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Dear University Community,

Welcome to the recent edition of the Division's newsletter. As we approach the end of another eventful year, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements, share our proudest moments, and express our gratitude for your continued support. It has been a year of growth, resilience, challenges, and innovation for the Division, and we are excited to share some of the highlights with you.

Our team has been dedicated to advancing the University's mission through the planning and execution of various capital projects, estate strategies, and sustainability that have contributed to enhancing our campus infrastructure.

Our Division is dedicated to continuing its mission of enhancing the campus and providing a conducive environment for education, research, and personal growth. With this in

mind, the Division has met with the respective Colleges and Divisions to carry out the Master Plan consultation, thus, an opportunity to incorporate further developments in the coming years.

Despite the challenges seen in the construction industry in terms of price fluctuation, material supply, and shortage of skilled labour, the Division managed to complete a total of 10 projects while works are ongoing in the Construction Phase at 18 sites/projects across the University.

The coming year has several projects lined up, further enhancing campus infrastructure, academic facilities, and overall student experience.

Nevertheless, we thank each member for your unwavering support and dedication. Our success is a collective effort, and we look forward to achieving new milestones in the future.

Project Update



Projects Completed in 2023

- 1) CBHTS Complex, Nasinu Campus
- 2) Container Lab at Nursing Campus
- 3) Koronivia Recreation Facility
- 4) Nasinu Frontage Upgrade – Road Widening Works & ERC demolition
- 5) Relocation of Pearson Test Centre & Namaka Centre Operations to Nadi campus
- 6) Relocation of Pearson Test Lab at Narere Centre
- 7) Relocation of NTPC Computer Labs at Narere Centre
- 8) NTPC Hair Salon Relocation to Nadi Campus
- 9) Fire Detection System Installation at Nursing, Natabua, Ba Campuses & Ono Street & McGregor Hostels
- 10) Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade at Pasifika Campus



Projects in Progress



Installation of Wayfinding Signage

While the University is systematically enhancing its infrastructure and following the completion and endorsement of the Signage Manual, the Division of Capital Projects & Infrastructure collaborated with FNU Stakeholders to initiate a pilot endeavour focused on implementing Wayfinding Signage. This initiative was carried out across Nasinu & Pasifika Campuses. The newly installed signage encompasses internal navigation aids, campus identification markers, pedestrian guidance, and vehicular route indicators.

Most of the wayfinding signage at Nasinu has been successfully implemented, yielding valuable insights. Considering these experiences, the Division, in liaison with the Division of Marketing and Communications and the Division of Estates and Facilities, is committed to enhancing the Signage Manual for a more user-friendly experience.



Fire Detection Systems for FNU Campuses

After engaging the Contractor, the Division of Estates and Facilities handed the project to CPI for contract management and implementation. The project aimed to ensure that added fire alarms and safety support are provided at FNU Campuses. Works have been completed at Nursing, Natabua, McGregor Hostel, Ono Street, and Ba Campus. Works are on the verge of completion at Pasifika Campus and Nadi Campus and works at Narere Centre have commenced. Due to examinations, works in Koronivia, PCP, and Kivi House will commence in December 2023.

The award for a second contractor to carry out fire detection system installation at Nasinu and Derrick Campus is in progress, and work is expected to commence by December. The systems will be connected to the National Fire Authority to enable them to attend to fire calls immediately. The University will require the university community to be responsible users of the spaces and avoid any false alarms, as it will impact the University and national resources.



Nasinu Frontage Upgrade

The Nasinu Campus Frontage upgrade project is currently in progress and is split into phases. The demolition of the ERC building has been completed, including road widening works behind the new CBHTS building, with road signage installed and road markings completed. The gate and footpath extension has been awarded. The Contractor commenced works on Monday 20th November 2023. The project duration is 8 weeks.

The carpark upgrade works are currently in the final stages of the award. The Security Booth and the Upgrade of the Secondary gate are currently on the procurement phase.

The project is aligned with the University Master Plan, which will improve the aesthetic of the Nasinu Campus and provide better accessibility to campus facilities. The project considers disability access and aims to provide a user-friendly facility for all our stakeholders.

Design, Supply, and Installation of Video Surveillance and Video Management System

The project aspires to improve the surveillance of the campuses through the installation of a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) system and is a pilot project for the University. This project is being implemented in liaison with the Division of Estates & Facilities and the Division of Information Technology Services. The current phase includes the installation of Nursing at Tamavua, Pasifika, Natabua, and Nadi Campus, with a centralised monitoring centre at Derrick Campus. The works are in progress on the above campuses, and completion is expected before Semester 1, 2024.

