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Press Release

Kumar appointed as Chair of Fiji National University's Ba Campus Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Lautoka, Fiji Islands. The Senior Education Officer Ba and Tavua, Atendra Kumar has been appointed as the Chair of the Fiji National University's (FNU), Ba Campus Stakeholder Advisory Committee (BCSAC).

Kumar, a senior educationist was unanimously appointed to the position following the inaugural meeting held at the FNU Ba Campus last week 8-9 August.

The BCSAC is made up of representatives from government, industry, education sector, business sector, women representative, youth and other marginalised sectors. The committee also consists of FNU Ba campus reps from College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST), College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS), College of Humanities and Education (CHE).

Speaking at the opening of the stakeholder meeting, FNU's Pro Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching Dr Eci Nabalarua highlighted the important role the Ba Campus played towards education of people in the greater western division.

Dr Nabalarua said the University was working towards ensuring that it offers programmes that are in demand in the division. She said feedback from groups such as the BCSAC was important as it assisted with strategic planning and curriculum development to best suit the needs of the people.

The Head of Campus, Ba, Nikleshwar Datt presented the profile of the campus which included demographics, institutional profile, and number of student by programmes and challenges faced at Ba Campus.

Datt also emphasised the importance of ensuring more students from surrounding areas enrol at the university as it will strengthen their employment prospects.

"The major problem faced by industries is lack of skilled workers, which sometimes becomes a stumbling block when industries intend to expand operations. I have a vision to rebrand FNU Ba Campus as the one stop university for the people in the western division, particularly in the field of engineering, agriculture and adult teaching programmes," said Mr Datt.

Dr. Maria Barbara Doton, who is a dentist by profession, was elected as Deputy Chairperson.

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