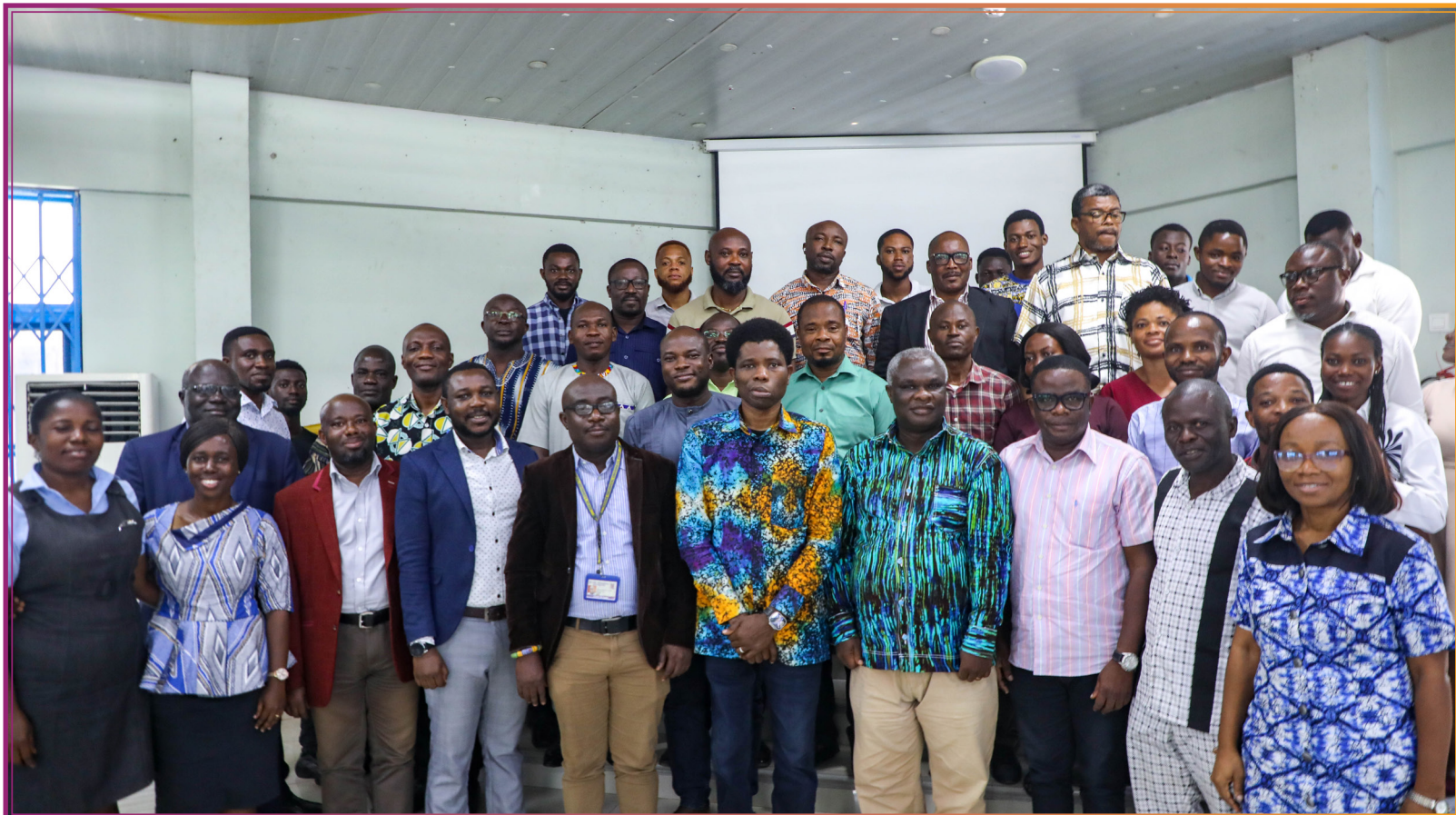


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## IN BRIEF

### ATU'S FCAULTY OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT HOSTS WORKSHOP TO BOOST RESEARCH AND GRANT WRITING

The Faculty of Built Environment at Accra Technical University (ATU) has organised a workshop on research and grant writing to rekindle academic research activities within the faculty. The workshop, held on September 2, 2024, at the ATU Lodge, highlighted the significance of research and its impact on academia and industry.



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In his welcome address, Dr. Bernard Arthur-Aidoo, Dean of the Faculty of Built Environment, stressed the need to improve the faculty's research output and secure grants for impactful projects. He acknowledged that the faculty's current position in the university's research rankings is below expectations, urging faculty members to renew their commitment to research and grant writing to enhance their reputation and research performance.

The chairman of the occasion, Dr. Peter Nyanor, praised the timeliness of the workshop, expressing optimism that it would boost research activities and increase the faculty's contribution to the university's research output. He encouraged faculty members to register on Google Scholar and other international scholarly platforms, update their profiles, and actively publish their work to increase the university's visibility.

The workshop featured Professor Clinton Aigbavboa from the University of Johannesburg as the guest speaker and facilitator. In his presentation on research culture, the Research Process, and Grant writing, Professor Clinton stressed the importance of fostering an enabling environment for research within universities. He advocated for the establishment of a supportive ecosystem where academics can engage in research, emphasising that the value of research goes beyond financial gains to enhancing teaching and solving societal problems.





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Professor Aigbavboa urged faculty to cultivate a culture of curiosity and problem-solving through active research committees, collaborative learning platforms, frequent research conferences, seminars, and awards. He also encouraged faculty to refine their skills in grant writing by developing competitive, fundable ideas that align with the priorities of funding agencies, noting that grant writing can enhance personal reputations and career prospects.

The interactive workshop provided faculty members with the opportunity to engage in discussions on key issues in research and grant writing. Faculty benefited from the vast experience of Professor Clinton, a renowned scholar and expert in the field. The event served as a crucial step towards boosting research activities and positioning the faculty as one of the leading contributors to the university's research goals.





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**UNOPPOSED VICTORY: INCUMBENTS RETAIN KEY POSITIONS IN SMOOTH 2024 TUTAG-ATU CHAPTER ELECTIONS**

The 2024 election of the Technical University Teachers Association of Ghana (TUTAG) - Accra Technical University (ATU) Chapter officially ended on August 23, 2024, at the Staff Common Room of Accra Technical University.



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The election, marked by a smooth process and devoid of incidents, was unique as all candidates ran unopposed in a Yes or No voting system.

Incumbent Chairperson Hanson Obiri-Yeboah retained his position with 126 Yes votes out of 131 total ballots. Vice Chairperson Samuel Blay Amo also secured his position with 129 votes in his favour. Mr. Bright Kyere was re-elected as Treasurer, garnering 127 Yes votes, while Mr. Saeed Alhassan held on to his role as Organiser with 129 votes.

Newly appointed Mrs. Florence Adwoa Ayirezang, debuting as a candidate for the Treasurer position, secured her appointment with 127 Yes votes. The candidates congratulated each other and expressed readiness to continue serving as local executives for the TUTAG-ATU chapter.

TUTAG represents the teaching and library staff of Ghana's technical universities, advocating for improved working conditions, fair remuneration, and professional development for its members.





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