

Five (5) Colleges Students of the William V. S. Tubman University

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The Right Honorable caucus Chair Rev. Dr. Blalu;

We extend to you our warmest greetings and facilitations as you chair the Legislative affairs of Maryland County.

Kindly considered for prompt action or intervention in the soaring academic and administrative circumstances in the day to day affairs at the Tubman University here in Maryland County, Republic of Liberia, which is squarely nurtured and manifested by the growing inability and bad vision of the President assigned lieutenant in person of Dr. Elliot Wreh_Wilson, President of the University

We are students of the five colleges students of Tubman University are greatly affected by bad leadership in President Dr. Wilson. Since the preferment of Dr. Wilson as president of this university, the students have been very cooperative with his administration until the middle of 2020 our president started the otherwise for the worse.

We are therefore appalled about the attitude of our University over the period and have cataloged some of the academic and administrative dissipation here attached for your view subsequent action be taken to save the institution.

With high esteem and unabated patriotism, we remain.

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A special statement From Tubman University Students on the dissipating Academic and administrative outturn at the William VS Tubman University.

Objectives

We have come passionate with a heart full of love for our institution (Tubman University) in this quest to abolish corruption, nepotism, and gross administrative malpractices and ensure a quality education for our generation and the generations to follow. Therefore, we will unequivocally and unambiguously unveil the corruption, favouritism/nepotism and gross administrative malpractices and state our demands, and position moving forward; with the deeper gross administrative ineptness we've recorded over the period, and wish to find a solution as a way to the smooth way forward match of our noble institution.

Introduction

On March 5, 2018, when Dr. Elliot Wreh-Wilson was appointed as President of the William V. S. Tubman University by His Excellency Dr. George Manneh Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia. Upon his appointment, we (Students of Tubman University) displayed an unconditional love that went down in history by the warmth welcome Dr. Wreh-Wilson received. Many of us (students) saw his appointment as one that could be beneficiary to the University and in extensile the Educational System of Liberia. Our hope was to see a more diversify Tubman University that would reliably function on its principles and core values; and further expand on its established pillars of 'quality and excellence' instituted by the past Presidents of the institution (Dr. Davis-Russell and Dr. Wonkeryor).

Our thought came as a result of the cordial relationship which Dr. Wreh-Wilson maintained with students under the administration of the first President, Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Russell. We have realized that he (Dr. Elliott Wreh-Wilson) did everything to gain the admiration of students and ascend as President - which is actually the case now! Since his ascension, the quality of education at Tubman University has declined drastically due to the following which form the basis of our demand and position:

1. Discrimination (chasing away foreign Nationals)

Instance: Upon assuming office, Dr. Elliott Wreh-Wilson introduced something he termed as 'Liberianization Policy' which he used to chase away almost all foreign nationals from the university. Those chased away for unsubstantial and illogical reasons on the part of Dr. Wreh-Wilson include: Dr. Elizabeth Enanoria-Carbajosa, Dr. Ibriham Azeez, Mr. Richard Adu, etc This affects us (Students of Tubman University), as this created gabs that are yet to be covered and lower the standard of our education.

Brought back convicts (His friends who were investigated, found guilty, and dismissed by past Presidents for malpractices/corruption)

From this backdrop and to ascertain our claims with living evidences, we bring forth to the public the below listed:

Instance: T. Dan Jah Bestman, Matthew Akinsele, Gbalee Gray, etc
In adherence to the Labour good practices or policy established, an individual who resigned must have stayed at least two (2) years prior to his/her reemployment.
Sadly, Rev. Matthew B. Akinsele did not comply with such lawful provision and was reemployed by this inept president in Dr. Elliott Wreh-Wilson.
These people resumed positions of trust and continued malpractices which affect us as students.

Nepotism/Favouritism

Instance: Professor Isaac Liverpool George entire family is employed with the University.
(Wife, daughter and external relatives).
This is not in holding with best practices.

Over population of staffers in cabinet offices including his office while TU suffers shortage of Professors

Instances/Implication:

- BSc teaching BSc students
- Instead of 113 faculty members, TU only have 83 faculty members
- Required Courses that should be offered every semester are now being offered once - thereby making other students to be delayed as the University admits students every semester.

Insulting of Students

Instance: Dr. Wreh-Wilson Insults (us) Students on every occasion he's called to speak - such as (Hologans, Rebels, barking dogs, etc). Recordings are available!

Corruption/Misused of Government Funds

Instance1: The instances in this case include transferring of staffers from department to another with salaries being maintained just to comply with labor law and employing friends in their positions; and the corruption scenario below:

The Tubman University graduation hall affectionately called "TU Graduation Stand" G-stand for short was constructed last school year by the Wilson's Administration.

Financial records have proven that the G-stand worth US \$ 145' 000 with its bathroom being USD \$ 30' 000. The total amount is US 170' 000.

What is worrisome and disgusting about this hall is, its morphology can't justify even half of the amount spent by the University.

