

# REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS OF THE SPORTS AND GAMES SECRETARIAT

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Honourable Members of the Local Assembly,  
Colleague Executives,  
Respected Student Leaders from Sister Universities,  
Esteemed Student Observers,  
All Protocol Observed, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with a heart full of both hope and reflection that I stand before you today to present the state of affairs of the Sports and Games Secretariat. This is my first time addressing such a distinguished assembly in this capacity, and I approach this moment not with criticism, but with a sincere desire to collaborate for growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted because the current student leadership, of which I am privileged to be a part, has consistently shown a willingness to listen, act, and resolve student-related concerns through appropriate channels. Your commitment as an assembly gives me the confidence to share the current challenges and opportunities facing the secretariat.

Yet, Mr. Speaker, I must also express a measure of concern. A retrospective look at the state of our secretariat over the years reveals a worrying pattern of stagnation. It is evident that despite the

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efforts of successive leaderships, the sports and games front has long been underserved-functioning more in name than in full operation.

As the saying goes, "What an elder sees sitting, a child cannot see even while standing." It is with this wisdom that I come to you not just to report, but to invite all of us to work together to revitalize a sector that holds immense potential for student development and unity.

### MANDATE OF THE SECRETARIAT

According to our constitution, the Sports and Games Secretariat is tasked with:

- Promoting, developing, and organizing sporting activities;
- Presenting financial statements to the Local Assembly at least once every semester;
- Reporting activities and programs to the Local Assembly each semester;
- Submitting detailed reports of SRC-funded events to the SRC Executive Committee;
- Collaborating with the Executive Committee to ensure judicious use of funds;
- Co-opting interested students to assist with sporting events;
- Keeping and maintaining an inventory of all sports equipment.

Fortunately, Mr. Speaker, we are under a presidency that is supportive and listening. But I ask-with a humble heart-what if it were otherwise? It is this very thought that brings urgency to this discussion.

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATE

#### 1. Financial Constraints

The ability of the secretariat to function hinges significantly on its access to funds. Unfortunately,

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challenges like budget cuts and reduced allocations have slowed progress. Although Article 21 of the SRC Constitution clearly states that monies earmarked for specific activities must be used as such, implementation has not always reflected this directive.

For example, during preparations for the 28th GUSA Games at UCC, the secretariat faced severe financial gaps due to funds not being preserved for post-administration activities. This situation was not only frustrating but also deeply embarrassing for the leadership, especially considering the pride and representation we brought to UEW.

## 2. Equipment Constraints

The current secretariat cannot boast even of a standard table tennis board. This is a painful truth.

The lack of adequate equipment affects:

- Training and development of student-athletes;
- The safety and quality of gameplay;
- Our ability to meet inter-hall and inter-university competition standards.

Other challenges include:

- Storage issues, leading to damaged or misplaced equipment;
- Lack of maintenance, due to budget limitations;
- The need for sport-specific tools, which are expensive to source;
- Keeping up with technological advances in sports;
- Ensuring safety standards and sustainability.

## 3. Administrative Limitations

- Our proposed budget was not considered;

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- The Secretariat currently lacks an official office space;
- We are yet to constitute functional Sports and Games Committees.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- UEW placed third out of 16 universities in the 28th GUSA Games.
- Secured an official letterhead for the Secretariat.
- Created a procedural file to ensure continuity.
- Developed a Google Drive to archive vital documents and media.
- Initiated plans for an SRC Sports and Games Freshers Akwaaba, which unfortunately could not be executed due to overlapping hall celebrations and the tight academic calendar.

### CONCLUSION AND CALL FOR SUPPORT

Mr. Speaker, fellow honourable members, this report is not an appeal born of complaint, but of conviction. I believe in the power of sports to unify, energize, and inspire our student body. All we ask is for the Assembly's partnership-to provide us with the tools, structures, and resources to serve the students better.

Let us rekindle interest, reignite participation, and reimagine a sports culture that makes UEW not just proud-but legendary.

Thank you all for your time, your patience, and your willingness to listen.

Long live the Local Assembly!

Long live UEW!

Long live Student Sports!