Covenant University Inaugurates Committees to Drive Set Goals

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In order to effectively drive the innovation, impact and internationalization goals for the current (2014/2015) academic session, the Covenant University Management has constituted and inaugurated various committees.

Some of the committees inaugurated on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 include Faculty Support Programme; Time Table and Examination; Postgraduate School Board; Curriculum Committee; Covenant University Student Work Study Committee; Covenant University Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery Committee and Committee for Lifelong Learning Programme.

At the inauguration of the Faculty Support Programme Committee, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, noted that the importance of the committee can not be over emphasized. He appreciated the committee members for their excellent performance in the last academic session, which necessitated continuity of their service. He charged them to ensure regular checks for quality service delivery by all the students' support centres, both within and outside the campus. “What is paramount at this point is the welfare of the students”, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor also enjoined the committee members to entrench the culture of discipline on campus, particularly among the students, and recommend appropriate sanctions where necessary. This, he said, is everyone's responsibility.

Responding on behalf of the members, the Chairman of the committee, Dr. Zacheus Omogbadegun, appreciated the Management and members of the committee for their immense contributions to its success in the last three academic sessions.

He promised that they would continue to work harder to sustain the trust the Management has in the committee, even as he expressed belief that the committee's activities would be upgraded to a directorate in the nearest future.

Also at the inauguration of the Covenant University Student Work Study Committee, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ayo, noted that the aim is not about what the students would earn, but to introduce them to the dignity of work. He enjoined them to ensure...

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Faculty and Staff of Covenant University have been urged to engage in life-transforming activities and projects in the actualization of vision 10:2022.

This call was made by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the recently concluded Executive Advance 2014/2015.

She stated that the colleges, schools, departments and Registry have roles to play in the actualization of the Vision. Professor Abioye emphasized the basic roles of the University which include teaching, research and community development.

In her presentation titled Harnessing University Resources for Entrepreneurship and Community Impact, Professor Abioye stated that Entrepreneurship is a paradigm shift from information to production and that our students are privileged to have, at the point of graduation, their degree certificates in addition to life-transforming skills from the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies.

She reiterated that the purpose of entrepreneurship studies is to develop entrepreneurship capacity and mindsets, innovativeness, employer of labour, and community impact, among others.

She added that the impact of the University must be felt by the host community and the nation because corporate social responsibility has gradually become part of organisational strategy for development.

She further stated that the key motivation is founded by local needs, global trends, competition, public relations and the desire to give back to the society.

Professor Abioye enumerated the achievements of the University’s Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Studies and the ways to harness the University's resources which include effective management of resources using the competent agents, strong linkages and organisation of social entrepreneurship event such as entrepreneurship award/prize giving day among others.

The Director, Centre for Entrepreneurial...
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speedy payment of the students' benefits.

The Chairman of the Committee, and the Dean, Students' Affairs, Mr. Azubuike Ezenwoke, promised that the committee would fashion a more robust approach to discharging its assignment in order to record more success this session.

The Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, read the Terms of Reference of each committee at the inauguration and wished them success in their assignments. Also at the meeting was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, and representatives of Media and Corporate Affairs.

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It was quite an educative and interactive session as faculty and students of the Department of Mass Communication, Covenant University assembled at the College of Business and Social Sciences Conference Room on Thursday, August 28, 2014 for a special seminar on “The Role of Media in Democracy”.

The Guest Speaker, who is an International news editor with the French Television France24 and a Media Consultant, Mr. Eduardo Cue, stated that there can’t be democracy without a free press. Mr. Cue noted that the media is to point out mistakes and errors so that there can be resolution. “Media should analyse and present points of view” he said.

He highlighted the key functions of media in a democratic society. These, according to him, include offering impartial and complete information, offering a coherent frame work to help citizens understand the complexity of the modern world, and being understanding and compassionate towards the poor and disadvantaged, among others.

He urged the students to shun political involvement, if it compromise journalistic integrity and as journalists, they should be interested in defending the interest of the public.

Mr. Cue emphasised that reporters are not to make moral judgement or judge other people. He also advised correspondents to be intellectually honest and not become frivolous and trembling echoes of their masters. In another presentation titled “Journalism Ethics”, Mr. Cue defined ethics as a branch of philosophy that deals with the general nature of morals as well as moral choices that people must make in their relationship with others.

He stated that it is quite unfortunate that journalists have neglected ethics and are concerned with personal interest. He, therefore, encouraged reporters to embrace honesty, integrity, accountability, respect and excellence. He said these are the values journalists impose on others and not on themselves.

Mr. Cue stated further that reporters should provide account of events and issues to change people’s life, because in journalism, public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. He urged journalists to tell the stories of diversity and magnitude of human experiences boldly even when it is unpopular to do so.

During an interactive session, Professor Cecil Blake, a Former Minister of Information, Republic of Sierra Leone, Professor, University of Pittsburgh, USA, and a visiting lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication lauded the guest speaker for his presentation and opined that the challenges in Africa is the lack of absolute historical facts on the Continent.

Also, the immediate past Head, Department of Mass Communication, Professor Idowu Sobowale added that, journalists must start to define news in the light of African occurrences, perspectives and benefits. He also appreciated the guest speaker for his immense contribution to the knowledge of Journalism.

Also present at the seminar were the Head of Department, Mass Communication, Dr. Oladokun Omojola, Director, Media and Corporate Affairs, Dr. Laure Amodu, Dr. Ada Sonia Peter and other faculty as well as staff and students of the department.