



CGS Rewards Diligent Staff

In keeping with its tradition of rewarding deserving staff which has been going on for three years running, Management of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS), has recognized six staff, who dedicated themselves to their job schedules in the line of duty. The staff are: Messrs Sunny Nsiegbe, Inadume Syder, Mrs. Georginia Akem, Cordelia Egweonu, Chinyere Eze and Ibiwari George, reports *Otikor Samuel*.

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of Ikwerre LGA and new DPO
on security matters last Friday.
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AJENKA'S FOUR YEARS ON THE SADDLE

By Williams Wodi

When Professor Joseph Atubokiki Ajienka took office as 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt on Monday, July 12, 2010; his *Inaugural Address* dwelt extensively on how to achieve accelerated development of the University through the prism of the Strategic Plan document that guided his predecessors. He directed immediate review of the Plan to conform to emergent realities that were not foreseen at the time of drawing up the

original Plan that spanned 2003-2013.

In line with Professor Ajienka's vision of a new up-building in the University at inception of office, new infrastructural facilities are being constructed at several locations on Campus. When completed, these

buildings and other human capacity-development programmes are expected to enhance the capacity of the University to better serve its numerous stakeholders.

Four years on the saddle, Ajienka has earned favour from fortune and generous human agencies that have assisted him in actualizing his vision and mission statements.

His Administration unarguably represents the third wave of institutional development of the University. He has so far operated on three plains of ideas, presence and close captioned

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Reflections On UniPort At 40

By Obinna Nwodin

A popular adage says that life begins at 40. How true this maxim is depends on the perspective of the fellow living the life at that transition age. It is no longer news that a few months from now, the University of Port Harcourt will turn 40 years. It is indeed a fulfilling 40 years of providing quality services to its numerous students, thereby meeting the objectives for which it was set up. Established as a College of the University of Lagos in 1975, the Institution is one of the avant-garde tertiary institutions with a mandate to empower the Niger Delta region and country academically. It gained full autonomous status in 1977.

The vision of the University is to be ranked amongst the best universities in Africa, renowned for its teaching, research, creativity and innovation. Its mission is the pursuit of academic excellence, advancement of knowledge and community service through quality teaching, life-long learning, social inclusion, strengthening civil society and policy-relevant research that addresses the challenges of contemporary society.

To achieve these lofty objectives, the University is guided by the spirit of enquiry, self-reliance, fairness, ethical and professional standards of the disciplines in each College, Faculty and Department. Its philosophy is commitment to academic freedom, tolerance, probity, equal opportunity and respect for cultural diversity. Forty years down the line, the University of Port Harcourt has worked assiduously to achieve these goals. From the pioneer administration of late Professor Donald Ekong to the present one, successive Vice-Chancellors have made frantic efforts to leave a legacy on which future administrations would build. At forty, the University of Port Harcourt has recorded outstanding achievements. Notable names in the academia such as Claude Ake, Ikenna Nzimiro, Ola Rotimi, Wilfried Fueser, Kay Williamson, Robin

Horton, Gerald Moore, amongst others, have passed through the academic corridors of the Institution, leaving giant imprints on the sands of time.

Today, the University has taken a pride of place as one to be reckoned with in the comity of Nigerian universities. Forty years down the line, taking-off from the premises of an emergent Trade School outside Choba Community as its Temporary

Site, the Institution has witnessed massive infrastructural growth at its Permanent Site. At present, the Permanent Site of the University is unarguably a massive construction site with new buildings springing up from various corners of the Campus. In the next few months when these projects are fully completed, there would be tremendous infrastructural leap in the University. It is also worthy of note that with a humble beginning, the University of Port Harcourt records some of the highest number of professors in the Nigerian university system. Today, the University of Port Harcourt boasts of distinguished alumni in various fields of human endeavour, who are flying the flag of their alma mater high up. It is heart-warming that at forty, the University of Port Harcourt has produced the current President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in addition to Governors, Ministers, and captains of industry and

Late Prof Donald Ekong, Pioneer V-C

Prof Ajenka, V-C

so on. In the area of sports, the University has ruled the Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) for about a decade, making it the number one university in the area of university sports in the country. It has also extended its sporting prowess to the West African Universities Games (WAUG). Today, the Professor Joseph Ajenka-led administration has laid a solid foundation for an Entrepreneurial University with focus on research and development. This concept has seen the University engage in robust partnership with the industry and other agencies to solve the challenging problems of the society. This is indeed the hallmark of a university. As the countdown to University of Port Harcourt at forty begins, it is important to state that there is a lot to be cheerful about. Staff and students should beat their chest with pride in acknowledgement of the fact that they are part of the success story of a truly unique University.

