AJIENKA’S FOUR YEARS ON THE SADDLE

By Williams Wodi

When Professor Joseph Atubokiki Ajienka took office as 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt on Monday, July 12, 2010; his Inaugural Address dwelt extensively on how to achieve accelerated development of the University through the prism of the Strategic Plan document that guided his predecessors. He directed immediate review of the Plan to conform to emergent realities that were not foreseen at the time of drawing up the original Plan that spanned 2003-2013.

In line with Professor Ajienka’s vision of a new up-building in the University at inception of office, new infrastructural facilities are being constructed at several locations on Campus. When completed, these buildings and other human capacity-development programmes are expected to enhance the capacity of the University to better serve its numerous stakeholders.

Four years on the saddle, Ajienka has earned favour from fortune and generous human agencies that have assisted him in actualizing his vision and mission statements. His Administration unarguably represents the third wave of institutional development of the University. He has so far operated on three plains of ideas, presence and close captioned

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Reflections On UniPort At 40

By Obinna Nwodim

A popular adage says that life begins at 40. How true this maxim is depends on the perspective of the fellow living the life at that transition age. It is no longer news that a few months from now, the University of Port Harcourt will turn 40 years. It is indeed a fulfilling 40 years of providing quality services to its numerous students, thereby meeting the objectives for which it was set up. Established as a College of the University of the University of Lagos in 1975, the Institution is one of the avant-garde tertiary institutions with a mandate to empower the Niger Delta region and country academically. It gained full autonomous status in 1977.

The vision of the University is to be ranked amongst the best universities in Africa, renowned for its teaching, research, creativity and innovation. Its mission is the pursuit of academic excellence, advancement of knowledge and community service through quality teaching, life-long learning, social inclusion, strengthening civil society and policy-relevant research that addresses the challenges of contemporary society.

To achieve these lofty objectives, the University is guided by the spirit of enquiry, self-reliance, fairness, ethical and professional standards of the disciplines in each College, Faculty and Department. Its philosophy is commitment to academic freedom, tolerance, probity, equal opportunity and respect for cultural diversity. Forty years down the line, the University of Port Harcourt has worked assiduously to achieve these goals. From the pioneer administration of late Professor Donald Ekong to the present one, successive Vice-Chancellors have made frantic efforts to leave a legacy on which future administrations would build. At forty, the University of Port Harcourt has recorded outstanding achievements. Notable names in the academia such as Claude Ake, Ikenna Nwosu, Ola Rotimi, Willifried Fueser, Kay Williamson, Robin Horton, Gerald Moore, among others, have passed through the academic corridors of the Institution, leaving giant imprints on the sands of time.

Today, the University has taken a pride of place as one to be reckoned with in the comity of Nigerian universities. Forty years down the line, taking off from the premises of an emergency Trade School outside Choba Community as its temporary site, the Institution has witnessed massive infrastructural growth at its Permanent Site. At present, the Permanent Site of the University is an unarguably massive construction site with new buildings springing up from various corners of the Campus. In the next few months, these projects are fully completed, there would be tremendous infrastructural leap in the University. It is also worthy of note that with a humble beginning, the University of Port Harcourt records some of the highest number of professors in the Nigerian university system. Today, the University of Port Harcourt boasts of distinguished alumni in various fields of human endeavour, who are flying the flag of their alma mater high up. It is heart-warming that at forty, the University of Port Harcourt has produced the current President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in addition to Governors, Ministers, and captains of industry and so on. In the area of sports, the University has ruled the Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) for about a decade, making it the number one university in the area of university sports in the country. It has also extended its sporting prowess to the West African Universities Games (WAUG).

Today, the Professor Joseph Ajenike-led administration has laid a solid foundation for an Entrepreneurial University with focus on research and development. This concept has seen the University engage in robust partnership with the industry and other agencies to solve the challenging problems of the society. This is indeed the hallmark of a university. As the countdown to University of Port Harcourt at forty begins, it is important to state that there is a lot to be cheerful about. Staff and students should beat their chest with pride in acknowledgement of the fact that they are part of the success story of a truly unique University.

