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INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

With gratitude to the Almighty God and deep appreciation to you all, I am happy to present to you this report which tracks the major but humble achievements/landmarks recorded by our Faculty in the past one year (1 August, 2019 to 31 July, 2020).

You would recall that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were large-scale disruptions of programmes and projects. For example, all our scheduled projects for the months between March and July, including the First International Graduate Conference and the Faculty Biennial International Conference, could not hold. Looking back today, we are thankful that as a Faculty the months of August (2019) to February (2020) were put into judicious use.

ACADEMICS

Promotions

During the past one year, promotion cases of the following colleagues were successfully completed:

Lecturer I to Senior Lecturer

Dr Bosede A. Adebowale
Dr B.R. Ojebuyi
Dr S.O. Okanlawon
Dr O.O. Berekiah
Dr A. Souleymone
Dr A.D. Iyiola
Dr A.A. Abiodun
Dr Habibat Oladosu-Uthman
Dr J.N. Eke

Lecturer II to Lecturer I

Dr F. A. Amenaghweon
Dr Tolulope A. Akinseye
Dr D.O. Ajayi
Dr Oluwatoyin A. Gbadamosi
Dr O.P. Oke
Dr L.A. Ibrahim
T.S. Ajose
A.O. Ogunsanya

Asst. Lecturer to Lecturer II

Opeyemi O. Ajibola
Ronke E. Okhuosi

Accreditation

The very first institutional responsibility we had to discharge was that of ensuring that our Faculty was ready for the NUC re-accreditation exercise of ten academic programmes in the Faculty. It is with deep appreciation to us that I report that all the programmes concerned received full re-accreditation. The collaboration and collegiality that made that possible was unprecedented.

Inaugural Lectures

The following Professors delivered their inaugural lectures on behalf of the Faculty. I want to thank them all for making us proud.



Prof. Ayo Ojebode

Department of Communication & Language Arts

LECTURE TITLE:

IN SEARCH OF MUTED VOICES FOR THE MIRAGE NAMED DEVELOPMENT

Prof. L.B. Ayeleru

Department of European Studies

LECTURE TITLE:

IN SEARCH OF ANOTHER LANGUAGE FOR LITERARY AND CULTURAL INTERPRETATIONS



Prof. D.A. Adeleke

Department of Linguistics & African Languages

LECTURE TITLE:

THE FOOLERY OF MAN BEYOND THE THEATRICAL WORLD: PERSPECTIVES FROM AN INDIGENOUS AFRICAN LITERARY CRITIC



Prof. A.B. Ekanola

Department of Philosophy

LECTURE TITLE:

THE QUEST FOR SOCIAL PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE TRAVAIL OF SISYPHUS: FACTS AND HYPOTHESIS



Faculty Seminar

In line with our pledge to resuscitate and reinvent intellectual/scholarly traditions in our Faculty, we brought the monthly Faculty Seminar series back into operation. This began in December 2019 with a wonderful presentation by Dr Bisi Olawuyi titled “Can News also be made in China?” It was followed by yet another intellectually stimulating one on the 4th of February, 2020 by Dr Adams Akewula whose paper was titled “Al-iqtibas and Linguistic Deviations in Nigeria Musics”. It is our plan to continue the seminar series as soon as normalcy returns to the University system.



Dr E.A. Olawuyi delivering his lecture



A cross section of attendees at the Faculty Seminar



Dr A.O. Akewula delivering his lecture



A cross section of attendees at the Faculty Seminar

Capacity Building Workshop for Mid-Lower Cadre Lecturers (06 February, 2020)

Our Faculty successfully hosted the above workshop in the first week of February this year. It drew participants (120) from almost all universities in south-west Nigeria. Prof Dmitri Van den Bersselaar, Director, Geschäftsführender, Institut für Afrikastudien Universität Leipzig, Germany; the Dean of Arts, University of Lagos, Professor Funke Adeboye; the Dean of Arts, University of Ilorin, Professor AbdulRasheed Abiodun Adeoye and other colleagues from our Faculty presented stimulating papers and led discussions throughout the duration of the workshop. In view of the positive feedbacks from colleagues from within and outside Faculty, it is our plan to organize the second in the series by early 2021.



