

## TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA

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## RESUMPTION OF STRIKE ACTION

## PRESS STATEMENT

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Media,

1. You would recall that members of the Technical University Senior Administrators Association of Ghana (TUSAAG) withdrew its services effective Monday, 21st October, 2019 and later suspended it following a communique signed between TUSAAG and the Government Team represented by the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations and Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC) which was later confirmed and adopted by the National Labour Commission in its ruling on 4th November 2019.

2. Cognizant of the same NLC ruling binding Government to pay agreed allowances to our members and by extension, to deserving Senior Members of Technical Universities by month ending 31st December, 2019, the Government through its agencies has failed or for want of a better word, refused to fully comply

with the 31st December, 2019 deadline without notice to the NLC and or TUSAAG.

3. TUSAAG had earlier in its letter date 31st December, 2019 notified the NLC of its intention to resume its suspended strike action following Government's inability to comply with the NLC ruling in the above matter.

- 4. Conscious of the fact that Government after the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 deadline, has paid some allowances to selected Senior Members of Technical Universities, we are also aware of the fact that Government through NCTE has, without any notice or explanation to the Technical Universities which prepared and appropriately submitted lists of office holders to the NCTE as requested for purposes of paying the required office holding allowances, excluded some categories of our members from the list of the few who have been paid.
- 5. The Government, through NCTE has failed to officially disclose to us which particular Public University allowances staff of the Technical Universities are being migrated onto even though the NLC ruling was clear and specific. This is because the amounts received by the few members are far below allowances paid to colleagues in the other public universities who hold similar positions.
- 6. We have observed that the posturing of NCTE in particular and other allied state agencies in this migration process is that of bad faith, suppression, disregard and disrespect to staff of the Technical Universities.
- 7. Consequently, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of TUSAAG at an emergency meeting, held this Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 resolved to resume its suspended strike action with immediate effect until Government complies with the NLC ruling, including the full disclosure and payment of all allowances paid to senior members in public universities to our members.
- 8. We however, encourage our members who are rendering essential services to continue to do so until NEC decides otherwise.

LONG LIVE TUSAAG, LONG LIVE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES AND LONG LIVE HIGHER EDUCATION IN GHANA.

Thank you.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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## Cc:

- The Chief of Staff, Jubilee House
- The Hon. Minister of Education
- The Hon. Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education The Hon. Minister of Employment and Labour Relations
- The Executive Secretary, National Labour Commission
  The Chief Executive, Fair Wages and Salaries Commission

- The Executive Secretary, National Council for Tertiary Education Chairperson, VCTU-G
- Vice-Chancellors, All Technical Universities
- Chairmen, TUSAAG, All Technical Universities