UIIA Holds NEC Meeting In UniPort

By Ethel Timi-Johnson

A part of activities lined up for the 161 National Executive Council (NEC) Meeting of the University of Ibadan Alumni (UIAA) which held in the University of Port Harcourt last weekend, National President of the Association, Mr. Nathanial Merenu led other Executive Members of the Association to pay a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajenike, who is a UI Alumnus himself.

Describing the University's administration as one of the finest in the country, the National President, noted that the Association was proud of the Professor Joseph Ajenike-led administration as an Alumnus of the University of Ibadan. He commended the University for hosting the Association in the University, including the inauguration of an Interim Chapter of the Association in UniPort.

Receiving the team, the Vice-Chancellor who commended the leadership of the Association, described himself as a proud member of UIAA.

“I am happy that UIA is doing well. I want to encourage you to keep the flag flying as we continue to draw our strength from our certificates”, he said, while commending the University of Ibadan for sustaining its tempo as the premier university in the country.

Chairman of the Rivers State Chapter of the Association, Daniel Irueme, thanked the University for accepting to host the Association within a short notice. He lauded the University on the successful inauguration of a new Chapter. “It is my prayer that this Chapter will move to greater heights”, he added. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Nduka who is also an Alumnus of the University of Ibadan was honoured during the courtesy visit.

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CGS Rewards Staff

They were presented with plaques and gifts in recognition of their efforts to usher in enhanced productivity in the CGS during the year under review. Welcoming guests to the party which was tagged 2012/2013 End-of-Session Recognition of Best Performing Staff, held at the Seminar Room of the College, penultimate Friday, Provost, CGS, Professor Roseline Konya, restated that the idea of rewarding staff was aimed at enhancing productivity in the College. She expressed the commitment of her administration to leave the College better than she met it, promising that diligent staff would continue to receive due recognition in the line of duty.

The Provost recalled some of the innovations and feats recorded in the College; some of which were the prompt payment of fees by graduate students occasioned by proactive measure that required full payment of fees to obtain Admission Letter before a prospective student can fully register and commence lectures, scholarship scheme for indigent candidates, policy regulating students from staying beyond stipulated residency period and winning the award of the Nigerian Universities' Doctoral Thesis Award Scheme by Candidates who wrote three best Dissertations from the College.

Konya, who urged candidates and graduate students who must have overstay on their programmes to fully utilize the window of grace granted by the College to complete their work, announced that the policy which had since been approved would soon be fully implemented. She also announced that Postgraduate Rooms would be established in the various Faculties, praising the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, Principal Officers, CGS Board Members, Provosts, Deans and Heads of Department for their support to the College. The Provost also thanked Chairman of the occasion, Professor Eme Ekekwe for accepting the responsibility at very short notice. Earlier, in his remarks, Professor Ekekwe, who praised the leadership of the College for organizing the event for the third time running to reward diligent staff, stated that recognition gives encouragement, urging the College to encourage staff to continue to put in their best for the overall growth of the University. He charged the College to consolidate on its achievements, stating that: “It is the quality of work at the College that gives the University its profile and brings the University to the limelight. All over the world, the Graduate School is recognized as the flagship of any university, we are pleased to note that our own College of Graduate Studies is doing fine in keeping with this universal tradition of academic excellence.”

Speaking before the presentation of prizes to the awardees, College Secretary, Dr Agatha Ataga, encouraged other staff, who were not recognized this year to put in extra effort to get the award in the future. She commended Members of the Board, staff and visitors for gracing the event.

Mr Sunny Nsiegbe, who spoke on behalf of the recipients, thanked the leadership of the College for recognizing their contributions towards the institutional growth of the University. “One thing that kept me going was the advice of the Provost. She will always say, ‘enjoy your work so that you don’t feel stressed’”, Nsiegbe said, recalling some of his experiences at the College until he was redeployed to the Registry Department as Personnel Officer (Academic).

Mr Nsiegbe emerged the best staff on the category of Diligence and Minimal Supervision, while the duo of Mrs Egoum and Akele won the award for Initiative and Creativity. Mr Syder was rewarded for Responsibility and Reliability and Ms Biwari George got the award for No Compromise and Commitment, while Mrs Chinyere Ezee received recognition for Punctuality and Regularity.