UIAA Holds NEC Meeting In UniPort

By Ethel Timi-Johnson



V-C, Prof Ajenka (4th right front row) National President, UIAA, Mr Merenu (left) other Executive Council members and Senior Officers of the University

As part of activities lined up for the 161 National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting of the University of Ibadan Alumni Association (UIAA) which held in the University of Port Harcourt last weekend, Mr Nathaniel Merenu led other Executive Members of the Association to pay a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenka, who is a UIA Alumnus himself.

Describing the University's administration as one of the finest in the country, the National

President, noted that the Association was proud of the Professor Joseph Ajenka-led administration as an Alumnus of the University of Ibadan. He commended the University for hosting the Association in the University, including the inauguration of an Interim Chapter of the Association in UniPort. Receiving the team, the Vice-Chancellor who commended the leadership of the Association, described himself as a proud member of UIAA. "I am happy that UIAA is doing well. I want to encourage you to keep the flag flying as we continue to draw our strength from our

certificates", he said, while commending the University of Ibadan for sustaining its tempo as the premier university in the country.

Chairman of the Rivers State Chapter of the Association, Daniel Irueme, thanked the University for accepting to host the Association within a short notice. He lauded the University on the successful inauguration of a new Chapter. "It is my prayer that this Chapter will move to greater heights", he added. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndaka who is also an Alumnus of the University of Ibadan was honoured during the courtesy visit.

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CGS Rewards Staff



Provost, CGS, Prof Konya (arrowed) flanked by the awardees, CGS Board Members, Deans of Graduate School and Humanities and other guests

They were presented with plaques and gifts in recognition of their efforts to usher in enhanced productivity in the CGS during the year under review. Welcoming guests to the party which was tagged 2012/2013 End-of-Session Recognition of Best Performing Staff, held at the Seminar Room of the College, penultimate Friday, Provost, CGS, Professor Roseline Konya, restated that the idea of rewarding staff was aimed at enhancing productivity in the College. She expressed the commitment of her administration to leave the College better than she met it, promising that diligent staff would continue to receive their due recognition in the line of duty.

The Provost recalled some of the innovations and feats recorded in the College; some of which were the prompt payment of fees by graduate students occasioned by proactive measure that required full payment of fees to obtain Admission Letter before a prospective student can fully register and commence lectures, scholarship scheme for indigent candidates, policy regulating students from staying beyond

stipulated residency period and winning the award of the Nigerian Universities' Doctoral Thesis Award Scheme by Candidates who wrote three best Dissertations from the College.

Konya, who urged candidates and graduate students who must have overstayed on their programmes to fully utilize the window of grace granted by the College to complete their work, announced that the policy which had since been approved would soon be fully implemented. She also announced that Postgraduate Rooms would be established in the various Faculties, praising the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, Principal Officers, CGS Board Members, Provosts, Deans and Heads of Department for their support to the College. The Provost also thanked Chairman of the occasion, Professor Ekeke for accepting the responsibility at very short notice. Earlier, in his remarks, Professor Ekeke, who praised the leadership of the College for organizing the event for the third time running to reward diligent staff, stated that recognition gives encouragement, urging

the College to encourage staff to continue to put in their best for the overall growth of the University. He charged the College to consolidate on its achievements, stating that: "It is the quality of work at the College that gives the University its profile and brings the University to the limelight. All over the world, the Graduate School is recognized as the flagship of any university, we are pleased to note that our own College of Graduate Studies is doing fine in keeping with this universal tradition of academic excellence."

Speaking before the presentation of prizes to the awardees, College Secretary, Dr Agatha Ataga, encouraged other staff, who were not recognized this year to put in extra effort to get the award in the future. She commended Members of the Board, staff and visitors for gracing the event.

