



Covenant University Newsflash

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Again Covenant wins Best Use of Technology Award



Director, Vice Chancellor's Office, Dr David Omole, and Mr Ayo Ajayi from Media and Corporate Affairs, receiving the award on behalf of Covenant University

For the second time in succession, Covenant University, the best private university in Nigeria, emerged winner of the Best Use of Technology Award among private

universities in Nigeria. The University received the award at the 3rd edition of the Nigeria Technology Awards on November 25, 2017, in Lagos.

The Director, Vice Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole received the award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero.

The award ceremony, according to the Event Director, Beta Media 360, Mr. Felix Nnuji, was to recognise and celebrate Nigeria Technology industry's finest who have delivered per excellence in innovations across the country.

Covenant University was adjudged the best among other nominees in the education category, which include Igbinedion University, Madonna University and Babcock University.

It would be recalled that the University among others was awarded the Centenary ICT Driven University of the Year in 2014. Also, the University's quests to be one of the 10 leading universities in the world by the year 2022, dubbed Vision 10: 2022, recently got a boost as she emerged tops in Computer Science, Engineering, Business Management, Accounting and other multidisciplinary programmes.■

NUC Accreditation Teams Applaud Civil, Mechanical Engineering Programmes

Covenant University's culture of excellence has once again been accorded deserved recognition, as two more accreditation teams from the National Universities Commission (NUC) expressed their admiration for provisions made for the running of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Programmes in the institution.

Leaders of the teams Professor Charles Uko (Civil Engineering) and Professor Val Ekechukwu (Mechanical Engineering) gave the commendation on Thursday, November 30, 2017, during the presentation of their interim reports on the re accreditation exercise to the Management of Covenant University.

In their reports, there was unanimity

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NUC Accreditation Team to Mechanical Engineering programme

75 Covenant Faculty in Top 10 List of Nigerian Authors in Various Subjects

Seventy five (75) members of faculty at Covenant University have been listed among the top 10 Nigerian authors in various subject areas, according to the latest computations by Elsevier SciVal, the strategic data analysis tool employed by ranking bodies worldwide.

In other words, each of the 76 subject areas highlighted had at least a Covenant University faculty in its top 10 list of authors.

Professor Sanjay Misra of the Electrical and Information Engineering Department emerged the faculty with most mention, as he was listed among the top 10 authors in 15 different subject areas, which included Artificial Intelligence, Biomedical Engineering, Communication, Computational Theory and Mathematics, Computer Networks and Communications, Computer Science (Miscellaneous), and Computer Science Applications among others.

Next was Dr. Sunday Fayomi of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, who featured prominently in the top 10 lists of authors in 12 subject areas, among which were Artificial Intelligence,

Computer Science Applications, Control and Systems Engineering, Electrochemistry, Engineering, General Physics and Astronomy, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, and Materials Chemistry.

Professor Cleophas Loto, also of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was among the top 10 Nigerian authors in 9 subject areas. His published works centered on subject areas ranging from Ceramics and Composites, Control and Systems Engineering, and Electrochemistry, to Engineering General Chemistry, General Engineering, General Material Science and Material Chemistry.

While Dr. Moses Emetero of the Physics Department was among the top 10 authors in 8 subject areas, the Vice Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, who is a faculty in the Electrical and Information Engineering Department, emerged in the top 10 lists of 7 subject areas. Some of the subject areas in which the professor of Communication Engineering was featured were Computer Science (Miscellaneous), Computer Vision and Pattern

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More Covenant Programmes Impress NUC Accreditation Teams



Covenant University Management with the visiting NUC Accreditation Teams

Five programmes of Covenant University that were due for re accreditation by the National Universities Commission (NUC), have left good impressions on members of the visiting Accreditation Teams from the Commission.

The programmes were Electrical and Information Engineering (EIE), Estate Management, Industrial Chemistry, Industrial Mathematics, and Industrial Physics.

Leaders of the five respective teams, in their respective interim reports, presented to the Management of Covenant University on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, commended the provisions made for running the programmes.

The team leaders included Professor Sunday Onohaebi (EIE); Professor Adebakin Asaju (Estate

Management); Professor S.G.O. Egbo (Industrial Chemistry); Professor Goje Uba Garba (Industrial Mathematics); and Professor Musa Momoh (Industrial Physics).

The sum total of their reports shows that the philosophies and principles of the programmes are adequate; the curricula are in line with the NUC requirements; all the students fulfilled admission requirements; course evaluation systems are adequate; and the quality of external examiners engaged in the programmes is impressive.

Also, the reports reflect that the laboratories are adequate and well equipped; library facilities and resources are excellent; Classrooms are adequate and well equipped; the quality of academic and support staff is impressive; staff development is satisfactory; and funding is commendable.

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of opinion that the principles and philosophies of the programmes are in tandem with the BMAS; all students met the admission requirements; the curricula are in line with the stipulated NUC standards; and the existence of very satisfactory examination systems and qualified external examiners.

Also, they acknowledged that there are good and dedicated classrooms; well equipped laboratories and functional equipment; well equipped state of the art library; adequate faculty student ratio; good staff development programmes; and adequate funding.

While thanking Covenant for the good hospitality accorded members of their teams, the leaders said the NUC will communicate final reports of the re accreditation exercise to the University.

In his comments, the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu,

appreciated both teams for doing a thorough job, adding that the purpose of their visit was to ensure that the programmes remain top notch.

The Vice Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, thanked the teams for their meticulousness. He commended the NUC for sending seasoned professors for the peer review exercise, adding that every comment made was appreciated.

Other Covenant representatives at the meetings were the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; Ag. Director, Centre for Learning Resources, Dr. Jerome Idiegbeyan Ose; Director, Academic Planning Unit, Dr. Francis Idachaba; Director, Vice Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole; Director, Quality and Academic Standard, Dr. David Olukanni; Heads of Departments; Professors and other members of faculty. ■

They all expressed appreciation to the Management of Covenant for the cooperation and support given to the teams while they went about assignments, and also wished the University success in her aspirations, particularly the vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world in a few years time.

In their comments, the Dean, College of Science and Technology, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku, and the Dean, College of Engineering, Professor Christian Bolu, thanked the NUC accreditation teams for the thorough job done and the suggestions made, adding that the purpose of the exercise is to make sure the programmes are in excellent shape each time they are due for peer review.

The Vice Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, in his remarks, appreciated all the teams for their competence and a job well done. He said Covenant, considered it a privilege to host the assessors as the University will like to tap into their experience in the pursuit of her goals. ■

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Recognition, Education, General Computer Science, and Hardware and Architecture.

Professor Charles Ayo, the 3rd substantive Vice Chancellor of Covenant University and a faculty in the Department of Computer Sciences, was among the top 10 authors in 6 subject areas, same as Dr. Eziyi Ibem of the Department of Architecture, and Dr. Roland Loto of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Only one faculty made the top 10 lists of 5 subject areas; 5 faculty were in the top 10 lists of 4 subject areas; 16 faculty in the top 10 lists of 3 subject areas; another 16 in the top 10 lists of 2 subject areas; and 29 faculty were in the top 10 list of 1 subject area.

Covenant's latest accomplishments came on the heels of recent feats as the University took the lead in a number of competencies in the Nigerian education landscape, by emerging number one in the field of Engineering in Nigeria; number one in the field of Computer Science in Nigeria; and number one in the field of Decision Sciences in Nigeria. ■