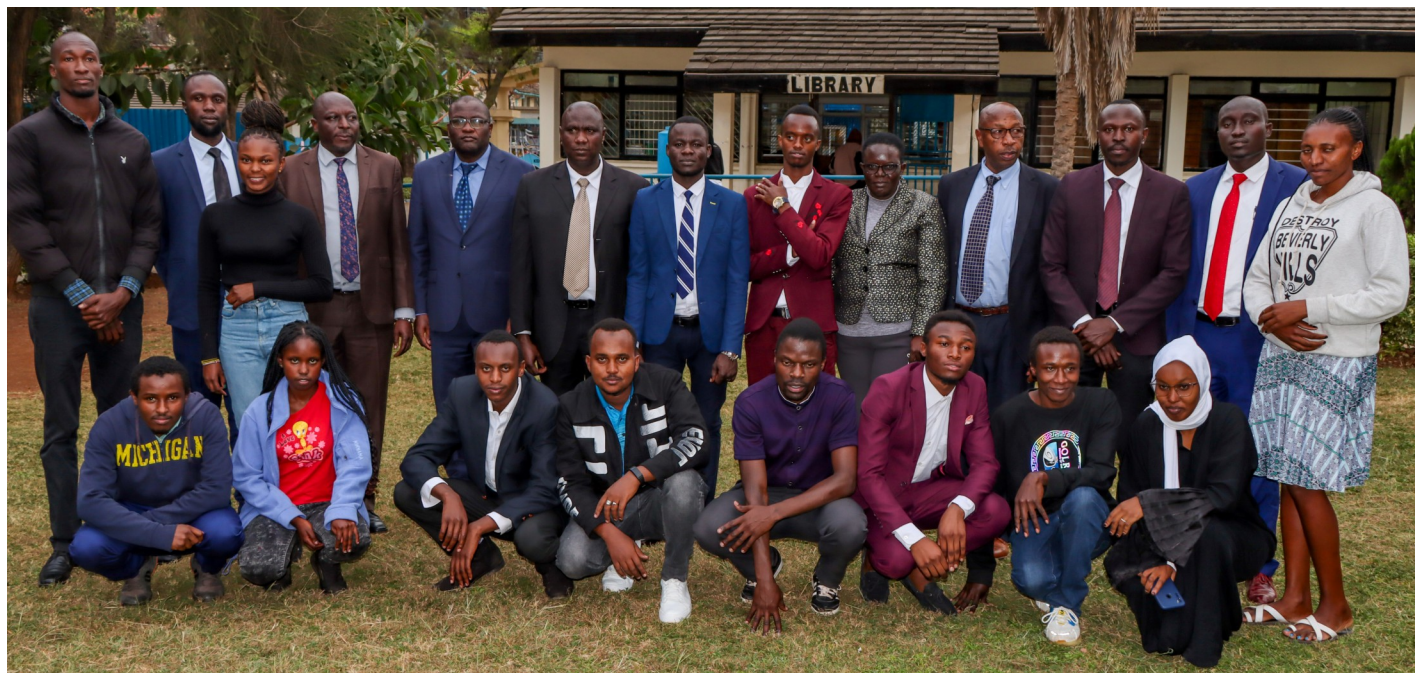


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Newly Inaugurated Student Council Promise to give Students Representation a New Meaning



A section of the Institute's students' representatives pose for a group photo with a section of the Management team.

BY PIUS KIMANI

Less than a fortnight after they were elected as students leaders in the prestigious and revamped Kenya Water Institute Students Association (KEWISA) Executive Council, the elated leaders are raring to give a totally different meaning to what it takes to lead the more than 1600 students taking their studies across the 4 KEWI Campuses ie, Nairobi, Kitui, Chiakariga and Kisumu.

Speaking to this writer, a number of those who

successfully vied as campus and class representatives have uttered a message of good will and determination to not only use these opportunities to enhance their leadership skills but to also influence on how students affairs are run.