A cross section of participants at the workshop

Black History Month (02 March, 2020)

A special lecture was organised to celebrate the Black History Month. Atim Eneida George, Ph.D, who delivered the lecture with the theme **Voting Rights**, was a former Counselor, Public Affairs (Abuja) and former Public Affairs Officer of the US Consulate (Lagos), US Embassy, Nigeria. She is presently at Graduate School of Leadership and Change, Antioch University. The lecture was held at Dominican University, Ibadan and participants were drawn from various universities in Nigeria.



Dean giving the welcome remarks



Dr Atim E. George delivering her lecture



A cross section of attendees at the lecture

Postgraduate Matters

The Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty is building on previous experiences with the Postgraduate College to continually fine-tune the process of graduate studies in the Faculty. This has consequently led to an almost seamless rate of success with the registrations of titles of theses and dissertations (abstract turnout) at PGC abstract meetings. During the past year, our Faculty participated, on a regular basis, in all PGC meetings and decision-making processes.

STUDENTS

During the past one year, we organized platforms upon which our students interacted with the Faculty Management. We also endeavored to increase their capacity. Specifically, we organized:

Town Hall Meeting for Undergraduates in the Faculty (05 September, 2019)

The platform afforded us the opportunity to engage the students on issues relating to academics, environmental sanitation and gender. The maiden edition of the town hall meeting was held on 05 September, 2019 at the Faculty Large Lecture Theatre.

Entrepreneurship Workshop for Final Year and 300 Level Students (20-21 November, 2019)

A workshop on innovation and entrepreneurship skill acquisition was organized by the Faculty in partnership with Campus Lab, an organization headed by one of the Faculty alumni, Mr. Emeka Ossai and the Coca Cola Bottling Plc. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (RISP), Prof. Adenike Adeyemo, gave the opening remarks at the 2-day event. The workshop, which was attended by over 700 participants (final year and 300-Level Students), was designed to increase our graduates' employability, entrepreneurial skills and competences in ICT.

Feedbacks

(Respondent I) - This program was wonderful and fantastic. I plan to attend similar ones in the future. It was very educative.

(Respondent II) - I honestly had a very nice time throughout the program.

(Respondent III) - This event is an eye-opening one. I have gained quite a lot. I have started to see myself beyond what I had earlier thought myself to be. It has helped to widen my horizon and lessened the fear of unemployment that I had nursed over the years. Now, I have the right attitude to life as a whole.

Workshop on Guidelines on Abstract writing (In collaboration with Postgraduate College) for graduate students (Masters & Doctorate students) (29 Jan. 2020)

The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Postgraduate College. Seven presentations were made by erudite scholars, including the Provost, Postgraduate College, Prof. J.O. Babalola. Aside from providing participants with information on guidelines for abstract writing, the workshop also gave them the opportunity to have a robust interaction with representatives of the Postgraduate College, Faculty and supervisors. It was well attended by over 200 Postgraduate Students.



A cross section of participants at the workshop

Feedbacks

(Respondent I) - "The workshop is absolutely fantastic. It was successfully executed. The facilitators delivered their messages to the participants and connected wonderfully with them. At the end of the day, I felt I was now well-equipped to achieve my academic goals".

(Respondent II) - "The workshop was quite educative and refreshing, with lots of motivation and inspiration. The punctuality of the organizers, the prompt commencement of the programmes as well as their success in keeping to schedules were highly commendable".

