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38th Meeting of Council of the University of Buea

The Council of the University of Buea met on Thursday, 10 December 2020 in the Boardroom of the Faculty of Science. The meeting was chaired by Professor Ako Edward Oben, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council.

In his opening remarks, the Chairperson welcomed all to the 38th meeting of Council. He regretted that the former Council meetings did not involve everyone, but was contented they had a full house for this session. He urged all to make genuine contributions for the success and growth of the University.

The main items on the agenda were the presentation, adoption and examination of the level of execution of the resolution of the 36th and 37th meetings of Council. There was also the presentation of the report of the Finance and General Purpose Committee of Council, as well as the examination of the level of execution of resolutions.

After deliberations, the Committee;

- Adopted a budget of eight billion, nine hundred and ten million, two hundred and thirty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-three FCFA (8.910.239.423FCFA) for University of Buea for the 2021 financial year. Four billion, three hundred and ten million FCFA (4.310.000.000FCFA) is for the recurrent expenditure, while one billion FCFA (1.000.000.000FCFA) is for investment;
- Commended the Vice-Chancellor's report and encouraged him and his collaborators to keep up with the mission assigned to them by the government;
- Praised the University's initiative to organize an Intensive English Language programme for newly recruited academic staff whose first language is not English and urged the University to encourage many more to participate in the programme, as this is a clear testimony of the government's policy of national integration;

- Adopted the financial reports of the Accounting Officer and the Financial Controller and instructed the University to introduce more rigorous strategies for income recovery;
- Endorsed the advancement and promotion of academic staff;
- Endorsed the recommendations of the University for the creation of a Division of Legal Affairs which will be responsible for guiding the University on all legal matters;
- Adopted the University of Buea land policy;
- Further thanked the government for taking measures to safeguard the University's land, which
 is essential for the implementation of its mission.

In his closing remarks, the Chairperson congratulated members of Council for the fruitful deliberations and quality of interventions, as well as the seriousness with which the issues on the agenda were handled.

After the session, members of Churchile and University land to ascertain the extent of attempted encroachment.

Professor Ako Edward Oben

Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of County