



Covenant University Newsflash

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Covenant, Oral Roberts University Endorse Collaboration



Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero and the Executive Director, Office of Global Service, Oral Roberts University (ORU), Dr Kevin Schneider, display

Covenant University and Oral Roberts University (ORU), the United States, have reached an agreement to collaborate on research and students exchange among others.

Both universities formalized the agreement with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Friday, September 22, 2017, at a meeting featuring the Executive Director, Office of Global Service, ORU, Dr. Kevin Schneider, and the Management of Covenant University led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Schneider, who said that the President of ORU, Dr. William Wilson was very excited about the relationship, added that it was an honour for him to be at Covenant to witness the beautiful things he has heard about.

According to Dr. Schneider, his

office supervises three programmes – Study Abroad, Healing Teams and the International Student Centre – where ORU and Covenant could collaborate.

In her comment, the Director, International Office and Linkages, Covenant University, Dr. Ada Peter, said that the MoU signing was the beginning of good things between Covenant and ORU. She expressed enthusiasm that the exchange of students between the two universities and collaboration on research would be mutually beneficial.

Speaking shortly after the signing of the MoU supervised by Barrister Ayodele Osayande of the Legal Unit, the Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, said that Covenant and the ORU have a history that started before the

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Covenant Supports Landmark University on Institution of Postgraduate School



CU Management with Landmark University Postgraduate School Officials

Covenant University has assured its sister-university, Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State, of unalloyed support in the establishment of the latter's Postgraduate School.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, made this known on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, during a meeting with representatives of Landmark University.

The visiting team, comprised of the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Landmark University, Professor Olusola

Agbede, and School Secretary, Ms. Fola Oyinloye, said that the purpose of its visit was to learn from Covenant University the process of setting up her Postgraduate School.

According to Professor Agbede, Landmark University's expectation was to have a full blown postgraduate school as Covenant University, adding that Landmark wants to go about it in a manner that would be attractive and competitive.

Professor Atayero, in his remarks, shared Covenant University's experience with the team from

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NIESV Tasks Covenant on Specialised Areas in Estate Management

The Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) has suggested to Covenant University the introduction of specialized courses in the field of Estate Management at the postgraduate level.

The National President of NIESV, ESV Patunola Ajayi, gave this task on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, when he led representatives of the institution, including the Chairmen of the Ogun and Lagos States Chapters of NIESV, to pay a courtesy visit to the Management of Covenant University.

ESV Ajayi said that the Estate Management profession is composite and has areas of specialisation which are currently limited to 15, and the essence of this is to give room for deep knowledge of area of practice of members. While challenging Covenant University to look at these areas with a view to choosing some of them for postgraduate courses, he said that NIESV would encourage members to take the courses if introduced by the University.

The NIESV president, who averred that technology has its imperative to enlarge the curriculum and the scope of services to ensure international and professional standards, also urged the University to continue to support its Department of Estate

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Expert Calls for Integrity in Estate Valuation Practice

A call has gone to budding professionals for more ethical and professional integrity in the practice of Estate Valuation and Surveying, in order to ensure the credibility of the profession.

The call was made by ESV Offiong Samuel Ukpung, while addressing faculty and students of the Department of Estate Management at their first Town and Gown Seminar, which took place at the university campus on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

Speaking on the topic, "Legal Issues in Real Estate: How Prepared are the Estate Surveyors and Valuers?", the erudite lawyer cum estate management practitioner took the very attentive audience on a captivating journey of the practice of property management and valuation, which, according to him, has been bedeviled with so many unhealthy practices.

Speaking further, the guest speaker said the profession is so vast but unfortunately, the practitioners are mostly labeled as 'Estate Agents'. He

said "there are many other wider aspects that the budding and intending practitioners could delve into. For instance, in valuation alone, one could engage in the following; Land, Land and building, chattels, plants, equipment and machineries".

He explained that one could be involved in different types of valuation :-Asset Valuation for financial statements of companies, Mortgage Valuation for obtaining credit facilities, Insurance Valuation for reinstatement or replacement of claims, Probate Valuation for Administration of Estate, Plant, Equipment and Machinery Valuation for going concern, Sales and Purchases.

The astute Estate Surveyor and Valuer of over 27 years' experience however noted that there is no law in Nigeria or abroad that has been able to define who an Estate Agent is.

Rather, the English law, he said, only attempted to assign roles to them. The legal duties of an Agent are what would determine his capability as a



Head, Department of Estate Management, Dr Chukwuemeka Iroham and Dr Olusola Ajobola, presenting a plaque to the Guest Speaker, ESV. Offiong Samuel Ukpung

quack or a thorough professional. He congratulated the students for the privilege of receiving special training that would help them take over the profession nation-wide.

The Head, Department of Estate Management, Dr Chukwuemeka Iroham, in his remarks, informed the students that the town and gown seminar was specially packaged in order to prepare them for the world of work and enjoined them to take the lessons seriously so as to eke a brighter future for themselves.

Also in attendance were the postgraduate students and other faculty and staff of the department. ■

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Management towards the use of technology for academic development.

He commended the Chancellor and Chairman Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, and the University Management for the tremendous achievements made by the University since inception, adding that NIESV was impressed about the physical structures of the University, which is an impressive contribution to the construction industry.

In his comments, the Director, Physical Planning and Development, Covenant University, Dr. Gbenga Alalade, said that the Estate

Management Department is very dear to the University and he tasked NIESV to be more visible in its activities so that the students can gain more; while the Head, Department of Estate Management, Dr. Chukwuemeka Iroham, who described Estate Management as a profession that comes with opportunities to start something from nothing, said that one of his objectives as HOD is to make the profession visible.

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, said that the University needs professional groups to realise

its goal of raising new generation of leaders and as such, would consider partnering with NIESV on new programmes. Also, he said that NIESV would be welcomed as a partner when the University introduces its Open and Distance Learning Programmes.

Professor Atayero assured the NIESV representatives that the University is committed to the professional development of its members of faculty, staff and students.

Other members of the University Management at the occasion were the Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; Director, Financial Services, Pastor Sunday Abayomi; and Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole. ■

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establishment of Covenant. While stating that it's a thing of joy for Covenant to associate with the Oral Roberts University, Professor Atayero blessed God that finally, the relationship was concretised.

Members of some Research Clusters at Covenant University also met with the ORU representative, Dr. Schneider, to identify the areas of research where both universities could collaborate.

Also representing Covenant University at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; and a faculty from the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Nsikak Benson. ■

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Landmark, saying that Covenant's postgraduate school faced some

challenges in the early years of its existence, but the University was ingenious in addressing the challenges, being a University that strives for excellence in every endeavour.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the can-do spirit in the Landmark team and assured that the University has full access to Covenant's postgraduate school.

Also at the meeting were the Registrar, Covenant University, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo; Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Samuel Wara; and Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole. ■