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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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- Amy Poehler

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## SEED GLOBAL EDUCATION SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH BABCOCK



Prof. Ademola Tayo and Prof, Philemon Amanze with other BU officers and faculty with team led by Chief Strategy Officer of Seed Global Education, Mr. Paras Fatnani (right).

## BU RECEIVES TEAM FROM USA, CANADA AND UK



Prof. Ademola Tayo welcomes Dr. Federico Ling.

By Godwin Ugbaka

A 20-man delegation from the Northeastern University in the USA, Canada and UK recently paid a working visit to explore possible collaborative

opportunities with Babcock University.

"We want to have opportunity to explore a real partnership that will see to the exchange of students and faculty of both institutions in diverse areas," said team lead, Assistant Vice Chancellor, International Enrollment Strategies, Federico Ling.

In response, BU President/Vice Chancellor, Ademola Tayo assured the team of the admin-

istration's interest in building collaboration with strong institutions like Northeastern University.

"The management would want to hear from you after your discussions with some key departments like Research, Innovation and International Cooperation (RIIC), as well as the Schools of Computing and Engineering, and Nursing Sciences."

The others were the School of Management Sciences and Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences (VASSS).

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External view of the building. Right is Engineer Ezekiel Adeniran



## ACADEMIC BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

By Josephine Akarue

Things are looking up for the University's infrastructural development as workmen race to complete several on-going projects on campus.

Among these is the new Academic building situated opposite the Laz Otti Library.

The three-story building project will be equipped with modern laboratories, lecture rooms and offices for faculty and others as approved by the University administration.

In an earlier interview, the Associate Vice President for Works & Physical Planning, Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran said Sheo Nigeria Ltd is handling the contract and are working to ensure completion.

“For now, we are not tagging the project with a particular School though the School of Nursing is going to get a part of the space,” he added.

Already, painting and plumb-

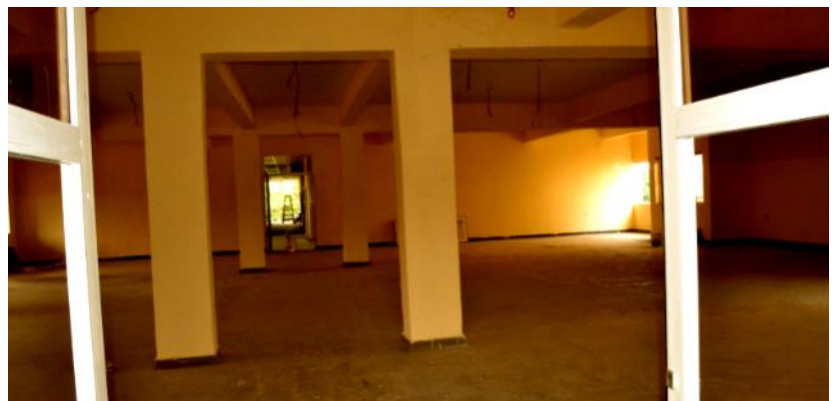
ing works are on-going. External work including clean up and landscaping are expected to commence.

One of the site Engineers, Mr. Kingsley Olu-banjo is optimistic that barring any delays, the project will be ready for delivery and commissioning soon.

Work in progress: Workmen put finishing touches at the project site.



Fixing of windows and doors



Internal view of the building

# WORKMEN RACE TO COMPLETE VARIOUS PROJECTS



Top: School of Engineering Bottom left: The School of Environmental Sciences



contribute our quota to the development of Engineering in the country,” said the Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze.

By Josephine Akarue

Work is in progress in the permanent sites of the two newly approved schools: School of Environmental Sciences and School of Engineering.

According to the Associate Vice President for Works & Physical Planning, Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran, work in the School of Engineering is 65% completed while in the school of Environmental Sciences is about 35% completed.

Both projects are on-going in Iperu, close to the School of Law & Security Studies.

Together, the Schools will run Bachelors degrees in: Architecture, Estate Management, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering,, Civil Engineering, and Computer Engineering.

“These approvals will help us

Meanwhile, workmen at the two new hostels on the main campus are racing to complete the projects.

At the male hostel, project contractor and CEO of Fagorite Nigeria Ltd, Mr. Kolawole Sherafat, is confident that work will be delivered ahead of freshmen resumption, October 30.

“Clean up and final paint work have commenced,” he said. “We await the contractor to power the building.”

Aside the common reading areas and reception, the 243-room facility has walk-in closet and reading areas ensuite. It is expected to accommodate six per room.

The female hostel project contractor, CEO of Movers Nig. Ltd Engineer Olu-sola Olaniran said he awaits materials for completion in key areas including decking of Block C.

So far, tiling work and screeding have begun in Block A while in Block B, screeding, fixing of aluminium window frames and burglary proof are in progress.

