

INTERIM REPORT OF BEREDUGO GCU COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

On the 27th December 2022, the Grand Patron of GCUOBA Nigeria, HRH Igwe Prof. Laz. Ekwueme constituted a committee comprising 17 members with the following “Terms of Reference”.

1. To examine/analyse the constitution/structure/functions of FEDT, GCUOBA-Nigerian, GCUOBA-USA, GCUOBA-UK, Class Groups and any other GCU related organs and point out and suggest remedies for any defects/ anomalies which may impinge on the abilities of each one to operate within the bye laws/ regulations of their localities and cooperate with any of the others in the GCU community herein listed.
2. To examine/ analyse the structure/ constitution/ functions of the FEDT and suggest how best it should relate to GCUOBA, GCUOBA-USA, GCUOBA-UK, Class groups and simultaneously accomplish its principal mission of managing and running GCU in a most efficient manner in perpetuity.
3. To examine and suggest conditions and qualifications, if any, for old boys or anyone else to be registered and maintain membership of the FEDT Trust.
4. To examine and recommend ways for filling vacancies of the board of FEDT as and when these vacancies arise bearing in mind the fiduciary responsibilities of FEDT and the obligations to registered members of the FEDT Trust.
5. To examine/ recommend and arrive at a recommended decision as to necessary changes to the FEDT, GCUOBA, GCUOBA-USA, GCUOBA-UK, Class Groups to guarantee the fulfilment of our collect dream of restoring GCU to its premier position in Nigeria.
6. To recommend any other steps/ processes etc. that the committee may deem fit for the future of GCU.
7. Maintain confidentiality during your deliberations.
8. Submit report within to 6 months to
 - **President of GCUOBA with copies to
 - ** Chairman FEDT
 - ** President GCUOBA-USA
 - **President GCUOBA-UK

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The following 17 persons were appointed members of the Committee.

1. Youpele Beredugo, '48J, Chair, (GCUOBA-NIG)
2. Okey Eneli, '70, Vice Chair (GCUOBA-USA)
3. Lucky Chike Nwoke, '86, Secretary, (GCUOBA-UK)
4. Uche Ihediwa, SAN, '75, GCUOBA-NIG President
5. Ed Ukaonu, '74, GCUOBA-USA President
6. Chijioke Ebizie, '72, GCUOBA-UK President
7. Chambers Oyibo, '55, (FEDT)
8. Anele Ebizie, '65, (GCUOBA-UK)
9. Reginald Momah, '67, (GCUOBA-USA)
10. Emma Anyanwu, '70, (GCUOBA-NIG, NEC)
11. Emeka Ifezulike, '70, (FEDT)
12. Reginald Ihejiahi, '71, (FEDT)
13. Don Egbuchulam, '72, (GCUOBA-USA)
14. Okechukwu Enelamah, '74, (FEDT)
15. Sebastian Ibezim, '75, (GCUOBA-USA)
16. Rumondaka Wonodi, '79, (GCUOBA-NIG)
17. Egbuta Nkemakolam, '83, (GCUOBA-NIG, NEC)

It was observed that the Presidents of the existing 3 GCUOBA organisations were members of this Committee. Since the Committee Report will be submitted to the Grand Patron and these 3 Presidents, the Chairman of the Committee suggested that these 3 Presidents be requested to recuse themselves from membership of the Committee. All three Presidents accepted the request and recused themselves from membership of the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee held its inaugural meeting on the 7th January 2023 and agreed to meet on a fortnightly basis.

METHODOLOGY

The Committee considered 3 methodologies in its quest for an appropriate method of carrying its mandate namely:

1. Maintain status quo with no changes to current structure of three separate and independent Associations but focus on fundraising efforts for GCU.
2. Create a new GCUOBA Worldwide to oversee the existing GCUOBA entities including future units; amend the constitutions of existing GCUOBA entities to make them sub-units of this new body **including many variations within this arrangement.**
3. Liquidate all the existing GCUOBA entities and create new GCUOBA with headquarters in a designated place with branches in Nigeria and Diaspora. This means no more GCUOBA Nigeria, USA, UK | Ireland.

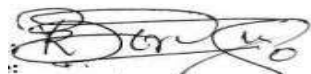
Most Committee members favour this route from the deliberations and therefore the Committee decided to adopt the second option. After a robust discussion, it was decided that the best approach is to establish a body to be known and called GCUOBA GLOBAL COUNCIL (GGC). A small committee was then set up to prepare a draft document which was debated upon. The final accepted document is hereby attached as an Annexure to this report for consideration by each GCUOBA organisation. A draft MOU is also attached as Annexure 2 to this interim Report to provide a legal framework for the GGC document with provision for the accommodation of new GCUOBA Organisations which may be formed in places like Canada, Australia and India.

May we request that each GCUOBA Organisation study the GGC document, request its members to submit memoranda to it for its consideration and then transmit to the Beredugo GCU Committee to enable us to produce a final document acceptable to all GCUOBA Organisations.

A member of the Committee who failed, refused and neglected to attend majority of the meetings of the Committee has indicated that he would be submitting a Minority Report.

The Committee is now discussing the second set of TORS 2,3,4 and 5 related to the FEDT, and it is expected that we will be able to submit a final report at the proper time to embody all its proposals and recommendations.

Engr. Prof. Youpele O. Beredugo
Chair


23/05/2023

Engr. Okey Eneli
Vice Chair


23rd May 2023

Engr. Lucky Chike Nwoke
Secretary



23rd May 2023