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**A. DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

**1. Master of Science Programme in Financial Risk Management**

The University of Ghana Academic Board at its meeting on October 9, 2015 approved the MSc programme in Financial Risk Management to be run by the University of Ghana Business School on sandwich basis.

**2. Master of Science Programme in Accounting and Finance**

The University Academic Board at its meeting on October 9, 2015 approved the MSc. programme in Accounting and Finance to be run by the University of Ghana Business School on sandwich basis.

**3. Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems (Geography and Resource Development)**

The University Academic Board at its meeting on July 17, 2015 approved a proposal from the Department of Geography and Resource Development, of the School of Social Sciences to run a Master of Science Programme in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) subject to some revisions.

**4. BA Administration Programme**

The Academic Board of the University at its meeting held on October 23, 2015 approved the re-introduction of the BA Administration Programme to be run by the College of Humanities, subject to some amendments. The programme will allow students to combine specialties in Business Administration with subjects such as Psychology, Economics, Mathematics, Information Technology, Sociology, French and Chinese.

**B. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITS**

**ISSER Measurement, Learning and evaluation (MLE) Unit**

ISSER has established a Measurement, Learning and Evaluation (MLE) Unit. The Unit was inaugurated at a ceremony chaired by the Vice Chancellor on Friday January 29, 2016 at the auditorium of ISSER. The Unit provides cutting-edge research solutions and technical assistance services to institutions that are implementing development projects in West Africa. The Unit is funded with support received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) in 2013 to strengthen the capacity of ISSER to

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## **C. ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

### **1. Partnership with the University of Bordeaux, France**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Ghana and the University of Bordeaux has been signed by the two Universities. The partnership seeks to develop faculty and student exchange in the humanities and social sciences.

### **2. Forgiveness Project, School of Social Sciences**

The Department of Psychology of the School of Social Sciences is collaborating with the Department of Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, USA on *Forgiveness Research in Africa Project*. The project is funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation, USA.

### **3. School of Law and the African Mining Legislation Atlas**

As part of efforts to improve and build on the international visibility of the University of Ghana School of Law, the School in 2015 joined the African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA) Project, which is coordinated by the World Bank and the Africa Legal Support Facility of the Africa Development Bank. The AMLA Project seeks to provide a platform for gathering, organizing and disseminating legislation dealing with mining law in Africa.

### **4. Institute of African Studies Collaboration with Universities of Groningen and Leiden**

This is a new research collaboration between the Institute of African Studies, Department of History, University of Ghana, the University for Development Studies, and the Universities of Groningen and Leiden for PhD training on the development of Northern Ghanaian communities and their histories, with focus on Dagbon (Dagomba) and Gonja. The joint project was formally launched in Tamale on February 5, 2015.

### **5. LECIAD MoU with Universities of Duisburg and Perugia**

The Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD) has established memoranda of understanding with the University of Duisburg in Germany and the University of Perugia In Italy. The partnership is expected to facilitate the exchange

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of students and faculty and to promote joint research and publications. Two students from the University of Duisburg are spending the second semester of the 2015-2016 academic year at LECIAD as part of the MoU.

#### **6. Partnership between the School of Arts and Rochester University**

The School of Arts is partnering the University of Rochester to develop a summer (Long Vacation) study programme in heritage site and monument conservation and digital media. Professors Renato Peucchio, director of Programme of Archaeology, Technology, and Historical Structures and Michael Jarvis, director of Digital Media Studies Programme at the University of Rochester were in Ghana to work with Professor Kodzo Gavua and two doctoral students of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies on feasibility studies in preparation for the programme, which is expected to commence in the 2016/2017 academic year.

#### **D. FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES**

##### **The University of Ghana Business School**

The University of Ghana Business School has received financial support from the Ghana Stock Exchange towards the establishment of a Capital Markets Research Fund for the School. The School has also received funding from Tullow to furnish the Library in the School's new Graduate Building. SICLife has donated an elevator to the main campus of the School. The School also received support from Cal Bank to refurbish its main campus library.

#### **E. CONFERENCES/TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WORKSHOPS**

##### **1. The Department of French Multidisciplinary International Colloquium on Education, Linguistics, Cultures and language Didactics, 11-13 February 2016**

The Department of French of the School of Languages organized an international colloquium to commemorate Ghana's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an affiliate member to the comity of francophone countries on the theme: *The contexts for learning/teaching French: realities, obstacles and prospects*. The opening ceremony of the conference was held at the Great Hall of the University of Ghana on 11 February 2016, with the Vice-Chancellor as a Special Guest.

