



Our Mission

- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

Our Vision

- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
- Adventist Heritage

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focused effort.”

- Paul Meyer

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TOP OF THE WEEK



Prof Ademola Tayo (4th left) and Eng Kayode Odedina (5th right) with other principal officers, staff, faculty and officials of NUC ODel team pose for photograph after the exit report.

PRESIDENT SETS FIVE-YEAR ROADMAP



Prof. Ademola Tayo

The President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and other officers last week presented a comprehensive five-year roadmap as the University held its first virtual colloquium for staff and faculty, January 7 – 9, 2021.

While spirituality and staff

welfare remained top agenda issues, the roadmap also touched on academic expansion and infrastructural development.

These include the establishment of the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences and a department of Entrepreneurship among others.

The event also provided a rallying point to reflect on the theme: **Education in the End Time: Upholding the Vision Beyond 60/20.**

From Academics to Student Development, the charge called for a spir-

itual renewal and commitment to institutional core values.

“I want to welcome you to a year of unprecedented breakthrough,” said Prof. Tayo. “Amidst the gloomy atmosphere, God will continue to prosper Babcock.”

His call also focused on integrity, due diligence and commitment to duty.

“I charge you to be a good role model especially since our lives may be the only Bible some of our students may ever read,” he remarked.

WEEKLY DIGEST

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DR. OYINLOYE CALLS FOR PARADIGM SHIFT



Dr. Comfort Oyinloye

How do we sustain wholesome living in a fast-paced, morally decadent world? Or how can we make our role more impactful in this situation?

These questions touched the core of Dr Comfort Oyinloye's

devotional delivered at the colloquium. Titled, *End-Time Dynamics: Sustaining Wholesome Living in a Fast-paced World*, the message underlined the importance of wisdom and reverence for God as well as a paradigm shift in interpersonal relations.

Her recommendation also emphasized applying the golden rule; being a carrier of good news; speaking up

against injustice and judging fairly. "Don't apply different rules to different people," she said.

Dr. Oyinloye who teaches in the Department of Education, called for better preparedness for classes and willingness to build the students up for good.

"The greatest want in the world is the want of men, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the compass is to the pole," she said.

ERGONOMICS AND END-TIME DYNAMICS



The Head of the University's Teaching Hospital Orthopaedic Department, Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha reiterated the need for balance and good posture in the work place among others for optimum health.

His presentation, *Ergonomics & End-Time Dynamics*, listed risk factors of work-induced spinal pain and stress resulting in poor health, absenteeism, loss of manpower hours and in extreme cas-

es, death.

He noted that these and other high risk factors - repetition, poor

light, static position, compression and contact stress as well as quick motions - were both preventable and within our control.

For example, he said a staff whose job is sedentary, can occasionally move around to avoid sitting for too long.



Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha

Similarly, pain prevention may simply require change of office chair, observing the rules of balance, trying out new ways to do the same thing and recognizing the best ways to handle the three types of ergonomics - physical, cognitive and environmental.



Dr. Hudson Kibuuka: Promoting mission in learning and teaching

DR. KIBUUKA ON GLOBAL MISSION

Adventist Education will be unable to achieve its heaven-appointed task of redemption and restoration unless adequate preparations are in place to handle critical decision-making in teaching, training and total membership involvement.

Lead speaker for the 2021 colloquium, Dr Hudson Kibuuka made this submission as he presented his paper, *I will Go: General Conference Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025*.

The five-year global plan takes into cognisance the complexity of today's society which calls for reengi-

neering of the traditional methods of imparting knowledge as well as mission in training.

"We ought to teach higher order thinking skills which are: creativity, Information processing, Interpretation and modelling," said Dr. Kibuuka who is the Associate Director of Education at the Maryland headquarters of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church, USA.

He added that these strategies will provide the requisite knowledge to dealing with real life situations.

"Today, people are not necessarily considered knowledgeable based on

how much information they have," he said, "But by how much facility they have with that information; how much they can decipher from it for good."

He also called for total membership involvement, (TMI) in imbibing the values and principles of mission which begins with each one of us.

