

Be Meticulous, Vice-Chancellor Urges Admissions Screening Panel

The Vice-Chancellor, Covenant University, Professor AAA. Atayero, has urged members of the Interview Sub-Committee of the 2017/2018 Covenant University Scholastic Aptitude Screening (CUSAS) exercise not to fail in the assignment.

Speaking at a two-day training and orientation programme organized for members of the screening panel, Professor Atayero, represented by the Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Dr. David Omole, said that members should see the assignment committed into their hands as an important task because the injection of new students, as selected by the team, will affect the next four to five years of the University positively or negatively.



Vice-Chairman, CUSAS 2017/2018 Committee, Professor Kolawole Ajanaku, at the interview panel

Noting that the interview aspect of CUSAS is the most critical facet of the screening exercise, with the ability to impact on the destiny of the candidates and the University, the Vice-Chancellor said that, "It is better to be mean to them today at the screening phase, rather than being friendly now and hard on them tomorrow. This is a huge assignment that is being entrusted into our care".

He averred that it was time to guard the Covenant brand jealously by ensuring that the assignment at hand is spiritually driven so as not to miss out on any details of applicants, and above all make a success of it. According to the Professor of Communication Engineering, Covenant is not a rehabilitation centre, but a place where people of vision are brought in to add value to the University's reputation.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman, 2017/2018 Covenant University Scholastic Aptitude Screening (CUSAS) exercise, Professor Isaiah Olurinola, said that since the 30th of March, 2017, when the Committee was inaugurated, the charge has been to get only the best students in order to leapfrog time in the quest towards the fulfilment of Vision 10:2022.

He told members of the Interview Sub-Committee to be focused so as to get things right during the screening phase. He advised them to look beyond the academic tools at their disposal and engage spiritual tools towards identifying those that are fit and ready to align with the vision of Covenant.

In her comments, the Chairman, Interview Sub-Committee, Mrs. Mercy Iroaganchi, said that it was a rare privilege to be deemed fit for the mission of screening and selecting students that would spend the next four to five years with the University.

Conscious of the experience some panelists have on the assignment, she asked them to embrace new ways of probing and investigating applicants in order to uncover things that would aid the university in making informed admissions judgment.

The two-day event featured presentation on interview questions and guide, and the usage of computer application grading system for scoring candidates. The event also witnessed suggestions from the panelists on ways to improve on the previous exercise.

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