Mr. Sunny Nsiegbe, who spoke on behalf of the recipients, thanked the leadership of the College for recognizing their contributions towards the institutional growth of the University. "One thing that kept me going was the advice of the Provost. She will always say, 'enjoy your work so that you don't feel stressed'." Nsiegbe said, recalling some of his experiences at the College until he was redeployed to the Registry Department as Personnel Officer (Academic).

Mr. Nsiegbe emerged the best staff on the category of Diligence and Minimal Supervision, while the duo of Mrs. Egeonu and Aken won the award for Initiative and Creativity. Mr. Syder was rewarded for Responsibility and Reliability and Ms. Bihari George got the award for No Compromise and Commitment, while Mrs. Chinyere Eze received recognition for Punctuality and Regularity.

ANAN Donates Books To UniPort

By Mercy Adeniji

As part of its contribution towards encouraging reading habit among students in the University, the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) has donated cartons of books to the Management of the University.

Receiving members of the team in the Committee Room, penultimate Tuesday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, commended the Association for fulfilling its promise to donate books to the University aimed at encouraging the reading culture. The Vice-Chancellor stated that, "As you have mentioned through this donation, you are part of those training these incoming Accountants and when they are properly trained, they would also discharge their responsibilities efficiently as a result of your kind gesture."

Professor Ajienka further expressed Management's gratitude to the team, promising that the books would be shared equally and appropriately to the University Library and to the Library of the Department of Accounting.

Presenting the books, President of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Alhaji Sakirudeen Labode, who was represented by Mr James Neminebor, said the donation was in fulfillment of the book pledge made by the President to the University in February, 2014 during a courtesy visit of the Association to the University. "It is our expectations that the books will be put to optimal use for the benefit of staff and students and foster cordial working relationship between ANAN and the University," the President said.

He recalled that during their visit to the

University, "the President made a promise and in line with this we have come to fulfil that promise. We know that training Accountants in this institution is a very difficult task and we who are taking over the graduates you produce should consider the University in our little way to assist you bring them up, so in line with this we brought you these books to encourage the habit of reading and also to assist the library, for the benefit of accounting students, researchers in accounting and for the general interest of the University of Port Harcourt".

Mr Neminebor, who is a Member of the Governing Council of the Association and Chairman of the Association's Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD), expressed gratitude to Management of the University for receiving the team, saying: "You were so nice to us as you supported our MCPD hosted in Rivers State. We are, indeed,

grateful."

A check-list of books donated were in Five sets each: Foundation of Accounting: An IFRS Approach; Coping with Cost Accounting; Public Sector Accounting and Finance; Principles of Financial Management; Principles of Corporate Finance; Taxation: Principles and Practice in Nigeria; Introduction to Research Methodology; Accounting Foundation: The Success Book for You; Financial Reporting, Standard and Companies Income Tax Laws and Administration in Nigeria, among other books.

Other members of the delegation were: Chairman, ANAN, Rivers State, Pastor Grant Alobari; Past Council Member, Chief Napoleon Adida; Head, Corporate Affairs, Alhaji Rahman Bello; Branch Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Cecilia Nwuche and Branch Secretary, Alhaji Musa Ibrahim. Also present were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka; Bursar, Mr. Vitalis Aliezi; Dr Uwaeke Irunkwe; Mrs Helen Owubona-Wopara; Mr Naemi Sylvanus and Mrs. Aminu Musa.



V-C, Prof Ajienka (3rd right) flanked by President, ANAN, Alh Labode, represented by Mr Neminebor (left), Deputy Bursar (Budget) Mrs Owubona-Wopara (right), other members of the delegation and Officers of the University

Ajenka's Administration At Four

What Principal Officers Say

Four years ago, Professor Joseph Ajenka took over the realms of affairs of the University from Professor Don Baridam. He had a clear-cut vision of what he wanted and how to achieve them, as contained in his Inaugural Address on Monday, 12th July, 2010. He assembled a dedicated team of senior officers to help him achieve the new up-building of the University. Some of his Principal Officers shared with our Correspondent, OBINNA NWODIM on how they have been able to fit into the vision and leadership of the administration.

