



Covenant University Newsflash

A weekly update of News and Events in Covenant University August 17-21, 2015

Covenant University Appoints New Principal Officers



Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo announcing the new Principal Officers of the University

Covenant University's Board of Regents (the highest decision making body) has ratified the appointment of some new Principal Officers for the 2015/2016 Academic Session.

This was announced on Friday, July 31, 2015 by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, at a separate meeting with the out-going Principal Officers, Directors, Deans of Colleges,

Deputy Deans of Schools and Heads of Departments, and at the University's general assembly for Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching Staff.

Among the new officers is the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, who takes over from Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo. Before his appointment, Pastor Olusegun was in the top-level management at the Covenant Micro Finance Bank (CMfB), the University's community bank.

Also appointed is the new Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo, who replaces Pastor Deji Okubanjo. Pastor Oladehinbo was the Special Assistant on Finance to the President, Living Faith Church Worldwide and Chancellor of the University, Dr. David Oyedepo. Pastor Azubuike Nwoke is taking over from Architect Gbenga Alalade as the Director,

Physical Planning and Development (PPD). Until his appointment, Pastor Nwoke was the Director, Covenant University Construction Agency, CUCA.

Mr. Azubuike Ezenwoke will hand over the Deanship of Students' Affairs to the former Chairman of the Faculty Support Committee, Dr. Zacchaeus Omogbadegun, while Pastor Charles Ehekwaba takes over from Pastor Promise Omidiora as the new Chaplain of the University.

New Deans were also appointed to oversee the affairs at the college level. The hitherto Dean, College of Science and Technology (CST), Professor Shalom Chinedu, has been moved to the School of Postgraduate Studies to replace Professor Charles Ogbulogo, who is now the Dean, College of Leadership Development Studies (CLDS).

Newly promoted Professor Francis Iyoha takes over from Professor Oluranti Olurinola as the Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS). Also, the newly

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CU Holds 42nd Public Lecture

Covenant University was a beehive of activities on Friday, August 14, 2015, as the institution held its 42nd Public Lecture. The lecture which was titled, 'A Deconstructionist Alternative in a Post-Development Africa,' was delivered by C. Nana Fynnba Derby, PhD, a Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Virginia State University, USA.

In his remarks, Pastor Yemi Nathaniel, the Mandate Secretary of the Living Faith Church World-Wide, who represented the Chancellor of Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, appreciated the lecturer for delivering a lecture in an all-encompassing area, which he said, "Connects every discipline." While making reference to the subject of the lecture, he stated, "There's no one who will matter, who has not already discovered who he is. The value is right inside the African, but he has to strive to bring it up."

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Covenant University, Professor

Charles Ayo stated, "Africa as a continent is still in search of the way forward in the quest for sustainable development. We are not poor because we lack resources, but because we have refused to embrace knowledge."

Professor Ayo further expressed his earnest expectation that this new generation would turn the tide by restoring the wasted years and finding the way forward. He commended the lecturer for a thorough job and for her commitment to raising the bar of education in Covenant University, and by extension, the whole of Africa.

Earlier in his remarks, the Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun, appreciated the guests for honouring the university with their presence and commended the lecturer for hard work and consistent pursuit of



Representative of Chancellor, Pastor Yemi Nathaniel flanked by the lecturer Prof. Derby Nana, Vice-Chancellor and other Senate Members

excellence in her career.

While delivering her lecture, Professor Nana Fynnba Derby, who is a Fulbright Scholar of Covenant University, quoted from Dr. Kwame Nkruma's independence speech of March 6th, 1957, "...we must realize that from now on, we are no longer a colonial but free and independent people. ... As I pointed out, that also entails hard work. That new Africa is ready to fight his own

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promoted Professor Nicholas Omeregbe is the new Dean of College of Science and Technology, while Professor John Ndueso takes over from Professor Cleophas Loto in the College of Engineering (CoE).