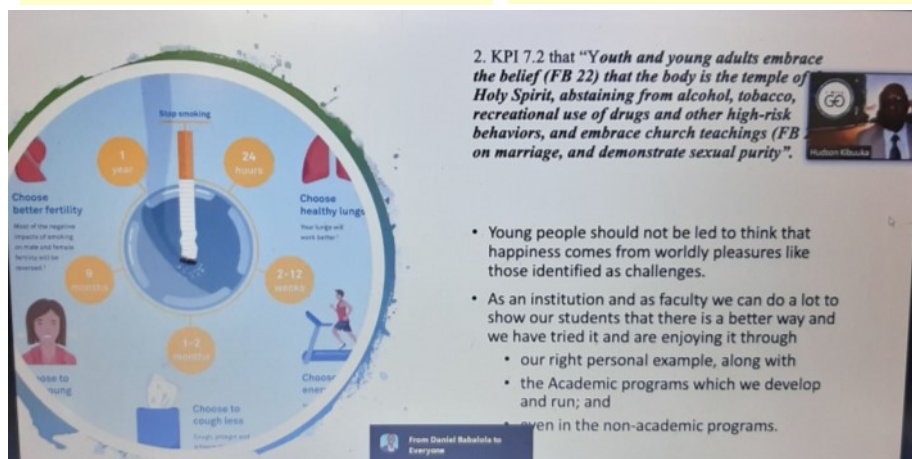
Consequently, his paper advocates the adoption of the *I Will Go* mission principle in training both within and outside the classroom across Adventist institutions globally.

Originally from Brazil, this principle which combines training and mission, has become a global outreach strategy of the Education Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide.

"Time is short. We cannot continue doing business as usual," he said. "Education in the end time must be focused and intentional. We must work in the daytime for the night is coming."

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Screen shot of Dr. Kibuuka's presentation



Prof. Adeola S. Tayo with other principal officers (l-r) : Dr. Folorunsho Akande, Prof. Philemon Amanze, Prof. Yacob Haliso and Pastor (Dr) Sunday Audu.

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal officers led by the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Adeola S. Tayo, set the direction for the new administrative roadmap with a call to diligence, determination and deeper commitment with God.

"I welcome you to a year of unprecedented breakthrough," he said. "God says 'I will watch over you and instruct you which way to go.'"

Below is a summary of the roadmap from the divisional heads:

PRESIDENCY: The President capped the different strategic development goals with the plan to construct the University senate building and the new Accident & Emergency Centre complete with an MRI.

In addition, Prof. Tayo revealed that his administration's drive towards achieving all round access to internet connectivity on campus to facilitate learning, research and innovation.

ACADEMICS: Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze's roadmap pointed to the new pro-

grammes and the expansion of existing ones.

All 38 undergraduate programmes from Accounting to Nursing are fully accredited.

Similarly, Babcock will begin running selected programmes through Distance & E-Learning as soon as it receives the National Universities Commission Accreditation team's nod of approval.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES: The SVP for this Division, Prof. Yacob Haliso summed his direction for the years ahead with a plan to develop a more robust relationship with the University's alumni and leverage on the existing relationship for growth.

He will continue working through the Marketing department to ensure BU remains the preferred brand for national and international students' enrolment.

The campus radio, Hope 89.1 FM and Adventist World radio will continue to broadcast Christian and educational programmes for missionary and public service.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: The Vice President Financial Administration, Dr. Folorunsho Akande, commits to a fiscal plan that will go beyond managing assets and resources to providing support for infrastructural development

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

This Division comprises hostels, Student Support Centre, and Sports. The new Vice President Student Development, Pastor (Dr) Sunday Audu promises to encourage a more student-friendly environment to enhance development.

This involves the active collaboration of all unit and departmental heads to improve the home away from home experience.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION REMAINS REDEMPTIVE

Keeping the redemptive purpose of Adventist education in focus while embracing the right technology is imperative to achieving the goal of setting up our educational institutions.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference Education Director, Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy stated this while advocating a focus-driven, Biblical approach to teaching at the University's colloquium.

In dealing with the sub-theme, ***End-time Dynamics Concepts & Challenges: Implication for***

Whole person Education, Dr Beardsley-Hardy noted that in spite of the changing times, the redemptive purpose of Adventist Education, the centrality of the Bible in all disciplines and restoring the image of Christ in students among others, remain unchanged.

Like the Apostle Paul and his fellow crew members in the Bible were forced



Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy

to throw out stuff overboard to avoid a shipwreck, so has Covid-19 compelled us to trash archaic teaching methods for newer technologically-friendly approach.

PROF. AMANZE PROMOTES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Prof. Philemon Amanze

“Excellence comes with a price tag, and only those who understand its worth can pay for it.”
Prof. Amanze

Senior Vice President, Academics, Professor Philemon Amanze gave a 10-point recommendation for promoting academic excellence during his presentation at the colloquium.

Top among these were: identifying our priorities by putting God first, global best practice in teaching, learning and assessment as well as student support.

In his paper, ***End-time dynamics: achieving academic excellence without compromise***, Professor Amanze said Babcock University would continue to support collaborations to promote capacity building, interdisciplinary research and community engagement.