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION), PROFESSOR ETHELBERT NDUKA



"We all share in his vision and drive to take the University to the next level. We have always worked as a team with Professor Ajenka as the team leader. He introduced the concept of an Entrepreneurial University and you know that it takes some time for a new concept to mature and be actualized. But the important thing is that he has given the University a new road-map that

subsequent administrations can follow in the development of the University. The key indices are minimizing waste and maximising professionalism and efficiency. This is the drive of the administration. So far, it has been challenging and exciting, sometimes frustrating. On the whole, we are on the right track. As regards the challenges, the major one is getting people to key into the vision of a new Entrepreneurial University. Moving from the old to the new order is a very big challenge that some people, staff, students and other stakeholders may find difficult to understand. However, the commonest challenge is funding and infrastructural development.

We expect that in the remaining one year of his tenure, the root of entrepreneurship would have been firmly established and of course consolidated in this University."

PROFESSOR IGHO JOE, DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC)



"So far, the administration is a collective one with Professor Ajenka as the captain. I think he has done well in the sense that the University has been functioning properly. There are so many things in the pipeline that within the next one year some of them would certainly materialize. If you look at what is happening now, the University looks like a huge construction

site. Many of these projects would be completed soon. By the time Ajenka leaves office, the University would have been totally transformed so much that we would all be proud of his legacy in the key areas of infrastructural development and upholding of the Academic Policy. Professor Ajenka is a good team player and leader, who is unassuming in his approach to duty. He attains results without

breathing down the necks of his subordinates. That is what optimal leadership should be in the Colleges, Faculties, Departments, Institutes and Centres. He is committed to staff welfare and development both for academic and non-teaching staff.

The six months ASUU strike did not help the University. The typical challenge is having a regular academic calendar which is not peculiar to the University of Port Harcourt.

I expect the completion of the infrastructural transformation of the University, effective internet connectivity for both staff and students and to have a very good working relationship with all the unions, particularly ASUU and to continually move the University forward."

REGISTRAR, MRS. MATILDA NWODIM



"It is difficult to assess the administration because it is an administration I am apart of, but let me say that working with Professor Ajenka towards actualizing his vision of an Entrepreneurial University is challenging. It is something that he has pursued as a person and if it is within his powers as a person, he would have given more than he has given so far. You know he has to work with people, speed and acceptability cannot be the same. Professor Ajenka has done so much on laying a solid foundation on which an Entrepreneurial University would stand. His vision is that we must work like those in the industry if we must actualize the dream of an Entrepreneurial University. He has focus on research so much so that an office is carved out specifically for research. He believes that the University must meet with the industry at the point of research and development of research findings in a Technology Park. We believe that this solid foundation would begin to yield fruits in no distant time. I will join him to plead with the teaching staff and research fellows to place more emphasis on their primary objective which is research in order to make this a reality.

The huge challenge is the lack of funds to run the University, but in the next one year, I think as a positive person, he can only build on what he has achieved. I still see the same zeal with which he started. Things can only get better. It has been quite fulfilling working with him. I congratulate him on his four years in office as Vice-Chancellor."

MR VITALIS ALIEJI, BURSAR

"Professor Ajenka's administration has been a successful one. I must say that what has contributed to the success of his administration is largely due to his openness and belief in teamwork. Some of the initiatives that he has made have begun to

yield benefits. The new initiative given to the College of Graduate Studies to be semi-autonomous has made the College more effective than it used to be.

The major challenge that has

confronted us over the

years is that of funding;

the money given us to

run the University is

grossly inadequate.

We also have the

problem of debts owed

over the years by the

University as a

burden to the

administration.

With the

meagre

resources, it is

difficult to run

the University

as effectively as

Professor

Ajenka would have wished on assumption of office

four years ago. But with what the administration is

planning to do in the next few months, the financial

burden on the central administration would ease off.

If the decentralization initiative works out well, the

next administration will not have the kind of problem

we are facing today. There will be smooth running of

Colleges and Faculties. If we can achieve this, the

University will grow and there will be fewer

challenges."

