

8th September, 2025.

Dear Old Boys,

RE: BOARD OF FISHER EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FEDT) – NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS.

Fraternal greetings to you all.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this note, coming soon after my tenure as Chairman of the Fisher Educational Development Trust (FEDT). Recent events have compelled me to address some matters urgently to protect the unity and progress of the GCU Alumni family and the GCU Restoration Project.

There have been circulating reports of a parallel FEDT being established. I wish to state unequivocally that these reports are misleading and false. Under the Deed of Trust signed by the Abia State Government, FEDT and the Old Boys, there is no such provision.

What actually happened on that day was that Abia State Government was inaugurating Boards of various government organizations it set up recently in the office of the Secretary to the State Government. That was what a group of desperadoes tried to manipulate to create that embarrassing spectacle.

Before then, there had been other attempts by this self-serving group to mislead the State Government, Old Boys, stakeholders, and the public, with the aim of hijacking power unlawfully, stalling the GCU Restoration Project, and hindering opportunities of good quality education for our talented youths. Their modus operandi includes blackmail, misinformation, disinformation, slander, impersonation, and criminal manipulation. Such actions are contrary to Umuahian values and detrimental to our collective progress.

We reject any attempt to embarrass the Abia State Government that has shown considerable support for the restoration of Government College, Umuahia.

Over the years, well-meaning Old Boys have shouldered enormous responsibilities to rebuild our alma mater and restore it as a citadel of excellence. Yet, there are still individuals whose actions contradict our noble vision.

As the immediate past Chairman of FEDT, it is pertinent at this time that I clarify the true position regarding the Trust and the restoration project:

1. There is only one legal Fisher Educational Development Trust registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), with full authority to fund and manage Government College Umuahia.
2. I served as its Chairman and we duly handed over leadership to a new, dynamic team led by Uche Orji (GCU '80) to guide us forward.
3. The new Board was formed through a transparent process open to all Umuahians.
4. The new Board has been empowered, held its inaugural meeting, completed onboarding, and is actively pursuing its mandate.
5. The current, legitimate FEDT team comprises:
 - Mr. Uche Orji
 - Elder U.K. Eke
 - Dr. Anele Ebizie
 - Dr. Godswill Okoji
 - Barr. Seb Ibezim
 - Also the President of the GCUOBA Global Council (GGC)
 - And two Abia State Government appointed Representatives to FEDT Board :
 - Mazi Ugochukwu Okoroafor
 - Mr. Kingsley Agomoh
6. Any person identifying themselves as an FEDT Trustee outside the above list is an impostor and acting in clear breach of the law.

I have offered the above corrections for public records and for the proper guidance of all Old Boys.

Old Boys worldwide have dissociated themselves from the actions of this clique. I urge all Umuahians to remain focused on our shared objective of building a greater GCU. We have made substantial progress and should not allow detractors to derail it.

Our team, with your kind support and donations, delivered a wide range of facilities and improvements, including classrooms, dormitories, a dining hall, laboratory, library, power and water infrastructure, roads, street lighting, CCTV, security, furniture and fittings, modern teaching aids, merit-based admissions, teachers' housing among others. This September 2025, the school will enter the fourth level, SS1.

The newly constituted FEDT Board is reputable and experienced, and I encourage you to lend them your support to sustain and advance our achievements.

You may recall that in early June this year we informed the Old Boys about the ascension of the new FEDT Board. A copy of that publication is attached for reference.

Umuahia has risen from the ashes and is here to stay. Phase 2 of the GCU Restoration Project is underway, and Erekosima House requires your financial support to be ready for new intakes. I have no doubt that the unity and purpose that has carried us this far will endure.

May we continue to shine as one.

Up Umuahia!



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Former FEDT Chairman