



Welcome IUGB Faculty- Office of Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty

I want to welcome each faculty member that is either returning or just joining IUGB. We have an exciting academic year planned for IUGB and are happy that you will be part of our team.

This spring IUGB had the honor and great success of becoming a 4-year degree granting institution. We are now able to offer several undergraduate degrees in the School of Business and Social Science (BSS) and in the School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The Associate Deans and faculty were instrumental in the development of the degrees, curriculum and course descriptions. We are proud of everyone that was involved.

We also have a change in the structure of the English intensive program that is offered students that are not able to enter our undergraduate degree programs due to the level of English profanely.

The Academic Year 2014 -2015 will allow us to begin to implement the initiatives noted above as well as others detailed in the Strategic Academic Plan for 2014-2015.* I ask that you take the time to read the Strategic Academic Plan in order to understand and prepare for the role you will play in our successful implementation. It will depend upon all of us to accept the new roles and responsibilities and carry them out with diligence and at times with extra effort. The reward will be the successful retention of more of our IUGB students completing their degree at IUGB, the graduation of our own IUGB students in Cote d' Ivoire and the knowledge that we are contributing to the economic sustainability of Cote d' Ivoire by preparing well educated and determine young people.

The Director of the Undergraduate Preparatory Program (UPP), Ms. Reimer, the Associate Dean for the School of BSS, Dr. Koffi and the Associate Dean for the School of STEM Dr. Silue are ready to work with each of you and answer any questions you may have.

The new Director of Student Affairs, Mr. Ahoussi can also assist you with information as related to student needs. He and his teamwork as general advisors, as recruiters, give assistance students' organizations, have assistance for faculty with equipment and other classroom needs and a variety of other services.

Each of you was selected not only because of your discipline expertise and enjoys teaching but also that you care about students' success. We also encourage you to



mentor students, involve them in community activities and in student research efforts.

Each of the Academic Leadership Team is at your disposal for increasing your success at IUGB. Many resources including the Faculty Staff Academic calendar, which identifies important dates, Academic and Student Policies and other essential documents are located online. We encourage you to use Edu 2.0 as a resource for information and as an important tool to upload your handouts for students. There will be challenges but we believe the opportunities for excellence will be achieved by each of our efforts as members of the IUGB community.

I look forward to seeing you on campus or in the Office of Academic Affairs. Again, I am delighted that you have decided to join or return to IUGB and participate in moving the University's mission and goals forward.

Dr. Sharon Pinebrook
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- The Strategic Academic Plan for 2014-2015 is available in the Library, in the offices of both Associate Deans and in the office of the Director of UPP. They will be happy to share it with you.