



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING

OPEN/SPORTS DAY

The Chairman's Speech

Allow me to take this opportunity to welcome you to our annual sports day. I am very pleased with the turnout and I can only hope that it will continue getting better. I must appreciate you for taking your time to attend this event since it is an important part of our extracurricular activities.

The annual sports day is meant to bring all the students within the department together where we get a chance to meet and interact as the EBE family. This event has been made possible through the efforts of the EBESA leadership and members. I must commend them for the good work they have done this year. In fact, this has been the most active committee in the last five years. It's also worth noting that EBESA is the most active students association within the school of engineering and this has earned us respect not only within the school but throughout the College and the University at large. You have made us proud through the activities that you managed to organize this year. In particular, the visit to Nairobi Children's Home proved that besides dealing with the technical stuff that comes with engineering, you also have a soft side of engineering that cares about others. This was indeed a noble task and it is my hope that you will continue organizing such events so that you can reach out to other people in the community.

We as a department are committed towards supporting you fully in your activities. We understand that you face many challenges as an association but we will stand with you because when you succeed, we also take pride as a department since we know that our students are doing well.

Obviously, I know that there is a burning issue with regards to the registration of our course. Let me say that we have engaged the Engineers' Board of Kenya at large and we are very optimistic that an amicable solution will be found soon. My urge to you is that you should continue doing your part and getting good academic results and we will do all we can to ensure that the course is registered because we love you and we consider you as our academic children.

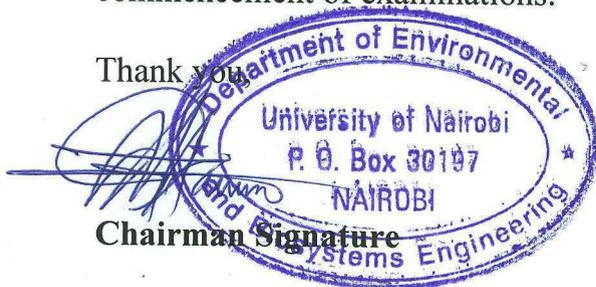
I'm also happy to inform you that as a department, we are continuing to improve the learning environment to make you enjoy your learning process while in this department. For instance, we have increased the number of computers in our computer labs and almost all of them have access to internet. I believe this has made it easy for the final and fourth years' students to conduct their studies especially the final year design project. We will continue to do this and it is our priority to make your learning process as smooth as possible.

We are also glad to note that our first year enrolment has been on the rise, with more girls showing interest in the course. This has been due to the good relationship that our department is creating with the industry. We hope to continue with this cooperation since through it, our students will continue getting placements in good places and this will be beneficial to both the students and the department as a whole. As you continue with your studies, I would like to discourage you from activities that are likely to derail your performance. Avoid alcohol and drugs as these are the widely abused substances within the university. A recent study by the college revealed that the abuse of substance and drugs are on the rise within the College. It is my hope that you will not be part of this group. It is a waste of your time, health and financial resources. Kindly do take keen note of this.

Finally, we are pleased with the way you have conducted your elections of new leaders. To the incoming leaders, you have a great task ahead of you. We expect you to take EBESA much further than the outgoing committee. Do not erode the good work they have done. To every member in this new committee, know that the students had great confidence in you so as to confer upon you such responsibilities. Therefore, take it upon yourselves to ensure that you deliver on this mandate.

I wish you all the best in your studies as we come to the end of the semester and commencement of examinations.

Thank you



Chairman Signature