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Our Ref: Your Ref:

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Mr. Harold Tivah Atugubah Atugubah & Associates Accra

Dear Sir,

RE: RESUMPTION OF PROF. MAWUTOR AVOKE AND DR. SENYO ACKORLIE TO THEIR PREVIOUSLY HELD OFFICES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA; AND PAYMENT OF THEIR ENTITLEMENTS.

Your letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, addressed to me, which you widely shared on social media even before I received my copy, is acknowledged. One would have thought that as a professional lawyer, you would respect the privacy of your clients and keep all legal matters confidential and within the confines of the law courts. However, I have realised that you have resorted to this style of grandstanding to court public sympathy. I can assure you that this case shall not be decided in the court of public opinion but in the law courts. It seems to me that in spite of being a legal practitioner, you do not seem to understand legal proceedings and so a little education here will help.

First of all, the High Court Judgment which the Supreme Court quashed was never a legal matter brought to the attention of the University nor the Council. Take note that the said judgment was not executable as they were only declaratory and, therefore, could not have been the basis of the dismissal of your clients. Indeed, the said quashed judgment was delivered several months after your clients had been dismissed from the University on various grounds of gross misconduct and other serious breaches of rules and regulations governing their appointment as staff of the University. Your clients were, therefore, dismissed after they were subjected to due process.

Secondly, the decision to dismiss your clients was the decision of the Governing Council of the University and not at the instance of any court decision, directive or consequential orders.

Therefore, your warp interpretation of the Supreme Court Judgment delivered on the 31<sup>st</sup>October, 2018, that your clients be reinstated is not only wrong in law but has no factual basis.

It is quite interesting that barely 24 hours after you publicised and circulated your letteron social media on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018, you were in the Cape Coast High Court seeking to overturn the decision of the Governing Council to dismiss your clients, which said suit is still pending in the same Cape Coast High Court.

Again, you would recall that your application of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, that sought to put injunction on the investiture of Rev. Fr. Prof. Anthony Afful-Broni as Vice-Chancellor was dismissed as without merit, yet you still have the temerity to request me to prepare offices for your dismissed clients to resume duty.

Finally, I want to state for the avoidance of doubt that your clients still remain dismissed staff of the University and will be declared persona non-grata and dealt with in accordance with the law should they assemble on our campus for the purpose of following your naïve advice of coming to re-occupy their former offices.

Be advised.

Prof. Emmanuel Nicholas Abakah

(Chairman of the Governing Council, UEW)