

International Student Exchange 2016 – 2019

Student Feedback Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to evaluate the lessons learnt of the AIR international student exchange.

By filling out this feedback report, you agree that your picture and experience will be published on the homepage of the AIR project. <http://www.air-project.org/>

Name of student:	Siviwe Moyikwa
Gender:	Male
Age:	30
Degree:	B-Tech Electrical Engineering
Hosting university:	University of Zimbabwe (UZ)
Sending university:	Nelson Mandela University (NMU)
Period of exchange:	Two weeks (09/11/2019 to 23/11/2019)
Field of study/major:	Electrical Engineering (Power Engineering)
Field of interest during exchange:	Renewable Energy (more interested in wind energy)
Further graduation plans (e.g. PhD programme):	MEng Electrical Engineering

Please tick the respective box	I strongly agree	I agree	I neither agree nor disagree	I disagree	I strongly disagree
Programme					
I gained insights into the practical implementation of RE in the host country (sight visits etc.)			X		
I gained knowhow in field of my study			X		
The courses were helpful for my further research		X			
The agenda was well structured		X			
Organisation					
The journey preparations were well organised	X				
The support during the exchange was good	X				
The post processing of the exchange was well organised	X				

The reimbursement process was satisfactory			X		
The accommodation was pleasant		X			
Local transportation was well organised	X				
I socialised with local students	X				
I recommend the exchange	X				
Other	<p>What would you suggest to be changed/improved for future exchanges? I think site visits should be well organised for students to visit the sites and observe or experience how engineering is practised in different industries.</p> <p>Did you experience any difficulties during your exchange? No.</p>				

Arrival experience

I received a warm welcome at the airport from Engineer L. Madiya on Saturday 09/11/2019 around 12:15 mid-day and he took me to the accommodation. He showed me around and we exchanged some money from rand ZAR to Zim bond (it is difficult to get money in Zimbabwe since most ATMs are always out of money).

In the afternoon met a flat mate who took me to the restaurant (Avon restaurant as shown in figure 2) I ate the Saturday dinner there. This is the restaurant where I ate most of my meals.

Then Sunday morning I went down town to families myself with the city, I even went to the local church (Assembles Of God (International)).

University experience

On Monday 11/11/2019 I arrived at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) as shown in figure 1, again I received a warm welcome from the fellow engineers including from the Head of Department (HOD) and the Dean. I used Mr. Madiye's office on my stay (the second desk from his office) for connecting to the internet and use my laptop.

I visited the Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Civil Engineering labs. Some of the equipment still works even though it is easy to spot that they have been deteriorating for many years and things are just getting worse see figure 3.

I also visited Aeronautical Engineering and their labs seem to have new and working equipment as shown in figure 4.

I also set at the faculty meeting that discusses the curriculum for its departments and to include new undergraduate "Renewable Energy Program" that kicks-in next year. Again the picture of the meeting is shown in figure 5.

On Friday (day before I returned) I gave a mini lecture to undergraduate students about our university and how the Renewable Energy Program will be offered, fellow student asked some interesting question. It is nice to know how our neighboring country citizens think of South Africa and its universities. See figure 7.

Outside University Experience

On the 22/11/2019 we went to a restaurant just outside Warrant Park and we went to the Lion Park as shown in figure 6.

We could not manage to make it to the wind farm, which was meant to be part and parcel of the site visit.

Recommendation for other students.

For future purposes it could be helpful to well organize the site visits, earlier inform the relevant people to prepare themselves for helping visiting students.

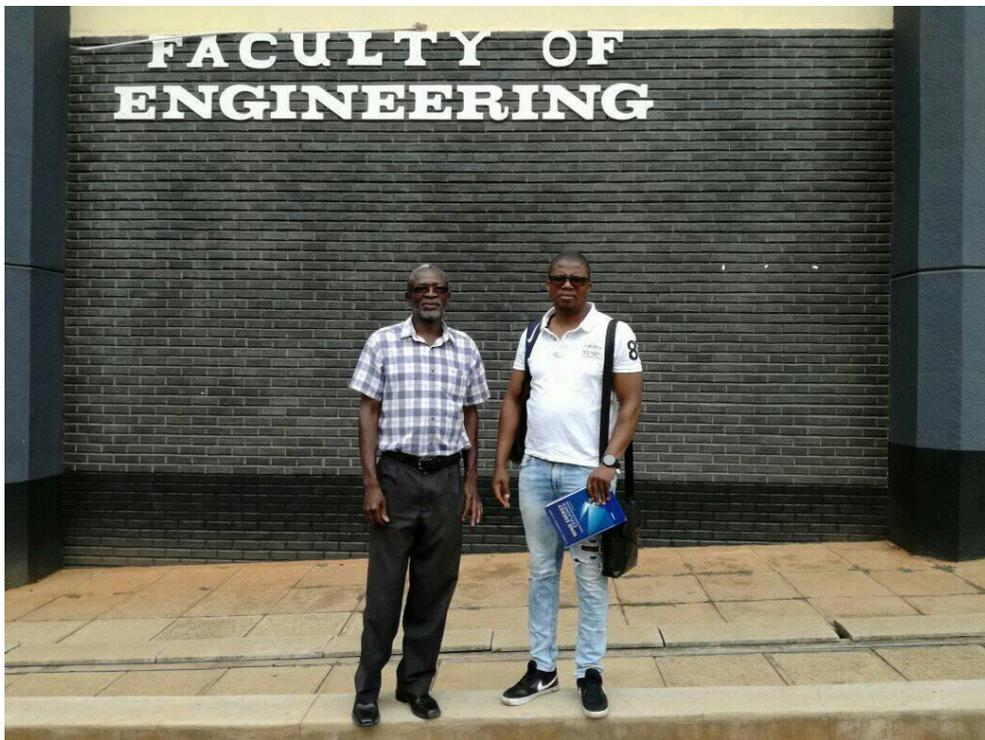


Figure 1. Faculty of Engineering UZ



Figure 2. Avon restaurant



Figure 3. Civil Engineering Lab



Figure 4. Aeronautical Engineering equipment (at the lab)



Figure 5. Faculty curriculum meeting.



Figure 6. Lion Park



Figure 7. Mini about the statues and the background of the MNU