



EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (A Constituent College of University of Nairobi)

Speech Delivered by Dr. Margaret Gikuhi Mumbi, the Chairperson of EUC Council, on 11th December, 2014 during the occasion of the farewell dinner hosted by Council in honour of Prof. George A.O. Magoha, Outgoing VC, University of Nairobi.

Prof. George A.O. Magoha, The Vice Chancellor UoN, and Dr. (Mrs.) Barbara Magoha,
Council Members of EUC,

Management of EUC,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening.

Allow me to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the EUC Council, management and my own behalf, our heartfelt appreciation to you for the enormous support you have given us since the inception of the University College through Legal Notice No. 65 of 17th June 2011.

We are grateful to God for bequeathing UoN with such a great Guru who willingly agreed to adopt us. We have benefited from your wise counsel which has enabled us to grow gracefully. Although we have rightly described you as an elephant and have enjoyed your protection from predators, I strongly believe that Professor is an eagle.

You have carved for yourself a niche at the top of other Universities in Kenya. This legacy must be copy-pasted to EUC. We have received adequate training from you as you carried us safely on your wings. We have a big responsibility to ensure we are ranked among the great universities in the world. To achieve this feat, we must be prepared to set very high standards.

Eagles have a great vision and do not lose their sight with age. Your great vision has enabled UoN to grow exponentially in student population and infrastructure in the last 10 years. EUC must emulate the mother and aggressively exploit every opportunity to grow its student population, especially the Self-Sponsored group, so as to reduce the Institution's heavy reliance on the exchequer for capital development.

Eagles only eat fresh prey which they have killed. The phenomenal growth of UoN was due to your aggressive conquest of new frontiers. We need to learn from you and have an insatiable appetite for growth in order to increase our student numbers.

Like an Eagle, you are not threatened by storms but enjoy flying in the middle of the storm and soar to great heights. Thank you for carrying us on your wings when we encountered some storms during the two years we have been in existence. You have in addition given us adequate training on how to survive the storms. One of the great survival tactics is that we must do the Obama style. This involves folding our sleeves, putting on gumboots and conducting impromptu checks on development projects and of staff as they work. An Eagle does the same. It tests before it trusts.

Our Vice-Chancellor, as you leave a very stressful position, you are going into a place where like an eagle, you will therefore realize greater exploits than you have experienced in your 60 plus years.

You have held our hands with a loving grip. May our Almighty God send his Angels to guide you in the next phase of your live.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS 2015.

Dr. Margaret Gikuhi

Chairperson, EUC Council.