

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**



**INSTALLATION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> HALL MASTER OF MESTER OF MENSAH  
SARBAH HALL**

**ADDRESS BY:**

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MENSAH SARBAH, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**



Prof. Gordon A. Awandare, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs)

Mrs. Emelia Agyei-Mensah, Registrar

Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department

Heads of Hall, Senior Tutors and Fellows

Mensah Sarbah Hall Council and Governing Body

Alumni and Junior Members of Mensah Sarbah Hall

Faculty, Staff and Students

Officiating Ministers

The Media

Invited Guests

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good afternoon.

On my own behalf and that of the University Council and Management, I congratulate the Council and Management of Mensah Sarbah Hall for the smooth processes leading to the election of the

20<sup>th</sup> Hall Master. I extend a hearty congratulations to you, Dr. Roger Ayimbillah Atinga for rising to this position.

Indeed, the election and installation of Dr. Atinga today marks the end of almost a yearlong period of transition in the leadership student residencies resulting in the election and installation of new Hall Masters and a Warden for four (4) traditional halls in the University. It started with the installation of the new Volta Hall Warden in December 2021, followed by that of Commonwealth and Akuafu Halls in February this year, and now Mensah Sarbah Hall. Remarkably, these installations have seen the emergence of energetic young persons in leadership of the University's residential system.

As a university, we believe strongly that our vision to become a world-class research-intensive University can be accomplished by creating an enabling environment with the provision requisite auxiliary services which will make students have a pleasant and memorable stay on campus. Under my leadership as Vice-Chancellor of the University, Management is not only committed to increasing student accommodation on campus but also improving the conditions in the

halls – ensuring regular supply of water, access to internet, improving reading rooms and washrooms, provision of mattresses and improving security among others.

As I mentioned during my induction, my vision as Vice-Chancellor is to create a culture that promotes research, teaching and learning, administrative processes and extension activities driven by technology and anchored in humanism. In our quest to produce knowledge and expert human resources, we will not forget the essence of universities. Whatever we do, we should strive to remain humane, noting that the university should be for the public good.

I am particularly happy to learn from Dr. Atinga's speech his vision for the Hall which aligns with the University's, specifically in the areas of environmental health, security, academic excellence, expanding digital infrastructure, and curbing student-related violence. At a time when the world is facing economic, environmental, and socio-political crises of all forms, University of Ghana cannot look unconcerned when students' actions threaten

lives and properties. We will work together with various authorities to ensure that student violence is curbed.

My agenda to modernize lecture rooms for effective teaching and learning and to develop technology-driven and robust processes in research management continues to receive major boost. I am happy that the new Hall Master shares in these agenda and will be seeking to contribute significantly to them through programmes of expanding the existing digital infrastructure in the Hall and deepening environmental and health consciousness among students of the hall. I have no doubt that when these are realized, it will result in improved student life experiences, and ultimately, upscale of academic performance.

I appeal to all stakeholders of the Hall: Alumni, Council, Management, Tutors, Fellows, and our dear students, to lend their individual and collective support to Dr. Atinga and his team. The work of a Hall Master, just like every management and administrative role, is a collective duty. As a proud viking, I wish to assure Dr. Atinga

of my support; my doors are open for discussions which will promote a good image of Mensah Sarbah Hall.

Dr. Atinga, I wish you and your team a successful tenure and look forward to massive transformations under your leadership as Hall Master of Mensah Sarbah Hall.

I thank you for your attention.

***Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo***

***Vice-Chancellor***

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