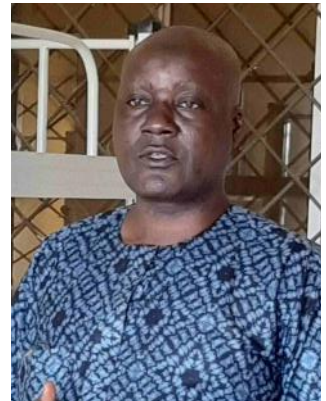
“We can draw up a delivery date as soon as all the materials are available,” he said.



Female hostel: Work in progress



Front view of male hostel. Right is Mr. Kolawole Sherafat



## CPGS HOSTS WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY AND SUPERVISORS



Faculty participants listen as Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze makes his opening address

By Godwin Ugbaka

To contribute to national development and qualify for global relevance, postgraduate teachers must be innovative and entrepreneurial.

Senior Vice President Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze made this submission while declaring open the one-day workshop for teachers, supervisors and mentors hosted by the College of Postgraduate Studies (CGPS).

He said the programme themed, *“Postgraduate Teaching and Supervision for National Development and Global Relevance”* would not only enhance core areas of discipline, but boost innovative and entrepreneurial skills.

It is also expected to hone research skills for national development.

“Teachers must take new skills and also learn how to mix machines with man-made efforts,” said Prof. Amanze.

He further stressed the need to embrace the use of Artificial Intelligence which was fast gaining global recognition.

Aside honing skills, the Acting College Provost, Dr Olutayo Shokunbi, said the workshop is expected to help participants come better prepared for the new academic session.

“It is good to address all our issues before we focus on national issues and global relevance,” he stated.

Highlights of the workshop included *the Doctoral Workshop Step-down* from the College Provost, Prof Ayandiran Aina and three others: Dr Adekunbi Imosemi, Dr Babtunde Adebua and Dr. Rafiat Anokwuru.

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Dr Olutayo Shokunbi (right) addresses participants



Prof. Olusola Ogunwemo



Dr. Chinedu Anukwuru

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Prof. Ademola Tayo (right) makes a point as the guests



## BU RECEIVES SEED GLOBAL EDUCATION TEAM

By Godwin Ugbaka

The University's administration made a strong case for collaboration as it received a team of officers from five business schools across Europe and America.

Led by the Chief Strategy Officer of Seed Global Education, Mr. Paras Fatnani, the team was in Babcock to seek partnership through academic exchange programmes.

While receiving the team with other senior University officers, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo, said Babcock was "open" to collaborative opportunities with credible organisations.

"If we must go far we need to have these collaborations," he said.

Earlier, Mr. Fatnani said aside partnerships, the visit was to enhance diversity by attracting best Nigerian talents from leading universities in the country to Europe and North America.

The team comprised officers from three US-based Business Schools: George Washington University, the University of Maryland and the University of Illinois as well as the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC), a US-based international non-profit organisation of business schools.

The others were from the Imperial College Business School, London, and Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.



Shelbi Brookshire



Paras Fatnani



A cross section of BU faculty

### THE OTHER FACILITATORS

1. *The Ethics of Research:* Prof. Olusola Ogunwenmo;
2. *BU Research Space: Maximizing Potentials of Stakeholders:* Prof. Grace Tayo;
3. *Research Collaboration, Fellowship and Related Opportunities:* Dr. Sophia Abiri-Franklin;
4. *Research Methodologies Review :* Drs. Isaiah Abo-larin, Stephen Maitanmi, and Emmanuel Ajike
5. *Making the Most of the PG Seminar Courses* (Doctoral, MSc & MPhil Seminars): Prof. Michael Akpa



## BUCODEL GETS MORE NUC-APPROVED PROGRAMMES



Front view of the BU Centre for Open, Distant and E-Learning.

By Godwin Ugbaka

The Babcock Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning (BUCODEL) has received the NUC-approval for more programmes. In this interview, Director of the Centre, Professor Mobolanle Ebuloluwa Sotunsa talks about BUCODEL's uniqueness, admission requirements and available courses among others. Excerpts:

**Q: Please what is the Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning all about?**

**A:** The Open, Distant and e-Learning has been configured to be delivered to learners wherever they are in the world. From the comfort of their homes, to the busy offices, market places and anywhere they are able to learn from.

**Q: What is unique about that of Babcock?**

**A:** It is in the strength of our capacity and programmes. It is among few running three, National Universities Com-

mission-approved programmes within the first two years of take-off: B.Sc Accounting, B.Sc Computer Science and MBA.

**Q: How many courses were approved for the Centre for Open Distant and e-Learning at take-off?**

**A:** We had only B. Sc. Accounting when we started. Recently, the NUC approved B.Sc. Computer Sciences and Masters in Business Administration (MBA). We are hoping to have more courses before the year runs out.