ANAN Donates Books To UniPort

A s part of its contribution towards encouraging reading habit among students in the University, the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) has donated cartons of books to the Management of the University.

Receiving members of the team in the Committee Room, penultimate Tuesday, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joseph Ajienka, commended the Association for fulfilling its promise to donate books to the University aimed at encouraging the reading culture. The Vice-Chancellor stated that, “As you have mentioned through this donation, you are part of those training these incoming Accountants and when they are properly trained, they would also discharge their responsibilities efficiently as a result of your kind gesture.”

Professor Ajienka further expressed Management’s gratitude to the team, promising that the books would be shared equally and appropriately to the University Library and to the Library of the Department of Accounting.

Presenting the books, President of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Alhaji Sakiinde Labode, who was represented by Mr James Neminehob, said the donation was in fulfilment of the book pledge made by the President to the University in February, 2014 during a courtesy visit of the Association to the University. “It is our expectations that the books will be put to optimal use for the benefit of staff and students and foster cordial working relationship between ANAN and the University,” the President said. He recalled that during their visit to the University, “the President made a promise and in line with this we have come to fulfill that promise. We know that training Accountants in this institution is a very difficult task and we who are taking over the graduates you produce should consider the University in our little way to assist you bring them up, so in line with this we brought you these books to encourage the habit of reading and also to assist the Library, for the benefit of accounting students, researchers in accounting and for the general interest of the University of Port Harcourt.”

Mr Neminehob, who is a Member of the Governing Council of the Association and Chairman of the Association’s Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD), expressed gratitude to Management of the University for receiving the team, saying: “You were so nice to us as you supported our MCPD hosted in Rivers State. We are, indeed, grateful.”

A check-list of books donated were in Five sets each: Foundation of Accounting; An IFRS Approach; Coping with Cost Accounting; Public Sector Accounting and Finance; Principles of Financial Management; Principles of Corporate Finance; Taxation: Principles and Practice in Nigeria; Introduction to Research Methodology; Accounting Foundation: The Success Book for You; Financial Reporting Standard and Companies Income Tax Laws and Administration in Nigeria, among other books.

Other members of the delegation were: Chairman, ANAN, Rivers State, Pastor Grant Alabor; Past Council Member, Chief Napoleon Adda; Head, Corporate Affairs, Alhaji Rahman Bello; Branch Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Cecilia Ntwche and Branch Secretary, Alhaji Musa Ibrahim. Also present were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Ethelbert Ndubu; Bursar, Mr Vitalis Allezi; Dr Usamone Iruoke; Mrs Helen Owohunda-Wopara; Mr Naewi Sylvanus and Mrs Amina Musa.

V-C, Prof Ajienka (3rd right) flanked by President, ANAN, Alh Labode, represented by Mr Neminehob (left), Deputy Bursar (Budget) Mrs Owohunda-Wopara (right), other members of the delegation and Officers of the University
What Principal Officers Say

Four years ago, Professor Joseph Ajienka took over the reins of affairs of the University from Professor Don Baridum. He had a clear-cut vision of what he wanted and how to achieve them, as contained in his Inaugural Address on Monday, 12th July, 2010. He assembled a dedicated team of senior officers to help him achieve the new up-building of the University. Some of his Principal Officers shared with our Correspondent, OBINNA NWODIM, on how they have been able to fit into the vision and leadership of the administration.

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION),
PROFESSOR ETHIELBERT NDUKA

"We all share in his vision and aim to take the University to the next level. We have always worked as a team with Professor Ajienka as the team leader. He introduced the concept of an Entrepreneurial University and you know that it takes some time for a new concept to mature and become actualized. But the important thing is that he has given the University a new road map, so that subsequent administrations can follow in the development of the University. The key indices are minimizing waste and maximising professionalism and efficiency. This is the drive of the administration. So far, it has been challenging and exciting, sometimes frustrating. On the whole, we are on the right track. As regards the challenges, the major one is getting people to key into the vision of an Entrepreneurial University. Moving from the old to the new order is a very big challenge that some people, staff, students and other stakeholders may find difficult to understand. However, the common challenge is funding and infrastructural development. We expect that in the remaining one year of his tenure, the roof of entrepreneurship would be firmly established and of course consolidated in this University."

