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Prof. Eboh Takes the Helm at UNIDEL, Sets Bold Agenda as Prof. Chiemeké Bows Out



Pioneer Vice-Chancellor, handing over officially to successor.

A defining moment unfolded at the University of Delta, Agbor, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as a historic leadership transition signaled both reflection and renewed ambition.

In a ceremony marked by dignity and purpose, the institution's pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stella Chiemeké, formally handed over the reins to her successor, Professor Eric Eboh—closing one chapter and igniting another.

Inside the Senate Chamber of the University, Professor Chiemeké presented her End-of-Tenure Reports and Financial Documents with measured clarity, offering a detailed account of five formative years that laid the University's foundation.

Her voice, calm yet resolute, carried both gratitude and conviction as she acknowledged divine guidance

through her tenure and called on the University community to rally behind the new administration.

"God has given us a great man to move UNIDEL forward," she declared—an endorsement that set the tone for continuity and confidence.

Speaking, Professor Eboh struck a deliberate note of respect and recalibration. He urged that the title "former Vice-Chancellor" be set aside in favor of "pioneer Vice-Chancellor," a subtle but powerful recognition of Prof. Chiemeké's legacy.

Then, without theatrics, he outlined a leadership philosophy anchored in transparency, integrity, accountability, and inclusive governance.

But it was his vision—crisp, structured, and forward-looking, that defined the moment.

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"I Will Work With Unions" - Prof. Eboh

At his maiden meeting with key stakeholders—including Academic Staff Union of Universities, Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities, Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities, National Association of Academic Technicians, and the Students Union Government, the Vice-Chancellor of University of Delta, Prof. Eric Eboh laid out an ambitious vision anchored on what he branded "Project RAISE UNIDEL."

During the meeting held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, April 30, 2026, Prof. Eboh unveiled his agenda, which he captured in what he called "Project RAISE UNIDEL."

He said that Project RAISE UNIDEL was more than a slogan, but a strategic blueprint built on five pillars: Research and Innovation; Academic Excellence; ICT-driven transformation; Staff development and welfare; and a conducive Environment for all stakeholders.

His message was clear: the workforce remains the institution's greatest asset.

"I will work with ASUU and raise UNIDEL to higher heights. I seek your cooperation," Prof. Eboh declared. "We must sustain the solid foundation I met on the ground. With teamwork, consultation, and collective interest, we will drive growth and development."

The response from ASUU was supportive. Branch Chairman, Dr. Amaechi Ehimetie, pledged continuity in the union's relationship with Management. "We are very constructive," he said. "We will always bend backwards to ensure that the system works without any hitches."

That tone of cooperation echoed across other unions. From SSANU, Chairman Comrade Chuks Aselue, "We are going to take you by your words, and cooperate with you." NASU Chairman Comrade Joel Ikwu also committed to working with the new administration "to the best of



SSANU Chairman, Comrade Chuks Asielue addressing the VC.

our abilities."

Engaging the technical workforce, Prof. Eboh underscored inclusivity: "I have come here to work with your group and as individuals." NAAT Chairman Comrade Kate Maduka responded succinctly: "As a union, we assure you of our cooperation."

But it was his interaction with students that struck a more personal chord. Positioning himself as "a father, uncle and a friend," Prof. Eboh promised a student-centered administration, focused on producing "job-ready" graduates equipped for a competitive global market.

He pledged to bring professionals into the university space, deepen career exposure, and ensure that UNIDEL graduates "stand out anywhere in the world." "Discipline is the bedrock of character," he told student leaders. "You must be disciplined too."

In response, SUG President Mr Miracle affirmed the students' readiness to align with the Vice-Chancellor's vision and uphold strong values.

The symbolic high point of the meeting came when the students presented a souvenir to Prof. Eboh, a gesture underscoring both acceptance and expectation.

The gathering drew a cross-section of the university's top brass,

including Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Patrick Ijeh; Registrar, Barr. Richmond Omagbemi; Bursar, Dr. Sunny Ikeogwu; University Librarian, Dr. Vera Okonoko; Registrar-designate Dr. Esther Akporjuvie; and Dean of Student Advisory Services, Dr. Rufus Ijeh; SDR, Mrs. Blessing Idoye; alongside other senior administrators.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Eric Eboh addressing the unions



SUG President pledging support to the VC

Prof. Eboh Takes the Helm at UNIDEL *(continued from page 1)*

Under the banner of “Project RAISE UNIDEL,” Eboh unveiled a five-pronged strategy designed to position the University as a national and global contender.

The acronym, he explained, is more than a slogan, it is a blueprint: Research and Innovation; Academic Excellence; ICT-driven transformation; Staff development and welfare; and a conducive Environment for all stakeholders.