**Q: What level are the pioneer students at Babcock Open Distant and e-Learning?**

**A:** Our pioneer students started in 2021 with B.Sc. Accounting and are already in their 300 level.

**Q: Some people have said that there are some courses like Medicine and Surgery cannot be taught online in virtual setting. Is there a time when this could actually be done in a virtual setting?**

**A:** Yes, absolutely! There are virtual reality labs and stimulation labs where lessons are carried out and students learn or see how operations are carried out.

For example, our Computer Science programme has plugged-in virtual labs where our students can do their practical without physically attendance in Babcock.

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Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa

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Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa

**Q: What is the duration of programme?**

**A:** For the B.Sc Accounting and Computer Science it is the normal four years as in the residential learning. The difference is the flexibility of time of learning. It is called priority of esteem.

**Q: Is there any opportunity for the students to know their classmates?**

**A:** Definitely, there is opportunity to meet your classmates through live classes and the revision period before exams where we encourage everyone to be physically present for better-student interaction.

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**Q: Are the fees the same with the residential learning?**

**A:** No, it isn't. Distant learning is quite cheaper than the residential. But it is for the learner not the university as some overhead costs borne by residential students are not paid for by the distant learner. A session's fee for B.Sc. Accounting and Computer Science students at BUCODEL, is N255, 000 Naira only as opposed to the N2.34 million and N2.13million per session respectively.

**Q: What are the admission requirements for the courses?**

**A:** The basic standard is five credits including Mathematics and English. For Accounting, prospective students, credits in Economics or Commerce are required as well.

Distant learners don't need a JAMB score for admission but need to register with the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board. It is the only body statutorily empowered to offer admission into tertiary institutions nationwide. For the MBA, it is a first degree from any field.

**Q: Will a distant learner be able to participate in the NYSC after completion of the programme?**

**A:** Yes. They have the right to be mobilized to serve NYSC after the programme. This is the more reason emphasis is placed on registering with JAMB.



Prof. Mobolanle Sotunsa

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BUCODEL computer laboratory



A cross section of participants listen as Prof. Philemon Amanze gives his charge

## NCS MEMEBRS RESOLVE TO BUILD CAPACITY IN AI

By Josephine Akarue with additional reports from Olugbenga Olajobi

Members of the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) rose from a three-day Innovation, Research and Entrepreneurship workshop resolved to build capacity and economic growth through technology and Artificial Intelligence.

The programme, themed, *Emerging Technologies for Advancing Digital Education, e-Business and e-Government*, created platform for knowledge sharing and cross fertilization of ideas.

It also provided brainstorming opportunities for NCS members and ICT experts on best practice on harnessing emerging opportunities from AI for across various fields of human endeavour.

President/Vice Chancellor, Prof Ademola Tayo urged participants to encourage positive use of innovative Artificial Intelligent to impact society.

Prof. Tayo, who was represented by the Senior Vice President Aca-

demics, Prof Philemon Amanze further urged them to maximize the knowledge gained and innovation for national development.

Aside members, the Governor of Osun State represented by the Commissioner of Innovation Science and Technology, Mr. Ayofe Dele was present.

In his address, the President of NCS, Dr. Muhammad S. Aliyu, expressed optimism that the workshop, aimed at providing support for developing smart innovative ideas for national economic empowerment, would create platform for growth and not another talk shop



Dr. Muhammad Aliyu



A cross section of participants



Prof. Philemon Amanze and Dr. Muhammad S. Aliyu (7th and 8th left) with other participants at the workshop