INFRASTRUCTURE

Perhaps there is no greater challenge facing our Faculty than the maintenance of existing infrastructures and the provision of state-of-the-art facilities for learning and scholarly work. This has particularly become more daunting given near-total lack of funding for this to be achieved. It is however gratifying to note that through your support, our Faculty has succeeded in achieving the following landmarks:

Faculty Boardroom

Our Faculty now has a befitting Boardroom for use. We are very grateful to our Vice-Chancellor, Professor A.I. Olayinka, the DVC (Academic) and former Dean of Arts, Professor A.B. Ekanola for initiating this project, and our immediate past Dean, Professor A.O. Dasylva, for his interventions. Information on the official commissioning of the Boardroom shall be provided shortly.



The Interior



The New Boardroom

Renovation of Faculty of Arts Annex

Decades after its construction, the Faculty of Arts Annex, which hosts the Departments of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Philosophy and Theater Arts, has been renovated. Tiling and painting of the building have been carried out. The complex now presents that ambience that befits a scholarly environment that we all deserve and desire.



Faculty Annex Building

Renovation of Classrooms

Just before the NUC Re-Accreditation of Academic Programmes began, we worked together as a Faculty to refurbish two lecture rooms in our Faculty (Rooms 37 and 39). We also secured fortuitous interventions from a friend of the Dean who funded the refurbishment of another classroom (Room 38) all by himself. A group of friends of Prof. Remi Raji-Oyelade also extended hands of support to us during the period.



New chairs for the Faculty Classrooms

Painting of the Faculty Quadrangle and Corridors

During the past one year, we strove to improve the general ambience in the Faculty by painting the Faculty quadrangle and the corridors. We also provided new tiles to the corridor that is adjacent to the office of the Dean and purchased new flower pots.



Room 37 before Renovation



Room 37 after Renovation

Renovation of LLT and SLT

Again, after decades of total neglect, we succeeded in renovating the Faculty Large Lecture Theatre. We provided new furniture items for the hall, repaired the ceiling fans and provided new ones where necessary. We also painted the SLT and worked tirelessly to repair the leaking air-conditioning system in the room.



Faculty LLT Now



New Waste Bins

Purchase of Waste Bins

In order to improve the general health condition and preserve the atmosphere and beautiful environment of our Faculty, we sought and got support for a donation of big waste bins for our use from a philanthropic organization in Lagos. These have since been distributed round the faculty, including Department of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Provision of Water and Refurbishment of Toilet Facilities

One of the first problems we tried to solve upon assumption of office was provision of water to all the toilets in the Faculty. We are happy to report that this has since been achieved. Colleagues whose offices are at the topmost floor of the Faculty of Arts Annex which houses the Department of Communication and Language Arts (CLA) have experienced some relief in this direction. We have also overhauled the facilities in the male toilet in the Faculty and provided new tiles.



Refurbished Toilet

Provision of New Lighting for the Faculty Quadrangle and the Three Annexes

Upon assumption of office, we discovered that despite previous efforts in this direction, the Faculty quadrangle lacked adequate provision of lighting, particularly at night. We are happy to report that this problem has since been solved. We have provided new lighting facilities not only to the main building of the Faculty but to other Annexes (including Department of Archaeology and Anthropology). Despite this achievement, the need remains urgent and important for the provision of alternative power supply to the whole Faculty.

STAFF WELFARE

Wellness Centre

Early this year, we designated a place as the Faculty's Wellness Centre (FWC). We also sought and got approval for the provision of necessary tools and equipment for the Centre from the Faculty Finance Committee. These have since been supplied by the vendor and certified for use by experts from the University Health Centre.



Faculty Wellness Centre

Wellness Program/Medical Screening (29 January, 2020)

The medical screening exercise was organized by the Faculty on the 29th of January, 2020. It was a huge success as members turned out in large numbers. The screening was carried out by medical personnel from the University Health Centre. Necessary materials were deployed fully for the exercise.



Walk-for-life

Walk-For-Life (30 January, 2020)

The Faculty management organized a walk-for-life exercise for both academic and non-academic members of staff. The walk was coordinated by personnel from University Sports Council. The Provost and some other staff from Postgraduate College joined in the walk.



