



MINUTES OF WACCBIP IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
VENUE: SCIENCE CONFERENCE ROOM BCMB, UG
DATE: APRIL 17, 2014.

1.0 Members

Name	Institution
Dr. Gordon Awandare	BCMB/Centre Leader
Prof. Kwadwo Koram	NMIMR/Deputy Centre Leader
Dr. Patrick Arthur	BCMB/Head of Training and Research
Ms. Ama Dadson	Head of ICT and Logistics
Mr. Barfi-Adomako Owusu	University of Ghana Computing Systems
Mr. Collins Amofa	ORID Accountant
Prof. Dorothy Yeboah Manu	NMIMR
Prof. Ebenezer Owusu	Dean, School of Biological Sciences
Dr. Lydia Mosi	BCMB
Dr. Osbourne Quaye	BCMB
Dr. Kwaku Asante Poku	Kintampo Health Research Centre
Prof. Mahamadou Diakite	Malaria Research and Training Centre, University of Science, Techniques, and Technology, Bamako, Mali
Dr. Alfred NgwaAmanbua	Medical Research Council, the Gambia
Dr. Lucas Amenga-Etego	Navrongo Health Research Centre
Dr. George Obeng-Adjei	University of Ghana Medical School
Dr. Paul Lartey	LaGray Chemical Company

IN ATTENDANCE

NAME	INSTITUTION	E-MAIL
Mrs. Constance Kocke	Procurement Unit, UG	conscocke@gmail.com
Mr. Delali Kobla Kumordzi	ORID, UG	fkkumordzi@ug.edu.gh
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ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

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Ms. Ama Dadson	UGCS

2.0 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 2:45 pm.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

Minutes from previous meeting (20/3/2014) was reviewed and some corrections were made.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 LOGO

The revised logo for the centre was circulated and discussed. It was suggested rays from Ghana towards the sea should be re-directed to Africa. There was a general consensus that the UG logo be displayed together with the Centre's logo on the letter head.

4.2 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Dr Gordon Awandare informed everyone about the successful submission of the final Implementation plan. He had already circulated it to all committee members via email. The revised results framework had also been submitted with some adjustments being made with regard to the student enrolment numbers.

4.3 CURRICULUM

The new WACCBIP curriculum has been approved by the graduate school and is currently being reviewed by the Academic Curriculum Quality and Staff Development Committee (ACQSDC). Dr. Awandare was optimistic about programs commencing in August. However, in a worst case scenario, the PhD program would commence in January but it would not be prudent to start the MPhil program later than August, 2014. Students who are enrolled for BCMB MPhil program but have projects that are infectious disease inclined, will be listed as WACCBIP students. There would be the need to obtain

approval from the National Accreditation Board.

4.4 LAUNCH

The ACE launch was scheduled to come on from the 20th to 21st of May, 2014 in Abuja. Seven names had been proposed to represent WACCBIP at the ACE launch in Abuja. It was yet to be decided whether the Pro Vice Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor would be attending the launch. Those who would be present at the launch were

- Prof. Ernest Aryeetey - Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana
- Prof. John O. Gyapong - Pro Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Development
- Dr Gordon Awandare - ACE leader
- Prof. Kwadwo Koram - ACE deputy leader
- Mrs. Constance Kocke - Procurement focal person
- Mr Ezekiel Acquah - M & E focal person
- Prof. Mahamadou Diakite - Representative of regional partners, Research and Training Centre, University of Techniques and Technology, Bamako

Expenses incurred during the trip would be financed by the University of Ghana and the centre would be responsible for reimbursing these funds later.

Ms. Ama Dadson said the website was under construction, but was positive about it being available before the launch. It was agreed that the names of collaborative institutions, pictures and minutes should be displayed on the website to get the public informed.

4.5 BUILDING

The building plan had not been updated yet. Building architects showed no enthusiasm towards the revision of the building plan because of the unavailability of funds.

4.6 E-LEARNING

The University's e-learning program is not well established yet. However, the WACCBIP's e-learning program would be paralleled with the University's e-learning program should the need arise.

5.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Funds would be delivered based on performance and hence the need to start on a good note. Dr. Quaye

asked what the next steps after the submission of the implementation plan were. Dr. Gordon Awandare responded to this by saying, we were expecting response from the World Bank concerning the Implementation plan which had been submitted. Also, it is expected that 10% of the money would be released after the launch to commence the project. He hinted that it is important that we find ways of publicizing the project in the Ghanaian circle. Dr. Gordon Awandare, said he would find out if the project had been approved in parliament.

Ms. Ama Dadson suggested that high performance computers should be purchased from IBM.

6.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

At 3.55 p.m. Dr Osbourne Quaye moved for the adjournment of the meeting to May 15, 2014.

Chaired by: Dr Gordon Awandare

Recorded by: Sandra Owusuaah Bempah