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To: Director CApIC-ACE

From: HOD, Languages and General Studies

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Subject: **Report on the Impact of our Department on the Francophone CApIC-ACE Postgraduate Students**

Preamble

In preparation for the 2018/2019 Academic Session, our Department of Languages and General Studies was contacted to come up with a Proficiency Course in English for the Francophone students coming to Covenant University to pursue postgraduate studies under the CApIC-ACE programme. Consequently, we put in place a robust language proficiency curriculum that will make the students grounded enough to undertake academic studies in an Anglophone country like Nigeria.

The Curriculum

The curriculum put in place was divided into four parts: Reading, Speaking, Writing and Grammar. Each of these four parts are further subdivided into smaller units. Upon arrival in the Department, each student was subjected to an assessment mechanism to test their level of proficiency in English, taking into account the internationally recognized divisions (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2).

The Teaching

Our seasoned second and foreign language teachers were carefully selected to undertake the task of teaching these students. The seasoned language teachers are Prof. Charles Ogbulogo, Dr. Samuel Owoeye, Dr. Lily Chimuanya, Dr. Edwin Onwuka, Dr. Tar Maryam, Dr. Eugenia Abiodun-Eniayekan, Dr. Oremire Ehibor and Dr. Joy Eyisi. In line with the Curriculum put in place in 2018, all teachings took into account the principles and pattern of teaching English for Academic Purposes. At the end of a three-month rigorous teaching, a final assessment was done to test the

readiness of each student to undertake a postgraduate instruction using the English language. All the students who have participated in the Proficiency Course in English have been cleared to proceed to their respective Departments to begin their studies.

Impact

From the feedbacks we have so far received, the intervention of our Department has proven to be highly impactful. All the students that have passed through the Proficiency Course in English of our Department have been able to receive lectures and passed examinations in their respective Departments. This goes to show that our teachings have been successful on them.


The Students

The CAPIC-ACE students listed below have participated in the Proficiency Course in English of our Department:

1. Molo Mbaso Joaquim (M.Eng ICE), from DR Congo
2. Nzanu Vingi Patrick (M.Eng ICE), from DR Congo
3. Mughole Daniella Kalimombalo (M.Eng ICE), from CR Congo
4. Baiguerel Erika Myriam (M.Sc Bioinformatics), from Cameroon
5. Chishugi Iragi John (M.Sc Computer Science), from DR Congo
6. Kanonte Mariam (M.Sc Computer Science), from the Republic of Benin
7. Ashuza Kuderha Rifin (M.Sc Computer Science), from DR Congo
8. Nguedia Kaze Niels (Ph.D Biochemistry), from Cameroon
9. Assogba Danielle Agossi Jovincia (M.Sc Computer Science), from the Republic of Benin
10. Adjaoke Wo-O Tertius (M.Sc Computer Science), from the Republic of Benin

Conclusion

CAPIC-ACE is a research center of excellence, going by her research achievements so far. We thank the leadership of the Research group for the opportunity to have been part of the CAPIC-ACE operations. In conclusion, we urge the funders to continue to fund the project.



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