

Letter of Motivation
Justice Kow Mensah
National Board Chairman

The International Students Union of Norway as it champions the interest of International Students in Norway resonates with some of my vital interest – Student Activism. Being a student activist puts you in a situation where students affairs are your lifeblood and manoeuvring ways to make student life a comfortable becomes an agenda worth always fighting.

The International Students Union of Norway has gotten to a stage where we ought not to be surprised by the decisions taken by the Norwegian government. We instead need an agenda that consolidates future decisions that can hurt students in Norway. This is one of the core interests that moves me to apply for the position of the National Chairman that we can be able (Local Branches and National Board Members) to explore into future decisions and start our agitations against them to send earlier information to government and civil society groups not to even consider them. Then we won't have to launch our agitation after the enactment of policies.

With the experiences, I have gained through the several opportunities ISU has given me to serve both at the Local and National levels, I am confident to be well prepared and equipped to lead a cause that sees ISUs growth into a more significant force to reckon with.

I ask for your vote as a Representative of a Local Board to be elected to the position of National Chairman. That vote will go down in history lane because you believed in seeing ISU being revived into more magnificent works.

Thank you for the vote.



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Key competences: *Good understanding of church organization, administration and leadership; Solution-oriented and Sound analytical skills; Sound written and communication skills with report writing ability; Ability to think conceptually and logically to identify needs and enhance efficiencies; Team player with Leadership abilities; Capacity to work on own initiative and demonstrate a high level of responsibility*

Education

08.16 -	MPhil in Religion, Society and Global Issues	MF School of Theology, Norway
08.15 - 12.17	MPhil in Religious Roots of Europe	University of Oslo, Norway
01.11 - 12.13	Bachelor of Theological Studies	Valley View University, Accra, Ghana
08.04– 06.08	Bachelor of Arts Statistics (with a minor in Philosophy)	University of Ghana

Extra Short Courses

04.07.16 - 22.08.16	Introduction to Cyber Security	The Open University
04.04.16- 02.05.16	Intercultural Communication	Shanghai International Studies University
28.03.16-05.16	Introduction to Journalism	University of Strathclyde
07.03.16- 11.04.16	Religion and Conflict	University of Groningen
22.02.16- 20.03.16	Muslims in Britain	Cardiff University
22.02.16- 20.03.16	Developing Cultural Intelligence for Leadership	Common Purpose
07.08.11- 12.08.11	Radio Programming and Production	Adventist World Radio

09.08	Fundamentals of Finance and Financial Markets; Corporate Finance; Securities Trading and Investment Advisory Technique; Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management; Legal and Regulatory Framework and Supervision	Ghana Stock Exchange, Accra, Ghana
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Work Experience

02.16 - 06.16	Dialoguer Raising funds to support humanitarian work	Doctors without Borders
01.15-06.15	Class Teacher Teaching Religious and Moral Education	Anglican Junior High School, Anum, E/R, Ghana.
03.15-08.15	Associate Pastor Offering pastoral care to church members	Dayspring Seventh-day Adventist Church
02.14-03.15	Pastor Offering pastoral services as required per a pastor in ministry	Ashongman Estate SDA Church, Accra
12.03-02.14	Ministerial Attachment Offering pastoral duties as assigned by the district pastor	Legon District of SDA Church, Accra
05.12 – 09.12	Summer Canvasser (Literature Evangelist) Selling books	Home Health Education Service Int. Rivers Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church, PH, Nigeria
03.10-01.11	Research and Data Analyst Led teams on field surveys Transcribed, coded and entered data into software Analyzed and wrote reports on research works	Synovate Ghana. Accra
08.09 –02.10	Data Analyst (Team Leader) Performing transcription and coding of questionnaires Performing data entry and cleaning using SPSS software Interpreted and analyzed data using Excel and SPSS Writing reports on the analysis of the study	CCDE, University of Ghana
06.08-07.09	Course Tutor and Administrative Assistant) Tutor in Basic Statistics Providing a database for keeping students' records Invigilating students' examination Marking Diploma in CYP Module scripts	CCDE, University of Ghana
11.08	Survey Assistant Administered questionnaires and collected data	Management Development and Productivity Institute, Accra
01-06.04	Survey Assistant Administered questionnaires and collected data on water quality and illegal connections of water	Ghana Water Company Limited, Winneba

Other Experience

2012/2013	President Supervising and arranging outreach activities	Divine Messengers Movement (DMM), VVU, Accra
2012/2013	Student Pastor Assisting the Church Pastor to minister to the needs of church members; Helping organize and supervise church programs; Leading out in some church programs	Philadelphia Worship Centre, VVU University, Accra
2007/2008	President Intensified unity through social outreach programs Creating an opportunity for students to get internship Led a team to win a research contract with Telecommunication giant MTN to access their performance in Tertiary Institutions	Ghana Association of Statistics Students, UG, Accra
	Personal Ministries Director Reviving and encouraging participation in Bible Studies	Ghana National Association of Adventist Students, UG.
	Secretary	Ghana Red Cross Society, UG, Accra
	Publicity Director	Pacesetters International, UG, Accra
2005/2006	MP for Legon Hall	UG Parliament House

IT skills

- MSOffice(Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher)
- SPSS&Stata for analysis of data

Languages

- English: National language
- Fante: Mother tongue
- Greek (Used for Textual Analysis)
- Hebrew (Used for Textual Analysis)
- Arabic (Used for Textual Analysis)

Interest

Reading; Teaching; Writing; Researching; Offering Pastoral Care, Playing and Watching Football; Studying the Financial Markets.

Reference
