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STUDENTS' UNION POSITION ON THE STATUS OF GRADUATING STUDENT

Student leadership over the years has been quite challenging and frustrating but we (SUG) were voted in to be the very last and a non-conformist to seat and watch students suffer the worst of academic issues in this industrial competitive age. Especially, when these emerging issues are not of their making neither do they fail to meet the university contractual agreement (Financial obligations).

However, this position paper is constructed with the right state of mind and with utmost dissatisfaction with the way the Institute of Public Administration Management (IPAM, USL) behandle students' issues. In this case, some set of graduating students have been denied the right of graduation. Having successfully secured a consultative dialogue with the appropriate authorities concerned this was what they said; **students had issues with the exit verification process, students had grades and financial outstanding but those statement becomes on the contrary on the part of students as, over 50% of those students are having genuine cases (free from references, financial obligation settled, semester registration and exit verification).**

As it stands, the unions' advocating power has been proactive for the general good of students and the institution at large. Our key responsibility is to seek and protect the interest of the broad-spectrum of students on campus. Furthermore, we understand the throbbing and distress the graduating class is surfaced with but they should not lose sight of the fact that the SUG is in concerted efforts with the Administration to help that these issues are amicably resolved.

From the aforesaid, the Students Union Government maintains the following stands as they are working collaboratively with the administration to harmoniously find elucidations to the contemporary issues:

- We glower at the late publication of graduating list by the administration (48hrs to graduation day)
- We also glower at the late conduct of special reference examinations.

- We urge the administration to look into issues of student presenting genuine cases on or before noon tomorrow.
- We are advising students who have exit verification cases to be on campus tomorrow for peaceful dialogue with the Deputy Registrar for reverification.
- Our ministers and other students who were arrested are released.

Meanwhile, the SUG frowns at the chaotic display of group of students who ran riot on campus earlier today. We totally condemn such acts and the SUG is not in any way supportive of such chaotic display. We encourage students to remain calm as the SUG is working parallel with the administration for the good of all.

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