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**Tuesday 1st October, 2024.**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **UPDATE ON THE 57TH NUGS EMERGENCY CONGRESS.**

Following the events that transpired during the 57th NUGS Annual Residential Congress, we would like to express our profound gratitude to all stakeholders for their participation and unwavering support. The Congress witnessed unprecedented success across all activities until an unfortunate disruption occurred during the electoral process on 24th September 2024. External elements to the process maliciously interrupted the power supply at the voting centre, deliberately curtailing the seamless electoral process we had meticulously instituted to protect the integrity of the elections.

After consultative dialogue with relevant stakeholders and in alignment with the commitment of the 57th NUGS administration to ensuring a transparent, free, and fair election where no eligible delegate is disenfranchised, it became prudent to call off the Congress with immediate effect for the safety and protection of students.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) has now concluded an emergency meeting and, by unanimous decision, has made the following resolutions:

- 1) The Emergency Congress has been rescheduled to **19th October 2024** at the **Islamic University, Accra**. This Congress will solely be for voting and the declaration of results, which will be conducted under stricter measures to ensure a flawless process.
- 2) The Emergency Congress shall focus exclusively on the electoral process, with no additional activities planned beyond voting and result declaration.
- 3) All institutions that have satisfied the requirements for voting, including the full payment of dues and capitation, are advised to contact the



Secretary for Finance for **new receipts and clearance forms to validate their eligibility.**

- 4) Institutions that are yet to fulfill their financial obligations have from **1st October to 11th October 2024** to contact the Secretary for Finance to make payments and receive clearance. ***No payments will be accepted beyond this date or on Election Day.***
- 5) Leaders of Delegations from **institutions in good standing** must urgently submit their delegate list, **countersigned by the Dean of Students**, to the National Secretariat through the Office of the General Secretary. The voting register will be compiled based on this list by the close of **11th October 2024.**
- 6) For the avoidance of doubt, the delegate list shall serve as the voting list, which will strictly adhere to Article 13(I) iii of the NUGS Constitution. ***There shall be no proxy voting at the Emergency Congress.***
- 7) No observer without accreditation will be allowed within the premises of Congress. Special Accreditation must be obtained in advance.
- 8) Voting shall be strictly by the use of Student IDs that correspond with the submitted delegate list. **No other forms of identification will be accepted.**
- 9) Congress will have zero tolerance for delays and unauthorized persons on the premises. The security of the Congress is paramount, especially on Election Day, and all checkpoints will be monitored to ensure order.
- 10) All candidates and their two polling agents must contact the Electoral Commission for accreditation before the elections.
- 11) The Emergency Congress will commence promptly at **7:00 AM on 19th October 2024.** The Electoral Commission will communicate further election modalities shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our delegates, Central Committee members, and all stakeholders for their tremendous support thus far. We recognize the inconvenience caused by these unforeseen events and sincerely apologize. However, we remain committed to carrying out this sacred duty to elect new NUGS leaders with transparency, integrity, and fairness.



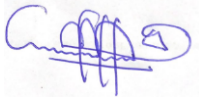
Rest assured, we will keep all stakeholders informed of any further developments as they arise. We also want to emphasize the safety of all delegates and stakeholders during the Emergency Congress and urge all students to continue to trust in the process and support the Union.

**Should you have any need further information or correspondence, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via; E-mail: [Secretariat@nugs.org.gh](mailto:Secretariat@nugs.org.gh) or call +233 543 169 495 / +233 241 615 737**

*As we face these challenges, we remain resolute. Let us remember: This too shall pass.*

***Aluta Continua! Victoria Ascerta!!***

Yours faithfully,



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