PROFESSOR IGBOEJIE, DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(ACADEMIC)

"So far, the administration is a collective one with Professor Ajienka as the captain. I think he has done well in the sense that the University has been functioning properly. There are so many things in the pipeline that within the next one year some of them would certainly materialize. If you look at what is happening now, the University looks like a huge construction site. Many of these projects would be completed. By the time Ajienka leaves office, the University would have been totally transformed so much that we would all be proud of his legacy in the key areas of infrastructural development and all the components of the Academic Policy. Professor Ajienka is a good team player and leader, who is unassuming in his approach to duty. He attains results without breathing down the necks of his subordinates. That is what optimal leadership should be in the Colleges, Faculties, Departments, Institutes and Centres. He is committed to staff welfare and development both for academic and non-teaching staff. The six months ASUU strike did not help the University. The typical challenge is having a regular academic calendar which is not peculiar to the University of Port Harcourt. I expect the completion of the infrastructural transformation of the University, effective internet connectivity for both staff and students and to have a very good working relationship with all the unions, particularly ASUU and to continually move the University forward."

REGISTRAR, MRS. MATILDA NWODIM

"It is difficult to assess the administration because to us it is an administrative function that people pay for and if you let me say that working with Professor Ajienka towards actualizing his vision of an Entrepreneurial University is challenging is something that he has pursued as a person and if it is within his powers as a person, he would have given more than he has given so far. You know he has to work with people. People's acceptability cannot be the same. Professor Ajienka has done so much on laying a solid foundation on which the Entrepreneurial University would stand. His vision is that we must work like those in the industry if we must actualize the dream of an Entrepreneurial University. He focuses on research so much that an office is carved out specifically for research. He believes that the University must meet with industry at the point of research and development of research findings in a Technology Park. We believe that this solid foundation would be the beginning to yield fruits in not distant time. I will join him to plead with the teaching staff and research fellows to place more emphasis on their primary objective which is research in order to make this a reality. The huge challenge is the lack of funds to run the University, but in the next one year, I think as a positive person, he can only build on what he has achieved. I still see the same zeal with which he started. Things can only get better. It has been quite fulfilling working with him. I congratulate him on his four years in office as Vice-Chancellor."

MR. VITALIS ALIEZI, BURSAR

"Professor Ajienka's administration has been a successful one. I must say that what has contributed to the success of his administration is largely due to staff openness and belief in teamwork. Some of the initiatives that he has made have begun to yield benefits. The new initiative given to the College of Graduate Studies to be semi-autonomous has made the College more effective than it used to be. The major challenge that has confronted us over the years is that of funding; the money we use to run the University is grossly inadequate. We also have the problem of debts owed over the years by the University as a burden to the administration. With the meagre resources, it is difficult to run the University. As effectively as possible, Professor Ajienka would have wished on assumption of office four years ago. But with what the administration is planning to do in the next few months, the financial burden on the central administration would ease off. If the decentralization initiative works out well, the next administration will not have the kind of problem we are facing today. There will be smooth running of Colleges and Institutes. If we can achieve this, the University will grow and there will be fewer challenges."

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, DR. OBIAGELI NWODIM

"The Professor Joseph Ajienka's administration has been the most library-friendly one since the inception of the University. The Library Department has never had it so good. It is in terms of infrastructure, staff training and development, physical facilities, automation projects, book donations, the library has witnessed so much development. Ajienka has a Midas touch which he has applied to every facet of the University. Anything he touches turns out successful. The Library Department has really benefited immensely from the Ajienka-led administration. We have acquired over 10,000 titles since he came on board. You will also recall that it was during his administration that we started the UniPort Book Fair. For the first time, people come in and read comfortably in the Library. As it stands, we can comfortably sit over 3,000 users at a time. Funding is a major challenge today and we still need funds to give maximum service to our users. Our biggest challenge is how to access our TETFund resources. That alone can guarantee close to N150 million attracted to the Library. We face the challenge of maintenance, systems breakdown which is not insurmountable. In the next one year, we believe that we will be more staff trained in order to boost capacity in the Library."
PROFESSOR NNENNA FRANK-PETERSIDE, PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

