

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

BOARD OF COMMON UNDEGRADUATE COURSES

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Introduction

The Board of Common Undergraduate Courses (BCUC) is a multidisciplinary department whose mandate in the University is to administer the regulations, organize the teaching and arrange the examination of Common Undergraduate Courses. Common Undergraduate Courses are unique courses in the University as they are offered to all undergraduate students across the board regardless of the degree programme that a student is enrolled in.

The Courses

In 2015, BCUC offered 10 (Ten) Senate approved courses from which students were expected to select their three courses for study as required by the Statutes. The ten courses on offer were:

CCS 001: Communication Skills

CCS 002: Fundamentals of Development and their applications in Kenya

CCS 003: Human Health

CCS 004: Law in Society

CCS 005: Environmental Science

CCS 006: Chemistry and its applications

CCS 007: Science and Technology in Development

CCS 008: Elements of Philosophy

CCS 009: Elements of Economics

CCS 010: HIV & AIDS

Out of the ten courses, those which were preferred and therefore selected by students as guided by their (students') department were CCS 001, CCS 002, CCS 005, CCS 007, CCS 008, CCS 009 and CCS 010. The rest were not preferred by any department and therefore were dormant.

Events

In the month of April, BCUC participated in the Commission for Universities' Education (CUE) Exhibition that was held in Machakos town Stadium. The University did not stage the Open Day exhibition this time

Examinations were successfully administered in respect of common courses that had been selected and taught in the months of April and August. The scripts were marked and results forwarded to respective faculties, schools and institutes.

Staff matters

In mid January, the long serving secretary to director, Mrs. Jane Mugure Mugwe finally left the Board to assume her new position as Assistant Executive Secretary to Dean of students. As Mrs. Mugwe's departure was not followed with immediate replacement, internal readjustments became necessary to keep the director's office running. The Board's administrator, Mr. Joseph Ndekerere surrendered his hard working secretary Mrs. Pauline Muriuki to serve as secretary to director.

In May 2015, the Board suffered yet another jolt when Mrs. Muriuki opted for early retirement that month. However, by this time a new Assistant Executive Secretary Mrs. Hellen Luseka had been posted on transfer from the University Health services to replace Mrs. Mugwe who had moved earlier, as secretary to the Director. Therefore, as Mrs. Muriuki was taking her early retirement, Mrs. Luseka reported which was good for the board, but the administrator remained without a secretary. This position did not change until end of the year.