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**STATEMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA ON APPROVED FEES AND
GTEC DIRECTIVES**

Background

As a university with a firm commitment to providing a Transformative Student Experience, the University of Ghana (UG) remains focused on creating an enabling academic environment that supports quality teaching, learning, research and student welfare. This commitment is at the heart of the University's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, where Transformative Student Experience is identified as the foremost strategic priority.

The Facts

In the light of recent public discussions and media commentary regarding fees for the 2025/2026 academic year, the University wishes to clarify the following:

The University, as a public institution, remains fully committed to complying with the Fees and Charges (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2022 (Act 1080) and the regulatory oversight of the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC). All statutory fees are implemented in accordance with approval of Parliament, which is the required legal authority. The University's Council provides oversight in matters to do with fees, ensuring that all decisions are properly considered and aligned with the University's governance processes.

We reiterate that the University of Ghana has not increased academic facility user fees (AFUF) for the 2025/2026 academic year. Academic facility user fees remain at the level charged since the 2023/2024 academic year.

Changes in components of the current fee structure arose from student-led recommendations, arrived at by engagements and advocacy by the student

bodies; the Students Representative Council (SRC) and the Graduate Students Association of Ghana (GRASAG).

These student-introduced charges to cover levies and dues were approved by Council after going through the prescribed processes.

Officials of the University, together with student leaders, met with the Deputy Minister for Education, the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), and other stakeholders on Thursday, 8th January 2026 to discuss fees for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Following the discussions, it was agreed that:

- the SRC Development Levy, which had been adjusted following SRC-led consultations aimed at supporting student-focused initiatives, be set at GH₵200.
- the Telecel data package is structured as an optional service, designed to support students' academic and digital connectivity needs. Students are free to opt out of this service.

Additionally, we wish to place on record that the 75th Anniversary Levy is not a new line item. This contribution supports an ongoing legacy project; the multipurpose Student Experience Centre, which was initiated during the University's 75th anniversary in 2023. This project is to enhance facilities and services to improve the student experience for current and future generations of students.

The University has consistently upheld a culture of transparency and accountability, reflected in the clear itemisation of fees, enabling students, parents and guardians to understand the specific cost components and the services they support. Management is mindful that the University's commitment to transparency, detailed fee itemisation and scale of operations often attracts heightened public scrutiny, and therefore, continues to prioritise clarity, engagement and strict compliance in all processes.

In keeping with its student-centred approach, the University has, over the years, been conscious of minimising the financial burden of students and parents by reducing the required percentage of fees for registration from 70% to 50%. This allows students to complete registration upon payment of 50% of approved fees, with flexible arrangements for setting outstanding balances, ensuring that no

eligible student is unduly disadvantaged. There are also scholarship opportunities at the Student Finance Aid Office to support eligible students.

Commitment Going Forward:

The University of Ghana remains committed to:

- *maintaining academic quality and institutional sustainability,*
- *safeguarding student welfare,*
- *engaging constructively with relevant stakeholders (GTEC, government, and student leadership) on levies and dues to be charged, and*
- *ensuring that all decisions and actions align with national law, requisite ministerial approval, and established governance frameworks.*

UG appreciates the understanding and cooperation of students, parents/guardians, and the public as engagements continue to ensure outcomes that balance student interests, quality teaching and learning, institutional responsibilities, and statutory compliance, in line with the University's mandate as Ghana's premier public University.

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