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A. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CENTRES AND UNITS

The Council of the University of Ghana has approved a proposal from the College of Humanities for the establishment of four new centres. They are:

- Centre for Ageing Studies
- Centre for European Studies
- Centre for Latin American Studies.
- Re-naming of the Centre for Urban Studies as Centre for Urban Management Studies

B. PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

In line with the College's objective of establishing and promoting international networks of Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law, the College has been able to forge partnerships with a number of universities and organizations.

1. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Geography and Resource Development, Research Project on *Climate Change and Cocoa Agroforestry*

The Department of Geography and Resource Development and the University of Copenhagen is to embark on a five year research into *climate change and cocoa agroforestry*. The project is being financed by DANIDA. The lead investigator is Dr. Kwadwo Owusu of the Department of Geography and Resource Development.

2. SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

The University of Ghana has signed an agreement with the United Nations Office at Nairobi to support its interpreting and translation programmes in the School of Languages. The support is intended to cover student support (tuition fees, student mobility, and in particular PhD support); recruitment of teachers and experts; purchase of equipment and facilities; maintenance of equipment; and publicity.

3. UNIVERSITY OF GHANA BUSINESS SCHOOL

The University of Ghana Business School is part of a consortium led by the University of Birmingham that has won a research grant, on inclusive finance. The project is funded under the DFID-ESRC Growth Research programme (DEGRP) Call 3 (2015/2016) and the researchers from the University of Ghana are Professor Joshua Yindenaba Abor and Dr. Mohammed Amidu.

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4. CENTRE FOR MIGRATION STUDIES

The Centre for Migration Studies is involved in a project on assessing the economic contribution of labour migration in developing countries as countries of destination. The project is co-funded and jointly implemented by the European Commission, the International Labour Office (ILO) and the OECD Development Centre. It is being conducted in 10 low and middle-income countries, including Ghana.

CMS is also involved in a project on "Diaspora Engagement Policy" for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration (November 2015- present). The funding is provided by ECOWAS and the Government of Spain.

5. SCHOOL OF ARTS

- A MOU has been signed between The School of Arts, University of Ghana and the University of Rome, Tor Vergata. The broad agreement covers collaboration in different fields, with the first area of collaboration being a proposed research project in Sustainable Tourism and the introduction of an MA in Tourism and Heritage Studies at the School of Arts, College of Humanities.
- 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.

6. CENTRE FOR ASIAN STUDIES

The university of Ghana's newly established Centre for Asian Studies has signed an MOU with Humanitas College and Pan-African Cultural Studies of Kyung-Hee University (South Korea). The MOU is meant to promote student and faculty exchange and collaborative research in any field of interest common to both universities.

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C. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

College of Humanities Endowment Fund

The College of Humanities has established an Endowment Fund to support faculty, student and staff development. The College finance office has so far received voluntary cash donations from 60 individuals, mostly faculty members within the College. The College also intends to raise funds from alumni (non-faculty and staff) and corporate bodies.

D. STRATEGIC PLAN

The College has developed a strategic plan covering the period 2016-2021. The plan is scheduled to be launched before the end of 2016.

E. WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, SEMINARS

1. College of Humanities International Research Conference

The second international research conference of the College of Humanities was held between June 15 and 17, 2016, on the theme Promoting Humanities Research for Development in Africa. The keynote Speaker was Professor Emmanuel Akyeampong of the Department of History, Harvard University. The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) through their African Humanities Programme (AHP) provided travel grants for 8 of the conference participants. Funding was also received from the Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID) and UniBank, Ghana.

2. Building Capacity for Air Pollution Research in Ghana

The College of Humanities, University of Ghana and the University of Massachusetts, USA organized a workshop on *Building Capacity for Air pollution Research in Ghana*. The Workshop was held in May 27, 2016 at the International House, University of Ghana. It was funded by the World Universities Network (WUN), the College of Humanities, and Office of Research, Innovation and Development (ORID). Participants were drawn from the University of Cape Coast, University of Ghana, Ghana Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), University of British Columbia and University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

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3. Centre for Social Policy Studies (CSPS): National Conference on Volunteerism & Philanthropy in Ghana

As part of its 20th anniversary celebrations, CSPS organized a national conference on volunteerism and philanthropy between 26 and 27 May 2016. The conference brought together academics researching in the area of volunteerism and philanthropy, and organizations that actively involve volunteers in their work. The key note speaker was the vice chancellor and chair for the occasion was Prof. Araba Apt, the first Director of the Centre.

4. School of Social Sciences 2016 International Conference

The School of Social Sciences has held its 2016 International Conference between 15 and 16 April 2016 at the ISSER Conference Facility, University of Ghana. The theme for the Conferences was “*The Social Sciences, Good Governance, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*”. The keynote address was given by Dr. Christine Evans-Klock, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana.

5. University of Ghana Business School Management Day

As part of its management day celebrations, the UGBS organized a lecture at its Graduate Building on April 7, 2016. The theme of the lecture was UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Transformation or Evolution? The speaker was Prof. David Hulme, Professor of Development Studies and Executive Director of Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

6. Launch of UGBS Ghana Business Development Review

The University of Ghana Business School (UGBS) has launched the first ever Ghana Business Development Review (GBDR) at the ceremony held at the UGBS Graduate Building on 16th June, 2016. The chairman for the occasion was the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Professor Ernest Aryeetey. He noted that the report will serve as a guide to potential investors to enable them understand the Ghanaian business environment.

7. Ghana Psychological Association 3rd Annual Research Conference

The Ghana Psychological Association held its 3rd Psychology research conference on 28th April 2016 at the auditorium, Centre for African Wetlands. Theme of the conference was “*Social media in contemporary Societies: Effects on the Family, Organizations, Schools and Politics.*”

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8. School of Law: Annual Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture

The 2016 Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture was delivered by Ms. Bernice Sam, a lawyer and gender advocate, at the auditorium of the School of Law, University of Ghana on 22nd March 2016. The lecture, under the auspices of the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria and the University of Ghana School of Law, was on the theme: "Protecting Women's Reproductive Rights in Africa: A Moral or Legal Obligation."

F. PROMOTIONS

Recent Senior Member Promotions in the College are as follows:

Name	From	To	Department/Unit	Effective date
Professor Peter Quartey	Associate Professor	Professor	ISSER	8 th January, 2016
Professor Gordon Senanu Kwame Adika	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	Language Centre	1 st December, 2015
Professor Emmanuel Debrah	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	Political Science	1 st July, 2015
Professor Robert Yennah	Senior Lecturer	Associate Professor	French	1 st November, 2015
Dr. Harry Lawson Kwaku Agbanu	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Study of Religions	May 26, 2015
Dr. Gerald Albert Baeribameng Yiran	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Geography and Resource Development	September 8, 2015
Dr. Daniel Quaye	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Marketing and Entrepreneurship (UGBS)	November 17, 2015
Dr. Kwame Asamoah	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Public Administration and Health Services Management (UGBS)	November 18, 2015
Dr. Abdul-Gafaru Addulai	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Public Administration and Health Services Management (UGBS)	January 4, 2016



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Dr. Aaron Asibi Abuosi	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Public Administration and Health Services Management (UGBS)	November 27, 2015
Dr. William Coffie	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Accounting (UGBS)	December 23, 2015
Dr. Haskei Mohammed Majeed	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Philosophy and Classics	December 17, 2014
Dr. Rachel Ekumah-Asamoah	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Theatre Arts	December 29, 2015
Dr. Kodzovi Akpabli-Honu	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer	Sociology	December 30, 2015