

## **Graduate Student Representative**

### **Council of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)**

My name is **Patrick Micheal Okeng** and I am currently pursuing a Master of Philosophy in Education, Globalisation and International Development.

I hold a Master of Higher Education Management and Administration and previously served as a Guild President, Vice Guild President and Governing Council Students' Representative during my previous studies.

My intention to run for this position are occasioned by two eminent reasons. First, I believe that my representation will manage the massive diversity that informs our School in one part and the challenges therein, which certainly requires a tried, tested and experienced potential in the business of student representation. I will without a doubt explore the School's technology potential to mesh the challenges posed by the short tenure of representation to encompass an inclusive voice and experience of the Graduate community through effective and timely communication.

Secondly, I will bring clarity and awareness to the role of the Graduate Representative. The re-advertisement of this position is a reason enough to believe that most graduates are either unaware of or disengaged from perceived active role played by the representative. I will therefore strive to enhance a productive engagement and understanding of the School's multidimensional status with potent attention to the Department and Faculty specific challenges and context-specific remedies through community dialogue.

With the guarantee to belong to various Committees, such as School's Graduate Education Committee and Examination and Assessment Committee to discuss matters that include but not limited to; Essay submission, copyright issues for PhD e-submission, student response to feedback surveys, research development training, and space for graduate students, the students' voice will not be missed.

I will communicate aptly and unreservedly the 'students' voice' in the Council's deliberations on issues such as; School strategic plan setting; financial and physical resource allocation; education; research; School governance; and fundraising and ensure that I provide a timely feedback to the Graduate community.

I will certainly offer my whole in enriching the Graduate students' experience in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences once given the chance to serve and will be glad to learn from every member of the community to make the School a better place than we found it. I remain open to receiving comments, advice, complaints and compliments on issues pertaining to our School.

Thank you.

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