

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY GODWIN FRANCIS ASARE ON THE 9TH OF MAY, 2025
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ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Right Hon. Speaker, distinguished elected and appointed executives of the 2024-2025 administration, most cherished local assembly members and my utmost respected colleagues of the observer's union, ladies and gentlemen good evening.

Many years ago, in a village called Donkorkrom in the eastern region specifically Afram Plains constituency, schooled and groomed in the Hohoe constituency and developing in the Oti region specifically Krachi East in Dormabin was a young man born on the 24th of September, 1990 poised with internal power to deliver when given the opportunity. Right Hon. speaker born amongst lions and eagles has been more advantage to me than the otherwise. It has been tough and mysterious ever since I got to know who I am and what my purpose is but have never given up on anything that I see to be possible and not ready to give up either even if my hands are tired to my legs and dumped in the deep oceans.

Right Hon. Speaker, the house, leadership is more of spiritual responsibility than the physicality of it. It is based on this reason that my administration decided to begin our course with a spiritual activity. I must say that, the coming of Archbishop Duncan Williams has been a turn around for many of us. I therefore would like to encourage my distinguished personalities herein present to desire spiritual intelligence and fitness in this journey they have chosen to be student leaders and advocates.

May I at this juncture lay before the august house the state of the SRC address for the first semester and the projected directions of the round up.

Entertainment.

Right Hon. Speaker, the house, we have been able to organize the freshers akwaaba successfully which saw a massive turn out and was fully student centered. For me as a President and the first servant of the students, my utmost goal is to see students benefit from the pool of money they have contributed and this was the focus of the celebration. We were able to feature my very best friends on campus that is the student living with disability which saw their representation and display of talents in this very room. Right Hon. Speaker, the music students were given the opportunity to also display their talents during the live band performance. It was successful per our set goals and we hope to do better. I also recognize and Honor all the pressure groups and others who were present to assist us. Specifically, Trojans, Spartans, Vorsac and Matcosa. We vow to be committed to you and you alone in all our activities for the next semester as well for it is said that, " the one who walks with you in the rains deserves to be with you when the sun shines"

Security

Right Hon. Speaker, the house, issues of security have been one of the very tough conversations we have been battling with as students. We have had issues of students been attacked at various areas around campus which resulted in some been injured with weapons from the perpetrators of those actions. May I use this opportunity to thank the security committee of the SRC who have been very active and on countless occasions called me on some interventions they have provided most especially around the Olympic arena road and Guss hall three from faculty. Mr. speaker, it is in this direction that, the SRC leadership has decided to quickly get the security post contract accelerated for the project to begin as soon as possible in vantage areas to help if not prevent, manage the situation. Again, management has also recruited about 50 security personnel's to help boost the operations of the security sector on campus. Mr. speaker, before school reopens we will fix about 20 street lights from the graduate school to Guss hall three and other places around all the campuses.

Students' General Welfare

Right Hon speaker, the house, students welfare which serves as a hallmark for the SRC of course has been the driving force for me and my able executives. At the beginning of our administration, we were able to ensure that, all the fans and lights in the LTs and FES were fixed to ensure a serene environment was provided for academic work. I was also able to fix the various lights in the summer huts around the north campus with my personal resources to help our colleagues study at those places during the night.

Mr. speaker in the same vein, we were able to help pay 40% fees for about 55 students from different departments and faculties which sum up to 175, 544.80. This initiative was carried out to provide the avenue for students struggling with fee payment to be able to register their courses.

Right Hon. Speaker, the house, we were here to present before this august house a welfare package from sanlem allianz to provide some welfare incentives to students. This initiative has gotten to its finishing stage of discussion but meeting few frictions. The amount allocated to this insurance was one million Ghana cedis. At this moment Mr. speaker, looking at the level of friction within this conversation, I will advise this house from where I sit to lets us be firm and strict with what we want to do with our own money at this period of time. I would therefore suggest that, we let go of the insurance, get a small car for administrative purposes and finally draw a strict welfare plan for ourselves.

Projects.

Right Hon. Speaker, the SRC has in the pipeline some few projects to undertake in the next semester and some will kickstart within the vacation before students' report. It will interest the house to know that, we intend to transform the study area under the trees before the printing press into SRC study garden.

We have agreed as Executive Committee to embark on the construction of numerous study tables and lover benches across all campuses. This, we are sure it will create a more conducive learning environment for students at large.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, the 2024/2025 administration is grateful to this august house and the entire students of the university for their unflinching support so far. We will not sleep nor relent in putting our energy, ideas and resources together to ensure that the best is delivered. "The chick that will crow as a cock will never fall prey to the hawk".

Thank you.