MANIFESTO FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPEMENT STUDIES

The Dean of the School of Medicine UDS , Senior Members of the UDS School of Medicine, MSA Executives , Fellow aspirants, Students of UDS 2 SoM , Ladies and Gentlemen , Good evening .

My name is Dr Nuworkpor Precious Kafui. I am running for the position of the vice president of the Medical Students Association of the University for Development Studies, Ghana. I have a degree in Doctor of Medical Laboratory Science obtained in 2019. I am currently in 2nd year MbCHb. In my 2nd year of Med Lab Science, I occupied the position of the general secretary of my association at the time. Right after graduation in 2020, I ventured into event planning, and as well working as a laboratory scientist and two years later I became an entrepreneur. All these ventures have made me strong, given me adequate experience in leadership and team work. This great school together with my family and friends have made me into what I am, hence I want to give back to the school through the MSA when elected as the vice president of the MSA. I will apply the qualities and experiences, in propagating this great association to bigger heights.

Undisputedly, there?s been evidence of rattling from other aspirants as part of their manoeuvres to becoming the next Vice president of this noble association. But then let me reiterate that UDS-MSA has gone far beyond that point. I am not here to promote issue based politicking during this electioneering period or lie at the heart of peaceful campaigns. My reason remains subtle , I am poised for the good of MSA. I am here to present the Precious brand that seeks to give UDS -MSA a new look. Using this avenue, I want to mention the main pillars of my manifesto

- 1. Lecture free week during the MSA week celebration. In times past, the activities of MSA which includes Health Week Celebration, Games amongst others has not received much attention as expected. Reason is unknown, but certainly one thing is sure, that there is a vacancy of concerned leadership in these activities. When given the opportunity to serve in this prestigious office, it is going to be a sole desire to actively get rooted in these major programs. These are activities that behold the association and department at large and must be accorded the needed energy. Also over the past years, students do not participate and enjoy the various activities fully. This is largely because medical students are still put through the rigors of academic activities during the MSA week celebration. I will do my best to liaise with the authorities in making sure that we are free enough to partake and socialize properly during that memorable week.
- 2. Obtaining more sponsorship for MSA programs. It is well known that the inflation rate and hardship currently facing the entire country, the cost of organizing MSA programs such as dinners have become significantly higher. Majority of the students population are unable to easily afford paying for such programs. I have plans of getting sponsors to support our association financially in order to subsidize the fees for students.
- 3. In the same vein, excursions have been dampened. Excursions not only broaden students horizon, it also helps to increase all round knowledge base. Putting heads together with both mates, administration and other stake holders in searching for various excursion destinations is definitely in my opinion going to be of great advantage to the student body.
- 4. Capacity building. When elected the vice president, I will make the standing committee active in organizing many educative programs, entrepreneurship training, time management conferences and public speaking.
- 5. My vision for MSA continues as I look forward to measures to revive activities of the Standing Commitees. The Standing commitees are very crucial to the growth of UDS MSA and must not be left unattended. In an instance, the role of SCORA (Standing Committee on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights including HIV/AIDS) plays a critical role in mass education of public on reproductive health which is a major concern of health officials in the

country. In the likelihood that such a committee is not withheld with all power and dies off, the consequence awaits you and I as physicians in the nearest future.

These being the main pillars of my manifesto, are however not the only issues I will concentrate on when elected as the vice president, every other problem brought up both individually and by groups of people to the office of the MSA, will duly be worked on. My plans for MSA are not far fetched from the expectation of the students within the association. I only crave your indulgence in this electioneering time I salute all past MSA executives and I humbly seek your support by way of voting PRECIOUS KAFUI NUWORKPOR as your next MSA vice presdent.

LONG LIVE MSA LONG LIVE UDS 2 SOM LONG LIVE UDS I am here to serve you!!!

Thank you.