



Image 1: Owuraku Q. Quayson, 2021/2022 ACSC President

### Inauguration Speech-ACitizens

The President of Academic City University College, Deans and Heads of the school, staff, fellow students, all protocols observed, Good evening.

It is important that we have a future to look forward to, one that inspires us to continue working to achieve excellence, and with that, the assurance that we can and will attain it. It must be the reason why we as ACitizens get up in the morning and aspire to do great things beyond our wildest imagination.

We must possess the answers to questions like why do we want to live? What is the point of all that we do? Do the experiences that we carve for ourselves on this campus give us a clue of the future we hope for?

And I will find it incredibly depressing if the future that we hope for will be anything short of us being out there shining with the stars or being a force to reckon with. We are here before you today because we deem it necessary to accept this challenge to lead and to serve. All we **are trying to think about** is the future of this institution and the optimism it gives to all ACitizens.

Ladies and gentlemen.

Let us all give a standing ovation to the Electoral Commission and the Interim Executives for their tremendous contribution to ensuring this process is actualized.

My name is Owuraku Q. Quayson and with me here is Isaac Amponsah Appiah. We stand here brimming with joy and humility to **accept** the role of the Academic City Student Council's President and Vice President for the 2021/2022 academic year that you, our fellow students have entrusted us with.



My vice president and I have experiences that are merely a forge of character. Though we come from different backgrounds, the beauty is that we emit the same energy—we care a lot about the truth of things. Hence, our resolve to serve this community.

Permit me to crave your indulgence on a short story that somehow influenced our being here. It was 7 pm one Saturday evening when Isaac approached me in my room suggesting that I run for this office. Frankly, I was already considering this idea but as curious as I was, I needed to understand the potential he saw in me. His reasons were simple yet out of this world:

he said that I look well-built physically, I am stout and tall. As materialistic and jovial as his reasons were, he had no idea that I subtly took that as a positive affirmation. Little did he know that I would later approach him to be my Vice, and after a few conversations, we realized we wanted the same thing. Legacy.

**[ Well, today I have a simple question for you all; do you think that I am that muscular, stout and tall?**

**That was just by the way.....]**

We are thankful to all those who came out in their numbers to vote. Indeed, in unity there is strength. By your votes, we understand the message you are trying to send— you want to be heard, you want to be represented.

Our business here is to carefully create an awesome experience and environment for all students. To create that environment, we must work closely with the school and the student body. We **want** to **assure** you that the most beautiful things will happen here on campus.

We understand that this is a pioneering role and as such, we need to form a capable and well-resourced committee who will work to ensure that we build a solid foundation for future councils.

That is why within the next month we intend to make all the necessary appointments for the various committees as well as hold elections for the General Assembly to have a fully functioning ACSC.

Also, the issue about building a good brand for the ACSC and Academic City is imperative. In this regard, we plan to be intentional about the strategies, activities, and policies that we develop to reach a point where all ACitizens, prospective, present and past, will without any hesitation love to associate themselves with the ACSC brand.



That said, under my leadership, I hope to cause change mainly through policies in four areas of our student lives namely policies on the **structure of the ACSC, Communication within our student body, developing the human capacity of students, and external collaborations.**

**The policies are as follows:**

➤ **Policy On Structure Of The ACSC**

- Making recommendations to add a few roles to the council.
- Setting the tone clear on each committee's responsibilities for effective accountability.

➤ **Policy On Communication**

- Deploying effective communication channels to serve as a point of touch between students, the ACSC and Management.
- Creating an Alumni platform that will foster continuous collaboration and networking opportunities among all ACitizens.
- Initiating what we will call the **Humans of ACity**, a platform to encourage students to share their unique perspectives through the concept of sharing their stories and ideas.

➤ **Policy On Developing The Human Capacity Of Students**

- The Agyenkwa Initiative
- Hold Financial Literacy Talks
- Organize the ACity Ideon Talk
- Liaising with management to create a recreational space; one with an artistic impression where students can resort to for socialization, relaxation and to view artworks by fellow students.

➤ **Policy On External Collaborations**

- Creating avenues to foster student-oriented relationships and programs between ACitizens and other student bodies both locally and internationally.
- Creating relationships with neighboring restaurants and pubs



Last but not least, one of the critical issues we hope to address is the issue of mutual respect and **embracing** companionship in this community. We must understand that it is difficult for some people to find their voice and be able to articulate their views and experiences to tell their story, partly because of certain wrong perceptions of them. Under my leadership, we hope to partly use the concept of the **Humans of ACity** to help such students find their voice. They would be able to tell their story so that we would see them in a new light, we would start recognizing our own experiences in each other and in that, see that we are one.

In conclusion, **esteemed dignitaries of our institution, fellow ACitizens, community members, and honored guests:**

The ACSC, under my auspices, would like to enforce a mantra that goes like, “Dear students, this is a council of our creation, it is the candle we have lit, therefore let us all nurture it and may we never quench the flames.”

I thank you for your audience.