Title: Campus Design and Symbolic Order in Contemporary Nigeria: A Case Study of Covenant University Campus, Ota, Nigeria.

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Abstract: Many researches in Africa particularly after their independents exert lots of thrust in capital cities and housing development more than any other areas of physical planning. However, some few years ago a new trend of development in university education, (including campus) and other related activities have begun to emerge. About a decade ago, Covenant University was established among others as a reformer to offer a more holistic education which addresses man’s totality and provide a befitting campus environment that command international admiration. The study in its review of existing literature focuses on the uniqueness of Campus land-uses planning with the aim to dissect Covenant University campus design which is symbolic in all intent. The authors employ the data from calibrations of spatial situation of existing structures, street density and accessibility factors to determine the degree of coordination of the campus and the graph network or connectivity’s of the campus. In the analysis of the entire campus built form and agglomeration, the study observed a loose coordination in the campus spatial structure. Moreover there is need for additional pedestrian walkways with plant shade in the campus. The study recommends compact development and beef up in the pedestrian paths as a measure to reducing long travel (walk) within the campus; equally it is to minimize continuous interference of vehicular traffic with pedestrians and cyclists alike. Larger open spaces in the campus should be filled with structures that are akin to the activity dominating the area. This becomes imperative in order that the unique design is not thrown out as a ‘romantic nonsense’ entity that can no longer magnetize attention or that which has lost its convenience attribute to the detriment of the community dwellers. The corrective measure is a proposition that can still be accommodated.