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TO: ALL VICE-CHANCELLORS OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Dear Sir/Madam,

DIRECTIVE ON THE MANDATORY REOPENING OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) wishes to bring to your attention a directive issued by the Honourable Minister for Education, dated 13th October 2026, concerning the reopening of public universities for the 2026/2027 academic year.

While acknowledging the administrative challenges arising from the industrial action of GAUA and TUSAAG, the Ministry has emphasised that the indefinite suspension of academic activities has far-reaching implications for students' academic progression, institutional operations, national tertiary education delivery and international academic partnerships.

The Commission wishes to inform all public universities that the Government, through the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance and Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC), has initiated engagements with the leadership of GAUA to facilitate the expeditious resolution of all outstanding grievances.

In accordance with the directive of the Honourable Minister for Education, all public universities are hereby directed to comply with the following mandatory requirements:

1. **Reopening of Universities:** All public universities shall officially reopen their campuses for the 2026/2027 academic year not later than Friday, 16th October 2026, irrespective of any earlier decisions to postpone reopening.
2. **Commencement of Lectures:** Governing Councils and Management of all public universities shall ensure that academic activities, particularly lectures, commence without fail on Monday, 19th October 2026, in accordance with their respective academic arrangements.
3. **Resumption of Administrative Duties:** Members of the Ghana Association of University Administrators (GAUA) are requested to resume their administrative duties within the framework of the ongoing good-faith negotiations between the Government and the Association.
4. **Operational Readiness:** Management of all public universities shall ensure that halls of residence, academic libraries, departmental registration desks and other essential student support facilities are fully staffed and operational by Thursday, 15th October 2026, to facilitate a smooth registration process and the effective resumption of academic activities.

5. **Submission of Academic Reopening Readiness Reports:** All Vice-Chancellors are required to submit comprehensive Academic Reopening Readiness Reports to the Office of the Director-General of GTEC by Wednesday, 14th October 2026. The reports should outline the measures instituted to ensure compliance with the reopening directive, including arrangements for student registration, accommodation, teaching and learning, and the provision of essential administrative services.

Vice-Chancellors are therefore urged to exercise the necessary leadership and take all appropriate administrative measures to ensure the effective implementation of the directives, while continuing to support ongoing efforts towards an amicable resolution of the industrial dispute.

The Commission expects strict compliance with the stipulated timelines. Any institution anticipating challenges in meeting these requirements must immediately notify GTEC in writing, indicating the nature of the challenges and the measures being taken to address them.

The Commission counts on your full cooperation in ensuring the timely reopening of your respective institutions and the smooth commencement of the 2026/2027 academic year.

Please treat this directive with utmost urgency and importance.

Yours faithfully,


Prof. Augustine Ocloo

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