

REPORT OF THE 2013 ARNU
TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP
AWARD

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AWARDEES

- JIMOH Teslim Olawale – OAU, Ile Ife
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- NGOVE Peter Pever- BSU, Makurdi
- HABU Alhaji Kachallah- UNIMAID
- AALONE Don Promise – UNIPORT
- NWORIE Sunday Igwe – EBSU, Abakaliki

BIRKBECK UNIVERSITY

Knowledge gained from the sessions included:

- **The concept of evening programmes which enables students to combine other things (e.g. work) with studies. This concept is totally different from the well known part-time programmes.**
- **About eighty (80) percent of students' records are electronically stored and efforts are on-going in the University to make it 100 percent.**
- **There are plans to commence the issuance of transcripts to graduands (along with certificates) during convocation ceremonies.**
- **There is thorough monitoring of students' academic performance which reduces drop-out rate. Students having challenges are recognised early enough and are counselled for probable change of course.**
- **Coordinated marketing strategies employed to attract students to the University.**



OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

Knowledge gained from these sessions included:

- **That a uniform fee of nine thousand pounds (£9,000) is paid yearly by every UK national undergraduate irrespective of the course of study.**
- **The UK government gives this money out as loan to students which are expected to be repaid when work is started after graduation. This loan covers the exact course duration as no provision is made for students with elongated tenure.**
- **The newly commissioned John Henry Brookes Building is student-centred in conception and construction. It has outstanding features like several foyers which provide social and relaxed environment for learning.**
- **Deployment of state-of-the-art computer to every task including manning the library (where there are no physical barriers like gates/turnstiles or porters) and equipping every corridor and passage with computers and its accessories.**
- **Professional staff share a big open office.**
- **Professional staff conduct examinations and keep examination results. During examination periods, ad hoc staff are often employed.**
- **Submission schedule of examination results are strictly adhered to by academic staff.**
- **First degree graduates can buy the university academic gown**
- **The university does not give academic gowns to students for graduation ceremony. Rather, graduating students hire the gown from gown companies outside the university.**





UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

Knowledge gained from the sessions included:

- **Admission is mainly based on possessing the pre-requirement qualifications for admission rather than passing any entrance examination.**
- **There is a mutual understanding and respect for student-management relationship. The students are considered as partners-in-progress and veritable stake holders in the university.**
- **Certain categories of student union leaders must be on sabbatical leave when voted into office.**
- **Protests through demonstrations were last experienced over 40 years ago. Rather, there is constant meeting and dialoguing between the management and the student union leadership.**
- **Students do not pay union fees, rather the university management gives a yearly lump-sum amount to the students union based on the total number of students.**
- **The University does not own academic gowns. Students hire from gown companies outside the University.**



ROLE OF OFFICIALS OF AUA-UK

ARNU collaborated with the AUA-UK which facilitated the visit.

- **Mr. Matthew Andrews**, the Registrar, Oxford Brookes University and the Chairman, Board of Trustees of AUA up till 31st July, 2014. He coordinated the activities of the study tour and the sessions at Oxford Brooks.
- **Mr. Christopher Hallas**, immediate past AUA Chairman, coordinated the sessions at Greenwich.
- **Ms Andrea Williams**, the coordinator of AUA International Network coordinated the sessions at Birkbeck.

ARNU CHAIRMAN'S ASSISTANCE

- Visa processing
- Linkage with AUA-UK
- Airport pick-up and return
- Arrangement for feeding
- Direction to designated venues through maps
- **Effective communication**

APPRECIATION

- The entire ARNU members (thoughts, vision and sense of direction)
- Members of the executive (tireless and selfless services and desire to take university administration to the next level).
- The ARNU Chairman, Dr. Awosusi Omojola (exemplary leadership/mentorship role).
- Management of our various universities (platform to compete)

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