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The Senate at its 83rd Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th July, 2015 considered and approved the policy on GST Courses offered in the University.

Issues to note:

The National Universities Commission (NUC) 2007 Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS) was silent on this issue.

The observed grey areas comprised the;

- ✓ use of course materials approved for use by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the course materials developed in the University
- ✓ Position of newly admitted 200 level (Direct Entry) students and registration for 100 level GST courses.
- ✓ Computation of scores in GST Courses as part of students' Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).

The policy, in some institutions, stipulated that students must pass all the prescribed GST Courses but the scores were not part of the CGPA, while in other institutions, scores in the prescribed GST courses were part of the CGPA.

However in some institutions, it was mandatory for 200 level (Direct Entry) students to register for 100 level GST Courses while in others, the reverse was the case.

There exist hard and soft copies of newly developed course materials through the NUC-ODL project. These course materials comprised Use of English, Nigeria People and Culture, Introduction to Philosophy and Logic, History and Philosophy of Science and Entrepreneurship Studies

NOUN course materials were more interactive and richer in content than the prescribed editions.

The Senate approved as follows:

- a) The adoption of a policy whereby scores obtained in GST courses were not computed as part of the students' CGPA. However, a pass in these courses should be a pre-condition for a student's graduation.

b) Students admitted at 200 level should only register for GST courses where it could not be established that they had offered the said courses in their previous institution.

c) NOUN Course materials would constitute the major content as it was more interactive and richer in content. However, this would be used in conjunction with the NUC developed materials for GST courses.