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POSITIONING COVENANT UNIVERSITY FOR GREATER NATIONAL IMPACT IN THE PURSUIT OF VISION 10:2022

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The place of the university in national development:

- Teaching,
- Research, and
- Community Development: for national transformation, actualisation of national goals and objectives and improved lifestyle for all citizens.





Situating Covenant University for National Impact: The Indices

- Vision 10:2022;1-10-10 birthed in 2012
- Stakeholder Mentality

Covenant University

- 'ReCITe' Approach: Research, Citation, Innovation, Teaching
- It is crucial that we are able to identify, address and conquer local and national challenges.
- Regular review of staff welfare package.

Stakeholder Mentality

- Owning the Vision
- Everyone here is 'Management' across various levels:
- Technologist, Admin Officer
- Lecturer, Level Adviser, Exam Officer
- HOD, Dean
- University Management Team





Redefining our Goals and Objectives: ReCITe

- Paradigm shifts to engender repositioning for impact as individuals and as an institution
- Individuals, Departments and Clusters should be responsible for publications: conference/workshop papers, journal articles, patents, etc.



Research

- Research, research, and more research
- Individuals and research clusters are to cater for <u>specific current and</u> <u>futuristic social and national</u> <u>challenges and interests</u>.
- Your research makes you a consultant; it's your reward.



Research contd.

- Funding: research requires a huge investment. It must be adequately funded.
- Patenting: collaborating with internal and external individuals, organisations and industries within and outside the shores of this nation.





Research contd.

- Interlocking blocks & vibrated blocks
- W2W: partnership with Globetech & certificate in waste management
- Wiseecostove with Departments of Physics and Mech Engineering



Citation

- This cannot be over flogged.
- Strive for "academic immortality"
- Open-access, the way to go
- Listed as Nigerian inventors from CU
- Global recognition
- When you leave, ...



Innovation

- God, the giver of ideas
- Everyone, in every field, can generate innovative ideas, services and products
- Strengthen industry partnerships through regular interactions; this would inform on unique intervention strategies
- ENACTUS, Dreamers



Teaching

- Situate our classes towards holistic national development.
- Contextualise and topicalise social realities

OR

- Are you teaching because there are no other job opportunities?
- If you spend more than 8 hours a day teaching and doing research, then you must love what you do.



Teaching Contd.

- Admission process
- Accreditation profile
- Examination Ethics
- Quality Assurance
- TAT for processing and verification of results
- Student Support Services





Teaching Contd.

- Revisit combined honours programmes for more possibilities
- Regular review of curriculum to incorporate national needs
- Annual expectations clearly spelt out for PG students and supervisors



Incentives

- Relevant infrastructure, qualified staff and adequate maintenance culture in terms of labs, equipment, internet facilities, conference attendance and publications, etc.
- Sabbatical leave: Ex. 31:17; crossinstitutional teaching and research experiences; to avoid inbreeding.





Mentoring

- Mentoring and 'reverse mentoring' -Okebukola (2014)
- Faculty, staff and students; mentorship is like a handshake
- Identify specific areas where you desire to be mentored
- Identify specific people for this purpose



CEDS

A visit to Songhai, Porto-Novo and other industries by the relevant units will result into more innovations; a mini-ranch with a few cows for meat and milk, cheese(wara), butter (mai shanu), farm fresh yoghurt.

Collaborate with the Alumni and the Industry Partnership Unit.





IGR

- CU Community market
- CU Day Care Centre
- CU Guest House: Training
- **Consultancy**: The university gets consultancy jobs executed by faculty and staff who are paid a specific percentage-IGR boost



Concluding Remarks

- Covenant University with the 'ReCITe' approach can commence a significant paradigm shift and position Nigerian education in the right direction.
- Attaining 1-of-10-in-10, while being nationally relevant is a product of teamwork.



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