

ADVERTORIAL IN RESPONSE TO PUNCH NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

REJOINDER: RE- LASU BARRED FROM ADMITTING NEW STUDENTS

The attention of **the authorities of** Lagos State University has been drawn to a report in ***The Punch*** newspaper of Wednesday, May 27, 2009, wherein, the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Sam EGWU, was quoted to have approved a ban placed on Lagos State University on its admission of students for the 2008/2009 Academic Session. **The reason given was that the University failed to clear its admission list with the Joint Admissions AND Matriculation Board [JAMB].**

In view of the implication of the issue reported by **the Newspaper** to the reputation of Lagos State University, to all stakeholders and, particularly, to the future of bonafide AND intending students of the University, the University Senate, after its emergency meeting of Wednesday, May 27, 2009, wishes to **state as follows:**

- [i] The statement credited to the Honourable Minister of Education on Lagos State University **is injurious**, for the fact that the University has **NOT** received any official correspondence on the matter under reference, from either the Federal Ministry of Education OR the Joint Admissions AND Matriculation Board [JAMB].
- [ii] Lagos State University **duly** submitted its **2008/2009** admission list to the Joint Admissions AND Matriculation Board for processing **on October 17, 2008 with the expectation that it would be communicated with and advised on further action, as is the normal procedure. The purported ban therefore on the pages of a newspaper is out of norm and, certainly, an aberration.**
- [iii] Lagos State University as a citadel of academic excellence has **NOT** breached any **known** procedure in its admission process, which has been transparent.
- [iv] Lagos State University, being a fully State-owned University, owes its responsibility primarily to the Lagos State Government, AND the people of Lagos State, AND one of its cardinal objectives is to adopt a merit-driven AND transparent admission policy.

[v] Education is on the concurrent list of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

[vi] In this **regard**, the University enjoys the full support of the University Governing Council, University Senate AND the **concurrence** of the Lagos State Government.

The University authorities therefore **AGREED**, that:

- The University would continue to dialogue with relevant authorities on the issue raised by the Honourable Minister of Education.
- **Meanwhile, the University would continue with the arrangement for the post UME test of 2009/2010 academic session, for intending students who had freely chosen Lagos State University as their preferred University of study so as NOT to put their careers and future in jeopardy.**
- The University wishes to **assure** ALL stakeholders [parents, guardians, Alumni of the University, students, intending students, staff and the general public], that the authorities of Lagos State University will take steps to safeguard their interests in this matter.

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