

UNIVERSITY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF GHANA

UTAG/NAT/2023/INL-006

10th August 2023

The Chair Electoral Commission, UTAG-UPSA University of Professional Studies, Accra P. O. Box LG149, Legon, Accra

Attn: Dr. Frederick Doe

Dear Sir.

Re: Impasse on Election 2023 Presidential Results

We refer to your letter dated 10th August 2023 on the above subject matter.

At a National Executive Committee (NEC) of UTAG meeting held on 10th August 2023 at the Eastern Premier Hotel, Koforidua, we considered your petition concerning the results of the elections held by the UTAG members at the University of Professional Studies.

Upon careful consideration of the issues raised, NEC resolved as follows:

- 1. With reference to the '50%+1' rule adopted by the Electoral Commission of UTAG-UPSA for the conduct of the 2023 Elections, we refer to the circular released by the National Secretariat with reference number UTAG/NAT/2023/INL-005 and dated 20th July 2023. Among other things, the bullet stated that "where there is a variation between the UTAG National Constitution and any Branch By-Laws and Election Guidelines, the UTAG National Constitution shall supersede the Branch By-Laws and Election Guidelines." Thus, per Section 2 of Article XVIII of the UTAG Constitution, the declaration of results must be by 'simple majority' and not the so-called '50%+1' rule as set by the Electoral Commission of UTAG-UPSA.
- 2. On the declaration of the election results by the UTAG-UPSA Electoral Commission, the NEC of UTAG is of the considered opinion that the Commission should immediately declare the election results. An aggrieved party may petition against the results by adhering to the UTAG Constitution.

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