

**Subject: Re: Today I met with Dr. Mark English**

From: Patrick K. Asea - To: Class of 2015-17, Class of 2015-17-Section2, MBA 2014-16 Section 1 - Date: April 4, 2016 at 4:31 PM

Dear MBA students,

Dr. English invited me to meet with him at 13:00 hrs today. He opened the meeting by telling me that there had been a misunderstanding. He never intended me to cease to be the Director of the MBA program. His intention was for me as Chair of MBA department to report to the Undergraduate Business Chair. However, on further reflection, he has recognized that it was not a good decision. He knows that the Undergraduate Business Department has several challenges of its own.

Dr. English informed me that I will continue to report to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost as I have been doing for the past 5 years. So there will be no change in the management of the MBA department. Thank you for efforts in bringing this about. I received the letters sent out to the Board of Trustees on this matter. Clearly, the voices and concerns of MBA students have been heard and respected. Which is as it should be.

Dr. English will meet with all MBA students at 5 pm on Tuesday in the ICAWED Auditorium to explain this to you all in person.

Let us now get back to the important work that we have to do to close out this semester. For Senior MBAs you have the Maqsudi Competition/Capstone to conclude. For Junior MBAs you have several exams to take including ECO500 which is still scheduled for this Wednesday. Please report for your classes as usual. For Senior MBAs you are also required to write a 150 page MBA Thesis by the end of August 2016. This is a new requirement imposed on us by the Ministry of Higher Education. So there is a lot of work ahead. Lets roll up our sleeves and get back to work.

Thanks

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