He said while these remain top

priorities, the University would uphold its God-first approach in its dealings, maintain accountability and create an enabling environment to foster holistic development.

This, he said, explains why the University administration encourages students to take advantage of internship opportunities to improve learning, work-study programmes, exposure to international learning and experience and other measures to facilitate short and long term success.

“Excellence comes with a price tag, and only those who understand its worth can pay for it,” he stated.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS THE WAY TO GO



Prof. Johnson Egwakhe (left) and a screen shot of his presentation

Babcock University can only be more successful in entrepreneurial development by thinking outside the box.

The Dean of the School of Management Sciences, Professor Johnson Egwakhe made this submission at the 2021 virtual colloquium while making a strong case for entrepreneurship.

For him, this implies looking for new ideas, solutions and opportunities in the market as well as a passion for uniqueness in service delivery.

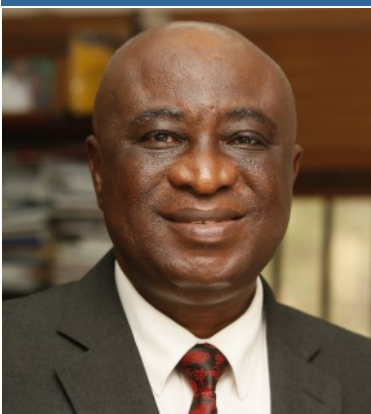
Among other strategies, his paper, *Personal Initiative Programme*, listed resilience in identifying problems, needs and opportunities as the basic tools for

socio-economic expansion in the face of uncertainties.

“If Babcock is to succeed, it must be innovative and deliberate,” he said.

Professor Egwakhe said beyond the process of opportunity and needs identification, there is also the need to step ahead of competitors in the way we do business.

MAINTAINING PUBLISHING ETHICS STILL TOPS BU FACULTY PROMOTION INDEX



Prof. Iheanyichukwu Okoro (left) and Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa

Babcock University has annulled the re-submission of articles for consideration for promotion by faculty beginning from this year 2021.

Former Senior Vice President, Academ-

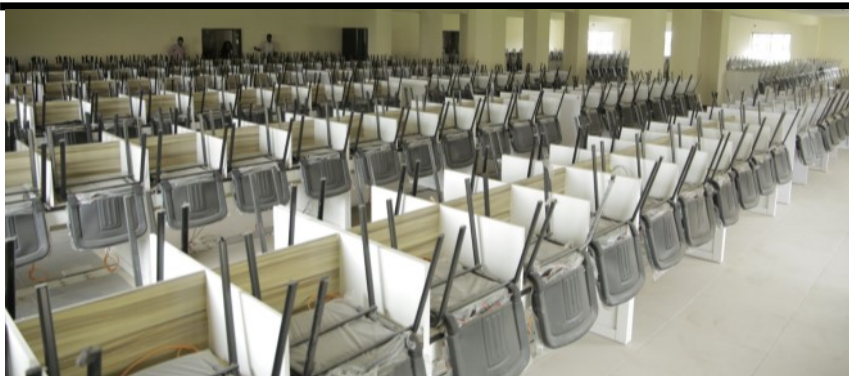
ics, Professor Iheanyichukwu Okoro and faculty member in Computer Science Department, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa made this known while making presentation at the colloquium.

In the paper, *Presentation on Promotion for BU Academic Staff*, it stated that effective from this year, any candidate turned down at the Academic Standards Board will

have to apply next year as re-submissions will no longer be allowed.

Similarly, all the papers earlier submitted for promotion with Turn-it-in reports should not be resent to the Turn-it-in software. Candidates should rather make use of the previous Turn-it-in reports they had for such papers.

“Any candidate who presents a Turn-it-in report of 0%, would be considered to have committed an academic fraud as that suggests a manipulation of the software.”



One of the computer-based test (CBT) laboratories at the new Distance & E-Learning Centre in Babcock

SCHOOLS WITHOUT WALLS

Under the new normal, Professor Chibueze Ogbonna says projectized systems thinking would help organizations achieve more than those that work in isolation.

He explained that with projectized systems thinking, an organization or entity with interrelated and interdependent parts is able to work together to achieve a common purpose than working in isolation.

In his paper, *End-time dynamics: building virile systems thinking in a school without a wall*, Professor Ogbonna identified the power of collaboration in organizational development. He said just as the iceberg has different levels and only the tip is seen at the top, so do organizations also have different structures and units that are interrelated and interconnected with just a handful seen by the external public.

He therefore called for a harmonization of individual strengths and values to enable the organ-



Prof. Chibueze Ogbonna

ization achieve desired results.

