



PALM INSTITUTE MONTHLY REPORT

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The second semester of the 2015/2016 academic year started in earnest. Registration by students started on 1st February, 2016 and ended on 5th February, 2016. Teaching and learning has since commenced and we just ended our third week out of the twelfth semester duration. Here is one of the lecture sessions at the Lee Nusich Lecture Hall.

Before lectures officially started, Management recruited six (6) adjunct Faculty members to replace faculty who have parted ways with the Institute and also to complement the already existing members. The new members are:

- Prof. Senah Kojo
- Dr. Epiphania Bonsi
- Mr. Kwabena Akuamoah
- Mr. Jerry John Aseidu and
- Mr. Michael Ahadjie
- Miss Patricia Muah



Mr. Michael Ahadjie holds a B.A. (Hons.) degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Ghana and a Master's degree in Business Administration-Management Information System option from the University of Ghana Business School. [See more...](#)



Mr. Jerry John K. Asiedu holds a first degree in History and Psychology from the School of Social Sciences of the University of Ghana, Legon. He also holds a Post-First Degree Bachelor of Laws, Legum Baccalaureus (L.LB) from the School of Law of the University of Ghana. He is currently a final year trainee Lawyer at the Ghana School of Law, Accra [...See](#)

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CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES AT PALM

As part of efforts to bridge the gap between industry practice and theory, we launched our career seminar series program to expose our students to industry experts and to learn from their rich experiences. It is also with the intent to afford the students the opportunity to network with Speakers who'll grace any of the seminar occasions. Last month (February), we had the privilege of hosting two distinguished industry experts on our campus for the first and second in the series of our career seminar series.



The first seminar was by Mr. Basko Kante of EAI Information Systems. Mr. Kante presented on the topic “*Entering into the job market*”. His session was very interactive. He shared stories of working in Ghana and working in the USA. He also spoke about what employers are looking out for. He emphasized the shift from employee recruitment based on qualifications to recruitment based on ability to do the job. He advised students to focus on acquiring more job experiences while they are in school because that is what would set them apart from other job seekers.



Our second seminar in the series was with Lysanne Denneboom of Ghana Netherlands Business & Culture Council (GNBCC). She spoke on how our students can use the private sector in developing their own career plans.



She explained the career development process to the students and also showed them how to use the internet and her organisation (GNBCC) to get access to businesses in the private sector. She shared her career story and how determination and *knowing what you want* has helped her in building her career. The seminar was held at the Matt Essieh Lecture Hall.

PALM INSTITUTE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

For the first time, our students started their respective community service activities. Some of the Institutions that these students are serving in include:



- Madina Islamic School
- Legon Hospital
- La Nkwatanang School and
- La Bawaleshie and Staff Village School

Our students are serving in various capacities as Class Assistants in Junior High Schools and other educational institutions as well as assisting health care providers in hospitals here in the community where our campus is located.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Our Social Entrepreneurship program has a strong relationship with our Community Service Program. What we seek to do with our Social Entrepreneurship Program is to identify problems in deprived communities in Ghana and then find sustainable solutions to them with the heavy involvement of our students.



This program will enable our students to think outside the box by applying what they have learned in class to real life issues for lasting solutions. For this reason, a number of our students accompanied with three faculty members visited the following villages: Matsekope and Amanfrom in the Greater Accra Region and Eastern Regions respectively. The purpose of the visits was to conduct feasibility studies into social problems

being facing these communities and to come up with possible solutions. This program has the potential of qualifying us for future Ashoka Foundation grant awards.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

As part of efforts to raise the credibility of Palm Institute, we have initiated a number of formal relations and collaborations with some international university colleges such as: George Fox University - College of Business, USA. We are also at an advanced stage with our association with Enactus — an international nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action.

The Institute is also fostering regional accreditation relations with The Association of African Universities.

3-YEAR PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The team is far advanced with progress for the second inspection by the National Accreditation Board of Ghana. If all our submissions meet the expectations of the inspection team, we will receive Institutional Accreditation from the Board.

CONCLUSION

The month of February has been very fruitful for us here at Palm Institute. The month was full of life changing activities for our students. From the great experience as well as exposure of community service, through our career guidance seminars to the problem solving opportunities offered through our Social Entrepreneurship Program has been refreshing. We believe that the vision of Palm Institute is touching and transforming lives of Africa's next generation of ethical leaders. As we learn from our past, we hope to better our tomorrow.

Thank you Board Members for your continued support.