



OBITUARY

PROFESSOR MICHAEL AKINTUNDE FAFUNSO

NOVEMBER 20, 1942 – NOVEMBER 17, 2008

It is with deep regret but with gratitude to God that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Olufemi A. Bamiro, FNSE, FAS, announces the transition on 17 November, 2008 of Professor Michael Akintunde Fafunso, a retired science educator, distinguished biochemist, outstanding sportsman and great community leader.

He was born on November 20, 1942 at Breadfruit Street, Lagos Island. He attended CMS Grammar School, Lagos, from January 1956 to December 1960 for his School Certificate (now called O'Level) and did his Higher School Certificate (HSC) course at Ibadan Grammar School, from January 1961 to December 1962, and entered the University of Ibadan in June 1963 for his undergraduate training programmes, graduating with a B.Sc. (Hons) Biochemistry, Second Class (Upper Division) in June 1966.

As a student in the university, he was involved in several activities apart from academics. It is worthy of note that the late Fafunso represented University of Ibadan on several occasions at the All African Games especially in Legon, Ghana during which he and his team members won many laurels for the University. He was fondly called "Fafu Legon".

Professor Michael A. Fafunso joined the services of the University of Ibadan when he was appointed a Lecturer II/Experimental Officer in the Department of Biochemistry. He assumed office on April 1, 1972 after obtaining his Ph.D. degree in January 1972.

Professor Fafunso rose steadily through the ranks and became a Professor of Biochemistry, effective October 1, 1993.

Professor Fafunso astutely taught different/varying courses in core Biochemistry to myriads of students offering Biochemistry in their training programmes and graduated numerous M.Sc. and Ph.D. degree students in Biochemistry. Some of his students are Professors of Biochemistry in different Universities in Nigeria and consultants in various aspects of medicine. He was the Head of the Nutritional and Industrial Biochemistry Section of the Department since its inception in 1984, until September 2008 when he retired.

He was Sub-Dean (undergraduate) in the Faculty of Science (1977-1979); Congregation representative on Senate of the University of Ibadan (1974-1976); Senate representative on the University Sports Council (1979/80 to 1980/81); secretary to Congregation (1979-1981) and Chairman, Business Committee of Senate (1981/82). He was the Acting Head of the Department from January 28, 1991 to January 27, 1993 and was the substantive Head of Department from January 29, 2005 to January 28, 2008.

He was a member of many intellectual and professional bodies, like the Nutrition Society of Nigeria, the Nutrition Society of the United Kingdom and the Institute of Food Science and Technology of the U.K.

Professor Fafunso was the President of Senior Staff Club, University of Ibadan between 1988 and 1990. He was from 1991 to the end, the Unit Commander, (FRSC/SMU 4.29) of the Federal Road Safety Commission, University of Ibadan Unit. He was a member of the choir in the Chapel of the Resurrection, U.I. and of All Saints Church, Jericho, Ibadan.

He is survived by a wife and many children.

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