"Professor Joseph Ajienka came with a lot of dreams and ideas to move our University forward. He did put some structures in place for which he will be remembered. A lot of progress was made in the area of academic culture. I mean his tenure witnessed improvements in academic culture. Also, it was under him that TETFund became functional and staff are able to attend international conferences like never before. Professor Ajienka's tenure witnessed increase in the delivery of Inaugural Lectures. Under him, the Founder's Day was taken seriously to the extent that the University is working towards fixing Convocation on that day on permanent basis. He also initiated the idea of honouring worthy personalities including Alumni of the University during Convocation. He started with Nollywood and then moved to the industry. Above all he is a listening Vice-Chancellor."

MR AMBROSE OGBEGBE, BRANCH CHAIRMAN, NAAT

"Congratulations Professor Ajienka on his four years in office. I commend him for his magnanimity; as far as my Union NAAT is concerned, we have been working and everything that concerns NAAT in terms of welfare, he has been proactive. To me as Chairman, we have been working in collaboration with the Vice-Chancellor and he has been listening ear to all our requests. This implies that Professor Ajienka runs an open door policy and so I commend him. I can say Professor Ajienka is the first Vice-Chancellor that has been to the welfare of staff in that during the Christmas period, he has been giving us bags of rice and groundnut oil. He also promised the 13th month salary and as a member of the Committee, we are optimistic because soon the report would be sent to him for approval. I think the security issue should be beefed up to secure lives and property on Campus. I think for the remaining one year in office, the Vice-Chancellor should try and do something about the 13th month salary so it can be paid staff to boost staff productivity."

PROFESSOR ANTHONY IBE, DIRECTOR, ICTC

"It is now possible for anyone to work the way Professor Ajienka has been working and the funds were there for the past four years. Believe Professor Ajienka would have arrived at his dream University four years into his administration. Professor Ajienka has always believed that we should not do research that would end in the laboratories, but we should be able to convert it into entrepreneurship which he calls an Entrepreneurial University, which has been his dream and he has worked towards its achievement. The paucity of fund has posed a great challenge to the Professor Ajienka-led administration, noting that the spirit is willing, people are there to support him to take the University to that dream university; but I think will be there in due course. I still believe he has done well. In terms of Internet, infrastructural development and all that, I think we need more partnership with the industries, because they have the money and if we wait for government they would not come. We want to urge him to continue the way he has been going and I believe he is on the right track."

MR BIKUME SYDER, BRANCH CHAIRMAN, SSANU

"In terms of the relationship with SSANU, there has been some communication gap, but be that as it may, we want to appreciate Management, because, within this period, we have witnessed a lot of pre-qualification tender opening and other due processes leading to infrastructure development, facilities and Departmental and centre buildings funded by TETFund, Needs Assessment Intervention Fund and other agencies, which is a signal showing that good things are happening in the system. As a Union, I want to appreciate that during the period under review, the Union has caused the administration to jettison the onerous law that only officers on Grade Level 9 and above are fit to live in quarters to provide that every employee is entitled to accommodation on Campus, so we appreciate that policy change. We also appreciate Professor Ajienka's effort in reducing the cost of renovation and rehabilitation of staff quarters, as well as converting disused Boys Quarters to residential houses to accommodate staff. We want to urge him to take very strong action in increasing the number of housing facilities at the best cost possible, so that more staff would live on Campus to check late-come to work, especially in these days of heavy traffic in the city of Port Harcourt and its suburb. We are praying that Professor Ajienka should also build more housing units, to bring more members of staff on Campus and SSANU strongly believes that it is possible and we are ready to cooperate with him to see that he achieves it. We also wish that the 13th month salary should be urgently resolved and the 2014 and other subsequent ones be well-managed, so it would raise the morale of all workers."

