

PROFILE OF DR. RAFIU ADEKOLA SOYELE (fcipdm, mnim)

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Dr. Rafiu Adekola Soyele, the sixth (6th) substantive Provost, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta is an erudite scholar, educationist per excellence and in particular a sociolinguist, who possesses Academic and Administrative ambience which has contributed to the successful accomplishment of the various tasks assigned to him in the College and the Society at large. He joined the College service in the year 1997 as Lecturer II in the Department of English, School of Languages from where he later rose through the ranks to the position of Chief Lecturer in the year 2009.

As a seasoned lecturer, Dr. Soyele has published six (6) textbooks both as individual and co-author. He has written over twenty (20) chapters in various standard published textbooks. As a researcher with academic excellence, he has also published twenty-four (24) Articles in International, National and Local Journals. In order to ensure cross fertilization of ideas and knowledge, he has attended and presented papers at thirty (30) International, National and Local Conferences. In the same vein, he has attended and participated in twenty (20) Workshops and Seminars till date.

As part of his community services, he has been appointed as Guest Speakers at numerous events where he has presented over thirty (30) commissioned papers on Academic, Contemporary, National and International related matters. In his contributions to National and International life, he has further been saddled with

various responsibilities at different levels of engagements which include the following; Lead Paper Presenter at National Conference, External Assessor at sister Colleges, Associate Editor, Editorial Consultant, Center supervisor, Part-Time Instructor, External Moderator of promotion papers, Consulting Moderator and Editor-in-Chief of journals, amongst others.

Not only did Dr. R. A. Soyele excel as an Academic, he has also distinguished himself in various Administrative positions of responsibility saddled upon him at different times. Amongst several others are the following:

- **Provost**, FCE, Abeokuta. Sep. 14, 2021 till date
- **Acting Provost**, FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 24, 2020 – Sep. 13, 2021
- **Overseer/Acting Provost**, FCE, Abeokuta. Aug. 22 – Sept. 4, 2019
- **Deputy Provost**, FCE, Abeokuta. Feb. 23, 2017 – Dec. 23, 2020
- **Director**, Centre for Degree Programmes, FCE, Abeokuta. 2014 – 2017
- **Dean**, School of Languages, FCE, Abeokuta. 2012 – 2014
- **Pioneer Director**, Centre for Advancement, FCE, Abeokuta. 2009 – 2012
- **Head of Department**, English Language, FCE, Abeokuta. 2008 – 2010
- **Desk Officer**, Universal Basic Education, Federal Teachers Monitoring Scheme, FCE, Abeokuta Unit. 2007 – 2008
- **Coordinator**, Centre for Continuing Education & Consultancy, FCE, Abeokuta. 2004 – 2008
- **Examination Officer**, School of Languages, FCE, Abeokuta. 2002 – 2004
- **Staff Adviser**, English Language Students' Association of Nigeria (ELSAN), FCE, Abeokuta. 2000 – 2004
- **Staff Secretary**, Department of English, FCE, Abeokuta. 1998 – 2000

As the Provost of the College, he is a Member of the Seventh (7th) Governing Council of the College and also the Chairman of various statutory committees of the College. They include amongst others;

- **Chairman**, College Management, FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date
- **Chairman**, Academic Board, FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date
- **Chairman**, Appointments & Promotions Comm. FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date

- **Chairman**, Management Tenders Board Comm. FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date
- **Chairman**, College Physical Planning Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date
- **Chairman**, Management Advisory Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. Dec. 2020 till date

Prior to his elevation to the position of Acting Provost and afterwards Provost, he was the Deputy Provost of the College and statutorily the Chairman, Board of various strategic Centres and Directorates in the College. They are as listed here-under:

- **Chairman**, Board of Examiners (NCE), FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Board of CESAPREP, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Board of Centre for Degree Programmes, FCE, Abk. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, College Ceremonies Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Procurement Planning Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017- Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Board of Examiners (Degree), FCE, Abeokuta. 2017- Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Staff Welfare Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Admissions Committee (NCE), FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, TETFUND Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, Board of Quality Assurance, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017 - Sept. 2021.
- **Chairman**, 2017 NCE Accreditation Exercise, FCE, Abeokuta. November 2017

Dr. R. A. Soyele also served as member of various statutory and standing College Committees. Amongst several are the under-listed:

- **Member**, College Management, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017- 2021
- **Member**, Appointments & Promotions Comm. (Snr), FCE, Abk. 2017- 2021
- **Member**, Management Tenders Board Comm., FCE, Abeokuta. 2017- 2021
- **Member**, College Physical Planning Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017-2021
- **Member**, Management Advisory Committee, FCE, Abeokuta. 2017- 2021

- **Member**, FCE, Abeokuta 2007 Convocation Speech Writing Committee. 2007
- **Member**, FCE, Abeokuta 2007 Convocation Lecture Sub-Committee. 2007
- **Member**, Academic Board, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta. 2004 till date
- **Member**, Board of Centre for Continuing Education & Consultancy, FCE, Abeokuta. 2004 – 2008