Geoffrey Otieno, who was elected into the Students Executive Council as the Chairperson, terms the opportunity as a god send one that will help him lead from the front in championing for the rights of his fellow students. Otieno, a 3rd year student taking a Diploma level training in

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Ms Georgina Muhia, the Vice Chairperson

Water Resources Management Technology at Nairobi Campus won on a joint ticket with Georginah Muhia, a 3rd year, Diploma level student in Water Engineering Technology at Kitui Campus who is to serve as his Vice Chairperson. Otieno says that he will ensure that the Students Council adopts full management of the students' affairs by working closely with the Institutes' Senior Management

"I will work closely with the Institute's senior management to foresee the transfer of full responsibility to manage and control the students' resources," Otieno asserts.

Otieno notes that it has been a challenge to run the affairs of his office since it's largely dependent on the institute's

senior management in terms of provision of resources like finances. This, he notes, has really affected the implementation of many activities within the sphere of influence of his office.

"Delegating duties across campuses with an aim of bringing all students to the same page may be difficult if the office is not adequately funded and this, may hinder implementation of key activities entitled to this office." Otieno adds.

He, however feels that he will be able to achieve much before his term expires. He believes that during his term, he will be able to bring back power and freedom to the students, make KEWI a conducive learning environment where every voice matters and lead from the front in ensuring that a holistic learning environment that entails both curricular and extracurricular activities to enhance a balanced experience for all students is achieved.

Joan Ruth Letangule, a 1st year Diploma level student in Water Engineering at Chiakariga Campus has her role at the executive council already spelt out. Joan, who is also the Chiakariga Campus representative for the special

interest group and who was nominated directly by the Academic Board together with Tia Mohamed, Julius Kyalo and Salim Gobu Bute as Kisumu, Kitui and Nairobi Campuses representatives respectively, promises to voice the challenges that are faced by minorities at KEWI who include students from minority communities, people abled differently (PLWDs) and international students.

"I have a sacred duty of working with the institution to educate and inform everyone on the urgency of sensitizing everyone on the need to integrate the principles of equality and freedom from discrimination for the minorities."

Joan who comes from the Ilchamus community boldly states that underrepresentation in decision making forums, identity dilemma, negative stereotypes and poverty among other avalanche of challenges have stood, in the way of minorities in places of learning and she feels its time their concern is raised to help them be at par with other learners. This ,she says will not only enhance their full participation in learning but will also help them explore their full potential and take advantage of all the opportunities that come

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in learning, but will also help them explore their full potential and take advantage of all the opportunities that come their way without feeling limited by their physical status in the school.

"I will continue to champion, monitor and advice on the development and implementation of affirmative action policies and programs in the institution.

This will help ensure that the minority groups are able to develop their cultural values and practices while having reasonable access to services provided at KEWI." Joan says.

She believes that the eleva-

tion of minorities into the available leadership positions and more so at executive council has boosted confidence and trust amongst such groups who believe that KEWI is willing to be a true center of excellence where everybody who aspires to study in it can do so without feeling alienated.

"Ensuring that minority groups are represented and participate in the governance affairs of KEWI, is a strong move towards the right direction since it exposes them to special opportunities in education."

Joan Believes that tackling discrimination of the minorities through advancing democratic participations and equal distribution of resources and opportunities among all will help project KEWI as a place for all.

KEWI, in a bid to ensure that there is a smooth governance of student's affairs and that their relationship with various stakeholders is enhanced has an elaborate Students Constitution that proactively contributes towards the overall goals of the institute's leadership structure.

Known as KEWISA, the constitution which was revised and amended in 2021 to reflect the changing environment and trends in the management



A section of the Students' Executive Leaders

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KBCT&FIE Mentors Kisumu Campus Students

BY JOHN WAWERU

The Kenya Building, Construction, Timber and Furniture Industries Employees Union (KBCT&FIE) gathered with KEWI Kisumu Danish Industry sponsored students for a productive meeting.

The team led by Mr. Eric Kanyi, Mr. Paul Kiragu, and Mr. Mark Otiende mentored and enlightened students on a number of topics including job professionalism, work place ethics and importance of joining a union.

