

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ABSU VISITATION PANEL

February 13, 2024.

In line with the statutory responsibility of the Visitor and provisions of the Acts establishing Abia State University Uturu (ABSU) for effective monitoring, accountability and transparency in managing the affairs of the University, pursuant to its founding ideals and visions, this Visitation Panel is set up by Governor Alex C. Otti, OFR, with the following terms of reference:

1. To inquire into the level of the implementation of the white paper on the last Visitation Panel Report.
2. To look into the leadership quality of the University, evaluating the roles of the Governing Council, the Vice Chancellor and other principal officers and determine how they align with international best standards in university administration.
3. To look into the financial management of the University including statutory allocations, grants and support from local and international development institutions/intervention agencies; internally generated revenue within the recommended period and determine whether it is in consonance with international best practices and appropriate regulations.
4. To investigate the application of funds; particularly special grants and loans meant for specific projects; to determine the status of such projects and their suitability for further funding.
5. To examine the adequacy and quality of staff and staff development programme of the university within the period in review and identify gaps.
6. To assess the teacher student ratio and make recommendations based on best practices.
7. To determine the relationship between ABSU and the various statutory bodies it interacts with according to the laws for the purpose of supervision, planning, finance,

discipline, guidance and any other layer or structure of relationship including the NUC, the University Governing Council, State Ministry of Education and others.

8. To examine the laws establishing the University — including the relationship between the various internal organs, units, offices and indicate the way the laws have been observed by competent authorities and also suggest modifications.
9. To trace the historical evolution of the university and the stock of its general achievements; determine what needs to change.
10. To examine the general security measures within the University and the suitability of these measures for realities of the times.
11. To examine the process and structures of discipline of students in the University in line with extant laws.
12. To consider any other factor that may support the transformation of the University into a world class centre of learning, research and administration and make appropriate recommendations.