

● **Academic Crime of Global Proportions: GCTU’s Integrity Crisis which Painted Ghana as a hub for fraudulent research and Damaged trust in African scholarship globally.**



Vice-Chancellor of GCTU, Pioneer of “20 by 30” vision

The Ghana Communication Technology University (GCTU) is under severe global scrutiny following revelations of **academic dishonesty and fraud** by its top academic staff, leading to multiple paper retractions from reputable journals. This scandal tarnishes not only GCTU’s reputation but also **places Ghana’s entire academic sector on a dangerous global blacklist.**

The Ghana Communication Technology University (GCTU) has committed what is being described as a **global academic crime**, with serious implications for its leadership and Ghana’s educational credibility. Multiple professors are implicated in **academic dishonesty and fraud**, leading to **paper retractions by top international journals.**

Prominent global universities including **MIT, Harvard, Oxford, University of Pretoria, and Cambridge etc** now flag these publications with **warnings to researchers worldwide** not to use or cite them. The implications are devastating for Ghana’s knowledge credibility, academic diplomacy, and future partnerships.

This scandal has resulted in **international academic databases including MIT, Harvard, Oxford, University of Pretoria, and Cambridge etc flagging GCTU publications with warnings to researchers worldwide not to use or cite them.** Such a situation is catastrophic for Ghana’s academic sector, undermining decades of hard-won scholarly credibility.

Instead of fulfilling the “**20 by 30**” vision to place GCTU and Ghana on the global academic map positively, the university now stands out as **one of the leading institutions associated with fraudulent publications.**

▼ **Key Individuals Implicated**

1. **Prof. Michael Nana Owusu-Akomeah** – Dean of Students Affairs



*The Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. Michael Nana Owusu-Akomeah*

2. **Emmanuel Attah Kumah Amponsah** – Senior Lecturer and Head of Accounting, Banking and Finance



**Dr. Emmanuel Attah Kumah  
Amponsah**

Head, Accounting, Banking And Finance  
Department (GCTU Business School)

3. **Dr. Mohammed Musah** – Lecturer and Head of Research, DRIC



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And Others from other institutions in the country.

These retractions cite reasons such as:

- **Fake peer review**
- **Computer-generated content**
- **Inappropriate referencing**
- **Unreliable results and conclusions**

▼ **Statutory Violations**

These actions **breach the GCTU Basic Laws**, which clearly state:

- The Dean, Director, or Head of Department **may be relieved of their post by Council** on grounds of incapacity, persistent absence without justification, conviction of a criminal offence involving dishonesty, fraud, or moral turpitude, or for gross misconduct.
- **Academic Offences (Statute 58.1.g)**: Engaging in any form of academic cheating, dishonesty, misconduct, fraud, or misrepresentation to obtain academic credit or advantage is an offence.
- The Dean of Student Affairs may also **be removed by Council for good cause**, including gross misconduct or fraudulent acts, which now threaten the validity of his Associate Professorship due to retracted papers forming part of his promotion dossier.

These acts violate **GCTU’s Basic Laws**, specifically statutes on **academic cheating, dishonesty, fraud, and gross misconduct**, all grounds for dismissal and revocation of academic ranks and positions. The retracted papers also risk invalidating their past promotions and appointments.

#### ▼ **The Bigger Picture**

Instead of the Vice Chancellor’s touted “**20 by 30**” vision placing **GCTU and Ghana on the world academic map**, these events have rather:

- **Painted Ghana as a hub for fraudulent research**
- **Damaged trust in African scholarship globally**
- **Triggered bans and citations blacklists by leading academic databases**

#### ▼ **Call to Action**

**GCTU Council, Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), and the Ministry of Education** must:

1. **Act decisively to protect Ghana’s academic reputation.**
2. **Initiate disciplinary proceedings against the implicated staff.**
3. **Issue a public apology and undertake institutional reforms.**
4. **Reassess all promotions based on retracted publications.**
5. **Reassess recent promotions by University and Appointments Committee-UAPC of GCTU**



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