

CUC news

CBS Dean's Research Club Inaugurated

The maiden meeting for the Dean's Research Club was held at MBA Campus (Pacesetters Hall) Christ Temple, Accra. The Seminar was well attended by important dignitaries such as Dr. Mensa Otabil (Chancellor of the Central University College), Professor V.P.Y Gadzekpo (President) and Faculty members of the Central Business School (CBS).

The Chancellor in his opening remarks complimented the business school for this novelty and emphasized the importance of the occasion to CBS and the University as a whole. In addition, he highlighted the importance of research to society and how studies conducted by academicians go a long way to create awareness and also address some of societies needs.

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Dr. Mensa Otabil, Chancellor of CUC

He revealed that the CBS is the largest University Business School in Ghana and probably the largest in Africa (About 7000 Students). If indeed it is the largest then it is required equally of the School to boast of the largest number of publications to the business community, he urged.

He further challenged them by saying that though the CBS is doing a lot in terms of training students for industry, it must go beyond this step to a stage of sustained research culture through profound and continued publication of their research work or papers.

He concluded his address by congratulating the School once again for this initiative and encouraged all faculty members to project CBS to



Dr. Bill Puplumpu, Dean of CBS

be a pioneer business school on the continent and beyond. This he said will also help improve the quality of Faculty members of CBS.

Professor V.P.Y Gadzekpo, the President of CUC in his address talked about the new phase and direction of the University. He thanked the faculty members for their immense contribution to the growth of the university.

He cautioned however, that this growth must be stabilized and sustained.

He revealed that CUC will soon have its Charter and ended by asking "after the Charter what next?"

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CBS Faculty and Staff

Professor Gadzekpo talked about the need for faculty members to undertake vigorous research activities and also informed members about the new strategic direction for the next two years. He revealed the main issues for this new direction as being Research Campaign and Online Students Services.

The President touched on issues such as the challenges with the new National Accreditation Board (NAB) regulations. The regulations boarded on quality students services via Online Students Services of which the university is currently evolving into.

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He concluded his address by challenging faculty members to add their voices and contributions to National Development discussions so as to promote and project the University as a significant contributor to Ghana's Growth and

Development.

Dr. Bill Puplumpu, Dean of CBS and Mr. Evans Sokro also did presentations to the August house.

Dr. Puplumpu's presentation was entitled “Managing Research, Research Management.” His presentation focused on the calling of academics, as having four sacred roles: 1. *Teach (impart knowledge)* 2. *Research (search for knowledge and uncover the state of things)* 3. *Disseminate knowledge* 4. *Govern and administer our institution.*

He explained what constitute research and challenged faculty to undertake research.

He said that at the end of the day, our worth in academics is not defined by the money you make from teaching but rather it is defined by the knowledge impact and quoted, *“The mark of a scholar is one who knows his/her field; advances that field by his/her own work; references the work of others; acknowledges that the growth of knowledge is like an on-going conversation, precept upon precept...”*

He encouraged faculty members to develop their foci or interest align and their effort and resources in that area through the use of their project work, supervision and students research topics and collaborations with each other.

Mr. Evans Sokro's presentation touched on ‘*Substance Abuse on Employees' Performance in Ghana*

Mr. Evans Sokro's paper presentation was titled Perception of Substance Abuse on Employees' Performance in Ghana Airport Company.

He did a good presentation and ended by saying his paper had already been published in Global Management Journal. His presentation generated a lot of debate by members and this spark a series of questions, contributions and suggestions by almost everyone present.

This gave the indication that members like the concept of the Deans' Research Club and that it is here to stay.

CUC to establish William Ofori Atta Centre for Governance and Leadership



Dr Mensa Otabil delivering his keynote address

Central University College is to establish a Centre for Governance and Leadership in memory of the late William Ofori Atta.

Dr Mensa Otabil, the Chancellor made the announcement at the fifth in the series of public lecture of the William Ofori Atta Centenary celebration on the topic: "*William Ofori Atta: His Christian Heritage and its relevance to Contemporary Ghana*" at the British Council in Accra on the 24th of March, 2011.

The centre, he revealed would be a place for research, mentoring and nurturing wholesomeness in public life.

Dr Otabil described William Ofori Atta as a Statesman having the Spirit of God, intellect, energy and compassion towards the development of the country.

He said William Ofori Atta was concerned about the civil liberties and the future of Ghana and tried to fight to realize the formation of this nation. He stated that the statesman's life had compelled all to examine how personal faith in Christ interfaced

with public concepts such as justice, service, integrity and productivity.

Dr Otabil explained that the mark of true Christianity was not seen in the invocation of the name of Jesus but was also seen when the spirit of Christ motivates our actions and when our lives were lived in accordance with God's laws.

He said Christians have a mission to be good stewards of the earth's resources, noting that Christians should demonstrate God's love for all, by crossing racial, ethnic, economic and national boundaries.

"As practising Christians we must seek to live our lives in accordance with scripture. We submit to authority of the Bible in areas where we have clarity on what the will of God is," he added.

He urged Christians to engage in public policy with detail social, economic, historical, legal and political analysis, if they wanted to understand their society and wisely applied their belief to political questions.



Some members of CUC and ICGC at the lecture.

4TH EDUCATIONAL FAIR Northern Sector

The 4th edition of the Ghana Higher Educational Fair organized by the Ministry of Education and I-TEXON Ghana ended at Sunyani in the Brong Ahafo Region on February, 2011.