Started in the year 1952 the Kenya Building, Construction, Timber and Furniture Industries Employees Union has its headquarters in Nairobi

and with a total of 23 branches in the country.

The students pursuing Certificate courses in Plumbing and Pipefitting Technology and Wastewater Management Technology were requested to consider joining KBCT&FIE Union.

The scholars who are now in their final semester of study were enlightened on importances of joining the union which include, solving grievances on behalf of the employees, negotiating for better terms of employment through collective bargaining agreement, advocating for safe working environment for employees among others.

The union stands with employees when they have a case against their employer

and accords representation up to employment and labor relations court among others.

On job professionalism and work place ethics, the students were taught on the need for effective communication, being disciplined, time keeping, descent grooming and core values like punctuality, honesty and integrity.

KEWI Kisumu Principal Mr. Paul Rarieya thanked the team for finding time to visit and mentor the DI students as they prepare to break for their attachment beginning this September 2023.



KBCT&FIE Union with KEWI staff and DI students in Kisumu Campus.

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of students affairs recognizes a Class as defined by the Academic Board from time to time as the basic unit of representation where all academic and welfare issues are discussed and deliberated before they are forwarded to the students council for further deliberations.

So strong, is the constitution that the institutions management has proposed its incorporation in the reviewed KEWI Amendment Bill 2021, that has provided additional membership in the Academic and Research Boards to the Students Association Chairperson. If adopted by parliament, this will enhance students' representation in the management of their affairs in the institute.

During the elections that saw students elected into the student's council to represent their respective classes and campuses, a very transparent and verifiable exercise was conducted. The exercise which at some points necessitated the use of online mechanism for satellite campuses was conducted smoothly under close supervision of the KEWISA electoral board.

107 students were elected by all KEWI students as class representatives for each class

representatives for each class across the four campuses. This, according to Evans Amunze, Secretary, KEWISA Electoral Board, was done in full consideration of gender parity rule.

"We ensured that there was equal and fair representation during this exercise to enhance gender balance as espoused in article 11, 12 and 13 of the KEWISA constitution. We ensured that a male and a female were elected to represent each class with only few exemptions where the number of students in each class didn't allow this to happen." Amunze says.

During this level of elections 17, 2, 2 and 3 class representatives from Nairobi, Kitui, Chiakariga and Kisumu were elected respectively. To represent the minorities across campuses, 4 students were also nominated directly by the Academic Board to spearhead this critical department. This is to ensure there was absolute compliance with the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Going forward to the next level which had to foresee the election of the campus representatives, the already elected class representatives had to be involved in this exercise.

This exercise which bars any class representative from vying as campus representative would take a special route where an Electoral College comprising of 60 electors equitably drawn from all campuses was mandated to elect the executive students leadership.

The college which is formed by electing electors into the Electoral College based on the population of students in each program from the 4 campuses however bars campus and class representatives from joining



Kitui Campus registrar with the students' representatives.

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Mr. Henry Kobia with some of the students' representatives.

its membership.

"The electoral college constituted to elect the executive leaders is dissolved as soon as the election is held and complete" Amunze adds.

The 7 available positions for the students' Executive council are vied for by those already in the pool of campus representatives.

Mr. Henry Kobia, Senior Principal Registrar and the Chair to the Electoral Board expressed his confidence with the new team.

He expresses his optimism

He expresses his optimism saying that with the team aware of the evolving challenges that affect student's leadership in the modern day institutions, it will be noted as one that spearheaded changes

for the betterment of the institution.

"I trust that the council will represent the association members in the institute's student's affairs within the institute and with other external stakeholders and will be responsible for resource mobilization for KEWISA activities."

Geoffrey Otieno and Georginah Muhia were elected as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively on a joint ticket. Daniel Ortega, Samuel Kyalo and Martin Ekure were elected as Secretary General, Treasurer and Sports Representative respectively. Joan Ruth Letangule and Tia Mohamed were both elected into the council as special interest representatives.



