

Special points of interest:

- I would lead Central University College to become the most Customer friendly University... President.
- Faculties / Departments to mount Mphil and PhD programmes.
- CUC to take part in the Google Apps for Supporting Programmess



THE PRESIDENT REPORT TO CONVOCATION

A. President's Strategic Direction for 2011 and 2012.

With the six year strategic direction which we set for ourselves well followed and its goals almost achieved, it has become necessary to set new strategies for the next two years.

The strategic direction for the next two years was approved by the Board of Regents in one of its meetings. This is without prejudice to the Strategic plan which is currently being crafted. They are as follows:

1. Pursue post graduate programmes and focus on research and scholarship. The University has reached a stage where it has to make a strong showing in post graduate training and research. Departments in Schools/Faculties would be encouraged to mount MPhil and PhD programmes. Regulations and Policies would be developed to guide post graduate studies. Academic staff will be equipped to be in a position to source research fund through good research proposals. The University during this period would begin to bubble with seminars, public lectures and other activities that bother on scholarship. By this we expect Schools and Faculties to write curriculum for their graduate programmes. We urge lecturers with Masters degrees to begin to make effort to acquire Doctorate degrees and encourage every lecturer to begin to do research seriously.

2. Position the University as a major provider of On-Line degree programmes. Under this strategy, the IT infrastructure would be improved. A significantly large broad band would be acquired to enhance high speed connectivity. A committee would be set up to come out with the feasibility to establish and establish On-line programmes in the University. Currently we are in the process of acquiring 155 Mbytes/sec connectivity. The University will be taking part in the Google Apps Supporting Programmes. The project is called Google Apps for Education and it seeks to provide more efficient tools for more effective education. It is part of a worldwide project that has more than 10 million university students using it.

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Google will be offering the following support programmes to ensure Google Apps is successful in C U C.

Connectivity- Assistance with Internet connectivity - ranging from free additional 25Mbps Internet bandwidth to campus infrastructure grants.

Technical Consulting - Campus visits and technical workshops provided by Google engineers or affiliated organizations at no charge

Deployment & Adoption - On site assistance with deployment, configuration and user training at no charge.

One of the direct benefits to this project is that all Central University students would have email and collaboration services hosted by Google. A committee has been set up to come up with recommendations for the establishment of On-line degree programmes to be operated by Central University College. Once approved, staff will be trained on how to write course materials for the on line programmes. I want to appeal to you all to support this on-line programme to make it successful.

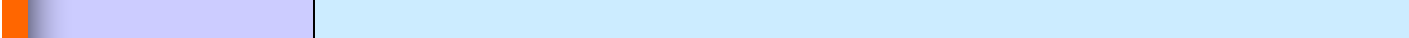
3. Lead Central University College to become the most customer friendly University in its quest to practice as a Christian University College.

Under this strategy, regular training sessions would be organised for all staff of the University College to expose them to good customer friendly practices and ensure that these practices are incorporated into the University's operations. The monthly Academic Leaders' forum would continue to be organised to enrich academic leaders' good practices of Christian values. These practices will make Central University College a Christian University. In line with customer friendliness, all staff will be expected to wear name tags for identification purposes, as they perform their duties. Hot lines would be made available for customers who are not satisfied with services rendered to them to call and report the issue. Staff who continue to contravene this directive would be made to face the disciplinary committee. In the next two years we want to come to the point where Central University College will be a very friendly place to work. We will cultivate the habit of being friendly to both our external and internal clients.

4. Continue to diversify Central University College's programme offerings.

Currently more than 80% of Central University College students are offering various Business programmes. It is intended to diversify Central University College's programme offerings in order to reduce this. It will be ideal to reduce it to about 40%. This will go hand in hand with the development of more academic blocks. In the next two years we would have mounted programmes such as Fashion Design, Hospitality and Tourism, Law,

blocks. In the next two years we would have mounted programmes such as Fashion Design, Hospitality and Tourism, Law, Leadership and Governance, Political History, Civil Engineering, Media and Mass Communications, Computer Science and related Information Technology disciplines and a number of post graduate programmes.



5. Improve Student life on the campus.

Efforts would be made to seek external funds to construct sporting facilities on the Miotso campus. Students would be encouraged to engage in sporting competition and other social activities. Already approach has been made to two banks who have expressed interest in developing the sporting facility on the Miotso campus. Special effort would be made to provide more students' housing on the Miotso campus. These strategic directions have been widely circulated. I would humbly appeal that we all study it and be familiar with these strategic directions and work towards its successful achievement.

Change of Name

- ◆ Ms. Esther Sankah a lecturer, wishes to be Known and called **Mrs. Esther Sankah Kwofie.**
- ◆ Miss Lily Martina Yeboah Nkrumah, an Assistant Director, Finance Office now wants to be known and called **Mrs. Lily Martina Yeboah Nutakor.**
- ◆ Mrs. Veronica Ayawovi Quist, a senior Assistant Director (HR), now wants to be known and called **Ms. Veronica Ayawovi Dekoladenu.**

They would be grateful if the University Community would address them with their new names.

CUSCU PAYS DIVIDEND

CUSCU at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 9th June, 2011 at MLT 7 Mataheko Campus declared and approved 86% dividend to be shared among its cherish customers.

The union recorded about 54.49% increase in it membership bringing the total number of members to 275. This number represents 75.30% of the total workforce of this great university.

Some members were however elected to assume portfolios. They are; Mr Ernest Kofi Koomson to the position of Financial Secretary which was vacant due to the exit of Mr. Maxwell Gakpo, the first financial secretary, Ms Eunice V. Asare was also elected as the representative for Miotso Campus, Mrs. Priscila Lade and Oscar Jacobson , Secretary and Audit Committee respectively.

The union continually grants loans to it members. Currently so many members have benefited from CUSCU loans to the extent that some even say it is their 'financial savior'.

The volume of Loans granted has increased tremendously and it is still the major source of income for the union. Just five (5) minutes and your loan is in your hands. Be part, for it is the life line to your dead line.

It was also announced that the Default rate of loans granted is currently at 0% due to prudent management style of the leadership.

The union decided to diversify it investment portfolio in order to spread it risks and also help generate more money for the union by investing in other assets such as

- ◆ Fixed deposits and other short term financial instruments.
- ◆ Buying and selling of food items and household electronic items.

These investment areas could not be undertaken due to limited funds.

Members were therefore encouraged to increase their contribution so as to raise more money for future projects.



JOB PLACEMENT—ALUMNI OFFICE

The Alumni Office has been able to get jobs for some Alumni of this University due to its good relationship with the corporate world. Just recently, out of three (300) applicants of Alumni who applied to Nestle Gh. Limited for various positions, hundred (100) were shortlisted for aptitude test, and hopefully forty (40) to fifty (50) will get employment.

Alumni therefore wishes to show their gratitude to the Alumni Office.