In a sector often weighed down by inertia, Prof. Eboh's emphasis on measurable impact and global best practices signaled intent.

His promise was clear: to elevate the UNIDEL brand beyond its youthful beginnings into a model of academic and research excellence. “I will build on the solid foundation already laid,” he affirmed, “and provide the leadership needed to take this University to greater heights.”

The ceremony drew a cross-section of the University's leadership, they include: Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Patrick Ijeh; Registrar, Barr. Richmond Omagbemi; Bursar, Dr. Sunny Ikeogwu; Librarian, Dr. Vera Okonoko; Registrar-designate, Dr. Mrs. Esther Akpojue; pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Patricia Mbah; alongside deans, directors and senior administrators, underscoring the institutional weight of the transition.

For UNIDEL, still in its early years, the handover was more than routine—it was symbolic. It marked the end of a pioneering era defined by structure-building and the beginning of a phase driven by expansion, innovation, and visibility.

As Professor Chiemeke exits with the imprint of a founder, Professor Eboh steps in with a mandate to scale. Between legacy and ambition lies the future of UNIDEL—now poised on the edge of transformation.



The VC and his wife with the pioneer VC and other Principal Officers



Posing for historical lens. Prof. Chiemeke and Prof. Eboh.



The new Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eric Eboh making his maiden address

Dein of Agbor Receives VC UNIDEL, Calls for Unity among Ika People

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delta, Agbor (UNIDEL), Prof. Eric Eboh paid a courtesy visit to the Dein of Agbor, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Benjamin Ikenchukwu Keagborekuzi I, at his palace, on Monday, March 4, 2026. Thus, reinforcing the University's deference to the revered Agbor throne. The visit which was marked with respect for tradition and authority, underscored the Vice-Chancellor's recognition of the enduring influence of traditional institutions in shaping the fortunes of modern establishments.

Prof. Eboh stated that his mission was to pay homage to the traditional ruler, *contd. on page 4*



A royal handshake



Pioneer Vice-Chancellor, bidding farewell to the University community.

DR. MRS. ESTHER AKPOJUVIE TAKES OVER AS REGISTRAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DELTA

History was made on Monday, May 4, 2026, at the Council Chambers of the University of Delta, Agbor (UNIDEL), as Dr. Mrs. Esther Akpojuvie, formally took over as Registrar of the University of Delta, Agbor.

At the brief but symbolic handing-over ceremony the pioneer Registrar, Barr. Richmond Jolomi Omagbemi, whose five-year tenure came to a close on the same day, expressed deep gratitude to God Almighty for the grace and mercy that saw him through his five-year tenure.

He extended appreciation to all stakeholders, with special recognition of the registry staff whose support, he noted, was instrumental in making his tenure

a success.

The ceremony reached its peak with the formal transfer of authority, as official registry documents were handed over to Dr. Akpojuvie, accompanied by the signing of relevant papers, a symbolic seal on the transition of power.

In her remarks, Dr. Akpojuvie offered thanks to God for her elevation and commended her predecessor for what she described as an excellent tenure.

She pledged to discharge her duties with diligence and integrity, while calling for the cooperation and strong collaboration of Senior Deputy Registrars and other key stakeholders within the institution.



The transition from Barr Richmond Omagbemi to Dr. Mrs Esther Akporjuvie as Registrar, UNIDEL



Barr Richmond Omagbemi making his valedictory speech

Dein of Agbor Receives VC UNIDEL *(continued from page 3)*

and to formally introduce himself alongside his management team. He further stated that the visit was driven by the necessity to receive royal blessings as the second Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delta. He further posited that his vision, was to drive the growth of the young institution and elevate it to greater heights through strong traditional support.

Responding, the Dein of Agbor congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, his management team, and staff for their efforts so far, urging them to build a vibrant and impactful university. He called for sustained collaboration between the University and Agbor Kingdom, and urged the new Vice-Chancellor to partner with

him to foster unity amongst the Ika people.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied by top university officials, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Patrick Ijeh; the Registrar, Dr. Mrs. Esther Akpojuvie; the Bursar, Dr. Sunny Ikeogwu; as well as the pioneer Registrar, Barr Richmond Omagbemi.