Worse of all is, the Engineers of the hall are all friends of Theophilus Kollie, the procurement Director of Tubman University, who since his ascendancy to said position, has been living in Monrovia in the president's house, managing and looking after the president's house and his personal initiatives. All other documents that required his (Mr. Kollie's) signature here at the University have to be Proxy by his office Administrative Assistant.

This is a clear manifestation that Dr. Wilson and the Contractors had an agreement that the finance office of TU knows nothing about.

Instance 2: Tubman University had shutdown its Office at Monrovia. But the said office cars which lubricants and repairing are still relying on the University's budget being used to load sand and other building materials at Dr. Wilson's project site.

Instance 3: The president of the University, Dr. Wreh-Wilson has designated Mr. Kollie to look after his house (s) project that he's undertaking while he (Mr. Kollie) makes the salary of a procurement director at TU.

Instance 4: USD \$10'000 was withdrawn from the University account for the purpose of paving the pop holes on campus. Evidences have proven as we are yet to see any development relative to said amount. We believe that Dr. Wilson and those contractors have shared the portion of the money given to them.

Instance 5: People who resigned names are still on payroll (ghost names). J. Kelvin Fallah (former HR) spoke against this and all other corruption scandals at the University that lead to his transferring from his position into the classroom as faculty. A position he refused and complained Dr Wilson to the Board.

Instance 6: President Wilson increased his salary and allowances without the approval of the board, CSA and the Ministry of Finance while GOL is reducing salaries
Ref. J. Kelvin Fallah.

Instance 7: Using faculty salaries to hire his friends and increase his associates' salaries as TU suffers shortage of Professors.
Ref: J. Kelvin Fallah, the former associate vice President for Human Resource Management at Tubman University (HR).

Instance 8: Kelvin won Dr Wilson at the Board - Dr. Wilson was asked to give Kelvin another senior position but refused, including one of the members on the Board. And up to presence, nothing has been done about it while Prof. Issac Liverpool George is seated comfortably enjoying Mr. Fallah's position. Said family that named our University as a ground of "Nepotism". The Board of Tubman University has this information on its desk.

Instance 9: TU students pay "Technology Fees" per semester. Unlike the Wilson's Administration, no student is able to browse a 'word' on campus using the University's intranet. That huge amount remains unaccounted for.

Instance 10: That the insurance fees being raised from 250 LRD to 10 USD. Students have filled in forms for said amount but yet to know the benefits associated with it. Worse of all is, we have two recognized Hospital in Maryland that are free of charge for any service. Where then can we benefit (Referral)? We're yet to know!

Instance 11: Tubman University buses are used for transportation motive, which is wrong. Recently, GOL has Donated NTA buses to both the county and the University. While the county authority used her own to get students at Grade schools on campus and back home, TU uses her own for transportation motive. Whereas students pay activity's fees every semester just for Dr. Wilson increased salaries and allowances to remain stable.

Instance 12: Under the Wilson administration, the entrepreneurship was removed from tuition to activities only to steal from the poor students.

Instance 13: Used of Academic Materials (rental of the agriculture college tractor) to generate personal finances for he and his cohort while the students from the said college are greatly deprived and denied quality education.

Instance 14: Students from the college of Health Sciences and Arts and Sciences pay laboratory fees every semester but yet to benefit.

From the engineering college

Lack of professors

Lack of Mat LAB

Lack of Dean

Other unacceptable practices that have become normal under the Dr. Elliott Wreh-Wilson's administration are:

- The President Insights students against one another on campus
- **Grade Trading**
- Selection base on political favour during employment at TU (No advertisement for positions)
- TU has turned a gossip and political ground.
- Witch hunting of students and staff (critical voices)

Conclusion

Having catalog all of this Administrative ineptness and corruption scandals from this President, are these not enough reasons to mandate this President to resign and immediately be replaced?

Should the board be fully aware of these things at the University but keeps Dr. Wilson as head of our University?

Should our University lost its face under his leadership before the board can do something about it?

Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the fourth Estate, the Civil Society Organizations, our market women, and prominent citizens of the motherland, these actions of Dr. Elliott Wreh-Wilson undermine the quality of our education, and pose a great threat to the University, our

futures and careers. We can no longer sit back and watch at this critical juncture where our education is at a crossroads. We call on the national government for a hasty but fruitful and progressive intervention in the interest of our country and education.

Furthermore, it is no doubt that this President is unable to steer the affairs of the University. His stay here any further will continue to take the university backward, and allow people to question the University's aspiration towards being a 'Centre of Quality and Excellence' and an institution that prepares individuals for 'worthy service'. We cannot risk taking this University status back to a Community College!

Therefore, we (the students of William V.S. Tubman University) in unanimity have risen in the highest critical position with our education which is extremely pivotal to our survivability to mandate President Elliot Wreh-Wilson to resign peacefully from his position within 24Hrs as President and leave the institution with immediate effect! Unless this is done, all activities must be placed on hold at the William V. S. Tubman University.

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