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**MAJOR DECISIONS OF COUNCIL**  
(June, 2019 – March, 2022)

## MAJOR DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

The Council of the University during the period under review (June, 2019 to March, 2022) held a number of Meetings. The following major policy decisions which were taken are published for the information of the University Community.

### A. 254<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019)

#### Commencement of the KNUST Obuasi Campus

Council approved the commencement of the KNUST Obuasi Campus during the 2019/2020 Academic Year with the following programmes;

- i. BSc Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ii. BSc Civil Engineering
- iii. BSc Geomatic Engineering
- iv. BSc Metallurgical Engineering
- v. BSc Geological Engineering
- vi. BSc Construction and Technology Management
- vii. BSc Environmental Science
- viii. BSc Business Administration (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)
- ix. Master of Business Administration (MBA)

A Coordinating Dean and Coordinating Registrar were appointed to oversee the administration of the Campus. Academic Work for the Campus commenced in September, 2019.

### B. 261<sup>ST</sup> MEETING (19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020)

#### Establishment of KNUST Bottling Limited Company

As part of efforts to diversify the investment portfolio of the Ghana Universities Staff Superannuation Scheme (GUSSS), Council approved a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) between KNUST and GUSSS for the production of water for the University Community and its environs. The sharing ratio of the JVA is 40:60 for KNUST and GUSSS, respectively.

## **C. 263<sup>RD</sup> MEETING (19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021)**

### **C1. Restructuring of the University Information Technology Services (UITS)**

Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Board for the restructuring of the University Information Technology Services (UITS) into a Directorate, effective, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022:

- i. The UITS is to be headed by a Director, appointed in accordance with Schedule J of the University Statutes.
- ii. The UITS has five (5) Divisions, to be headed by Deputy Directors.

The Divisions are:

- Network Operations and Infrastructure;
- Software Development;
- Systems and Data Management;
- User Support Services; and,
- Information Security and Technology Assurance

### **C2. Establishment of E-Learning Centre**

Council considered and approved the establishment of an E-Learning Centre in the University. The Centre, among others, is to:

- i. Support both synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning;
- ii. Facilitate online learning support/interaction;
- iii. Promote digital literacy training;
- iv. Promote learner-centred teaching and use of e-pedagogies;
- v. Provide support for online Assessment;
- vi. Provide support in a systematic, coherent and appropriate way to meet the needs of learners; and,
- vii. Provide human-centred online learning environment



The E-Learning Centre is to be headed by a Director at the level of a Faculty Dean. The Centre has a Board comprising the following:

- Chairman (appointed by the Vice-Chancellor)
- University Librarian
- Director of IDL
- Director of UITS
- Director of E-Learning
- Dean of Students
- Head of QAPU
- Dean, Faculty of Educational Studies
- One Representative from each College
- SRC Representative

#### **D. 267<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021)**

##### **Elevation of the Quality Assurance and Planning Unit to Quality Assurance and Planning Office**

Council approved the elevation of the Quality Assurance and Planning Unit into a Faculty status and renamed as **Quality Assurance and Planning Office**, effective 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.

The Office is to be headed by an Academic Staff not below the rank of an Associate Professor.

The Quality Assurance and Planning Office has five (5) Departments, namely:

- i. Quality Assurance, E-Learning and Accreditation Department;
- ii. Planning Department;
- iii. Monitoring and Evaluation Department;
- iv. Management Information Systems Department; and,
- v. Examinations Audit Department

## **E. 268<sup>TH</sup> MEETING (31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2022)**

### **E1. Elevation of the Office of the Dean of Students**

- i. Council, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, has elevated the Office of the Dean of Students into **Directorate of Students Affairs**, effective, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022.
- ii. The Dean of Students is to be re-designated as Director of Students Affairs and to be placed at a level, equivalent to a Provost of a College.
- iii. The Director of Students Affairs is to be assisted by two (2) Deputy Directors who are to be placed at the level of a Dean of a Faculty.
- iv. The Deputy Directors are to be responsible for:
  - a. Students' Housing and Welfare
  - b. Students' Conduct and Discipline
- v. The Director and the two (2) Deputies are to be appointed by Council on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor.
- vi. The Director of Students Affairs will serve a term of three (3) years in the first instance, renewable for another term of three (3) years only, while the Deputy Directors will have a term of two (2) years, renewable for another term of two (2) years only.

### **E2. Administrative Committee**

Council agreed that the Administrative Committee should not be considered as a statutory Committee of Council.

Council consequently directed that, Section 3.3 of Recorder No. 337, September 2010, Vol. 44, No. 4 which states that the Administration Committee is a Statutory Committee of Council should be **EXPUNGED** from the Records and the University Community informed accordingly.

### **E3. Elevation of the School of Graduate Studies**

- i. Council, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, has elevated the School of Graduate Studies to a Directorate with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022.

- ii. The Dean of School of Graduate Studies is to be re-designated as **Director of School of Graduate Studies** and to be placed at the level, equivalent to a Provost of a College.
- iii. The appointment of the Director shall be in accordance with Schedule K of the University Statutes.
- iv. The Director of School of Graduate Studies is to be assisted by a Deputy Director who would be at the level of a Faculty Dean.
- v. The Director will serve a term of three (3) years in the first instance, renewable for another term of three (3) years only, while the Deputy Director will have a term of two (2) years, renewable for another term of two (2) years only.

#### **E4. Elevation of the Students Accounts Section to a Division**

Council, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, has elevated the Students Accounts Section of the Finance Office to a Division, effective, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022. The Division is to be headed by a Deputy Finance Officer.

#### **E5. Establishment of Senior Member Positions in the Registrar's Offices and Estate Organisation**

Council established additional Senior Member Positions in the Registrar's Offices and Estate Organisation as follows:

##### **Registrar's Offices**

- i. Examinations Office
- ii. Affiliations Office
- iii. KNUST Obuasi Campus

##### **Estate Organisation**

Land Administration and Management

#### **E6. Upgrade of Meteorology and Climate Science Unit to Department**

Council approved the elevation of the Meteorology and Climate Science Unit of the Department of Physics into a Departmental status, effective, 2022 Academic Year.



## **E7. Establishment of Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD)**

Council established the Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD) under the Faculty of Educational Studies, effective, 2022 Academic Year.

The Centre, among others, is to:

- i. Conduct cutting edge research with grants that would influence educational policy and practice by collaborating with international and local educational agencies and institutions;
- ii. Build capacity of teaching and non-teaching staff on educational practices and policies;
- iii. Support the development and review of curriculum; and
- iv. Seek for grants.

## **REGISTRAR**