



**GENERAL STUDENTS' BODY
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The President,
Academic Staff Association,
University of Sierra Leone.

Dear Dr. James,

**APPEAL FROM ALL STUDENTS TO RESUME THE SECOND
SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

We (the students) have seen the exponential height to which the Leadership of the Academic Staff Association – University of Sierra Leone (ASA-USL) has gone in demonstrating immeasurable resolve in standing up for its membership at such a difficult time, on an issue that is reasonable; with concerns that are genuine as justified in the fight for better conditions of service for Lecturers and Administrators of the University of Sierra Leone —a clause that has not been fully considered for about nine years now.

Dr. James, at the edge of all these difficulties, and inattentiveness from persons and institutions concern with respect to the ASA-USL issue, lies the students who have been gravely disadvantaged, and still continue to bear the undiluted brunt of the thriving Industrial Action. Over the course of these two weeks, we have been subjected to heightening depression and psychological imbalance over wide-ranging uncertainties as to the continuity of exams, the overall performance of students in the exams, the pace of Dissertation writing and supervision, graduation for completing students, the commencement of next academic year and many more.

The patience of the students has been tested. In fact, yesterday, 2nd December 2020, students from the combined campuses of the University of Sierra Leone (FBC, COMAHS and IPAM) met at a Press Conference to discuss the students' position on the prolonged Industrial Action. In the Press Conference, resolutions such as: continued dialogue, demonstration, and strike actions, and many more were suggested and resolved by students, should this Industrial Action continue.

We could choose to adopt the resolution of strike and demonstration; take to the street and forcefully seek for the attention of the Government, which will unavoidably cause some unrest and negative impacts on the peace and stability we so comfortably enjoy. This could be done all successfully; but are these the kind of acts we the students want to define ourselves with? Are these the kinds of students USL and this country want to be proud of as leaders of today and the future?

We know how badly this issue of conditions of service is affecting ASA-USL. But for all that we the students are going through; for all the difficulties we may continue to encounter should this goes on, and to demonstrate to generations behind us that dialogue is always a better tool, we are kindly pleading with the ASA-USL leadership and membership to **PLEASE** consider the plight of students at this very moment, and suspend the Industrial Action so examinations will continue and students will be allowed to go on recess thereafter.

We believe as parents yourselves; you may consider us as your children, seeking for nothing less than the opportunity to be good, responsible, and listened to at such a time of great distress and uncertainty.

We appreciate the assurance of your kind consideration as we wait.



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