JAMES WILLIAMS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES (CGS)

"The Vice-Chancellor initiated the process of providing a befitting building for the College of Graduate Studies through the Bayelsa State Government. In fact, the College has received enormous support from his administration. The success story of the College is attributed to Professor Ajienka. Only recently, he approved and completed the construction of a water borehole for the College. He graciously approved all that is needed to run the College successfully. It is four years of sweet memories and no regrets. His innovation has placed the College in a high and enviable position."

STEPHEN AIBONOGA, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

"Professor Ajienka as Vice-Chancellor has achieved a lot in terms of the infrastructural and entrepreneurial development of the University. His tenure has witnessed more academic development, speedy graduation of postgraduate students—especially Doctoral Candidates. It has also witnessed the birth of specialized institutes such as the Institute of Natural Resources, Environment and Sustainable Development (INRES) and others. It has also witnessed more foreign partnerships and staff development. He has attracted the attention of both the State and Federal Government. His tenure also witnessed enhanced ICT development and delivery of Inaugural and Public Lectures. We only need his administration to become more students-friendly and consider the issue of increment in charges and rehabilitation of hostels. He should also look into the problem of epileptic power supply in the University."

Our Correspondents MERCY ADENIJJI and ETHEL TIMI-JOHNSON also spoke to other Staff and Students
AJIENKA'S FOUR YEARS AS HELMSMAN

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supervision of subordinates, who have been empowered to act freely within
the area of their responsibility.
The Vice-Chancellor has transferred the academic culture of the University to a
Technology Park to benefit researchers and industry players. To achieve these goals,
Ajenka has advocated for the creation of an Entrepreneurial University that
would enable graduates of the University to capitalize on the knowledge and skills
learned in the University.

Laying a solid foundation for future growth

We envisage a future that is full of promises for
institutional self-fulfilment; a future that has its
roots in the achievements of the present and a
future that will deliver the vision and mandate of
the University as envisaged by our worthy and
visionary founding fathers, who started this
laudable project in February, 1975. Part of
Ajenka's vision for actualizing the future is to
place the University in a very strong position to
engage in its triple mandate of teaching, research
and community service.

Come, join us on this exciting voyage and together,
we will actualize the present and build the future
of the University of Port Harcourt in our own
unique way that future generations would
be proud to associate with in years to come. We want
tobe first in Nigeria, then the world!

More University-Business
Collaboration Needed ~Study

By Peta Lee

The business sector should be more involved in
designing higher education curricula and
universities should work more closely with
industry partners to promote entrepreneurship,
mobility between business and academia and lifelong
learning. There should also be more assessment and
better monitoring of university-business
cooperations and programmes.

These were some of the conclusions reached by the
authors of a recently released report prepared for the
European Union by Cardiff University, in association

with Newcastle University and Imperial Consultants.

Titled Measuring the Impact of University-Business
Cooperation, the study said that the first decade of the
21st century had seen increasing emphasis on
universities' roles in contributing to social and
economic development.

There were various reasons why: the emergence of
challenges like climate change and terrorism etc which
cannot be solved by government or business alone;
increased marketisation of higher education leading
to greater competition between institutions and
an emphasis on student experience; and belt-tightening
of public finances worldwide, thanks to the global
economic crisis, led to increasing expectations of the
returns that should derive from public investments,
including research and higher education.

Why more collaboration?

A core element of the EU’s Agenda for Modernising
Higher Education was promoting and developing
cooperation between higher education and business,
both of which make an important contribution to
sustainable economic growth, employment and
prosperity.

They do so as employers and producers of goods and
services, and through their role in promoting
innovation and future capacity for growth, for instance
by developing a more skilled and knowledgeable
workforce.

Yet despite the increasing prominence given to
universities' roles in social and economic development,
research reports and academic studies consistently find
that university-business cooperation practices are
highly fragmented and uncoordinated, particularly
regarding knowledge capital development.

Research literature also tends to focus on describing
the nature rather than the impacts and outcomes of the
cooperation being undertaken.

Universities can and do make significant contributions
to social and economic growth, and increasing

globalisation – with the challenges and opportunities
this presents – is a driver for cooperation between
universities and other sectors.

The study said that while there was no single driver for
university-business cooperation, businesses,
universities and students all value the benefits to the
student experience and its contribution to the
employability of students.

