

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ACEPRD AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2018 AT THE ACEPRD BOARDROOM

1. ATTENDANCE			Line	Action
I.	Prof. Musa A.B.Gaiya	Chairman	1	
II.	Prof. Moses D. Audu	Member	2	
III.	Dr. Dabwor T. Dalis	Member	3	
IV.	Dr. Plangsats B. Dayil	Member	4	
V.	Dr. Bala Gonji	Secretary	5	
1.1. IN- ATTENDANCE			6	
i.	Prof. John C. Aguiyi	Director/Centre Leader	7	
1.2. APOLOGY			8	
i.	Prof. Francis Kwede	Member	9	
ii.	Dr. Timson Ndupuechi	Member	10	
2. OPENING			11	
The meeting started at 10.05am with prayer by the Prof. Moses Audu after which the Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He called on members to consider the agenda for the meeting for adoption. After discussion, Any Other Business was added to the agenda and was adopted on a motion by Dr. Dabwor Dalis and seconded by Dr. Bala Gonji.			12 13 14 15 16	
3. READING OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2018			17	
The minutes of meeting of June 25, 2018 was read and adopted on a motion by Prof. Musa A.B. Gaiya and seconded by Dr. Bala Gonji after some corrections.			18 19 20	
3.1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018			21	
The committee discussed the following matters arising from the previous meeting:			22	
3.1.1. 2017 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN				
i.	Two equipment purchase.		23	
Members wanted to know if the 2 equipment scheduled for purchase and payment by the NUC has been done. The Chairman informed members that the purchase and payment has been done. The installation has not been done because sciex could			24 25	

not come to Nigeria for security reasons. The ACEPRD Laboratory staff who were supposed to visit the company could not secure visa either.	26 27 28	
The Chairman also informed members that the ACEPRD Management had secured a contract from a south Africa Company, Gibbs Technologies to install and train members of staff in the operations of the equipment.	29 30	
ii. Short course execution in regional institution	1	
Members agreed that the committee had advised that to meet up with the regionality in short course execution, the centre ought to organise its workshops in Lome, Mali, Cameroun and Benin Republic.	2 3 4	
Members wanted to know if this was done. To this, the Chairman informed members that the Director/Centre had informed him that a grant writing workshop was held at the University of Lome and Abomey-Calavi University, Benin Republic between November 26-30, 2018 and December 3-7, 2018 respectively.	5 6 7 8 9	
Accordingly, it was reported that the report of the workshop has been sent to the Association of African Universities (AAU) in Ghana.	10 11 12	
iii. International accreditation	13	
The Chairman invited the Director/Centre Leader to explain the progress on international accreditation of the ACEPRD education programmes.	14 15	
The Director/Centre Leader informed members that the Centre has initiated international accreditation for the following postgraduate programmes:	16	
a. M.Sc/PhD in Pharmacognosy	17	
b. M.Sc/PhD in Clinical Pharmacy	18	
c. M.Sc/PhD in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology	19	
d. M.Sc/PhD in Pharmaceutical Microbiology	20	
e. M.Sc in Bioinformatics and Genomics	21	
According to the Director/Centre Leader, the Centre submitted its application in July 2018 to the Royal Society of Biology, UK; the agency has reviewed its programmes and made its decision. It has said they could not accredit the ACEPRD programmes because of some of the gaps.	22 23 24 25	
The Centre would address these gaps and re-submit for accreditation to the RSB or the HCERES, France that was accepting applications from the ACEs. The NUC is coordinating the process.	26 27 28 29	
Members wanted to know what was the gaps identified by the RSB accordingly; it was believed that these gaps could help the programmes in the University in one way or the other to internationalise its programmes and have it competed globally.	30 31 32 33 34	

Members were excited with that e fact that, the international accreditation was not a matter that was going to earned the ACEPRD any project goal or not; but said that this was the way to go in advancing education that would impact society.	35 36 37	
The Director explained that some of the issues raised by the RSB had to do with preliminary admission requirements into science degree programmes like maths, physic and chemistry. The RSB believed that the ACEPRD did not have these subjects embedded in the taught courses being presented for accreditation. The RSB did not accept their explanations that these were pre-requisite for the students' admission into degree programmes.	38 39 40 41 42	
The RSB wanted to see that the maths, physics and chemistry are part of the taught programmes at masters or PhD levels.		
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The RSB were not satisfied about the industry experiences provided for the postgraduate students in the programmes, they did not find it convincing that the assessment by the students of the teaching of the programmes was done. If it was done, it did not suggest that the students were free to make any impactful decisions that would impact the programme feedback.	2 3 4 5 6 7	
He Director said that their explanations could not change the decisions of the review panel.	8	
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Members asked what the implication is for the programme; how it would affect the centre.	10 11 12	
Prof. Aguiyi explained that it means that the Centre has to re-apply for international accreditation again; the centre would do the application to RSB or any other accreditation agency.	13 14 15	
In the meantime, the Centre could apply to the World Bank with the result of the review from RSB. The review result could achieve what is known as gap assessment and would be reimbursed by the World Bank.	16 17	
Members said that the Centre should go ahead with the submission to the World Bank as well as submit the documentation necessary for the assessment by the HCERES as mentioned.	18 19 20 21	
3.1.2. WORLD BANK/AAU SITE VISITS REPORTS		
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Members said that in the report circulated in the June 25, 2018 meeting, the World Bank had advised that the centre go out to solicit for regional masters and PhD students. The audit committee wanted to know if this was done.	23 24	
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Responding, Prof. Aguiyi said that the centre heeded to the advice. Members of the project management Committee were dispatched to Niger Republic which yielded one student, Burkina Faso, Mali which yielded one student, Lome Yielded 14	26 27	

students, Liberia yielded 18 students, Kenya yielded 4 students and Uganda 3 students.	28	
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Members said that it was good that the Centre yielded to this advice. Members also advised that the Director/Centre Leader should work with the Faculty to ensure that the students graduate in good time.	30	
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4. RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR ACE-IMPACT	34	
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The Chairman informed members that the Centre presented an application to the World Bank for the renewal of the ACEPRD project. He said that the Centre could not get the renewal grant which was expected to be Two Million Dollars (\$2m).	36	
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Responding, members said since the Director/Centre Leader is in the meeting, if he could explain what happened.	39	
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The Director/Centre Leader said that the centre submitted 2 applications for funding. The first one was for the renewal of the ACEPRD and the second, was for the establishment of the ACE-SPHERE, The Africa Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Primary Healthcare Research and Education.	1	
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The renewal application did not succeed even though the centre scored 75%. The new application did not have specific scores but the proposed Centre Leader received an email that simply said his application was not successful.	4	
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Members deliberated on the matter and agreed that the Centre must work hard to get other grants to sustain its programmes in education and research.	7	
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5. INDUSTRY SUPPORT GRANTS	9	
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Members discussed the possibilities of securing any pharmaceutical or foundation or a limited liability grant for research. It also advised the centre leadership to consult with some public-spirited individuals who could support an endowment chair at the centre.	11	
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Names mentioned were the Dangote Foundation, MTN Foundation, Alakija Foundation, T.Y Danjuma Foundation among many.	15	
The Chairman was advised to meet with the Centre Leader and discussed the matter. They were to liaise with the Vice-Chancellor for further action and contacts.	16	
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6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	19	
The Chairman said that the next meeting should have the Director/Centre Leader, DVC Academics, the Director ICT and the HODs and Dean of Pharmacy for	20	
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