are: Mr. Jamleck Njoka, the Student Placement Officer; Mr. Jackson Maalu, Director Students Welfare Authority (SWA); Mr. Joseph Mokaya, Procurement Manager; Ms. Margaret John, Finance Officer, in charge of students finance among other officers who engaged the students on the inner workings of the University.

Speaking during the event, Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, urged the incoming leaders of the Students Council to be transparent in handling public resources. On the issues of alcohol and drug abuse, Prof. Mbeche appealed to the new leaders to champion the sensitization of students on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. The leaders were as well asked to lead by example and take good care of the physically challenged students among them.

The Dean of Students, Dr. Fr. Dominic Wamugunda, urged the new student leaders to rethink outside the box, outside hooliganism, indiscipline, impunity and all other ills that have devilled the University. Leadership is about 4Ps, these being: Purpose, a leader needs to know what he intends to achieve. Picture, a leader needs a mental image of where he is taking his followers. People, leadership is about people and lastly, participation, people need to participate in the leadership process. Father Wamugunda opined that, leaders need to have passion for the job.

On jobs and internships, student leaders were briefed on the various opportunities that are available through the office of Dean of Students. Placement Officer, Mr. Jamleck Njoka, told the leaders to be on the lookout, for the various vacancies that get advertised. Student leaders were also urged to play a key role in mobilizing other students to attend career talks that get organized in the various campuses and colleges. In the recent past, various companies and multinationals have come to the University looking for employees and interns