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, DR OBIAGELI NWODO

"The Professor Joseph Ajenka's administration has been the most library-friendly one since the inception of the University. The Library Department has never had it so good. Is it in terms of infrastructure, staff training and development, physical facilities, automation projects, book donations, the library has witnessed so much development. Ajenka has a Midas touch which he has applied to every facet of the University. Anything he touches turns out successful. The Library Department has really benefited immensely from the Ajenka-led administration. We have acquired over 10,000 titles since he came on board. You will also recall that it was during his administration that we started the UniPort Book Fair. For the first time, people can come in and read comfortably in the Library. As it stands, we can comfortably sit over 3,000 users at a time. Funding is a major challenge over the years and we still need funds to give maximum service to our users. Our biggest challenge is how to access our TETFund resources.

That alone can guarantee close to N150 million attracted to the Library. We also have the challenge of maintenance, systems breakdown which is not innumerable. In the next one year, we believe that more staff would be trained in order to boost capacity in the Library."



Mr Alieji



Dr Nwodo

PROFESSOR NENNA FRANK-PETERSIDE, PROVOST, COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

“Professor Joseph Ajienka came with a lot of dreams and ideas to move our University forward. He did put some structures in place for which he will be remembered. A lot of progress was made in the area of academic culture. I mean his tenure witnessed improvement in academic culture. Also, it was under him that TETFund became functional and staff are able to attend international conferences like never before. Professor Ajienka's tenure witnessed increase in the delivery of Inaugural Lectures. Under him, the Founder's Day was taken seriously to the extent that the University is working towards fixing Convocation on that day on permanent buses. He also initiated the idea of honouring worthy personalities including Alumni of the University during Convocation. He started with Nollywood and then moved to the industry. Above all he is a listening Vice-Chancellor.”

Prof Frank-peterside

PROFESSOR ANTHONY IBE, DIRECTOR, ICTC

“If it was possible for anyone to work the way Professor Ajienka has been working and the funds were there for the past four years, I believe Professor Ajienka would have arrived at his dream University four years into his administration. Professor Ajienka has always believed that we should not only do research that would end in the laboratories, but we should be able to convert it into entrepreneurship which he calls an Entrepreneurial University, which has been his dream and he has worked towards its achievement.

The paucity of fund has posed a great challenge to the Professor Ajienka-led administration, noting that the spirit is willing, people are there to support him to take the University to that dream university; but I think will be there in due course. I still believe he has done well. In terms of Internet, infrastructural development and all that, I think we need more partnership with the industries, because they have the money and if we wait for government they would not come. We want to urge him to continue the way he has been going and I believe he is on the right track.”

Prof Ibe

Our Correspondents **MERCY ADENIJI** and **ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON** also spoke to other Staff and Students

MR AMBROSE OGBEGBE, BRANCH CHAIRMAN, NAAT

“I congratulate Professor Ajienka on his four years in office. I also commend him for his magnanimity; as far as my Union NAAT is concerned, we have been working and everything that concerns NAAT in terms of welfare, he has been proactive. To me as Chairman, we have been working in collaboration with the Vice-Chancellor and he has been giving listening ear to all our requests. This implies that Professor Ajienka runs an open door policy and so I commend him. I can say Professor Ajienka is the first Vice-Chancellor that has seen to the welfare of staff in that during the Christmas period, he has been giving us bags of rice and groundnut oil. He also promised the 13th month salary and as a member of the Committee, we are optimistic because soon the report would be sent to him for approval. I think the security issue should be heeded up to secure lives and property on Campus. I think for the remaining one year in office, the Vice-Chancellor should try and do something about the 13th month salary so it can be paid staff to boost staff productivity.”

Mr Ogbegbe

MR BIKUME SYDER, BRANCH CHAIRMAN, SSANU

“In terms of the relationship with SSANU, there has been some communication gap, but be that as it may, we want to appreciate Management, because, within this period, we have witnessed a lot of pre-qualification tender opening and other due processes leading to infrastructural development, Facilities and Departmental and centre buildings funded by TETFund, Needs Assessment Intervention Fund and other agencies, which is a signal showing that good things are happening in the system.

As a Union, I want to appreciate that during the period under review, the Union has caused the administration to jettison the obnoxious law that only officers on Grade Level 9 and above are fit to live in quarters to provide that every employee is entitled to accommodation on Campus, so we appreciate that policy change. We also appreciate Professor Ajienka's effort in reducing the cost of renovation and rehabilitation of staff quarters, as well as converting disused Boys Quarters to residential houses to accommodate staff. We want to urge him to take very strong action in

Mr Syder

increasing the number of housing facilities at the best cost possible, so that more staff would live on Campus to check late-coming to work, especially in these days of heavy traffic in the city of Port Harcourt and its suburb. We are praying that Professor Ajienka should also build more housing units, to bring more members of staff on Campus and SSANU strongly believes that it is possible and we are ready to cooperate with him to see that he achieves it.