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**2. Department of Religions Workshop, November 2015**

The Department for the Study of Religions of the School of Arts hosted Professor Afolorunso Olakekan Dairo of the Department of Christian Religious Students, Redeemer's University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria for a two-week ECOWAS Staff Exchange Mission from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. Professor Dairo delivered a series of lectures on Research in the Humanities: The contemporary approach.

**3. CSPS Workshop on Social Protection, July 2015**

The Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS) organized a three-module workshop on social protection in July 2015. Over 40 participants from the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, other governmental agencies, academia, and NGOs participated.

**4. LECIAD International Workshop on Mediation Support Processes 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

LECIAD organised an international workshop on mediation support processes between 7-11 December 2015. The workshop was designed to train officers responsible for Mediation in the ECOWAS sub-region to acquire requisite knowledge, skills and attitude to handle and process information and behave in a professional manner during the course of their duty. 19 participants from 11 West African Countries including: Ghana, Nigeria Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Liberia Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Togo and Guinea Bissau were trained. The Facilitators were drawn from Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya.

**5. LECIAD International Workshop on Election Management 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

LECIAD has held a training programme on Election Management for 18 participants from 12 West African Countries including: Ghana, Nigeria, Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Liberia Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Togo and Guinea Bissau. The programme is aimed at enhancing the skills of officers in the sub-region who handle elections in the field.

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**6. The Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association (GSAA) conference  
November 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The Ghana Sociological and Anthropological Association held a conference on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the University of Ghana, Legon. The conference was sponsored by the Ministry of Petroleum.

**7. Department of Psychology: Forgiveness Conference**

The Department of Psychology, University of Ghana, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), USA, organized a five-day Emerging Forgiveness Researchers' Conference in Ghana from January 11-15, 2016. The conference is part of a bigger project funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation.

**F. PROMOTIONS**

Recent Senior Member Promotions in the College are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Department/Unit</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
Robert Darko Osei	Senior Research Fellow	Associate Professor	Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER)	December 10, 2014
Godfred Alufar Bokpin	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	Finance, University of Ghana Business School	February 17, 2015
Abena Daagye Oduro	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	Economics, School of Social Sciences	April 15, 2015
Michael Perry Kweku Okyerefo	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	Sociology, School of Social Sciences	May 29, 2015
Mercy Akrofi Ansah	Research Fellow	Senior Research Fellow	Institute of African Studies	April 13, 2015
Regina Kwakye-Opong	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Theatre Arts, School of Performing Arts	June 22, 2015
Linda Akua Opongmaa Darkwa	Research Fellow	Senior Research Fellow	Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD)	July 30, 2015

## **G. HUMAN RESOURCE TRAINING**

The College has facilitated a number of workshops and training programmes.

### **1. Sakai and Turnitin workshop**

In July and December 2015, about 133 faculty of the College received training in the use of the Sakai Learning Management System and the Turnitin Plagiarism Checker.

### **2. New Tax Law, Act 896**

The Finance Office of the College also organized a workshop on the new tax law between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at UGBS Graduate Building to expose all Accountants and Accounting Assistants within the college to Ghana Income Tax, Act 896. The workshop brought to the fore the consolidation and update of all income tax laws in Ghana so as to equip all participants with current and up to date developments which impact work output and productivity.

### **3. Retirement Planning Seminar**

The College of Humanities as part of its plans to ensure the welfare of employees organized a Retirement Planning Seminar for employees due to retire up to 2026. The seminar which was held on March 9, 2016 at the ISSER Conference Complex took participants through a series of presentations including: "Necessity for Retirement Planning, Accommodation during Retirement, Age-Related Health issues, Managing your Personal Finance, Pension Benefits and Investments". Participants were enthused about the discussions and called for more of such programmes.

### **4. Legal and Disciplinary Matters**

To increase the awareness of some pertinent Legal and Disciplinary matters in the University of Ghana, the College of Humanities in conjunction with the Office of the Legal Counsel organised a seminar for Deans, Directors and Heads of Department within the College on March 9, 2016 at the International House. The relevant issues discussed include "Guidelines for Agreements/MOUs, Guidelines on Application for University of Ghana Lands, Disciplinary Procedures, Court Processes and other matters". Participants expressed satisfaction on the outcome of the event as it gave them the opportunity to learn new things.



#### H. FORUM ON STUDENT'S RECORD MANAGEMENT

The College held a forum on *Students Record Management* on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016, to discuss the challenges faced with student examination, course registration and grading using the ITS, and ways to improve upon the system. The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, faculty and administrators in the College, as well as the Chief Technology Officer (CITO) and other officers from the University of Ghana Computing Services (UGCS).