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Review of Selection Process for Athletes Already being Undertaken, VC says Sweeping Reforms Likely Outcome

The Administration of the University of Guyana is deeply disturbed by questions raised around the selection of a team that represented the University in a recent international University sports meet.

The Office of the Vice-Chancellor immediately responded to reports by launching an internal investigation on Monday, August 7th, 2023. The investigation is focusing on any breaches in the regulations, ethical guidelines, selection protocols, and disclosure expectations of the University. The investigation is expected to be concluded within 2 weeks of the team's return to Guyana.

The University holds itself to very high standards and has been deeply concerned by reports about this matter. All efforts are being taken to verify, understand and responsibly address the matter.

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“UG” has provided education, training and research for over 50,000 alumni over its 60-year history. UG’s national and global impact and footprint are significant. Its graduates have risen to populate the commanding heights of national, regional and international organisations of repute in over 150 different disciplines. The mission of the University is to discover, generate, disseminate and apply knowledge of the highest standard for the service of the community, the nation, and all mankind within an atmosphere of academic freedom, innovation and universal respect.

UG’s forward-thinking Blueprint 2040 is currently setting the course for the University’s future design and institutional response to the changing needs of Guyana, the region and the world. UG is currently celebrating its 60th anniversary and is stepping up its focus on becoming one of the leading and most sought-after educational institutions in the world for both staff and students.

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