



MANIFESTO FOR ADDY OSBORNE WEZANI

THE VICE PRESIDENT ASPIRANT FOR UDSMSA

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INTRODUCTION

A thoughtful Publius Afer once said in Latin, and I quote, "Homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto." Which translates as, "I am human, and therefore I count nothing human, as foreign to me." Unquote. On this thoughtfulness, as a man and a member of UD SM SA, who experiences every bit of good and bad things with you, issue my manifesto to address and declare my intentions, policies and pertinent issues that I believe strongly, under my good watch will make UD SM SA the association we are all proud of.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, the Electoral Commission, Co Aspirants, Fellow Students, Ladies and Gentlemen, Good evening. I am in the person of Addy Osborne W ezani, a second- year medical student in this honorable establishment.

It is with all humility and honor standing before you this evening to deliver my manifesto for the position of UD SM SA Vice President. I am of the conviction that, the previous Executives, led by H.E Abena Otemaa have done marvelously well, giving special mention to our Vice President, H.E Akudugu W isdom Anabuza, I commend you all. GOOD WORK DONE!

Mr. Chairman, I believe that a Vice President for this gallant association should have certain skills and qualities in order to fully execute their duties. These include, being an honest, meticulous person with the ability to work as a team member or under own initiative, highly skilled individual with excellent interpersonal and administrative skills, helpful and always willing to learn. Able to work conscientiously, methodically, and to strict deadlines maintaining high standards of work, all of which I, Addy Osborne W ezani humbly believe I possess and hence makes me qualified to run for this position.

Mr. Chairman, the position of the UD SM SA Vice President has constitutionally laid down roles already and I will not recap them here. I believe that the duties of the MSA Vice President should go beyond the mere administrative outlook on the standing committees, to a level where he is highly concerned about the good people of UD SM SA and comes up with creative ideas which are implementable and will inure to the benefits of the association.

MR. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the scope of my policies namely; policies on the standing committees, policies to help with editorial and publicity, academic policies, student all round care, WOCOM and other miscellaneous policies.

SCOPE OF POLICIES

SECTION 1

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Reinforcement of standing committees by setting up a vibrant cohort of leaders who are well informed about the mandates the various standing committees and committed to work towards the optimal operation of these committees.

B. Thorough introduction of standing committees to the student body through lecture hall campaigns, meticulous follow-up on interested members, adequate publicity and advertisement through the publicity board.

C. Role assignment to vibrant students in the committees: Giving priority to the parallel students to mentor colleagues during various committee programs (seminars, outdoor communication events, etc.) to create shared experiences foster unity.

D. Intra-standing committee quizzes and public speaking for freshmen to make the standing committees more attractive thereby increasing their interest and participation in subsequent events and the knowledge they could amass.

E. Constant review and audits of the work of the standing committees by the vice president and able students to facilitate accountability and help bring each committee up to task.

SECTION 2

EDITORIAL AND PUBLICITY

1 Introduction of a newsletter per trimester. It shall be highly publicized by the publicity board before its official release. This seeks to project the positive yet most candid image of our noble MSA. It shall highlight the following.

- A foreword from the Dean and notable stakeholders of the MSA.
- State of the MSA address for the previous trimester.
- Interviews and letters from alumni aiming at strengthening the bonds with them to facilitate the creation of a strong UD SM SA alumni fraternity and with continuous support and contribution to the MSA community at large.
- Articles, poems or other literature from our cherished student body to promote extracurricular interest and achievement to encourage well rounded medics.
- Ensure coverage of the various activities organized in the UD S-MSA with attractive pictures and commentary.

- Section for students' opinions where they register their concerns directly to the executive board and make recommendations and appraisal where necessary.
- Free advertisement and special promotion of student businesses within UDS-M SA as a way of advertising our very own products and fuelling entrepreneurial development.

2. Setting up a notice board called "The Platform" which will aid the publicity team and editorial board to display upcoming programs, standing committee educational materials and more. This shall be regulated by the PRO and Editorial board.

3. Formation of a vibrant publicity team which will be selected by the members of the various classes and consisting of a member and course rep to ensure effective campaigning about events and far-reaching information distribution. It will also tackle the following:

- Work alongside the editorial board to ensure that social media posts and other UDS-M SA activities are shared to increase participation.
- The publicity team will embark on class-to-class campaigns to create awareness about programs to arouse interest in anticipation of events.

