

MANIFESTO

Nelson Mandela once said and I quote “a good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special”.
Unquote

Mr Chairman, Distinguished Guests, The Electoral commission, Co Aspirants, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening. My name is Twumasi-Amano Jones. I’m a second-year medical student in this noble institution. I deem it a great privilege to stand before you this evening to deliver my manifesto for the position of MSA General Secretary. I would like to use this opportunity to first and foremost commend the current crop of executives especially Madam Kamal Tijani Fatima for their good work done so far.

Mr Chairman, I believe that a General Secretary should have certain skills and qualities in order to fully execute their duties. These include good listening and writing skills as well as proper record keeping and I, Twumasi-Amano Jones humbly believe I possess all these skills and hence makes me qualified to run for this position.

Mr Chairman, the position of MSA General Secretary has its constitutionally enshrined roles already and I do not intend to repeat them here. I am of the view that the role of the MSA general secretary should go beyond the mere administrative duties like writing minutes during meetings, to a level where the MSA General Secretary comes up with ideas that are implementable and will inure to the benefit of the association.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you four main policies namely, the Introduction of MSA writing competition, the compilation of end of trimester report on the work of the administration, publishing of articles written by students on the UDS-MSA website and the establishment of UDS-MSA secretariat agenda.

On my first policy, the introduction of MSA writing competition, my aim is to create an opportunity for student writers within the association to test their writing skills while awards will be given out to deserving students. This will happen during the annual health week celebration. A competent team of judges will be set up to come up with a topic as well as assess all entries received and finally decide on the winner. Essays will be shortlisted before the final winner is declared at the event of the MSA health week debate. This is aimed at improving the writing skills of members.

Secondly, my outfit will prioritize the publication of reports on the performance and activities of the association at the end of every trimester. This will capture what we have done within the trimester and what we intend to do the following trimester. I believe our ability as executives to inform the good people of MSA about our service will go a long way to boost their confidence in us as well as encourage active participation of all members. These reports will be collaboratively prepared by the entire executive committee in which various standing committees in MSA will have their works captured. This will make our administration transparent and accountable to the good people of MSA.

More so, one other policy I intend to implement is the publishing of articles written by students on the UDSMSA website. Interested students will have their articles published on the website on weekly basis. These articles must be based on medical related issues which are of public health concern. This will increase the content on the website and give the association a good name.

Lastly, I will prioritize the establishment of the MSA secretariat with the help of the executive board and the general assembly. This will house the official documents like receipts, minutes and assets of the association. My aim is to ensure proper record keeping and prevent instances where association files are lost. This will also enable an easy transfer of documents from administration to administration.

Honorable Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Electorates, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen, this moment is not about me. It is about the future of MSA and what we can be if we allow ourselves the opportunity. I call on you to join hands with me to make MSA a better association. I thank you for the overwhelming support you have shown me so far and for taking a giant leap of faith in me. A vote for Twumasi-Amano Jones is vote for a better MSA. A vote for Twumasi-Amano Jones is a vote for 'the write hand'.

Thank you.