



Inspiring Innovation and Leadership

KARATINA UNIVERSITY

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## KARATINA UNIVERSITY STAFF AND STUDENT LEADERS UNDERGO EACC SENSITIZATION AND TRAINING

Karatina University held a two-day sensitization and training workshop facilitated by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on Tuesday, December 17, and Wednesday, December 18, 2024. The training was held at the Senate Chambers for all members of staff. The training aimed to enhance awareness and build capacity among staff and student leaders in fostering ethical conduct and integrity within the institution.

cept of corruption, the obligations of state and public officers under the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012, and corruption prevention tools and strategies in public service. The sessions were led by EACC facilitators Emily Mshila and David Muli, who provided insights into upholding integrity and curbing corruption in public institutions.



*The members of staff pose for a group photo with the EACC facilitators (sitted) after the training*

*Staff members keenly following the training proceedings.*

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, student leaders also participated in a tailored session focusing on ethical leadership, good governance, and the establishment of an integrity club/movement. The training empowered the student leaders to champion integrity within the student body and to play a proactive role in promoting good governance.

The event was officially launched by the Director of Quality Assurance and ISO on behalf of the university management. During the opening remarks, the Director underscored the importance of integrity and ethical practices in enhancing service delivery and maintaining the university's reputation.

The workshop for staff members covered critical topics, including the mandate of the EACC, the con-

## SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE 15TH STUDENTS GOVERNING COUNCIL

The 15th Students Governing Council of Karatina University was sworn in at a colorful ceremony held at the Conference Hall. It was officiated by the University's Legal Officer Ms. Anne Mumbi. Present to witness the swearing-in were the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Linus M. Gitonga, the Dean of Students Mr. Wanjau, the Students electoral commission, students, and staff members.

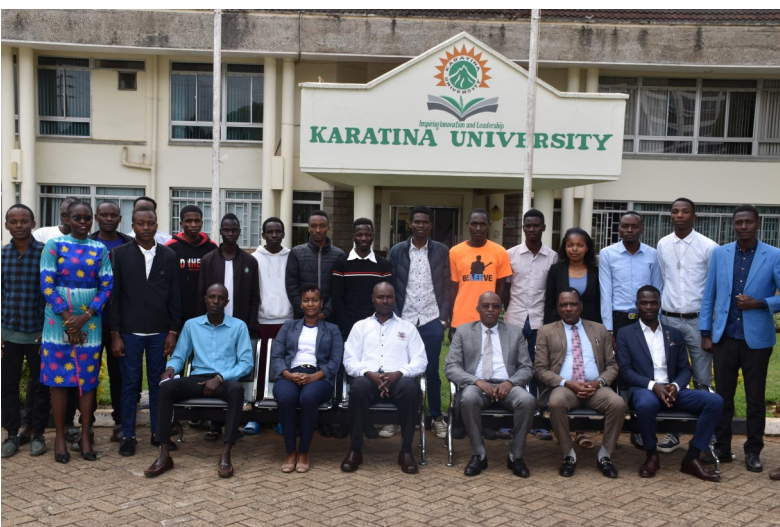
The SGC members are:

1. Chairperson - Mark Collins Kalama
2. Vice Chairperson- Vivian Kinya
3. Sec. General- Kombo Sifuna James
4. Treasurer - Omuka Nicholas
5. Director Academics - Richard Masisa
6. Director special needs, gender, and international relations- Christine Murugi
7. Director Sports, games, and entertainment- Peter Munyoki Musyoki



*The students and students keenly following through the presentations during the training.*

Karatina University remains committed to fostering a culture of accountability, transparency, and ethical behavior among its community members. This collaboration with EACC demonstrates the institution's dedication to upholding the highest standards of integrity and leadership.



*The students and students leaders pose for a group photo with the EACC facilitators during the ongoing sensitization.*



*The elected student leaders during the swearing in ceremony*

The incoming SGC Chairperson enumerated many issues they will focus on during their tenure. The election was conducted on Monday, 28th November 2024 under the guidance of the Returning Officer, Dr. Daniel Achola, and his two deputies; Dr. Charles Wahogo and Dr. Dezzline Ondigo. The election was free and fair. The results were credible, and there were no appeals.



*Student leaders pose for a group photo with the VC after the swearing in ceremony*

## **KARATINA UNIVERSITY CONDUCTS TRAINING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS**

The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies at Karatina University successfully organized two training sessions aimed at enhancing the skills and competencies of postgraduate students and their supervisors. The sessions, held on December 13 and 16, 2024, were designed to support academic excellence and foster effective research mentorship.

The training for postgraduate students took place on December 13, with a focus on time management, research methodologies, and effective communication with supervisors. Sixty students participated in the interactive session, which provided practical insights into managing their academic journeys.

On December 16, postgraduate supervisors convened for a second session, which emphasized the re-tooling of supervisory skills to enhance guidance for students. A total of 68 supervisors attended, engaging in discussions on providing effective mentorship and ensuring students meet their academic timelines—two years for master’s programs and three years for PhD studies.

The sessions were officially opened by the DVC ARSA, Prof. Hellen Kamiri, and facilitated by a team of esteemed scholars, including Prof. Josephat Kinyanjui, Prof. Lucy Ndegwa, Prof. Michael Lokuruka, Prof. Kellen Kiambati, among others.

The Director of Postgraduate Studies highlighted the importance of this training, expressing the Directorate’s commitment to continuous improvement in postgraduate education. The Directorate intends to make these sessions an annual initiative to promote academic growth and foster a vibrant

## **KARATINA UNIVERSITY ACQUIRES A NEW ISUZU BUS**

Karatina University has added a brand-new Isuzu semi luxury large bus (64-67) seater FVR 34S to its fleet, demonstrating its commitment to enhancing transportation services for the university community.

The vehicle was officially received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Linus Gitonga, and the University Council led by the Chairman Prof. Mailutha. The handover event, held on 18th December 2024, and was attended by students, staff members, and members of the receiving committee who witnessed the arrival of the new bus.

This acquisition underscores the university’s dedication to improving mobility for academic, co-

curricular, and administrative activities. The university community expressed their gratitude to the leadership for prioritizing infrastructure development to support the institution's goals.



Members of the Karatina University Council pose for a photo after receiving the bus.



The excited students pose for a photo with the new bus

**PICTURE SPEAK**



The VC shares a few moments with the students in the Bus and after the swearing in Ceremony of the Student Governing Council

