**Chairman’s Closing Remarks**

**November, 2014**

Members of the University Council,

Vice-Chancellor,

Guest Speaker

Members of Convocation,

Staff and Students,

Alumni,

Graduates,

Invited Guests,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

As we end today’s function, I would like to express my appreciation to all who have worked hard to ensure a successful congregation ceremony.

As earlier indicated, these graduates are the second batch of graduating students of the first cohort in the new four-year degree programme. As pioneers, they were not daunted by their new challenges but persevered to the end. They deserve all the laurels that they have acquired.

For the teachers and administrators who had to learn this new system, alongside the students, in order to get them to the point of graduation, the University appreciates the effort you have put into this enterprise.

To all those who played various roles in the planning and organisation of this event to ensure its success, I say thank you.

All parents, guardians, families and friends of the graduates who have travelled from both far and near to join the graduates in this celebration also deserve our thanks and appreciation for being with us today.

To our Guest Speaker for today, all invited guests, alumni and friends of the University, we say we always appreciate your presence and participation in this event. I wish you a safe journey back.

To our new graduates and fresh alumni, I congratulate you on your achievements and urge you all to be worthy ambassadors of your *alma mater*. I call upon you constantly to remember the University’s motto of: *Integri procedamus.*  (Or, let’s make progress with integrity.) I wish you all good success in your future endeavours.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now my privilege and duty as Chairman of the University of Ghana to declare today’s congregation dissolved.

Thank you.