According to him, public acceptance of a product or service comes with expectations which need to be met and sustained.

Consequently, he stressed the need to leverage on its IT connectivity as well as collaborative skills as premium for brand acceptance, especially in the digital world.

Realizing that most often when organizations get to their peaks there is tendency to become laid back, Prof. Ogbonna called for an evaluation and processing of the iceberg organizational model.

IN BRIEF

DHR ANNOUNCES 15 NEW PROFESSORIAL POSITIONS

The Director of Human Resources announced 15 new professorial positions during the colloquium as well as promotions of 25 others as Associate Professors.

These positions were effective from 2020 but came up at the virtual meeting which brought together more than 600 staff and faculty. Among these are:

1. ABBIYESUKU, Fayeofori, Prof of Chemical Pathology
2. ADESEGUN, Abiodun A, Professor of African History & History of Religious Education
3. AGBEDE, Catherine, Professor of Health Promotion & Education (Reproductive Health)
4. ALAO, David, Prof. of Peace Studies, Governance & International Relations
5. AROWOLO, Ayoyemi, Prof of Intellectual Property Law
6. BABALOLA, Yemisi, Prof of Information Literacy
7. BINUYO, Adekunle, Prof of Management
8. IDOWU, Olubunmi, Prof of Sociolinguistics
9. JOSHUA Jonah, Prof of Software Engineering
10. KIO, Janet, Prof of Community/ Public Health Nursing
11. SOTUNSA, John, Prof. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
12. YACOB-HALISO, Olajumoke, Prof of Gender Studies and International Relations

DISTANCE & E- LEARNING CENTRE UPDATE



Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd left) with him are (l-r): Prof. Philemon Amanze, Engineer Kayode Odedina and Prof. Bolanle Sotunsa

President/Vice Chancellor, Professor Ademola Tayo said the university is eager to see the immediate take-off of the Babcock University Distance & E-Learning Centre.

He stated this while welcoming a three-man team from National Universities Commission (NUC) on advisory visit to the centre.

He said the university has done a lot to get the centre ready for its immediate take off.

He therefore urged the team to take a thorough look at everything that had been done, saying that administration is ready to put to use whatever advice the team

might give, to accelerate its approval and eventual take-off.

Team leader and NUC Director ODeL, Engineer Kayode Odedina said their visitation was to assess how far the

University had gone in getting the centre ready for take-off. "We are here to match what have seen on paper with what is on ground," he said. "It is to see how robust the ICT is, the guidelines and the dedicated building for the centre, among others."

From the teams' exit report the University has fulfilled a 90% compliance to NUC's guidelines for setting up a distance learning centre.

Engineer Kayode Odedina who made this known said "Babcock has only just a few things left."



The new building for E-Tech and BU Centre for Distance & E-Learning

SABBATICAL LEAVE

The Director of Human resources announced the following names as returnees from Sabbatical leave:

ASIKHIA, Olalekan U. (Prof, Business Admin & Marketing) - At Cavendish University, Kampala, Uganda from August 1, 2019 to July

31, 2020.

ATULOMAH Nnodiemele S.O. (Professor, Public Health) - At Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Lagos from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020.

SODIPO Bankole (Professor, Private & Commercial Law) - At Queen Mary

University of London, UK; Stanford University, California, USA and George Washington University, DC, USA from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020

ON-GOING

ODUYOYE Oluseyi (Professor/HoD, Business Admin & Marketing) August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021.

HR UPDATE: APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

S/N	SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT	NAME DEAN/HOD
School of Computing & Engineering Sciences Dean: Prof. Sunday IDOWU		
1.	HOD, Computer Science	KUYORO, Afolashade (Assoc. Prof)
2.	HOD, Software Engineering	ADEKOLA, Olubukola (Senior Lecturer)
Veronica Adeleke School of Social Sciences		
3.	HoD, Political Sciences & Public Admin.	NWOGWUGWU, Ngozi (Assoc. Prof)
College of Postgraduate Studies		
4.	Provost	AINA, Ayandiji (Prof)
5.	AVP Spiritual Life	EHIOGHAE, Efe (Prof)
School of Science & Technology		
6.	HOD, Microbiology	OLAJUYIGBE, Olufunmiso (Prof)
7.	Acting Director of GEDS & Acting Site AUA	EREGARE, Emmanuel (L1) History & Intern'l Studies
8.	SIWES Director	SHOKUNMBI, Olutayo (SL) Biochemistry
Benjamin S. Carson (Snr) College of Health & Medical Sciences Provost: Prof. MANDONG, Barnabas		
9	School of Basic Medical Sciences Dean	ADEBAWO, Olugbenga (Prof)
10	School of Basic Clinical Sciences Dean HoD, Medical Pathology	ABBIYESUKU, Fayeofori (Prof) KUTI, Modupe A. (Dr)
11	School of Clinical Sciences Dean	RENNER, James K.
School of Nursing Sciences		
12	HOD, Community Health	OKAFOR, Ngozi (Senior Lecturer)

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University community turned out en masse for the Sabbath consecration worship at the amphitheatre to wrap up the 2021 University colloquium . Faces at the event.