A cross section of Faculty & PGC Staff during the aerobic exercise



Walk-for-life

Faculty Get-together Party (31 January, 2020)

In recognition of the untiring efforts of colleagues in raising the profile of the Faculty and as a token of appreciation to them in this direction, the Dean, working with the Faculty Welfare Committee, organized a get-together party which held on the 31st of January, 2020. All academic and non-academic staff graced the occasion. Goodwill messages were delivered on the occasion by Professor A.B. Ekanola, the DVC (Academic), Professor F. Egbokhare, Professor Remi Raji-Oyelade and other members of staff. It was the first of its kind in the annals of the Fac-



Dean giving the welcome remarks



Aerial-view of the Faculty Quadrangle



Waiters during the get-together



Faculty members during the get-together

Palliatives for Younger Colleagues

In March and April, 2020, our Faculty extended hands of support to younger colleagues who were greatly impacted by the non-payment of salaries by the Federal Government as a result of the industrial action embarked upon by Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) against the implementation of IPPIS in the Nigerian University System

OTHER PROJECTS

During the past one year, the following projects were also carried out by the Dean's office:

- ▶ Purchase of a new fridge for the Dean's Office
- ▶ Procurement of new upholstery
- ▶ Procurement of new executive chair for Faculty Senior Computer Operator
- ▶ Procurement of new inverter batteries for the Office of the Dean
- ▶ Replacement of missing louver-blades in classrooms and offices
- ▶ Re-partitioning of annex shops and construction of entrance gate
- ▶ Production of classroom etiquette signposts
- ▶ Purchase of main switchover board
- ▶ Extension of Faculty generator to Room 32
- ▶ Purchase of main switchover board for Faculty Annex (Department of Archaeology and Anthropology)
- ▶ Upgrade of Faculty toilets
- ▶ Change of door keys
- ▶ Purchase of new pumping machine
- ▶ Extension of internet facility

ONGOING PROJECTS

TETFUND Building

This project is still on-going. We hope that it will be completed soon.

Department of Music Building

The construction of new Music Department building is still on-going at the former Central Cafeteria. It is hoped that the project will be completed soon.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

British Academy Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)

The Department of History, (University of Ibadan), led by Professor O.C. Adesina, in collaboration with the University of Manchester, was awarded the British Academy Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) flexi-grant which targets capacity development for early career academics, promotes the uptake of research emanating from developing countries in international journals, and furthers intellectual interaction globally.

HU-Berlin Scholarship

In January, 2020, Mr Kayode Dare of the Department of Linguistics and African Languages, won this year's HU-Berlin Scholarship for a three-month stay at the Department of African Studies, Humboldt University in Berlin. However, due to the current global pandemic, the scholarship has been deferred till the 20/21 Academic Session.

RETIREMENTS

During the past one year, the following senior members of Faculty who had served the University meritoriously retired.

Prof. Aduke G. Adebayo – Department of European Studies

Prof. A.L. Oyeleye – Department of English

Prof. M.M. Umukoro – Department of Theatre Arts

APPRECIATION AND BENEFACTIONS

Unto God, the Almighty

Unto our Vice-Chancellor, Professor A.I. Olayinka

Unto Professor Rasheed Abubakar, Executive Secretary, NUC

Unto Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede, Registrar, JAMB

Unto those wonderful friends of the Dean in Abuja, Lagos and here in Ibadan

Unto those awesome colleagues and friends of our former Dean, Professor Remi Raji-Oyelade

Unto all Heads of Department, the Substantive and the Acting

Unto all our colleagues in this Faculty who have been pillars of support

Unto Chairpersons and Members of various Faculty Committees

Unto the Philosopher in the Deanry, the Sub-Dean (PG), Dr A.L Afolayan

Unto the 'General' in the Deanry, the Sub-Dean (General), Dr Olusegun Oke

Unto our Faculty Officer and the entire non-academic staff in the Faculty

Again and again...Unto the Almighty God, the Beneficent, the Merciful...

Prof Afis A. Oladosu
Dean of Arts

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