We also wish that the 13th month salary should be urgently resolved and the 2014 and other subsequent ones be well-managed, so it would raise the morale of all workers.”

JAMES WILLIAMS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CGS)

“The Vice-Chancellor initiated the process of providing a befitting building for the College of Graduate Studies through the Bayelsa State Government. In fact, the College has received enormous support from his administration. The success story of the College is attributed to Professor Ajienka. Only recently, he approved and completed the construction of a water borehole for the College. He graciously approved all that is needed to run the College successfully. It is four years of sweet memories and no regrets. His innovation has placed the College in a high and enviable position”.

Williams

STEPHEN AIGBONOGA, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

“Professor Ajienka as Vice-Chancellor has achieved a lot in terms of the infrastructural and entrepreneurial development of the University. His tenure has witnessed more academic development, speedy graduation of postgraduate students—especially Doctoral Candidates. It has also witnessed the birth of specialized institutes such as the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES) and others. It has also witnessed more foreign partnership and staff development. He has attracted the attention of both the State and Federal Government. His tenure also witnessed enhanced ICT development and delivery of Inaugural and Public Lectures. We only need his administration to become more students-friendly and consider the issue of increment in charges and rehabilitation of hostels. He should also look into the problem of epileptic power supply in the University.”

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supervision of subordinates, who have been empowered to act freely within extant statutory rules in their areas of responsibility.

The Vice-Chancellor has redefined and deepened the academic culture of the University anchored on the application of research in a Technology Park to benefit researchers and industry players. To achieve these lofty goals, Ajienka has crusaded for the concept of an Entrepreneurial University that would enable graduates of UniPort to capitalize knowledge outside blue-collar employment. Researchers in the University no longer voluntarily place low premium on their findings in pursuit of *publish or perish* concept.

Staff welfare services have been placed on the front burner in this dispensation, as Unions are enabled to run their own affairs in a democratic atmosphere. By so doing, they too have tested the ingrained assumption that leadership is a easy preposition for all comers.

Ajienka's administrative reputation has soared in the last four years as a solemn metaphor of his quality and unassuming leadership style that embraces all stakeholders in the affairs of the University. Legions of honour have been heaped on him by discerning organizations in acknowledgement of his numerous achievements. He is currently the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigeria's Federal Universities (CVC) and Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CCVCNU).

We envisage a future that is full of promises for institutional self-fulfillment; a future that has its roots in the achievements of the present and a future that will deliver the vision and mandate of the University as envisaged by our worthy and visionary founding fathers, who started this laudable project in February, 1975. Part of Ajienka's vision for actualizing the future is to place the University in a very strong position to

engage in its triple mandate of teaching, research and community service.

Coming in as on this exciting voyage and together, we will actualize the present and build the future of the University of Port Harcourt in our own unique way that future generations would be proud to associate with in years to come. We want to be first in Nigeria, then the world!



Laying a solid foundation for future growth

More University-Business Collaboration Needed ~Study

By Peta Lee

The business sector should be more involved in designing higher education curricula and universities should work more closely with industry partners to promote entrepreneurship, mobility between business and academia and lifelong learning. There should also be more assessment and better monitoring of university-business collaborations and programmes.

These were some of the conclusions reached by the authors of a recently released report prepared for the European Union by Cardiff University, in association

with Newcastle University and Imperial Consultants.

Titled *Measuring the Impact of University-Business Cooperation*, the study said that the first decade of the 21st century had seen increasing emphasis on universities' roles in contributing to social and economic development.

There were various reasons why: the emergence of challenges like climate change and terrorism etc, which cannot be solved by government or business alone; increased marketisation of higher education leading to greater competition between institutions and an emphasis on 'student experience'; and belt-tightening of public finances worldwide, thanks to the global economic crisis, led to increasing expectations of the 'returns' that should derive from public investments, including research and higher education.

