

MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS: ACCOMMODATION, SRC & STUDENTS' WELFARE

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ACCOMMODATION

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Types

Traditional Halls of Residence

Other University Halls

Private Hostels

Homstels

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- Governing bodies and documents
 - Office of the Dean of Students
 - Hall Management
 - Rent Control Department
 - Students' Handbook
 - UCC/Private Hostel Policy
 - Tenancy Agreements

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□ Challenges

- Inadequate space in the traditional halls
 - More students in a room
 - In-out-out-out policy
- Private hostel
 - High pricing
 - Utility bills
 - Security issues
- Home stay
 - Disagreement with landlords
 - General cleaning of compound

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- Way forward:
 - Encourage Build Operate and Transfer (BOT)
 - Register all private hostels and ensure level of security measures put in place
 - Liaising with Rent Control Department to categorize the hostels to regulate pricing

STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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- Role of SRC
 - Serve as the mouth piece of the students' body to management
 - Participating in Institutional decision making structures (committees)
 - Advising and supporting the delivery of effective and efficient students' support services
 - Managing and administering students' representation at different levels
 - Ensuring the general welfare of the students' body

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Operations

Directly responsible to the Dean of Students

Operate at the committee levels

Major decisions taken at the General Assembly

Activities administered base on budget plan

Spending goes through the general University Audit and Finance

Directorate for checks

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- Pros of SRC**
- Under take projects
 - Hostel facility
 - Summer huts
 - Lighting of some areas of campus
 - Library support
- Welfare of students
 - Students' Emergency Relief Fund
 - Students' Health Support Fund
 - Students' Welfare Assistant Fund

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- Cons of the SRC
 - Seemingly feeling a par with Management
 - Taken major decisions with consulting Management
 - Some instances of financial malfeasants
 - Abuse of power over other students

GENERAL WELFARE

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- Financial issues: major challenges
 - School fees
 - Accommodation fees
 - Living stipends

- Solutions
 - Scholarships
 - Students welfare schemes
 - Part-time work on and outside campus

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- Academic issues
 - Orientation
 - Registration of course
 - Lectures
 - Quizzes and examination
 - Release of result and its related issues (in-complete)

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- Counselling
 - Main Counselling Unit
 - Academic counsellors
 - Hall counsellors

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Health

- The main hospital: general healthcare, dental, eye clinic
- Student clinic
- Infirmaries in the halls of residence
- Health talks and programmes

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Security

In private hostels

The surrounding villages and its challenges

Darkness at some parts of campus

Students walking at obscured places alone and at night

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- Sports and recreation
 - Main University teams
 - Inter halls and faculty games
 - Hall gyms
 - Facilities available for individual and group trainings
 - SRC week celebrations
 - Hall week celebrations
 - Various competitions on campus
 - Inter university competitions
 - Various religious and social activities on campus

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- Support for bereaved family if a student dies
 - Mortuary bills
 - Conveying of body in a hearse to family
 - Provision of coffin
 - Provision of a bus to convey students wanting to go for the funeral

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