Most cooperation activities involve more than one form
and may also change over time as activities mature,
evolve or reach the end of their lifespan.

According to the authors, however, established
methodologies for measuring or assessing the outcomes
and impact of business-university cooperation in the
field of education are relatively limited and much less
common than levels of R&D collaboration, with the
exception of cooperation in student mobility.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The authors recommended two linked approaches that
could be used to assess university-business cooperation
in the field of education: a scorecard and an assessment
framework that could be used for project planning
and the assessment of investment proposals.

Both would serve to assess the progress of projects
from different perspectives, and the success of
collaboration projects.

Monitoring and assessment had a number of potential
benefits: it was a way to gauge whether a project or
programme was performing as expected; it allowed
reporting to identify what worked and what didn’t; it provided a useful mechanism to feedback
lessons to others, and, if done in advance, it provided a
method for selecting between different potential
options.

In the evidence available to this project, the main
approaches to monitoring and assessment focused on
project performance, often with an emphasis on
measures of inputs and outputs. However, there was
also evidence of the use of results-based formats, often
of a qualitative nature.

The authors said a range of outcomes of university-
business collaboration activities in the education field
were not being captured by monitoring and
measurement arrangements, such as the potential
upskilling of existing staff through their involvement
in the educational experience, or the raising of the profile
of participating institutions.

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RENEWAL OF CONTRACT APPOINTMENT

Professor Molaar Ogundipe, Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 3rd May, 2014 to 2nd May, 2015.

Mr Okezie Ochiuba, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 16th November, 2014 to 15th November, 2015.

Professor Ogwo Ogwo, Department of Marketing, Faculty of Management Sciences, granted Renewal of Adjunct Appointment, effective 7th July, 2014 to 6th July, 2015.

Mrs Patricia Omokwu, Health Services Department, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 10th November, 2014 to 9th November, 2015.

Mrs Elizabeth Ndikwo, Personnel Office (Junior Staff), Registry Department, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 1st November, 2014 to 30th October, 2015.

Mr Moelaburi Kpung, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 28th October, 2014 to 27th October, 2015.

Mrs Dorothy Utang, Campus Environmental Beautification and Sanitation (CEBAS) Unit, granted Renewal of Contract Appointment, effective 30th October, 2014 to 29th October, 2015.

RESUMPTION OF DUTY

Professor Dennis Akpo, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Faculty of Humanities, assumes duty from Sabatical Leave, effective 10th June, 2014.

REVIEW OF STATUS

Mrs Felicia Kuku, Exams and Records Unit, Registry Department, promoted Confidential Secretary I, effective 30th November, 2010.

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APPOINTMENT

Director of Special Projects Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mathewwegwu, appointed Chairman, Committee on the Audit of Graduate Hostels on Campus. Other members of the Committee include: Mr Williams Wodi, L.T. Col Reginald Isiguzo (Rtd), Mrs Amina Musa, Mrs. Chioma Ojukwu and a Secretary to be appointed by the Registrar.

Director, Quality Assurance and Control Unit, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Anthony Arinto, appointed Chairman, Committee to look into the crisis in the Graduate Students Association. The Committee is to look into the immediate and remote causes of the crisis in the Association and make appropriate recommendations to the University Management. Other members of the Committee include: L.T. Col. Reginald Isiguzo (Rtd), Professor Henry Beligan, Professor Roseline Konya and Secretary to be appointed by the Registrar.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MGT

WEATHER OBSERVATORY

FOR PORT HARCOURT AND ENVIRONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 06-SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014

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<th>DATE</th>
<th>TEMPERATURE HI</th>
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<th>WIND DIRECTION</th>
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<td>SUNDAY, 06 JULY</td>
<td>30.0</td>
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<td>82</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>32.3</td>
<td>6:25 18:48</td>
<td>Heavy rain expected. Mostly cloudy and warm day anticipated.</td>
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<td>76</td>
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<td>Widely scattered thunderstorm predicted. Mostly cloudy and warm day forecasted.</td>
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<td>Thunderstorm expected. Mostly cloudy. Warm day forecasted.</td>
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