# KNUST DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER ENGINEERING MENTORING SCHEME

The KNUST Department of Computer Engineering over the past years have produced academic giants who have proven victorious out there in the real world. This is no magic, but the ingenious works of the hardworking authorities. But unfortunately, not everyone who comes into the department gets a chance to embrace the good will coming from the department. This is so because some students come into the department not wishing to offer Computer Engineering. In this manner, they become unproductive and hence miss out on the promising future the department assures.

For this reason among others, it is deemed important that some form of a medium in which incoming students get led through the initiatial of the trauma, is introduced, so they all get the strength to move through with much ease.

It is in this light that we as the department's Academic Board decided to initiate the Mentoring Plan.

This plan will be beneficial in many ways to both the participants and the department at large. Some of the benefits include:

- Improved performance of students
- Life and studies guidance for incoming students
- Means of learning from senior course mates
- Means of gaining leadership skills

In general, the purpose of this mentoring plan is to help students realize their potential with the help of senior course mates before they lose interest at the early stages.

### **MENTORING SCHEME IN DETAILS**

#### **MENTORS**

As agreed by all members of the department's academic board, all students from level 200 and 300 will be included in the program to be mentors, except for the final years. It will be totally up to them to opt to be part of this program.

For the students in level 200 and 300, everyone will be included in the program. It is not mandatory for them but they will all be encouraged to take part.

#### **ASSIGNING STUDENTS TO MENTORS**

Incoming students would be assigned randomly to senior course mates as their mentors. The assignment will be: each mentor gets one student.

The purpose of this form of assignment is to enable the participants establish a connection that they both can relate well get along just fine.

Names of all students in level 100 and 200 will be collected, as well those of the incoming students. After that, random assignment will then take place.

Students will then be prompted on who their mentors are.

The progress of this mentoring scheme will be monitored closely through feedback from both the mentors as well as the first years.

## **ACADEMIC BOARD MEMBERS**

The Department of Computer Engineering of KNUST's academic board members include:

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We shall forever work hard for the betterment of every student and the department at large.