

**SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE
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**THE THIRD SESSION OF THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING LEARNING
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TRAINING COURSE
23RD -27TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

Teaching is one of the four mandates for SUA, together with research, outreach and consultancy. By tradition, recruitment into the academic cadre at SUA does not require one to have a teacher training background. Rather, merit is on the basis of performance in relevant professional degree(s) and other criteria with no weight accorded to prior exposure to any training in teaching methodology. As a result, most of the staff are recruited to teach while having limited skills in teaching, student assessment and related activities. Limited skills in handling the classroom and general student learning environment is a major constraint that could inevitably affect the quality of teaching, student learning and consequently the quality of graduates.

On the other hand, technology has been changing very fast and Universities the world over are seeking to improve the teaching methodology of their staff in order to offer quality education which in turn attracts high caliber students to ensure sustainability of the institution.

Hence, The University has reintroduced the University Teaching and Learning Improvement Programme (UTLIP). The UTLIP programme aims at making our training programmes updated and adapted to include new and emerging teaching methodologies and teaching aids while embracing new concepts such as student-centred learning so as to remain relevant in a continually competitive higher education landscape.

In view of the above, we shall conduct the third session of UTLIP training from 23rd to 27th September 2013, this training is targeting members of the academic staff (preferably senior academicians) who require to enhance their knowledge on the following fronts:

- (i) Handling of large classes - teaching and assessments**
- (ii) Use of ICT in teaching and assessments (inclusive of training on use of SUASIS)**
- (iii) Uploading academic staff credentials (profile, CV etc.) in the www to increase visibility of staff and university globally**
- (iv) University teaching ethics**

These courses will be offered on first-come-first-served basis, so kindly provide your name to office of Dean of your faculty/institute for enrollment.

The course will start on 23rd September at 8:30am at ICE Hall.

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