The Dein of Agbor, responding to the VC



The Dein, VC, UNIDEL Management, Palace Chiefs at the occasion

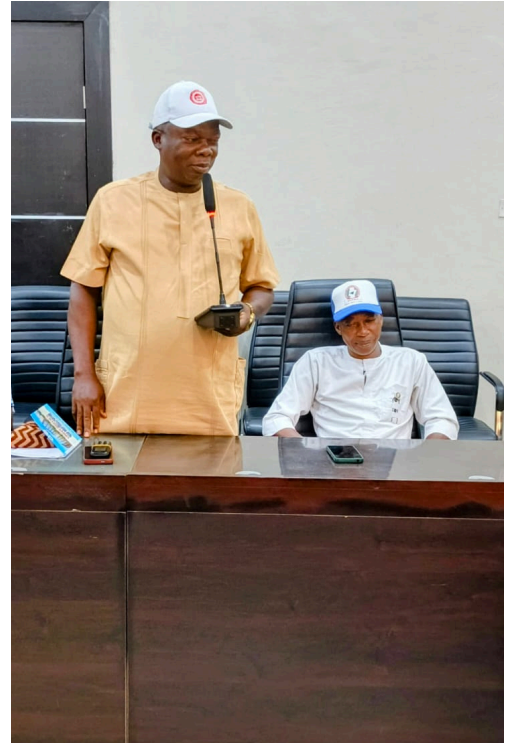
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The VC in a warm handshake with Dr Amechi Ehimatie, Chairman ASUU Unidel



Comrade Mrs. Kate Maduka, NAAT Chairman addressing the VC



Comrade Joel Ikwu, Chairman, NASU responding to the VC



UNIDEL Principal Officers



The Dean, Students Advisory Services, Dr. Rufus Ijeh presenting the SUG to the VC



The SUG presents a gift to the VC. The first from UNIDEL community to the new VC



The UNIDEL community at the 56th edition of the Monthly prayer

UNIDEL HONORS PIONEER REGISTRAR

It was a day to remember as friends, colleagues, associates, well-wishers, and admirers of Barr Richmond Omagbemi, the pioneer Registrar of the University of Delta, gathered at the Golden Cocktail Hotel, Agbor to celebrate him as he bows out as registrar.

The colorful event which was coordinated by Dr. Friday Akporherhe, took place on Thursday, April 30 and attracted the who is whos in the University and beyond, including the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eric Eboh; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Patrick Ijeh.

Also at the send forth party were the Bursar, Dr Sunny Ikeogwu; the Librarian Dr Mrs Vera Okonoko; the Registrar Designate Dr. Mrs. Esther Akporjuvie; the pioneer DVC, Prof. Mrs. Patricia Mbah; the Chairman of the occasion, Chief Boniface Ebite; Prof. and Dr. Mrs. Emmanuel Tibi, Chief and Dr. Mrs. Monday Apaokwueze, and several staff of the University.

The event was characterized by emotional encomium and songs highlighting the impact Barr. Omagbemi has had on various people during his years as registrar.



Barr. Richmond Omagbemi and his wife, seated alongside the VC, Management Team and other Special guest



Barr. Richmond Omagbemi receives gifts from Registry Staff and guest present

Prof. Eboh Applauds UNIDEL's Enduring Prayer Culture

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delta, Agbor (UNIDEL), Prof. Eric Eboh, has expressed deep satisfaction with the institution's monthly prayer sessions. Speaking at the 56th edition of the prayer held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at the university's 1,000 Capacity Hall, Prof. Eboh commended the initiative as a "wonderful spiritual intervention" that has helped shape the institution's journey over the years.

He commended the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Stella Chiemeke, for the initiative, and also acknowledged the commitment of the Intercessory Prayer Committee.

The event, with the theme, "Fighting a Good Fight of Faith,"

carried a strong message of spiritual vigilance and institutional integrity. Delivering the sermon, Dr. Pastor Jacob Ehiwario drew extensively from biblical texts, emphasizing that the university's challenges transcended the physical realm. According to him, "human beings wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers," urging the University community to adopt spiritual strategies in confronting adversities.

A defining moment of the gathering was the congregational prayers offered for the Vice-Chancellor, alongside his personal prayer requests—an act that underscored the collective spiritual responsibility embraced by the institution.

The programme featured a sequence of coordinated spiritual activities: the opening prayer by Pastor Gajere Danjuma, intercessory prayers led by Bro. Best Ugala, and the closing rites conducted by Rev. Father John Mordi. Pst. Ehiwario stressed that UNIDEL's continued progress depends not only on prayer, but also on unwavering adherence to core values.



"I THANK GOD THIS IS HAPPENING IN MY TIME" – OBI OF OWA

The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delta, Prof. Eric Chiedum Eboh, has pledged to build on the foundation laid by the pioneer administration. This pledge was made during a courtesy visit to the Obi of Owa Kingdom, His Royal Majesty Obi Dr. Emmanuel Efeizomor II, on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Speaking at the palace, the Vice-Chancellor said the University leadership came to pay homage and acknowledge the vital role of the Owa Kingdom as host to two campuses of the University. According to him, the kingdom hosts major faculties, including Law, Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Engineering, and Environmental Sciences.

