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Abstract

The Catholic University was established by a Charter awarded in 1992. The Charter inter alia set out the institutions philosophy, governance structure and programmes that had been approved by that time. It stipulates that the University would operate under the general supervision of the Commission including the approval of new programmes, courses of study and establishment of new academic units.

In exercise of its supervisory function, the Commission re-inspected the University in March 2003. Prior to the inspection, the Commission had received and studied a self-evaluation report from the University. The inspection took three days and involved holding separate meetings with the University Council, University Administration, and Heads of Departments, teaching staff, students and Alumni. The Commission physically inspected the facilities of the University.

The main areas covered in the discussions and highlighted in this report are Governance, Academic Programmes, Research, Students and Academic Resources. The resources discussed are staff, library resources, physical facilities including land and financial resources.

In all these areas, the Commission found that the University had made considerable effort to improve on what existed at the award of Charter.

The Commission concluded that the University had done commendably well in attempting to live up to its Charter. It recommended improvement in key areas, among them higher funding for research, the construction of a new library and improvement in fire safety. The University was required to consult the Commission on all major changes and to seek the Commission's approval before launching any new programmes.