

Chancellor Urges New Professors, Outstanding Faculty to Continue to Add Value

The Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Regents, Covenant University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, has encouraged new Professors and outstanding faculty of the institution not to rest on their oars, but to continue to add value in their different fields.

Giving his remarks at the Chancellor's Dinner of the University, held on Friday, December 15, 2017, Dr. Oyedepo expressed his delight at the accomplishments of the outstanding faculty in research publications, and the performance of the newly promoted Associate Professors and Professors in the reports of the assessors.



Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo, addressing the newly promoted faculty

He regaled the audience with stories of some renowned professionals, who through commitment and dedication in different callings, made significant impact on the lives of people around them and even beyond. Partnership with Jesus in any venture, he noted, is to the advantage of the individual. "So we are a privileged people and we must continue to embrace that privilege, and use it as a platform for our continuous rise," he said.

While congratulating the faculty, the Chancellor said that Covenant's vision of becoming one of the top 10 universities in the world by the year 2022 is not just for the university, but evidently for the faculty because they are driving corporate vision with their individual knowledge. He added that his prayer is that the grace which brought them to where they are will keep them relevant in their pursuit, and greater things and greater days are ahead of them.

Earlier, explaining the criteria for selecting the 17 faculty found to have been outstanding in the last 5 years, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor AAA. Atayero, said they were in the top 10 lists of research authors in Nigeria in various categories; had published over 30 publications in the last 5 years referenced on Scopus; had citations numbering more than 100 on the Scopus platform; or had H-index of greater than 10 in Scopus.

The roll call of the outstanding faculty, drawn from the different departments in the University, included Professor Cleophas Loto (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Sanjay Misra (Electrical and Information Engineering), Professor Joshua Okeniyi (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Oluseyi Ajayi (Mechanical Engineering), Dr. Sunday Fayomi (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Olayinka Ohunakin (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Sunday Oyedepo (Mechanical Engineering), and Dr. Moses Emetere (Physics).

Others were Professor Charles Ayo (Computer and Information Sciences), Professor Tolulope Loto (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Francis Idachaba (Electrical and Information Engineering), Professor AAA. Atayero (Electrical and Information Engineering), Mr. Hilary Okagbue (Mathematics), Professor Nicholas Omoregbe (Computer and Information Sciences); Dr. Olugbenga Omotosho (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Victor Osamor (Computer and Information Sciences), Professor Ezekiel Adebisi (Computer and Information Sciences).

On the faculty newly promoted to the ranks of Associate Professor and Full Professor, the Vice-Chancellor revealed that for the first time at Covenant, the University went out with professorial PFQ (Prima Facie Qualification) and returned with a 100 percent. "There were 56 candidates, and every single candidate that we presented was approved by the assessors.

This lays credence to the PFQ system established by our central Appointment and Promotion Committee (A&PC) at Covenant," he stated.

Also, Professor Atayero announced that there were some exceptional cases in the assessments. Some candidates who applied for associate Professor Rank, but performed exceptionally well, were subjected to more stringent criteria than those used in establishing the PFQ of professorial candidates and still excelled. These candidates were also approved by the University Board of Regents for promotion to the Rank of Full Professor in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The recommended faculty included Professor Tolulope Loto (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Emmanuel Adetiba (Electrical and Information Engineering), Professor Vincent Efeovbokhan (Chemical Engineering), Professor Olayinka Ohunakin (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Sunday Oyedepo (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Joshua Okeniyi (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Kehinde Ogunniran (Chemistry); Professor Ambrose Azeta (Computer and Information Sciences), Professor Joseph Olugbuyiro (Chemistry), and Professor Olayinka Ajani (Chemistry).

Others were Professor Alfred Owoloko (Mathematics), Professor Aizebokhan Philips (Physics), Professor Olubanke Ogunlana (Biological Sciences), and Professor Evans Osabuohien (Economics and Development Studies).

The Registrar, Dr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo, in his remarks, reeled out the awards and recognitions accorded Covenant University during the year in review. He said the exercise was to acknowledge the doings of the Lord, and some of the many validations that the society is giving to what Covenant is doing.

Also at the event were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shalom Chinedu; the second substantive Vice-Chancellor of Covenant, Professor Aize Obayan; the immediate past Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye; other Principal Officers, faculty and staff of the University.