In recognition of his exemplary service to the growth and development of the College Community at large, he has received several awards, honours and series of Commendation letters to his credit. Amongst the several awards are the following: **Meritorious Award** by Association of Campus Press Club (ACPC), FCE, Abeokuta Chapter as the **Best Patron/Organizer of the Year**- August 2005, **Merit Award** in recognition of devotion, selfless service, diligence and outstanding contributions to Essential Needs Acquisition Society (ENAS) FCE, Abeokuta in capacity as Vice-President- June 2008, **Award of Excellence** by Muslim Students Association, FCE, Osiele in acknowledgement of moral and financial Support towards **propagation of Islam** in the society- July 2010, **Merit Award** from English Language and Literary Students' Association of Nigeria, FCE, Abeokuta in appreciation of **Distinguished Services** to the Association- Sept. 2013. **Award of Excellence** from the Student Union Government, FCE, Abeokuta, **Distinguished Service Award** by the College in recognition of meritorious, diligent and outstanding services to the growth and development of FCE, Abeokuta - January 2015, **Distinguished Service Award** in recognition of selfless services, diligence and outstanding contributions to the College's Corporate Goals given by the Centre for Advancement, Linkages and Alumni Relations, FCE, Osiele, Abeokuta- Sept. 2015, **Award of Honour** by Language Students Association, FCE, Abeokuta in recognition of great performance and immense commitment towards the growth and development of School of Languages, FCE, Abeokuta- July 2016, **Distinguished Award of Excellence** in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the FCE Abeokuta Alumni and College Community- July 2017, **Award of Honour** by the Student Judicial Council, FCE, Abeokuta in recognition of invaluable contribution towards the

academic growth of the student populace- August 2018, **Leader of Excellence Award** by FCE, Abeokuta 85/90 Ambassadors in recognition of his contribution to the Administrative and Infrastructural repositioning of the Federal College of Education, Abeokuta- 10th Dec., 2018, **Award of Credit** by Graduates of Class 93 of FCE, Abeokuta in recognition of his contribution to the Advancement of Teaching-Learning process and Development of Class 93 as a Unit of the FCE Alumni Association- 12th Jan., 2019, **Award of Honour** by Central Executive Council, Student Union Government, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta in recognition of his meritorious, beneficial and dedication towards the progress of Student Union and the College- August 2019, **Award of Honour** by Association of Campus Press Club, FCE, Abeokuta in recognition of the contributions to the development of the Association- August 2019, **Leadership Award** by FCE, Abeokuta in recognition of exceptional leadership values added to the growth and development of FCE, Abeokuta as Deputy Provost- 30th Sept., 2019, **Role Model Lifestyle Award** by Atoto Communications in appreciation of many years of exemplary lifestyle- October 2019 and **Most Inspiring Leadership Award** in recognition of Leadership Roles in Egbaland by Lisabi Descendants Alliance, Oke-Ilewo, Abeokuta- November 2019.

The young Rafiu, who hails from Owu Kingdom, Abeokuta where he was born in the year 1963, attended Prospect High School, Abanla, Ibadan where he got the West African School Certificate in 1979. He proceeded to AUD Teachers College, Ota where he was awarded Teachers' Grade II Certificate in 1980. He thereafter attended Federal College of Education, Abeokuta where he acquired the Nigeria Certificate in Education (English/Yoruba) in the year 1984. His quest for knowledge took him to Obafemi Awolowo University, Adeyemi College, Ondo where he obtained Bachelor of Arts (English Education) Second Class Upper division in the year 1990. He also obtained Master of Education (Adult Education) and Master of Arts (English Language) from the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos in the year 1992 and 1996 respectively. He consummated his educational pursuit with the acquisition of Doctor of Philosophy degree (English Language) from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria in the year 2009.

He is a member of several registered Academic (International & National) and Administrative professional bodies which includes the following; **Fellow**, Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management, **Member**, English Scholars Association of Nigeria (ESAN), **Member**, American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL), **Member**, Nigerian Union of Teachers, **Member**, Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), **Member**, National Association of Teachers of English in Colleges of Education and Polytechnics (NATECEP), **Member**, Nigerian Field Society, Abeokuta Branch and Teachers' Registration Council of Nigeria (Certified Teacher License Category A) Reg. No: OG/T/00037.

Dr. Soyele is a sociable personality, a devout and pious Muslim who has contributed selflessly to the promulgation of Islam in his community and Abeokuta in its entirety. Some of the prominent social, religious and community development association where he participates actively are as follows; **Member**, Owu Club of Nigeria, Abeokuta, **Member**, Esteem Friends Circle, Abeokuta- 2001 till date, **Member/Secretary**, Istijabah Prayer Group of Nigeria, Abeokuta Branch- 2003 – 2006, **Member**, Ansar-Ud-Deen Society of Nigeria, Abeokuta Branch -2010 till date, **Public Relations Officer**, Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), Abeokuta Branch- 2010 – 2012, **Member/Auditor**, Mercyland Community Development Association, Adeun, Ayetoro Road, Abeokuta- 2012 till date, **Member**, Management Board, Ansar-Ud-Deen, International College, Oke-Ata, Abeokuta- 2012 till date, **Chairman**, Hostel Management Committee, Ansar-Ud-Deen, International College, Oke-Ata, Abeokuta- 2012 till date, **Member**, Crystal Mayor Club of Nigeria, Abeokuta- 2012 till date, **President**, Optimists Social Club of Abeokuta, Nigeria- 2012 – 2017, **Member**, Owu Empowerment Foundation, Abeokuta- 2020 till date and **Member**, Special Marshal Road Safety Service Commission, Odeda unit, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Dr. Rafiu Adekola Soyele has widely travelled both nationally and internationally. He is happily married to his loving and adorable wife, Mrs.

B. O. Soyele and the union is blessed with caring, discipline and God fearing children.