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GLA Responds to CETAG Concerns Over Appointment of the College Librarian as Acting Vice Principal

The Ghana Library Association (GLA) issues this statement in response to concerns raised by the Colleges of Education Teachers Association of Ghana (CETAG) regarding the appointment of Dr. Fred Alpha Adams, College Librarian at Dambai College of Education, as Acting Vice Principal.

The GLA clarifies that academic librarians are highly qualified professionals with advanced degrees, including PhDs, and play a central role in teaching, research, and institutional administration. Their classification as academic staff is affirmed by the Harmonised Statutes for Colleges of Education and practice in public universities, where librarians are recognised as academics.

The Association emphasises that the Vice Principal position is administrative and not reserved exclusively for teaching staff. It cites Article 195(3) of the Constitution and the Colleges of Education Act, 2012, affirming the governing body's authority to appoint based on merit and competence.

The GLA refutes CETAG's claims that the appointment undermines academic governance, drawing parallels with past appointments of officers not directly teaching or working as academics such as Prof. Stephen Adei at GIMPA, stepping in with his administrative and leadership skills to uplift the institution to a tertiary status. It also highlights inconsistencies in CETAG's interpretation of "academic staff" and urges them to embrace inclusivity, noting that University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG) includes librarians as members.

The GLA calls on the Minister of Education, GTEC, and NCTE to reject CETAG's demands and uphold the appointment, describing it as a milestone for merit-based leadership and the recognition of academic librarians in higher education.

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