



The Highlights

The Weekly Newsletter of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State

Vision

To be a foremost institution that moves manpower development in direction of self apprenticeship; a first-class University in research, knowledge, character and service to humanity.

Mission

To provide knowledge and skills for self-reliance in a conducive environment where teaching,

Accreditation: Ajasin Varsity will Sustain Collaboration with ICAN

The Acting Vice Chancellor of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Prof. Olugbenga Ige, has affirmed that the Institution would maintain the existing strong relationship between it and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Prof. Ige gave the affirmation on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, while playing host to an Accreditation Team from the Institute who was in the University to evaluate the Department of Accounting.

The Acting Vice Chancellor said that the presence of the ICAN team would further cement the existing cordial relationship between the two institutions. He added that the result of the evaluation exercise would further strengthen Accountancy as

a course in the University.

In his words, "It may interest you to know that our Department of Accounting is one of the best Departments in the University, and the students there are also turning out to be excellent and best among their peers. Therefore, your presence is going to be a plus for us, most especially, for the staff

and students of the Department.

Speaking earlier, the leader of the team, Prof. Akinsola Akintoye, FCA, had pointed out that the accreditation visit was not punitive but a mechanism to keep institutions that were running Accounting programme on their toes and to keep graduates of

the course in Nigeria abreast of the best global practices and be at par with their peers globally.

He promised that ICAN would look into the activities of the Department with the aim of granting exemptions to deserving students and possibly recommend them for ICAN final examination.



Representative of the Ag. VC and Director, Academic Planning, Prof. Benson Akinawonu (6 R); Registrar, Mr. Gbenga Arajulu (6 L.); in a group photograph with the Accreditation Leader of the ICAN Team Prof. Akintoye Akinsola FCA (5th), With other University Officers and members of the accreditation...Photo: IPPRU

AAUA Appoints Orina as Bursar



Mr. Tobi Adewumi Orina

The Governing Council of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria, has, at its 76th Regular Meeting, approved the appointment Mr. Tobi Adewumi Orina, FCA, as the 4th substantive Bursar of the Institution.

Mr. Orina's appointment

followed the recommendation of the joint Council/Senate Selection Board, of the University.

Orina obtained Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. [Hons]) in Accounting from University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos in 1987; and earned Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Finance from Lagos

State University, Ojo, Lagos, in 2006.

He became an Associate Chartered Accountant (ACA) in 1997, and conferred with the Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) in 2011.

Before joining the services of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko,

in 2004 as a Chief Accountant, Mr. Orina had worked as a Group Finance Manager at Persianas Nig. Ltd., Victoria Island, Lagos (1994 - 2004); an Accountant at Richway Investments Nig. Ltd. Ebute Metta, Lagos (1992 - 1994); an Internal Auditor at the then Ondo State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ondo State, now Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti (1990-1992) and Treasury Officer at Homop Investment Nig. Ltd. Okitipupa, Ondo State (1988-1990).

In his professional trajectory in AAUA, Mr. Orina has headed major divisions in the Bursary,

including Accounting Services Division, Treasury and Students Services Division, and Resource Management Division.

He had also served as member of many committees in the University, including Strategic Planning Committee, Research Grant Allocation Committee, University Farm Management Committee, House Ownership Committee, Accreditation Implementation Committee, and Ceremonies Committee.

Mr. Orina, who rose through the rank in AAUA

to become a Deputy Bursar in 2011, obeyed the call to serve at the federal level when he was appointed the pioneer Bursar of the then newly-established Federal Polytechnic, Ile-Oluji, Ondo State in 2015, and upon the completion of his tenure, he returned to AAUA in 2020 as Deputy Bursar, a position he occupied until his new appointment as the 4th substantive Bursar of the University.

Mr. Orina has not only added his academic values to the University Community, having, at one point in time, taught in the Department of Accounting of the Institute of Part-Time

Programmes, and the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development of AAUA, but also attended and presented papers at both local and national workshops.

The distinguished, experienced and versatile Orina, whose appointment takes effect from June 30, 2021, takes over from Mrs. O. V. Ologun, FCA, who completed her five-year tenure on June 29, 2021.

Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, wishes Mr. Tobi Adewumi Orina, FCA, all the best in his new capacity as the Bursar of the Institution.

Indecent Dressing: AAUA Considers Rustication for Offenders

The Management of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, is considering taking a tougher stance against indecent dressing and other anti-social behaviours on campus.

Specifically, the University is considering moving away from its current measure of merely warning erring students to imposing rustication for either one semester or a full session depending on the degree of the offence.

The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olugbenga Ige, disclosed this on Thursday, June 3, 2021, while receiving in his office members of the AAUA Unit of the Man 'O' War led by its Coordinator, Temidayo Azeez.

Prof. Ige said it was disturbing that several measures aimed at

stemming the tide of anti-social behaviours are seemingly not having the desired result, thus the need to adopt a tougher stance. He attributed the ugly trend of dressing indecently and taking to cultism among youths to peer group and the erroneous need to blend in with whatever is the latest fad in vogue.

He said, "The issue of indecent dressing has become rampant in the country, particularly on our campuses so much that one wonders what would happen 25 years from now. Some of these youths are aware that what they are indulging in is not acceptable in the society, but they continue in it because of peer pressure.

"The University has written a memo that henceforth any offending

student would face tougher disciplinary measure because, initially, what we do is to warn them. We are now considering that at the next Senate Meeting, we want to make it a law for offenders to face rustication for one or two semesters as the case may be. The written or verbal warnings will no longer work, but when they have to leave the University for a period of time, that should make them sit up and behave."

