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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF GHANA LEGON-ACCRA

Dear Madam,

## RESOLUTION OF THE IMPASSE ON 2022/2023 APPROVED FEES OF THE THE UNIVERSITY

Following a petition received from the Student Representative Council (SRC) on a discrepancy in the approved fees charged by the University of Ghana, the Committee on Education met on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and deliberated on the issues.

The Management of the University of Ghana, the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission, the Ministry of Education and the student body attended the meeting.

While the University Management contends that the fees charged by the University fall within limits approved by Parliament, the student body insists that the University charges illegal fees.

The Committee, after careful deliberations, concluded that

- The purported discrepancy in fees for the 2022/2023 academic year of the University
  was as a result of a correspondence from the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission
  (GTEC) to the institution communicating two different sets of baseline figures on which
  the new fees must be charged.
- 2. The Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) admitted the error in the correspondence on the newly approved fees to the University and indicated the Commission's resolve to ensure that such confusion does not occur in the future.
- 3. The University of Ghana did not charge fees illegally, and the fees charged by the University are within the legal limits approved by Parliament.
- The Committee acknowledged the current difficult economic situation in the country and its negative impact on the ability of parents/students to pay the newly approved fees.
- 5. The Committee also agrees with the University on the funding required to fix the deteriorating infrastructure and provide quality education.

- 6. The Committee applauded the Management of the University for the measures it has employed, including the provision of financial aid to the needy student and the arrangement for students to pay fees in instalments.
- 7. The Committee, mindful of the country's current economic challenges and the funding requirement for the provision of quality education, resolves that the University take further steps to provide some relief to the students.
- 8. Consequently, the Committee recommends that the University grants some reduction in the 2022/23 academic year fees and communicate the reduction to the Committee.

The Committee thanks all the stakeholders for ensuring a peaceful resolution of the impasse.

Yours sincerely

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