The fair which attracted a lot of private and public universities was organized for senior high schools, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders in education based in the northern sector of the country.

Mrs. Laila Boafo-Foleson led a team drawn from the Public Relations and International Relations offices to represent Central University College (CUC).

The team did a presentation on CUC and the educational opportunities available to the Senior High Students. The team also answered queries from interested students and parents.



Some Senior High Students at the CUC Stand.



Some participants at the Fair.



The CUC team at the fair.

DEPARTMENTAL BEST WORKER



MILDRED ABAHOOM

Miss Mildred Abahoom, a CUC alumna doing her National Service with International Relations and Fund Raising Department is the worker of the month.

The voting was done by her peers. This is the second consecutive month that she has won the award.

The criteria for selection of the best worker of IRFRD

and PR unit for the month are:

- ☐ Creativity
- ☐ Initiative
- ☐ Target
- ☐ Achievement
- ☐ Appearance
- ☐ Team work
- ☐ Friendliness
- ☐ Communication and
- ☐ Timing of work

Spotlight:

Directorate of Academic Affairs.

A three (3) member management team made up of the Finance Director Mr. Antwi-Boasiako, Head of International and Public Relations Mrs. Laila Boafo-Foleson and Dean of Students, Rev. William Tsiningo met students of the university on both Miotso and Mataheko campuses on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th respectively.

Some the issues raised were on school fees and the attendant penalty system, the release of exams, attitude of staff towards students particularly the finance department, communication between management and student among others.

After the fora your authoritative cuc news had an interaction with the Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Mr. Emil Afenyo who oversees, admissions, students services and the exams units to clarify some of the issues raised by the students' concerning their exams and release of results.

we bring you excerpts of the interaction.

The Deputy Director revealed that students first and foremost have a critical role to play by registering their names and courses while Lecturers also have a role to play by setting questions, marking examination scripts and submitting them. The Departmental Board cross check and approve the results before it is moderated by external examiners. It is then finally submitted by the Dean of School or faculty to the academic section for uploading unto transcripts.

Mr. Afenyo revealed that there are a number of factors for students to get incomplete. This can happen if a student fails to register. In this case, he or she has a mark but there will be no place to record them. Students who also try to cheat the

system by not writing the exams and come later to say they wrote them but their scripts have been misplaced, unsubmitted scripts and so on.

He said the Directorate is continually looking for better ways to serve students thus the migration of students and their results from file maker program to Osis program. He cautioned lecturers not to publish results till they have been moderated since pasting unmoderated results has a lot of consequences in instance where the marks of students change after moderation.

He encouraged students not to run to the media with their challenges but rather go to the student service centres and other relevant departments to fill complaint forms.

Finally he called on the students, lecturers and Deans to play their part since examination is a collective work.



Students preparing for exams

ELECTION TO CUC BOARD OF REGENTS

Professor Panin elected as Professorial representative



Prof. Anthony Panin
Head, Economics department

Professor Anthony Panin, Head of the Economics department was overwhelmingly elected as the professorial representative to the university Board of Regents, the highest decision making body of CUC.

Prof. Panin hope to enrich the august body with the rich experience he had acquired as a two conservative term Senate member of the University of Swaziland and was also the faculty representative on various boards with the Botswana College on Agriculture.

Additionally, he represented the university of Swaziland as the university representative in many inter-institutional capacities including a representation at the Agricultural Economics Education Board (AEEB) of the Regional Collaborative Masters Programme in Agriculture and Applied Economics.

His ability to work with different people from all sorts of backgrounds is also a plus as it could afford him the opportunity to successfully work with members of the Board of Regents.

Rev. Godson Ahiabor elected to the Board of Regents

Rev. Godson Ahiabor is a minister of the gospel with the International Central Gospel Church(Akwatia) and also a lecturer at the Economics department of CUC.

He is currently the Coordinator of the non-science courses.

He is the Chairman of the Examination Committee at Miotso campus.

He is also a member of the Disciplinary committtee and Chairman of those who do business on Miotso campus. It is hoped the insight and experiences he had gained handling these lofty responsibilities will position him to ably represent staff of the university on the Board of Regent.



Rev. Godson Ahiabor
Co-ordinator

Lily's Wedding



Mr & Mrs. Nutakor

The wedding ceremony of Mr & Mrs. Nutakor took place at the Sakumono Branch of the International Central Gospel Church last Saturday, the 12th of March, 2011.

The ceremony attracted a large number of CUC members including staff and management. Mrs. Lily Nutakor formerly known by her maiden name Lily Nkrumah works with the Finance office of CUC.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BIDS FAREWELL TO MRS. LAMPTEY



Mrs. Joana Lamptey being presented with a gift by Mrs. Barbara Mends on behalf of the Development office.

A farewell ceremony was held for Mrs. Joana Lamptey of the Development Office.

Mrs. Lamptey is leaving the university after working here for a year.

It was under her professional supervision that certain prominent projects were constructed.

She was presented with two gifts, a plaque from the department and a crystal from a grateful Head of Department, Mr. Efui Tamakloe.

Mrs. Barbara Mends a secretary at the Development office presented the awards to her on behalf of the staff and management of the office.

An emotional Mrs. Lamptey expressed her profound gratitude and appreciation to the university, the development office and its head for the love and support shown to her during her short but memorable stint with the university.