

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

### **SCHOOL OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The School of the Built Environment is located in ADD Building off Mamalaka Road (vehicular access) and opposite the YMCA (pedestrian access). It is comprised of 3 departments namely

- Architecture & Building Science
- Real Estate and Construction Management
- Urban and Regional Planning

The Dean's office which plays the coordinating role has 7 staff members.

#### **Updates :**

- The School recently held its elections on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and Prof Anyamba was re-elected as the Dean to serve for another term of two years.
- Owing to the passage of the Universities Act 2012, the Commission for University Education was created to replace the defunct Commission for Higher Education. Institutional Audits were conducted in all Universities to enable the Commission award fresh Charters. The following members of staff from the School were part of the panelists that audited physical infrastructure in the public universities namely
  - Arch Erastus Abonyo – Moi university
  - Arch Prof Tom Anyamba – Kenyatta University
  - Arch Prof Robert Rukwaro – Maseno University
  - Planner Prof George Njuguna Ngugi – Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology

#### **Making of Architectural Models: Konza City**

The Ministry of Information and Communication commissioned the School to make a replica model of the Konza City to be displayed on site. Konza City is one of the key Vision 2030 Flagship projects. The team was drawn from the department of Architecture.

## **University of Nairobi Towers**

The School entered a team in the Architectural Design competition through UNES to design the UON Towers (approximately 23 stories). The team was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and received a cash award of Kshs 500,000.

## **Major Milestones**

- The introduction of the two tier Architecture degree program has enabled an increased enrollment of female students who have a choice to break at 4<sup>th</sup> or proceed up to 6<sup>th</sup> year.
- Introduction of Bachelors program in Construction Management program to cater for the building industry in this era when real estate sector is booming.
- Introduction of B.A Planning degree program.
- Building of additional 2 floors to the ADD building to cater for the increased student numbers.

## **Strategic Issues :**

The School is comprised of key departments that train professionals in the built environment disciplines. In an effort to reposition itself and continuously provide quality education, the School intends to hold a workshop in April 2013 to discuss reviewed curricula in all departments and also the revival of the 'Building Science' arm of the department of Architecture.

## **Achievements /Challenges**

The School continues to produce high calibre graduates who are absorbed in the architectural, planning and construction professions. The demand for training has tripled in the last decade but the facilities which are over 50 years old, are constrained as the enrolled students have increased. There is a need to expand the facilities to cater for the growing demand for training in the professions of the Built Environment, a challenge which the university has to address.

## **Future projections**

The School intends to have an Alumni Chapter to tap into its vast alumni. This will increase collaboration between students and industry while fostering linkages as well as opportunities that are key to the growth of the School.

## **Staff Promotions**

- 1. Dr. Isabella Wachira Towey was promoted to the position of Senior Lecturer in the department of Real Estate and Construction Management.**
- 2. Prof. Anyamba was promoted to the position of Associate Professor in the department of Architecture and Building Science.**

## **Summary of Graduands – 2011/2012**

- 1. Diploma in Estate Agency - 13**
- 2. B. A. Land Economics – 60**
- 3. Bachelor of Quantity Surveying – 40**
- 4. Bachelor of Construction Management – 24**
- 5. Bachelor of Architectural Studies – 51**
- 6. Bachelor of Architecture – 30**
- 7. B.A. Urban and Regional Planning- 42**
- 8. M.A. Construction Management – 4**
- 9. M.A. Valuation and Property Management - 2**
- 10. M.A. Urban and Regional Planning – 5**
- 11. Master of Architecture – 3**
- 12. Doctor of Philosophy - 2**