Ms Joan Ruth Letangule, Chiakariga Campus Representative.

Kisumu Campus Visitors Enlightened In County ASK Show

BY JOHN WAWERU

In preparation for September intake and with support of the Director/Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Water Institute Kisumu Campus is privileged to participate in year 2023 Kisumu Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) show.

The show runs under the theme "Promoting climate smart agriculture and trade initiatives for sustainable economic growth".

It is providing a convenient platform where Kisumu staffs are interacting with other exhibitors drawn from sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, housing, schools, small and medium enterprises, banking and private sectors in marketing KEWI programs and courses.

Potential clients who visited KEWI exhibition stand, were enlightened on water sector reforms, and a myriad of opportunities and technologies that exist in the water sector.

The role of KEWI programs in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) like clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, climate action, life below water, life on land, industry innovation and infrastructure

innovation infrastructure emphasized.

In line with the theme of the show, visitors were educated on soil and water conservation technologies among them which include drip irrigation systems and how to grow seedlings using coco peat growing medium with examples of demonstrations developed by KEWI students. Coco peat is a popular alternative to traditional soil and is becoming popular due to its ability to improve soil quality and retain soil moisture.

Diploma and Certificate courses in Irrigation and drainage engineering is an appropriate course for those interested to work in irrigation sector, crop nutrition and laboratory services among others.

Visitors were enlightened that with increasing global climatic issues and scarcity of arable land such courses and technologies are offering solutions to food insecurity. Students pursuing Diploma and certificate courses in Water Engineering and Wastewater and Sanitation Engineering

and Technology are playing a vital role in offering technical solutions in the water sector.

The clients were also enlightened on Diploma and Certificate courses in Water Resources and Technology Management.

The course is developed to train water resource and environment managers in the water, land, and environment sector required to respond to declining water resources and the climate change challenges.

The objective of the course is to train students to have competence in different areas of water resource and environment managements such as Integrated Water Resource Management, Construction Management, Water quality Management,



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Environmental impact assessments, drilling as well as applications of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), Surveying, and Remote Sensing among many other skills relevant in natural resource management.

Artisan courses such as Plumbing and Pipefitting,

Water Operator Course and Water and Wastewater Management Technology, are competitive courses only offered at KEWI.

The show kicked off from Wednesday 26th July 2023 and ends on 30th July 2023.

WATER FACT

Water is the driving force of all nature.

-Leonard da Vinci.

their way without feeling limited by their physical status in the school.

Quote of the Week

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

-Henry Ford.

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Round Up of the Week's Events



George Ng'ong'a (5th from left), Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy President flanked by KEWI Governing Council Chairperson, KEWI CEO and other members of the Council in KEWI.



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) team when they paid a courtesy call to Dr. Leiro Letangule's office.



Chiakariga Campus students during a study tour at Meru and Nanyuki Water and Sewerage Companies.

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Students from different Campuses during an inter-campus games held at Railway Training Institute. Selected teams are currently representing KEWI in the ongoing Kenya Technical Institutions Sports Association (KETISA) games taking place at The Eldoret National Polytechnic.

Long - Term Programmes

Diploma in Water Engineering Technology (DWET) Diploma in Wastewater
 Diploma in Water, Sanitation Engineering Technology (DWSET)
 Diploma in Water Resources Management Technology (DWRMT)
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 Diploma in Water Laboratory Technology (DWLT)
 Certificate in Wastewater and Sanitation Engineering Technology (CWSET)
 Certificate in Water Resources Management Technology (CWRMT)
 Certificate in Information Communication Technology (CICT)- KNEC
 Certificate in Water Laboratory Technology (CWLTL)
 Certificate in Water Engineering Technology (CWET)
 Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
 Plumbing and Pipe Fitting (PPF)
 Water Operators Course (WOC) in:

- Water Supply
- Meter Reading
- Sewerage Operations

Short - Term Programmes

Use of Earth Observation Tools and GIS for Water Resources Management
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 Leak Detection & Repair techniques
 Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
 Operation & Maintenance of Pumping Stations
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