The Vice-Chancellor also announced that the hitherto Schools structure would no longer be in place. The former Deputy Deans of Schools are now replaced with the Sub-Deans of Colleges. The Sub-Deans are Professor Samuel Oloyede (School of Postgraduate Studies), Dr. Oluwale Iyiola (College of Business and Social Sciences), Professor Innocent Chiluwa (College of Leadership Development Studies), Professor Albert Adeboye (College of Science and Technology) and Dr. David Omole (College of Engineering).

Some Heads of Departments were also appointed to stir the affairs of the departments. They include Dr. Henry Okodua, who takes over from the newly promoted Professor Phillip Alege in the Department of Economics and Development Studies, while Dr. O. Ibieta takes charge of affairs in the Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Dr. J. Owolabi takes over from Professor Ishola Fagbenle, in the Department of Building Technology; Professor Adesola Ajayi replaces Professor Emeka Iweala in the Department of Biological Sciences; while Dr. David Olukanni takes over from Dr. S. Ogbiye in the Department of Civil Engineering. Others are Dr. Vincent Efevbokhan (Chemical

Engineering), Dr. Oluseyi Ajayi (Mechanical Engineering), Dr. Paul Anawe (Petroleum Engineering) and Dr. A. Owoloko (Mathematics).

New directors and managers of centres and units were also appointed. Professor T. Wara is the Director, Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID) while Dr. Olawande Daramola is the new Director, Academic Planning Unit (DAPU). Dr. Omotayo Osibanjo takes charge of International Office and Linkages (IOL) as Director while Mr. Yinka Adeboye is the Director, Centre for Systems and Information Services (CSIS).

Dr. O. Adegbuyi returns to the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies (CEDS) as Director while Dr. A. Odukoya is the new Director, Centre for Life Long Learning. Professor Christian Bolu takes charge of the newly created Directorate of Vision 10:2022 and Professor Oluwale Obembe is the pioneer Manager, Industry Partnership.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, appreciated the outgoing officers for the selfless service they rendered while in office. He particularly appreciated the three Covenant University Eagles (graduates of the University) who served in leadership capacity. They are the outgoing Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, Dean, Students' Affairs, Mr. Azubuike Ezenwoke and Director, Physical Planning and Development, Architect Gbenga Alalade, noting that

they are worthy ambassadors of the University.

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battles and show that after all, the black man is capable of managing his own affairs. ...We are going to demonstrate to the world, to the other nations, that we are prepared to lay our foundation - our own African personality."

Professor Derby explained the excerpt from Dr. Nkrumah's speech as focusing on image and affairs. Her lecture largely focused on Africa's identity and its negative image within the international community and how such images interact with strategies to impede her growth.

Partially grounding her lecture in Nkrumah's proclamation of self-reliance, she examined the nature and etiology of Africa's image and identities, her application of modernization and neoliberal economic policies, and the postmodernists' perspective of post-development and its criticisms of modernization and neoliberalism.

The resultant framework, she said, espousing deconstructions of the said identities is juxtaposed with Hernando de Soto's (2000) theory of dead capital, which attempts an explanation of why 'capitalism triumphs in the West but fails everywhere else' and concludes that poor people are not wealthy because they have no possessions, but because they do not turn such belongings into wealth-generating assets.

Research Active Faculty Meet on Afroscholar Initiative

Covenant University Management, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, on Monday, August 17, 2015, addressed the research active faculty of the university. The meeting agenda centered on the innovative platform, AFROSCHOLAR, a brainchild of the Covenant University Management.

AFROSCHOLAR is designed to operate on the principles of peer and social learning, combining practical experience in order to

allow individuals and groups to get an innovative and collaborative learning and sharing experience.

While welcoming the members of CU research clusters to the event, the Vice-Chancellor stated, "We started the quantum leap that we believe will give us the edge in actualising our vision. This platform provides an excellent opportunity for encouraging and improving collaborations among academic institutions."

The Vice-Chancellor also stressed the fact that the emergence of

social media networking as a global information dissemination medium has made it an integral part of connecting and working collaboratively with other universities. "The advantages abound and some organizations already use this concept in portals for internal information dissemination," he opined. He encouraged the CU faculty to commence the uploading of materials on the AFROSCHOLAR website in order to formally launch the initiative and draw traffic to the website.