Prof. Eboh thanked the monarch for the warm reception and prayed for sustained peace and cooperation between the university and its host communities. He also appealed for the continued prayers, blessings, and counsel of the Obi of Owa, describing the wisdom of elders as priceless.

Prof. Eboh remarked that the visit also gave him the opportunity to formally introduce himself to the Monarch as the Institution's second substantive Vice-Chancellor. He disclosed that his administration had articulated a five-year development blueprint known as Project Raise UNIDEL Higher: "By the grace of God, five years from now, UNIDEL will be greater, better, and higher," he declared.

Prof. Eboh stressed that the continued growth of the university was not the sole responsibility of the institution, but that host communities had critical roles to play. He assured the Monarch that the new Management of the university was prepared, motivated, and committed to deliver on the mandate entrusted to it by the Delta State Government and stakeholders.

In his response, the Obi of Owa



The Obi of Owa with UNIDEL Principal Officers.

Kingdom, Obi Dr. Emmanuel Efeizomor II, expressed gratitude to God for witnessing the establishment and growth of the university in his lifetime, describing it as historic and deeply fulfilling for the kingdom: "I thank God this is happening in my time. I remember when I attended an extramural vacation course at the University of Ibadan. Everyone on the premises looked like a professor to me because I didn't know the difference between a professor, a lecturer, or even a worker. But today, here we are in our own land. Our sons and daughters are professors teaching in universities, and now our own son is not only a professor but the Vice-Chancellor and head of a university. This is fabulous. God is indeed very great!" he proclaimed.

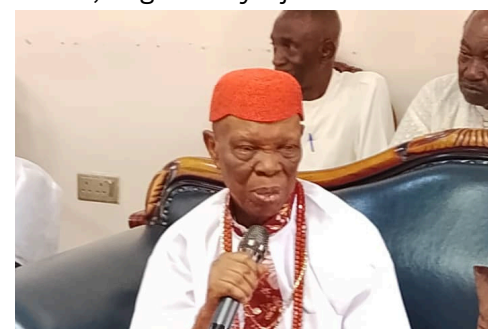
Obi Efeizomor reflected on how previous generations traveled abroad for education, noting that the presence of a university in Agbor has transformed the educational landscape.

He congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and Management team on their appointments and urged them to see the opportunity as a call

to build on the achievements of their predecessors. He emphasized the importance of wisdom, humility, and caution in leadership, especially in managing academic institutions.

He concluded by praying for divine wisdom, protection, and resources for the university management and staff.

The Vice-Chancellor was accompanied by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Patrick Ijeh; the Registrar, Dr. Mrs. Esther Akpojuvie; and the Bursar, Dr. Sunny Ikeogwu. Other persons in the delegation include Prof. Ngozi Okoh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; Prof. Emeka Chegwe, VC's Rep. at Owa-Oyibu; Dr. Mrs. Ifeanyi Oyem, Director, IPTTO, and the Director of Works, Engr. Henry Njoetene.



HRM Dr. Emmanuel Efeizomor II the Obi of Owa responding to the VC

EPAC RECEIVES COMMENDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delta, Agbor, (UNIDEL), Prof. Eric Eboh has urged students and researchers to embrace evidence-based campaigns capable of attracting global attention and international funding. He gave the charge on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, during a courtesy call by the executive members of the Environmental Protection and Advocacy Club (EPAC) to his office. The EPAC is constituted by academic staff of the University of various disciplines in environmental studies.

The EPAC delegation was led by its President, Dr. Paul Diagboya. He introduced the objectives of the organization to the Vice-Chancellor and also informed him of their upcoming activities towards addressing pressing environmental and public health concerns. These

These environmental concerns he warned, have both direct and indirect links to sudden deaths and other avoidable health complications ravaging the society. He also stressed that sustained enlightenment campaigns among students and members of the public would significantly reduce health risks towards a healthier society.

The President of EPAC also raised concerns over indiscriminate application of insecticides and fertilizers on agricultural products, and common preservation methods for cash crops and food items, describing them as dangerous practices with potentially fatal consequences for consumers.

The Environmental Protection and Advocacy Club (EPAC) was set to stage a major awareness programme at the main campus of the University

of Delta, on Friday, June 5, 2026, to commemorate the World Environment Day 2026.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eboh, commended members of the club for their vision, commitment and interdisciplinary approach towards environmental advocacy, describing the initiative as consistent with his administration's project RAISE for institutional transformation.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was also nominated as Patron of the group, urged the organisation to prioritise research as a strategic component of its advocacy efforts.

Other members of the EPAC delegation included Treasurer, Atabor Bright; Secretary, Ugbawa Godlene Osokan; Public Relations Officer, Iwegbu C.J.; and Dr. Iwegbu Ewere Rosemary.



The VC addressing the Club



The executive members of the Club



The VC and some members of executive of the club