

UNIFIED JCRC PRESIDENT’S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT **AT THE SRC LOCAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

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Halls Represented: Simpa Hall, University Hall, Ghartey Hall, Aggrey Hall, GUSSS Hall, Aggrey Hall Ajumako Hall



1. INTRODUCTION

The Right Honorable Speaker(Chairperson), The SRC President, Local NUGS President and Executives , Fellow JCRC Presidents , Esteemed Members of the Local Assembly, Fellow Leaders, and Stakeholders,

It is both an honor and a duty to present this comprehensive report on behalf of the Junior Common Room Councils (JCRC) at the University of Education, Winneba. This report captures the current realities, achievements, challenges, and the developmental roadmap for all six traditional halls of residence: Simpa Hall, University Hall, Ghartey Hall, Aggrey Hall, GUSSS Hall, and Ajumako Hall, as we collectively work to advance student welfare and residential excellence.

2. STATE OF LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION

Mr Speaker

The JCRCs are functioning with remarkable unity through a strong Unified JCRC structure, enhancing inter-hall dialogue, policy alignment, and project coordination. Hall executives have demonstrated proactive leadership in sanitation, welfare, and academic initiatives.

Inter-hall collaborations have resulted in several successful events including clean-up campaigns and peace forums, Face of North , Queen of South , Face of South still in progress with more exciting programs to be organized, such as:

- **Unified JCRC Praise and Worship Night**

(In collaboration with the Chaplaincy Board of the SRC)

- **Unified JCRC Got Talent** (A platform for showcasing the diverse talents of our hall affiliates)
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3. STUDENT WELFARE AND ENGAGEMENT

Mr Speaker,

- **Welfare Responses:** The JCRCs have responded swiftly to emergencies, including medical cases, displacement issues, water and power outages..
 - **Sanitation:** Simpa Hall, Ghartey Hall, Aggrey Hall, and University Hall have led weekly clean-up exercises and waste management initiatives.
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4. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITY CONCERNS

Mr Speaker

- **Deterioration:** Washrooms, lighting systems, broken furniture, and roof leakages are prevalent in Aggrey Hall, Ghartey Hall, University Hall, and Simpa Hall, with some issues yet to be addressed.
- **Water Supply:** Frequent water shortages in GUSSS , Simpa , University Hall , Aggrey Hall and Ajumako Halls are significantly affecting daily student life.
- **Disability Access:** Most halls lack ramps, accessible washrooms, and braille signage, leading to exclusion for differently-abled students.

5. SECURITY AND SAFETY

Mr Speaker,

- **Security Breaches:** Persistent cases of theft and security incidents have been reported across Simpa Hall, Aggrey Hall, Ghartey Hall, University Hall, and GUSSS Hall. A notable example include thief’s being caught at Various Halls like GUSSS Halls and University Hall also, report on stolen items like laptops , mobile phones and more.
- **Safety Risks:** Inadequate lighting around hall perimeters contributes to safety risks at night. Students have reported snake and scorpion bites, as well as the theft of belongings in poorly lit areas.
- **Emergency Systems:** The absence of hall-based emergency systems (expired fire extinguishers, inadequate medical kits, and emergency protocols) heightens the risk to students' safety.

6. FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS

Mr Speaker

- **Inadequate Funding:** JCRCs face significant financial constraints, limiting our ability to support critical operations and student projects.
- **Budget Deficit:** Recent disbursements from JCRC funds were insufficient, leading to a budget deficit where expenditures exceeded revenues, affecting our ability to meet operational costs.

7. DIGITALIZATION EFFORTS

Some halls have begun exploring digital feedback systems and social media engagement through platforms like **TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter**. The Unified JCRC seeks to implement a central **Digital Hall Management Portal**

for lodging complaints, tracking maintenance, and facilitating real-time reporting. However, this initiative is yet to be fully realized due to inadequate funding.

The Right Honourable Speaker,

PROPOSALS TO THE SRC LOCAL ASSEMBLY

1. Establishment of a JCRC Development Fund:

A dedicated fund under the SRC to support critical hall projects, emergencies, and innovation across all JCRCs. Increased funding allocations will help in renovating washrooms, study spaces, and improving lighting in critical halls.

2. Deployment of Professional Counseling Services in Each Hall:

Partner with the University's Counseling Unit to assign at least one trained counselor per hall, promoting mental health awareness and reducing distress among students. Example is the tragic issue that happened at GUSSS Halls where a level 100 student from the Art Department a resident of GUSSS Halls committed suicide.

3. Security Enhancement:

Installation of CCTV systems and increased campus patrols to enhance security.

4. Additionally, together with the welfare committee of SRC are working hard to provide more dustbins and waste management systems to improve sanitation.

5. Renovation and Infrastructure Prioritization Policy:

A formal framework to assess and prioritize critical hall maintenance needs, especially in older halls like Simpa Hall, University Hall and Aggrey Hall.

6. Disability Inclusion Projects:

Provision of wheelchair ramps, signage, and disability-friendly restrooms in all halls in the University to provide a comfortable environment for our students with disability.

The Right Honorable Speaker ,We look forward to continued collaboration with the SRC, particularly in the next semester where most of these initiatives are will be implemented if supported by the house.

Thank you.

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Signed

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