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PRESS RELEASE

RESPONSE TO FALSE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE GROUP KNOWN AS 'CONCERNED STUDENTS OF THE SANDWICH COLLEGES OF EDUCATION'

The attention of the University for Development Studies (UDS), has been drawn to some online publications, particularly, a publication contained on myjoyonline.com and its affiliated platforms dated June 6, 2024 titled "UDS students issue ultimatum, demand removal of staff over delay in release of their certificates".

The report, which fails to indicate the date, time, and venue for the said press conference, claims that a group known as 'Concerned Students of the Sandwich Colleges of Education' made up of students of the sandwich programmes in five Colleges of Education, namely; Tumu College of Education, Gambaga College of Education, Saint Vincent College of Education, Dambai College of Education, McCoy College of Education, and Al-Faruq College of Education, alleged that they completed their various colleges between 2021 and 2022 but were yet to receive their certificates from the University for Development Studies, which is offering the programmes.

The report claims that, whilst asking for the removal of some staff of UDS, the group stated that the delay in getting their certificates from the UDS has severely frustrated their lives.

The allegations as stated in the online reports are unfounded, false and a calculated attempt to manipulate minds and to tarnish the hard-earned reputation of the University and its hardworking staff.

The following represents the facts of the matter:

1. The management of the Sandwich Colleges of Education Programme was moved from the Institute for Distance and Continuing Learning to the Faculty of Education early this year (2024),

2. Following the switch, all outstanding cases concerning students of the Sandwich Colleges of Education Programme, particularly, in respect of certificates and transcripts, were cleared.
3. Students who paid in full, their fees to their various Colleges of Education as well as their graduation fees to the University for Development Studies, successfully went through the April 2024 Congregation and have been issued their certificates.
4. However, those students who have neither paid up their fees in full to their various Colleges of Education nor paid their graduation fees to the University for Development Studies, cannot have their certificates issued to them until they pay up in full.
5. Those students who failed in some of their examinations but have not yet rewritten those papers in which they failed, cannot be issued with certificates until they do so.
6. Some of the students exited official information dissemination platforms, particularly on WhatsApp, as a result of which they missed out on important information regarding payment of fees, collection of certificates and transcripts among others.

Whilst encouraging students who have genuine problems to use the many official channels to seek redress, the Management of the University for Development Studies wishes to state that all students who have fully paid up their fees, can pick their certificates from the Directorate of Academic Affairs.

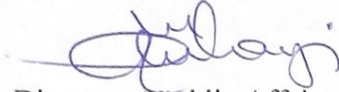
Management also wishes to state that it is disappointing that at a time that the University has been ranked among the best in the world, and is currently engaged in serious efforts aimed at ensuring the provision of state-of-the-art infrastructure, (including ICT infrastructure) to give our students a world class university education, the propagation of falsehoods and misrepresentations, supported by the publication of same, appear to be gaining notoriety.

We caution that such falsehoods contribute to the erosion of the gains made by the UDS in the past 32 years and could unduly hold back the strong progress it has made over the years.

Management hereby calls on all persons (including aggrieved students) to be responsible in their utterances. Well-meaning stakeholder of the University are entreated to disregard the false narratives. We urge everyone, and journalists in

particular, to verify with the University's Public Affairs Directorate, claims made by groups or individuals, before going to press.

Abdul Hayi Moomen

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Director of Public Affairs

(For Registrar)