

Hello Team!

I want to believe everyone is fine.

Firstly, a little about myself, for those that don't know me I'm Fadlan Yussif and I'm running for the role of Treasurer of our great Medical Students Association (M.S.A). I'm currently a 27-year level 200 medical student who has previous experience dealing with finances for businesses, seeking for funding for programs, running my own business and I must say, I'm very comfortable with numbers given my many years of experience.

I consider myself sociable, approachable and a welcoming person, making me a go-to person for people in the association to always turn to for a conversation or redress of any situation within my scope of work. That being said, I would like to now discuss some key points in my manifesto.

Firstly, The Trimester Financial Report.

The goal is to strive for financial transparency by organizing the association's finances and making sure that everyone on the committee has a fair chance to move forward with their own manifesto commitments. Again, as part of this transparency agenda, I will make forecasts for upcoming months ahead of important revenue and spending dates. This, I believe, will enable us to set aside funds for important occasions like Health Weeks, M.S.A Dinners, M.S.A Sporting activities, as well as, make funds readily available for standing committees such as the Standing Committee on Medical Education (SCOME), Standing Committee on Reproductive health including HIV/AIDS (SCORA), Standing Committee on Public Health (SCOPH), Standing Committee on Professional Exchange (SCOPE), Standing Committee on Research Exchange (SCORE) and Standing Committee on human Rights and Peace (SCORP).

I will develop predictions for upcoming quarters before important income and expense milestone, giving the entire association a fair opportunity to advance their own manifesto commitments. In order to compare prices and ensure that the association is constantly buying the best products at reasonable prices, I will ensure that for every item the association wishes to purchase, three sample receipts are provided for each item. This will not only allow us to attain value for our already limited resources, but it will also enable us to save money to engage in other projects that will benefit the esteemed members of our great association. More so, being able to save, expand, and diversify the projects and events we already undertake has great potential to inspire as many participants and spectators as possible to attend, and as the saying goes, "the more,

the merrier". The fundamental principle underlying this key part of my manifesto is transparency. The strategies outlined are designed to bring the association's finances out into the public, such that, the whole association will be aware of its financial wellbeing.

Secondly, The Dues Collection Structure and Internal Auditing

I would devise a dues payment structure that motivates association members to pay the annual fees. As part of this structure, I would collaborate with other financial representatives in each class to make sure that association members who pay their annual dues would receive souvenirs. By putting a reward system in place, members would be motivated to pay up their dues on time. Given the hectic nature of studies in this medical school, it is my fervent believe in the possibility that members of M.S.A often, although unintentionally forget to fulfil their financial obligations to the association. Thus, as part of reorienting our dues collection structure, I will be embarking on a vigorous awareness creation exercise every now and then to remind members of this all-important obligation.

For me, building trust among executives and members is essential to the growth of the association. And this can only be made possible when a proper audit system is in place. With me in charge as the Treasurer and Secretary of the Fund-raising Committee, I would, in a collaborative effort with the committee, conduct extensive audits of every organized event's financial statements. Practically, this would be done by first defining the objectives of our audit, gathering the relevant information, and putting together the resources we would need for auditing. Finally, I would follow with a documentation, report and communication of the details of findings from an audit process. But it does not only end there. As part of ensuring transparency, accuracy, and compliance with the financial management principles of the association, I would make it a point to attach management letters and recommendations, ensuring that these recommendations, subject to popular approval, are implemented for the good of our association.

Thirdly fund raising and sponsorship deals

For any organization, whether big or small, fund-raising is not always an easy endeavour. It requires knowing the appropriate people, writing the appropriate proposals and when to submit proposal letters to be considered for any form of partnership. I, together with my team have already had meetings with a number of NGOs, who are willing to support some of our projects. We have already approached some private companies who are waiting for our proposal letters, and have had some conversations with a number of our banking partners for some form of funding for some of

our projects. For standing committees such as Standing Committee on Medical Education (SCOME), Standing Committee on Reproductive health including HIV/AIDS (SCORA), Standing Committee on Public Health (SCOPH), we are looking at partnering with NGOs such Alliance for Reproductive Health Rights (ARHR), Norsaac and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA Ghana) to enable us to fund most of this previously listed committee projects. For our MSA we have designed a proposal to a number of pharmaceutical companies who are interested in a partnership of some sort, for our health we are drafting a proposal to be submitted to the Dakpe Ma palace, the regional minister, the member of parliament for tamale central constituency and a number of private companies to help us organize and execute our annual health screening in the tamale central market.

This brings me to the end of the Plans I have in store for UDS-MSA and I would like to re-echo that, my extensive experience in all things finance, make me qualified for the role of Treasurer. I have worked in an electronic appliance company before, where I have been able acquire vital skills working with money and accounts. My proficiency in using excel to create extensive balance sheets and even break charts alongside other financial documents is unparalleled.

These skills will allow me to effectively track every financial transaction completed in name of the association. Additionally, I have worked as a teaching assistant before where I handled a lot of departmental documentation of every event. Thirdly, I own my business selling apple products and it has brought me into contact with a wide range of people, establishing relationships that come in handy when seeking funding for our association projects. Lastly, I have been on the fund-raising committee of Valco Hall during my undergraduate studies at University of Cape Coast where we were able to secure funding from huge companies like Coca Cola, Boss Baker Ghana, Kasapreko Ghana, and Guinness Ghana. With all these stated I think I would be the best person for the position of the UDS Medical Students Association's Treasurer.

Thank you,
Fadlan Yussif.