Koronivia Washroom Project

For the purpose of providing a proper washroom facility for students, the Koronivia washroom facility

in Building 5 was considered for refurbishment. The washroom facility will be accessible in all weather conditions and is close to the learning and teaching facility, thereby making it convenient. In addition, the facility is also user-friendly for students with special needs. The facility will include paid laundry services, accommodation office, and storage. The facility is expected to be ready by semester 2, 2024.

Proposed Relocation of Science Lab from Nabua to Derrick Campus

The proposed scope is based on relocating Science Laboratories from the Nabua Campus to the Derrick Campus. The works will be a conversion of classroom spaces to Science Labs for the College of Engineering, Science & Technology (CEST). The project aims to provide the state of the art lab spaces for the staff and students. The Construction works are in progress, and completion

is expected in semester 1, 2024.

Naduna Structural Works

The Division has commenced with the Structural upgrade works at Naduna Campus. The project has a very tight timeline, and the Division is appreciative of the Staff and Students of Naduna in facilitating the works. Building 1,2 and 3 works have commenced, and the expected completion is in Semester 1, 2024.

Natabua Campus Gym

The Division is working with the Architect and the University Stakeholders to develop the concept plan for the Natabua Gym, which will be fitted into an existing space that was previously used to operate as a gym. The Gym will assist in enhancing its academic curriculum as well as provide Staff and Students access to facilities for maintaining health and well-being. The project will also enable the University to gain commercial revenue.

Ba Fencing Works

As part of the development plan for Ba Vacant Lot 2, and to secure the property the Division engaged the Contractors and Community as a partnership project to construct the rear boundary fence. The Division presented *Sevusevu* with the contractor Urban Building Solutions to the Nailaga Village seeking support and blessings from the *Turaga-Ni-Yavusa* of Nailaga Village before commencing the fencing works at the said property. Earlier this year, FNU's National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) and TVET Pasifika provided various training programmes for the people of Nailaga Village, ranging from construction trades and cooking hence, this was an opportunity for the University to explore further developments of the Ba Campus including agroforestry which will also

address the sustainability. The *Sevusevu* was presented by Director CPI – Mr. Niranjwan Chettiar, and the Head of Ba Campus, Niraj Dharmendra plus representatives of the FNU and Construction Company – Urban Building Solutions. The works will commence from 1st week of December 2023.



Sustainability Week Campaign (SWC)

The Sustainability Week Campaign, with the theme “Green Investment: The Way Forward,”

organised by FNU’s Division of Capital Projects and Infrastructure (DCPI), was held at different Colleges throughout the week between 25th September to 29th September. The official opening ceremony was held at the College of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry at Koronivia Campus. Chief Guest at the event and Conservation International Director Mere Lakeba applauded FNU’s commitment. Throughout the week, all colleges showcased their sustainability initiatives and involved the relevant industry partners and communities to come together to advocate sustainability and address climate change.

The week concluded with the sustainability fashion show whereby Hon. Lynda Tabuya, Minister for Women, Children, and Poverty Alleviation, was the Chief Guest and officiated the event. The University, for the first time hosted such an event where our students took great initiative to showcase their talent in collaboration with NTPC’s Department of Tourism, Hospitality, Fashion, and Travel. Sustainability is an overarching theme of the University’s Strategic Plan and with this yearly campaign we are able to enhance our visibility at local and international levels with the aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Division would like to thank all the Colleges, staff, the Sustainability Initiatives Committee, and our students who have made this event successful.



Electric Vehicle (EV)

The Division has finally awarded the lease contract for the procurement of the Electric Vehicle (EV) to Leaf Capital (PTE) LTD. This is a 14-seater van added to the University's fleet. EVs contribute to reducing carbon emissions and pollution, aligning with the University's commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation. This is an opportunity to enhance our education and research whereby students can utilise EVs as educational tools,

providing them with hands-on learning experiences in clean energy technologies, electric vehicle engineering, battery technology, and sustainable transportation.

The contract was officially signed on 27th November 2023. By integrating electric vehicles into university operations, institutions can reduce their carbon footprint and foster a culture of sustainability and innovation among students, faculty, and staff. Hence, through this initiative, more opportunities can be further explored in the near future.



Estates Strategy

To support the University in achieving financial sustainability and ensure there is revenue generation from dormant and underutilised properties, the Division, through the Estates Working Group, Management, and FNU Council, is working to ensure that there are sustainable investments in the properties and that the maximum utilisation is achieved. The next phase of properties that are being considered is Nabua, Namaka Centre, Waimanu Clinic, and Legalega, which are currently advertised for Expression of Interest.

At this juncture, the Division would like to acknowledge all its internal and external stakeholders for their continuous support in achieving the goals and leading holistically toward the growth and success of the University.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vinaka!

Niranjwan Chettiar