Why more collaboration?

A core element of the EU's Agenda for Modernising Higher Education was promoting and developing cooperation between higher education and business, both of which make an important contribution to sustainable economic growth, employment and prosperity.

They do so as employers and producers of goods and services, and through their role in promoting innovation and future capacity for growth, for instance by developing a more skilled and knowledgeable workforce.

Yet despite the increasing prominence given to universities' roles in social and economic development, research reports and academic studies consistently find that university-business cooperation practices are highly fragmented and uncoordinated, particularly regarding human capital development.

Research literature also tends to focus on describing the nature rather than the impacts and outcomes of the cooperation being undertaken.

Universities can and do make significant contributions to social and economic growth, and increasing

globalisation – with the challenges and opportunities this presents – is a driver for cooperation between universities and other sectors.

The study said that while there was no single driver for university-business cooperation, businesses, universities and students all value the benefits to the student experience and its contribution to the employability of students.

Most cooperation activities involve more than one form and may also change over time as activities mature, evolve or reach the end of their lifespan.

According to the authors, however, established methodologies for measuring or assessing the outcomes and impact of business-university cooperation in the field of education are relatively limited and much less common than levels of R&D collaboration, with the exception of cooperation in student mobility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The authors recommended two linked approaches that could be used to assess university-business cooperation in the field of education: a scorecard and an assessment framework that could also be used for project planning and the assessment of investment proposals.

Both would serve to assess the progress of projects from different perspectives, and the success of cooperation projects.

Monitoring and assessment had a number of potential benefits: It was a way to gauge whether a project or programme was performing as expected; it allowed project leaders to identify what worked and what didn't; it provided a useful mechanism for feedback lessons to others, and, if done in advance, it provided a means for selecting between different potential options.

In the evidence available to this project, the main approaches to monitoring and assessment focused on project performance, often with an emphasis on measures of inputs and outputs. However, there was also evidence of the use of results-based formats, often of a qualitative nature.

The authors said a range of outcomes of university-business collaboration activities in the education field were not being captured by monitoring and measurement arrangements, such as the potential upskilling of existing staff through their involvement in the educational experience, or the raising of the profile of participating institutions.

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RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Molaru Ogundipe, Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 3rd May, 2014 to 2nd May, 2015.

Mr Okesie Ochuba, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 16th November, 2014 to 15th November, 2015.

Professor Ogwo Ogwo, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted *Renewal of Adjunct Appointment*, effective 7th July, 2014 to 6th July, 2015.

Mrs Patricia Omoku, Health Services Department, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 10th November, 2014 to 9th November, 2015.

Mrs Elizabeth Ndiokho, Personnel Office (Junior Staff), Registry Department, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 1st November, 2014 to 30th October, 2015.

Mr Meelubari Kpang, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 28th October, 2014 to 27th October, 2015.

Mrs Dorothy Utang, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted *Renewal of Contract Appointment*, effective 30th October, 2014 to 29th October, 2015.

RESUMPTION OF DUTY

Professor Dennis Ekpo, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Faculty of Humanities, assumes duty from *Sabbatical Leave*, effective 10th June, 2014.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Mrs Felicia Kalu, Exams and Records Unit, Registry Department, promoted *Confidential Secretary I*, effective 30th November, 2010.

STOP PRESS APPOINTMENT

Director of Special Projects Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mathew Wegwu, appointed *Chairman, Committee on the Audit of Graduate Hostels on Campus*. Other members of the Committee include: Mr Williams Wodi, Lt. Col Reginald Isiguzo (Rtd), Mrs Amina Musa, Mrs. Chioma Ojukwu and a Secretary to be appointed by the Registrar.