SECTION 3

THE ACADEMIC POLICIES

A. Incorporation of peer-to-peer study sessions into the timetable with supervision and support from the administration of the medical school to take place once in every two weeks in a block. This aims at ensuring equal understanding of topics and creating an enabling environment for question and answers and sharing ideas.

B. Advocacy for thorough block openings on the first Monday of new blocks and possibly a lecture-free day to get a thorough orientation with the block coordinators about the block objectives and other matters pertaining to the successful completion of the block.

C. Working hand in hand with the administration with constant efforts to help fix the lightning menace in the new lab, the poor state of electrical sockets and other sanitary conditions.

D. Commissioning of an adhoc committee to oversee continuous peer tutoring in cases of strike action and preparation for re-sits and End of Year examinations.

E. Strengthening of existing academic platforms such as alveolus to ensure easy access and promotion.

F. Reinforcement of existing mentorship programs by including career symposia to provide guidance about the various fields of medical practice and external examinations.

SECTION 4

STUDENT ALL-ROUND CARE

A. MSA CARES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

- ✓ A good number of MSA members run businesses and therefore it will be a priority to support such businesses by free advertisement by our publicity boards, fliers, newsletters and programs to boost sales and growth of the businesses.
- ✓ Members who trade in non-perishable items shall be given the avenue to pitch and display their products during MSA events to increase participation and the scope of their businesses.

B. MSA CARES ABOUT YOUR NEEDS

- ✓ Seasonal challenges concerning distribution of souvenirs and other materials to the membership of MSA will be dealt with to ensure satisfaction especially during and after health week celebrations
- ✓ Re-sit support initiative; MSA, through the academic board will help students who take re-sits with the adequate study materials and personnel to assist with their revision process.

C. MSA CARES ABOUT YOUR SAFETY

- ✓ Provision of first aid materials and training students through the health committee to make first aid easily accessible in class
- ✓ General education on safety practices both in and out of the classroom and in laboratories.
- ✓ Sharing of health tips fliers once in a month to create awareness about pressing health issues. This will be led by the health committee.

D. MSA VALUES YOUR INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ Giving students good opportunities to play roles at various MSA functions with special focus on the preclinical years to develop their skills.
- ✓ MSA executive board rebranded and highly reachable to allow students relate with their leaders to foster unity and achieve servant leadership and

accountability.

- ✓ Giving room and opportunity for students to observe proceedings at General Assembly to appreciate efforts of student leaders from class level to the executive board and to understand the state of the association with transparency.

SECTION 5

WOMEN'S COMMISSION (WOCOM)

- 1 A Women's commission shall be setup to empower our ladies.
2. The committee seeks to help our ladies find their footing in the medical school especially the first years to push the mentorship agenda.
3. A hospitality team will be created under the auspices of the WOCOM, to help the organizing committee to find and train an excellent team of ushers for event organizing.
4. Educating ladies in reproductive health and other pressing issues concerning gender relations.
5. The WOCOM shall serve as a skills training avenue for the ladies in pastry-making, embroidery and many more for the benefit of MSA as a whole during future events.
6. Making high competence leadership avenues available for females to break the bias and discrimination based on gender.

SECTION 6

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Proposal of a sign language study session once in every block to equip students with this essential skill, spearheaded by the academic board and trained personnel.
2. Collaboration with various NGOs in school and out of school to hold donations to clinics, prisons and other humanitarian services as a way of giving back to society.
3. Clean-up exercises with side attractions (walks, aerobics, food, games, and socialization) to keep areas around SMHS, New lab and other areas clean and conducive for learning. This shall be done with support from the administration of the medical school.

CONCLUSION

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Honorable Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Electoral Commission, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen. These ideas were birthed from the wishes of the people when a survey was done on what they will like the association to do for them, very creative ideas, yet, my strength can do so little; it is only together with the aim of the renaissance we can do much more. Everything you see here is not about me, it is about the future of UDSMSA what we can be, and what we would achieve if we allowed ourselves the opportunity. I humbly call on all and sundry to join hands with me to make THE RENNAISSANCE possible.

I seize this opportunity to thank you for your immense support, and prayers throughout this journey, a vote for Osborne Wezani Addy is a vote for the best MSA, A VOTE FOR OSBORNE IS OUR BEST SHOT FOR THE CHANGE WE HAVE SOUGHT AFTER- THE RENNAISSANCE!

GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS UDSMSA.

THANK YOU

