



Covenant University Newsflash

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VC Charges Research Clusters on Unity, Excellence

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has charged Research Clusters in the University to cooperate among themselves and make full disclosures on their research activities so as to achieve the desired objectives of the institution.

Speaking at an interactive session with members of the research clusters on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, the Vice-Chancellor seized the opportunity to remind the clusters about the imperative of focusing on research to drive the final phase of Vision 10:2022 of the University, which is to be among the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022.

He said that based on the parameters being explored, research clusters could drive the components if they seriously looked at research. "With research, you

can do good teaching. What's the essence of a teacher without research? With research, you have industry income; you'll pull international students and faculty. Research can be a centerpiece of our engagement," Professor Atayero stated.

The Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized that the clusters have to put more energy into the concept of research in the University, said the in-thing worldwide was interdisciplinary research. He enjoined the research clusters to cooperate maximally with the Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (CUCRID) by registering with the body and provide it with all necessary information about their activities so as to project their undertakings to the



Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, addressing CU researchers

world.

In his remarks, the Director, CUCRID, Professor Olawole Obembe, stressed the need for CUCRID to have a robust website, which he said would be made possible by the research clusters. Information on mission and objectives, challenges, application of products, development status, publications,

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CU to introduce Graduate Management Admission Test

Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State, and Famolex Integrated Consult - the representative of the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) - have agreed to collaborate on the introduction of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) to students of the university, with a view to boost their chances of employment in the labour market and enhancing their enrolment in graduate schools.

The Chief Executive Officer, Famolex Integrated Consult, Mr. Olakunle Fakiyesi, had on Monday, November 21, 2016, at a meeting with the Management of Covenant University, said that GMAC had been around for more than six decades and its most popular product was the GMAT exam, which is a prerequisite to some of the world's leading business schools.

Stating the benefits of the GMAT to

students, Mr. Fakiyesi, who was accompanied to the meeting by the Vice-President, Famolex, Mr. Olorunjobi Alasi, said that scaling the GMAT hurdle sharpens the skills of the students and helps in the application of what they studied in school. Statistics from GMAC, he revealed, showed that students who passed the GMAT either got a job or got enrolled in graduate schools.

On the benefits to Covenant University, Mr. Fakiyesi said that membership of GMAC will give the school the opportunity to partner with world renowned schools so as to attract foreign students. Also, when GMAT students go out, they do better than their contemporaries, he added.

In his comments at the meeting, the Sub-Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Humphrey Adebayo, said that the University was eager to partner on programmes like GMAT. Also, he expressed the hope of having a GMAC Centre established in Covenant University to enable the institution attract foreign students, especially in the graduate school.



CU Management with GMAC Officials

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CU Graduate, Huawei Build ICT Centre in Lagos Secondary School

Covenant University's motto, "Raising a new generation of leaders", has yet again been validated with one of its graduates, Mr. Oti Ebubechukwu, developing an Information Communication Technology (ICT) Centre in a Secondary School in Lagos State, Nigeria.

The ICT facility was set up with the support of one of the world's leading ICT solution provider, Huawei. The Chinese telecoms equipment giant, it was disclosed, had provided Internet-enabled desktops, a projector system, 3-in-1 laser copier system, and air conditioner.

Mr. Oti, a graduate of Electrical/Electronic Engineering and Covenant University's best graduating student in the 2014/2015 academic session with a 4.96 CGPA, got Huawei to sponsor his initiative, which now allows students to have easy access to computers and the Internet – handy tools for learning and to carry out their examination registrations.

The idea of setting up an ICT Centre in the secondary school, said Oti, was birthed during his National Youth Service year, when he served as the Project Manager, Education and Environmental Sanitation, of his Community Development Service (CDS).

According to him, "We carried out subject tutorials and career talks at a secondary school within Eti-Osa 1 Local Government. From interaction with students, teachers and the Principal, we gleaned that they needed a

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CU, FRSC, VIO Partner on Traffic Sanity

Covenant University has stepped up its drive towards ensuring safety on roads within the campus and beyond with the organization of a four-day seminar on defensive driving for staff and other members of the University community.

The seminar, which got underway on Saturday, November 19, 2016, on the university campus had officials of the Ota, Ogun State Unit of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) as facilitators.

Speaking at the opening session of the seminar, the Ota Unit Commander, FRSC, Assistant Corps Commander (ACC) Leye Adegboyega, who was represented by the Training Officer at the Command, Mr. J. Babalola, stated that the essence of the seminar was not just to get motorists and car owners licensed, but



CU Management with Members of FRSC and VIO

also to help every participant imbibe the culture of good driving at all times within and beyond the University campus. According to him, "The unsafe actions of automobile drivers account for over 70 percent of fatal crashes involving automobiles on Nigerian roads."

The Unit Commander noted that continuous drivers' education, enforcement of all road traffic laws and evolving new strategies for reducing road crashes had become imperative if sanity must be restored to the roads. He stated, however, that it would take the efforts of the FRSC and relevant stakeholders to achieve the target goals.

He, therefore, commended the Management of Covenant University for organising the seminar to further educate members of the community on the need to embrace safe roads usage.

While declaring the seminar open, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu, said the seminar series was an epoch making event in the University.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that from the theme of the seminar, 'Building Defensive Driving Skills', "it shows that there are skills to be considered offensive

on the roads, and with the carnage on the nation's roads being on the increase, the training is a welcome development in safeguarding lives and properties".

Professor Atayero said the University was happy with the tripartite relationship that had started and was looking forward to a very robust and engaging relationship in the nearest future.

The Chairman, Covenant University Road Safety Committee, Professor Daniel Gberevbie, said "The relationship the University is embarking on with the Federal Road Safety Commission and the Vehicle Inspection Officers is not just getting those that can drive get certified and issued valid driver's license, but also ensure that they become better road users".

Participants were educated on the meaning of road signs, causes of crashes, defensive techniques on the roads and precautionary measures to take while on the wheels. The training and seminar series will run for four Saturdays, from the 19th of November to 17th of December, 2016.

Engr (Mrs.) Oluwatoyin Olugbenga and Mr. Samson Bamidele represented the VIO. Others present at the event were the Registrar, Covenant University, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; members of the Covenant University Road Safety Committee; and the University's faculty, staff and their spouses. ■

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functional computer room.

"The goal of the ICT Centre is to facilitate the school's registration and preparation for exams and to enable their acquisition of computer skills. Also, to foster academic development by giving students and teachers access to a plethora of online resources."

Mr. Oti thanked Huawei, his Primary Place of Assignment (PPA) during his youth service days, for sponsoring the project, as well as his coursemate back in Covenant University, Mr. Clinton Okorie, for being supportive during the development and implantation of the ICT centre. ■

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In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, who expressed joy at the proposal on GMAT, said that prior to the visit by Famolex, the University had planned to introduce the programme. "We'll give you the support to make it happen," the Vice-Chancellor stated.

Also at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Bayo Oladehinbo; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; and Deputy Director, Media and Corporate Affairs, Mr. Emmanuel Igban. ■

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funding of projects, among others, are vital to having a competitive website, Professor Obembe added.

CUCRID, he revealed, had been given a mandate to drive the university's research agenda in four thematic areas, which include Food Security/Public Health, Energy, Terrorism and ICT Innovation. "We request clusters to help bring about all these in the next four

years. We need to move fast, be abreast of development in the world because people want to partner with us," said the CUCRID Director.

Also present at the interactive session were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Registrar, Pastor Olamide Olusegun; some Deans of Colleges; distinguished professors and faculty members. ■