Summary of Gender Distribution of the Class of Degree from 2019/2020-2023/2024 Academic Session

The Table indicates that the proportion of female students in first Class category rose from 116 in 2019/2020 session to 128 in the 2020/2021 session. Notwithstanding the reduction in the 2021/2022 session, the figure also rose to 155 in the 2022/2023 and 182 in the 2023/2024 session. However, the number of male graduates increased steadily from 2019/2020 across 20220/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 to 2023/2024 sessions by 85, 88, 98,128, and 157, respectively.

In the second class upper degree category, the number of females (graduating with second class upper degree) reduced consistently across the 5 years in consideration. While it was 412 in the 2019/2020 session, it reduced to 362, 357, 352 and 358 in the 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 sessions respectively.

In this same second class upper degree category, the performance of male students is with mixed results. While the number reduced from 381 to 356 between 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 sessions; it increased to 387 from the preceding year's total, but thereafter, it reduced to 304 and increased to 404 in the current session (2023/2024).

Table: Five Year Summary of Gender Distribution of the Class of Degree (2019/2020-2023/2024)										
Session	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
Class / Gender	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
1st Class	116	85	128	88	108	98	155	128	182	157
2 nd Class Upper	412	381	362	356	357	387	352	304	358	404
2 nd Class Lower	252	343	152	281	209	411	89	126	125	205
3 rd Class	28	47	15	14	27	80	5	17	4	21
Total	808	856	657	739	701	976	601	575	669	787
Grand Total	1,664		1,396		1,677		1,176		1,456	

The performance in the second class lower category is not consistent for both gender across the five years in consideration. A total of 252 female students graduated with "second class lower" in 2019/2020 and reduced to 152 in the 2020/2021 session. However, the number of

female second class lower students rose to 209 in the 2021/2022 session, before it significantly reduced to 89 and 125 in the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 sessions, respectively. Among the male students, the higher number (343) recorded in the 2019/2020 session reduced to 281 in the 2020/2021 session. Thereafter, the number of male students that graduated with second class lower degree increased rapidly to 411 in the 2021/2022 session and then reduced drastically to 126 in the 2022/2023 session but finally increased to 205 in the 2023/2024 session.

Overall, the number of students graduating with third class degree consistently declined for both gender with the exceptions of 2021/2022 and 2023/2024 sessions where there were slight increase and decrease respectively.