The Acting Vice Chancellor thanked the Man 'O' War team and other campus-based paramilitary organisations for contributing their quota to making the campus peaceful.

He lamented that the non-residential nature of the University has made it

difficult to monitor the activities of students as over 90 percent of them live off campus and, sometimes, in remote areas of the host communities. He, however, disclosed that efforts were being intensified towards housing a sizeable percentage of students inside the campus.

Speaking earlier, the Coordinator of the team, Temidayo Azeez, had thanked the University Management for its assistance to para-military groups on campus and pledged that the team would continue to cooperate with the University Security Unit in ensuring a stable, peaceful, and crime free campus.

AAUA Appeals for More Funds as Ondo Lawmakers Visit

The Acting Vice Chancellor of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Prof. Olugbenga Ige, has appealed to private individuals and prominent personalities across the state, particularly from Akokoland, to join hands with the state government to adequately fund the institution to fulfil its core objectives.

Prof. Ige made the appeal on Friday, June 25, 2021, while receiving members of the Ondo State House of Assembly Committee on Tertiary Institutions led by its Chairman, Hon. Bankole Felemu in Akungba Akoko.

The Acting Vice

Chancellor noted that it was difficult for government-owned institutions to charge high fees like their private counterparts, thus, the need for philanthropists and other well-to-do individuals to join hands with the government to fund public institutions.

He added that the University Management has also mapped out various avenues aimed at boosting the Internally Generated Revenue of the University.

According to him, "AAUA is a constantly growing entity that needs more funds to sustain its Best State Varsity and Number Nine Best in Nigeria status. While we would continue to look

inward for more IGR, we are calling on philanthropists, industrialists, and all well-to-do sons and daughters of Ondo State in general, and Akokoland in particular to step forward and be counted in developing this university".

In his remark, the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Felemu, congratulated the University Management for taking the institution to a high pedestal despite financial challenges. He called on them not to rest on their oars to sustain the numero uno position of AAUA among state varsities.

He also called on Akoko indigenes to leave lasting legacies by supporting the

university through financial donations or building of physical infrastructure for the institution.

He explained that the Committee was recently inaugurated and was in AAUA on a familiarization and working visit. He also promised to put in words for improved funding for the university, particularly in the Appropriation Committee of the House of Assembly.

Other members of the Committee on the visit include Honourables Mohammed Taofik, Akinrogunde Akintomide, and Rasheed Elegbeleye; along with its Secretary, Chief O. K. Oyadeyi, and his assistant, Peter Orire.

The visit was rounded off with a tour of the campus.



Ag. VC, Prof. Olugbenga Ige (arrowed); with the Chairman, ODHA Committee on Tertiary Institutions, Hon. Bankole Felemu (5th R); and other University Officers and members of the Committee after the visit

AAUA Warns Affiliated Colleges against Compromising Academic Integrity

The Management of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, has warned all affiliated colleges that the Institution would not compromise its high academic and moral standard.

The Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olugbenga Ige, gave the warning on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the signing of an affiliation agreement with the Oyo State College of Education, Lanlate. The agreement is expected to produce competitive graduates as it permits the Oyo College to run Education programmes at Degree level under the supervision of Adekunle Ajasin University.

Prof. Ige warned that the affiliation would be reconsidered if the College fails to live up to the confidence reposed in it.

He added that since Oyo State government owns the College, it is expected that the physical infrastructures would be maintained, the staff motivated, and the admission process would remain merit-driven.

While congratulating the College on the affiliation, the Acting Vice Chancellor said that the University would pay periodic and unscheduled visits to ensure compliance with the laid-down rules of the agreement.

Speaking earlier, the Acting Director of the University's Institute of Education, Dr. Ileoye Aina,

had informed the gathering that verification and other fact-finding teams were at various times sent to the College to ascertain its suitability for the affiliation and whether it has the necessary personnel needed to produce degree holders.

He said the positive reports from the different teams led to the recommendation by the Institute and the subsequent approval of the same by the University Senate.

In his remark, the Acting Provost of the College, Mr. Olukayode Falade, thanked the University Management for granting the wish of the Oyo State Government to affiliate with AAUA.

Mr. Falade said that the

desire of the College to produce competent and competitive graduates informed the decision to affiliate with a University that is rated among the best in Nigeria.

He said, "I want to thank the Management of Adekunle Ajasin University for granting our request for affiliation. We chose this University out of many because we were impressed with its rating and the giant strides it has recorded in the recent years.

"We all know this University for excellence; we are, therefore, assuring the University Management and our prospective students that the high academic standard that Ajasin Varsity is known for would be maintained"



Ag. VC, Prof. Olugbenga Ige (M); Registrar, Gbenga Arajulu (5th L); Ag. Provost, Oyo State College of Education, Mr. Olukayode Falade (5th R); Ag. Director, IOE, Dr. Ileoye Aina (3rd L); with other University and Oyo College Officers after signing the affiliation

ANNOUNCEMENT

2019/2020 2ND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS AND END OF 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

I write, on behalf of the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Olugbenga E. Ige, to inform all students that the 2nd Semester examinations for the 2019/2020 academic session will soon commence, as from 4th July, 2021.

All students are therefore expected to complete their registration for the session before the commencement of examination, as the portal will be closed for registration for the 2019/2020 academic session on 11th July, 2021.

Any student who fails to complete his/her

registration before the end of 2019/2020 academic session should consider himself/herself as having forfeited his/her studentship for the session.

The purpose of this circular is to bring the above to the attention of all students so as to be

properly guided.

Wishing you all the best.

Thank you.

Signed
Gbenga ARAJULU
Registrar