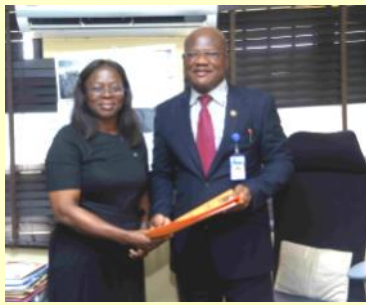


## HUMAN RESOURCES: FACULTY PROMOTIONS

S/N	NAME	SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT	POSITION
	Prof. Adekunle Binuyo	Business Admin & Marketing	Head of Department
	Dr. Esther Lawal	Economics	Head of Department
	Prof. Ayandiran D. Aina	Science & Technology	<b>Dean</b>
	Dr. Chigozirim Ajaegbu	Information Technology	<b>HOD,</b>
	Prof. Olubunmi Idowu	Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanities	<b>Dean</b>
	Dr. Gideon Olanrewaju	Foundation Studies	<b>Director</b>
	Dr. Charles C. Akpuh	History & International Studies	<b>HOD (Acting)</b>
	Dr. Ngozi Okata	Languages & Literary Studies	<b>HOD</b>
	Prof. Dorcas Odunaike	School of Law & Security Studies, Iperu Campus	Dean /Provost
	Dr. Veronica Ekundayo	Private & Commercial Law Private & Commercial Law	<b>HOD,</b>
	Dr. Jumai S. Wennie	Adult Health Nursing	<b>Coordinator</b>
	Dr. Esther N. Adejumo	Medical Laboratory Science	<b>HOD,</b>
	Prof. Ezekiel Adeniran	School of Engineering	<b>Dean</b>
	Dr. Samson Ogunlere	Computer Engineering	<b>HOD</b>
	Prof. Olawale J. Omotosho	Electrical Electronics Engineering	<b>HOD,</b>
	Engr. Shade Ademokoya	Mechanical Engineering	<b>HOD (Acting)</b>
	Dr. Adeyemi O. Adeboje	Civil Engineering	<b>HOD</b>
	Prof. Chibueze A. Ogbonna	School of Environmental Sciences	<b>Dean</b>
	Arch. Aderemi A. Oyewunmi	Architecture	<b>HOD (Acting)</b>
	Dr. Omolayo F. Salami	Surgery	<b>HOD</b>
	Dr. Abolanle Kayode	Biochemistry	<b>HOD (Acting)</b>
	Dr. Akinwumi Akinyede	Pharmacology	<b>HOD,</b>
	Dr. Michael Popoola	General Education Studies (GEDS)	<b>Director,</b>



Prof. Abiodun Adesegun (right) hands over to Prof. Olubunmi Idowu



Prof. Deji Olarenwaju hands over to Prof. Dorcas Odunaike

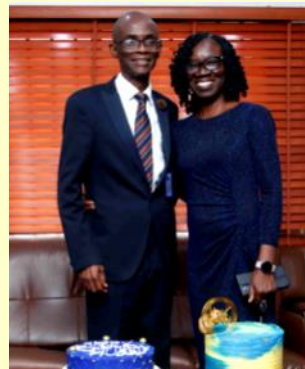


Prof. Cyril Nwagburuka hands over to Prof. Ayandiran Aina.

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University's alumni turned out to support two of their own as Agape Okemiri (BU 2018) and John Okpechi (BU 2015) exchanged wedding vows at the University Pioneer church.



The University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae and a few colleagues prayed with the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo and his spouse as the former

# PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University's 64/24 Founders' Day celebration provided time out to unwind during the campus-wide rally. Pictures capture some of the moments and faces at the event led by the President/VC and other principal officers.





# COMING EVENTS

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**OCT 30**

### FRESHMAN RESUMPTION

All fresh students including direct entry students are expected to resume for the 2023/2024 academic session.

**NOV 5**

### GC PRESIDENT'S VISIT

The President of the Seventh-Day Adventist church worldwide, Pastor (Dr.) Ted Wilson will be visiting Babcock University. Details of his visit will be further communicated.

**NOV 16**

### INAUGURAL LECTURE

Dean of Nursing Sciences, Prof. Christiana Sowunmi will be delivering the University's 45th inaugural lecture. **Plummeting Maternal Mortality: An Uphill Task in Nigeria**  
Venue: BBS main Auditorium  
Time: 2:00pm

**NOV 18**

### OPERATION SMILE

The annual outreach programme to vulnerable children in the host community will be held. Programme will include free eye screening for children and participating schools.

Venue: Pioneer Youth Church  
Time: 2:00pm

**NOV 25**

### FEAST OF LIGHT

The feast of light is once again coming up to celebrate the living

saviour, Jesus Christ with the theme, **Christ, the Light of the World**. Venue: Sports Complex, Time: 5:00pm

**NOV 26**

### BU POINEER CHURCH HARVEST/THANKSGIVING

## SAFETY TIPS

- Think safety. Turn off electrical appliances after work even when there is no power.
- Never take safety for granted. Ensure proper use of tools, equipment and machinery.
- Pay attention to signage.
- Report any unsafe conditions.
- Keep workplace and hallways clutter free.



## BENEFITS OF CURRY

Curry is loaded with a lot of health benefits that guarantee our well being, of which some are:

- Regulates blood pressure.
- Reduces inflammation.
- Improves memory and reduces risk of Alzheimer's disease.
- Reduces risk of high blood pressure.
- Helps to burn belly fat



## FACTS

### MALAYSIA

Malaysia is situated in Southeast Asia straddling parts of the Malay Peninsula and Island of Borneo. Its capital is Kuala Lumpur.

- It is home to the world's largest cave chamber and second tallest skyscrapers, the Merdeka 118. It is 680m high
- It is also home to more than 14,500 flowering plants including the world's largest flower, the Rafflesia.