Director, Quality Assurance and Control Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anthony Arinze, appointed *Chairman, Committee to look into the crisis in the Graduate Students Association*. The Committee is to look into the immediate and remote causes of the crisis in the Association and make appropriate recommendations to the University Management. Other members of the Committee include: Lt. Col. Reginald Isiguzo (Rtd), Professor Henry Belligam, Professor Roseline Konya and Secretary to be appointed by the Registrar.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 06-SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014

DATE	TEMPERATURE HI LO (°C)	HUMIDITY (%)	WIND DIRECTION	RAIN (mm)	SUNRISE AND SUNSET (mm) (pm)	SUMMARY
SUNDAY, 06 JULY, 2014	30.0 23.0	82	E	32.3	6:25 18:49	Heavy rain expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
MONDAY, 07 JULY, 2014	30.0 24.0	76	NE	1.5	6:24 18:49	Widely scattered thunderstorm predicted. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
TUESDAY, 08 JULY, 2014	31.0 24.0	73	NE	7.3	6:25 18:49	Thunderstorm expected late in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
WEDNESDAY, 09 JULY, 2014	30.0 24.0	74	N	15.8	6:26 18:49	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 2014	31.0 24.0	75	N	11.2	6:26 18:49	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
FRIDAY, 11 JULY, 2014	30.0 25.0	65	NE	2.3	6:26 18:49	Thunderstorm expected early in the day. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecast.
SATURDAY, 12 JULY, 2014	31.0 25.0	70	E	12.7	6:26 18:49	Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy. Warm day forecast.

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DIRECTOR, (CDRMD)

BRIEFS FROM OTHER VARSITIES

UCH RENDERS SKELETAL SERVICES

Medical services were partially grounded at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan following the commencement of a strike by the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) nationwide. The State chapter of the NMA expressed dissatisfaction with Federal Government's lopsided policies on medical practice in the country.

The Union noted that such policies threaten efficient healthcare delivery. Addressing reporters in the state capital, the Association said it was notifying the public of the beginning of an indefinite strike.

Its Chairman, Dr Malomo Adefolarin, explained that the strike was not meant to cause hardship on Nigerians, but to protect the ethics of the medical profession and improve healthcare standards made available to Nigerians, adding that the strike action was meant to protect the ethics of the medical profession and improve healthcare standards.

UI EXPELS 78 STUDENTS

The Management of University of Ibadan (UI) has directed 78 students of the Institution to withdraw based on poor academic performance.

The Senate of University of Ibadan, which sat in May, made the recommendation based on records made available to it by various f

Faculties of the university. The memo issued by the School Senate, stated that the affected students were from 13 Faculties and that they failed to obtain the minimum academic requirements for the 2012/2013 academic session.

According to the Senate statement, six of the withdrawn students gained admission into the University through the Direct Entry mode, while 66 were admitted through the University Tertiary Matriculation Examination, (UTME). Six got into the University through UME. The memo, which was signed by the Registrar of University of Ibadan, Olujimi Olukoya, said the premier university would continue to uphold the highest academic standards as part of its quality control measures, adding that the move would serve as a warning to JAMB 2014 candidates seeking for admission into UI.

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Landmarks Of Ajiienka's Four Years

Four years ago, Professor Joseph Ajiienka assumed duty as 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt. It has been four years of intensive academic research and infrastructural development. In this week's edition, we present pictorial highlights of the Professor Joseph Ajiienka-led administration in the last four years. Pictures by HEADMANALU.



Prof Ajiienka (right) taking over from Prof Don Baridam on July 12, 2010



V-C, Prof Ajiienka (2nd left) during the opening ceremony of 4th Emmanuel Egbogbo Lecture



Prof Ajiienka (arrowed) receiving a delegation from the National Universities Commission (NUC), on accreditation



Prof Ajiienka fielding questions from an Al Jazeera reporter in his office



V-C and American Consul-General, Jeffery Hawson during the commissioning of American Corner at the Donald Ekong Library



Prof Ajiienka, Vice President, Namadi Sambo and Dame Patience Jonathan at the 27th Convocation Ceremony



3rd Valedictory Lecture in honour of Professor Ayebami Spiff and Stella Ihe



Prof Ajiienka in a chat with Senator Uche Chukwumerije during a visit of Senate Committee on Education to the University



Prof Ajiienka presenting the 2014 NEGA Trophy to R/S Governor, Rt. Hon Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi



UniPort Officials' visit to Bayelsa State Government House



R-L: Emeriti Professors Nimi Briggs, Emmanuel Anosike, Oluoti Ndaka and Samuel Okwelu



Prof Ajiienka and First Lady, Dame Patience Jonathan at the 27th Convocation shortly after conferment of honorary doctorate degree on her



Members of the Governing Council and Senior Officers of the University at a Retreat in Uyo