Prof Yacob Haliso (right) hands over the official documents to Prof. Ayandiji Aina as Prof. Philemon Amanze (left) watches with interest

PROF HALISO HANDS OVER TO NEW PROVOST

The Senior Vice Chancellor/Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof Philemon Amanze has urged officers of the College of Post Graduate Studies to make themselves available for service because Babcock University is a place of service.

Prof Amanze made this assertion

while presiding over the handing over ceremony by the immediate past Provost of the College of Post Graduate Studies, Prof Yacob Haliso to the new Provost, Prof Ayandiji Aina, pioneer Provost of the College.

Prof Amanze noted that handing over is giving responsibility or duty to someone else for continuity, therefore leaders' lasting impact lies on the quality of successions.

The outgoing Provost and the current Senior Vice President/ Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Prof Yacob Haliso commended Prof Aina for the good foundation he laid for the College and urged him to do more.

He said "I surely know that greater inventions are on the way as I believe God will guide you" while he enjoined CPGS staff to give him all the supports he required.

The new Provost, Prof Aina said he appreciated the privilege to serve again in the same capacity as another opportunity to trouble shoot more and to raise the bar.



Prof. Haliso gives final briefings to the CPGS staff



Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha

BUTH CARRIES OUT ANOTHER SURGICAL FEAT

The Babcock University Teaching Hospital Orthopaedic department has successfully carried out another surgical feat: its first Arthroscopic multi-ligament reconstruction barely two weeks into the new year.

The six-hour surgical procedure was on a female patient in her 30s who sustained multiple inju-

ries after a ghastly road accident.

The Consultant Orthopedic and Trauma Surgeon Dr. Kelechukwu Onuoha, said the patient sustained open injury to the left leg with multiple fractures leading to the shortening of the tibia by 4 centimetres. She subsequently had two surgeries.

The first involved tibia realignment

and lengthening of the left limb using ilizarov reconstruction procedure while the second, an arthroscopic multi-ligament reconstruction on the right limb lasted two hours.

According to Dr. Onuoha, the patient was awake during surgery because she had a combined epidural and spinal anaesthesia and suffered minimal blood loss.

“Thanks to the efficiency of our Consultant Anaesthetist, Dr. Salami and other medical team, the patient has already been discharged and undergoing rehabilitation with the Physiotherapist,” he said. “My gratitude also goes to the BUTH administration for providing the state of the art equipment to work with.”

The department has successfully carried out other surgeries including hip and knee replacement, club foot correction, spinal surgeries and other complex fracture fixations.



COMING EVENT

MARK YOUR

CALENDAR

JAN 24 - 28

BATCH A RESUMPTION

All returning 300 Level & clinical medical students (400 - 600L)

JAN 24 - 30

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

FEB 1

BATCH A ON-SITE LECTURES

MARCH 15 - 18

BATCH A MID-SEMESTER

This is for all returning students on campus. They are expected to depart for home at the end of the mid-semester.

MARCH 22

On-line classes begin for Batch A students

MARCH 21 - 25

BATCH B RESUMPTION

CONDOLENCES



Relatives and friends of the deceased receive prayers for comfort and consolation at the Pioneer Church.

The University Pioneer Church wore a sombre look as staff, family, friends and relatives gathered for the commendation service of former Farm Manager, late Mr. Adesoji Olukunle Adesina, who passed away on January, 11th 2021 after a brief illness.

Speaking, University Pastor, Prof Efe Ehioghae consoled the family and assured them of God's promises to restore life at resurrection morning.

He said though "death was an enemy and not a respecter of anyone, the assurance from Jesus Christ that death will also be destroyed at the end".

He urged the congregation to remain firm in God as the only hope of meeting him depended on clinging unto him.

Also speaking, Vice President Student Development Pastor Sunday Audu enjoined the deceased family never to sorrow too much for God will surely fill the vacuum that has been created in the family.

Former colleagues, Dr. Kehinde Oyekale and Mr. Osehon Samuel said the deceased was easy-going, generous and very understanding. He was ready to make sacrifices for everyone and would be greatly missed by many.



Mr. Adesoji Adesina



REFLECTION



"Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."
- Martin Luther King