

# Covenant University gears toward Vision, Restructures System

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*To hinge closer to the realization of her vision of becoming one of the 10 leading universities in the world, tagged "Vision One of Ten in Ten", Covenant University has restructured her organizational settings as she commenced the 2014/2015 Academic Session.*

This was made known by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles K. Ayo, on Monday, August 11, 2014, at the first Management meeting to commence the new session.

Professor Ayo announced that the organizational setting of the University has been remoulded to four colleges and eight schools from her former two and six respectively. Consequently, the number of Deans of Colleges and Deputy Deans of Schools has increased to four and eight respectively.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the newly created colleges are College of Leadership Development Studies, to be headed by the former Vice-Chancellor, Professor Aize Obayan, and the College of Engineering, carved out of the existing College of Science and Technology (CST), to be manned by Professor Cleopas Loto, who until the new appointment was the Dean of CST.

The College of Development Studies (CDS) has been renamed as College of Business and Social Sciences with Professor Isaiah Olurinola still occupying the Deanship. The College of Science and Technology (CST) now has a new Dean in the person of Professor O. Okusanya.

Also, the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) has been replaced by a Director in the office of the Vice Chancellor in the person of Dr Shalom Chinedu, who until his new appointment was the Director, Quality Assurance. Consequently, the University now has one Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye.

The University also has a new Chaplain to drive her Spirituality base, in the person of Pastor Promise Omidiora, who until his appointment was a Lecturer in the Department of Languages.

Some non-academic units of the University were also occupied by new officers. The hitherto Corporate and Public Affairs Unit has been upgraded to a Directorate with a new name, Media and Corporate Affairs. It is to be headed by a Director in the person of Dr Lanre Amodu of Mass Communication Department.

The Establishment Unit is to be headed by Mr. Olushola Oyinloye, Mr. Michael Oshagbemi is the new Head of Academic Affairs Unit while Mrs. Helen Olatunbosun takes charge of the Admissions Office.

While appreciating God for all the achievements of the University thus far, the Vice-Chancellor also thanked the out-going officers who he said had performed wonderfully well.

Professor Ayo called for synergy among the past and present officers and promised that they would be empowered to be the final clearing house for some decisions that would not necessarily end on his table, but he would only be notified of such decisions.



Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor Charles Korede Ayo making his remarks at the assembly

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Responding on behalf of the incoming officers, the Director, Centre for Research, Innovation and Discovery (formerly Centre for Research and Development), Professor Louis Egwari, said it was a call to duty and an answer to the Vision One of Ten in Ten. He expressed belief that the just concluded Executive Advance had empowered everyone to show more commitment and responsibility. He encouraged everyone to be pro-active in everything to be done.

Also commenting on behalf of the out-going officers, the immediate past HOD, Mass Communication, Professor Idowu Sobowale, said he was delighted to be part of the winning team in Covenant University. According to him, he had been to many universities, but Covenant University is very different. "We operate as a family and share responsibilities, which creates a sense of ownership better than what obtains anywhere else."

The Registrar, Dr Olumuyiwa Oludayo, in his remarks, also thanked the out-going officers for their commitment to duty and urged the newly appointed officers to do more. He promised that all necessary apparatus for a conducive work environment would be put in place for enhanced performance.

The newly appointed officers were later, the same day, presented to the general assembly of Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching staff of the University.

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