REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS ON THE
DIRECTIVES OF THE HOUSE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL
ABUSE ON STUDENTS BY MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM; AND THE
MISMANAGEMENT AND ABDICATION OF DUTY BY THE UNIVERSITY
MANAGEMENT

Office of the Clerk to Parliament
Parliamentary Buildings
KAMPALA

December, 2019
1.0 Introduction

On Thursday 31st October, 2019 the House passed a Resolution that directed the Committee on Education and Sports to investigate allegations of:

(1) Sexual Abuse on Students by Men and Women in Uniform; and
(2) Mismanagement and Abdication of duty by the university management

The Resolution came as a result of a Statement presented on Wednesday 30th October, 2019 by the Minister of State for Education in charge of Higher Education, Hon. John Chryzostom Muyingo on the Students Unrest at Makerere University, Kampala. The Statement did indicate that the unrest at Makerere University was precipitated by the following demands from the Students Community:

(a) Halting the implementation of the fees structure passed in July 2018 which involves a 15% increment in tuition fees for new entrants to the University
(b) Degazeting of the Makerere University Students' Guild [Elections] Regulations No.1 of 2018
(c) Revoking of all suspensions and warning letters to students in relation to the unrest

Other demands included:
(a) A swift and easy online access of students’ exam results on the university system
(b) Extension of registration deadline and applicable surcharges

The debate on the Statement culminated into moving of a Motion in Parliament by Hon. Mathias Mpuuga, MP Masaka Municipality on Thursday 31st October, 2019 [see Appendix I]

2.0 Background

The Special Meeting of the University Council [see Appendix II] that convened on 6th July, 2018, under Minute 1.3.SP/7/2018 received and considered a Report from the Students' Guild on the tuition fees policy in which students proposed a reduction in the rate of the increment of tuition fees to 15% across all academic programs as opposed to the 49% to 91% increment as earlier proposed by Council. During the said meeting, Council noted under Minute 2.1(c) that while student leaders had presented their proposal on fees increment, the decision on tuition fees lies with the University Council, [Section 41 of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001 as amended] which considers the views of diverse stakeholders. Once a decision is reached, it shall be collectively owned by all Council members.
Under Min.4.0.SP/7/2018 of the same meeting, the University Council agreed to;

(a) Increase fees on all undergraduate programs for first year students by 15% beginning with the 2018/19 academic year.

(b) That the 15% fees increment be successively continued for each cohort on the fees for the previous academic year over a five year period;

(c) That every cohort of students continues with the fees structure upon which they are admitted until they complete their programmes

(d) That there will be no fees increment on continuing students

(e) That Management accordingly sensitizes the students’ body on the new fees structure.

The decision of University Council under Min.4.0.SP/7/2018 followed a Report of a 7-person Special Committee of Students Guild Representatives [Guild President, Papa Were Salim; the Guild Speaker, Mr. Isaac Kuagala; the Chairperson, Mr. Bandola Polly; the Vice Chairperson, Ms. Marion Kirabo; the General Secretary, Mr. Obedju Samuel; the Students’ Affairs Minister, Mr. Kamukama Frank; and the Secretary for Finance, Mr. Ssewanyi Simon Peter] on the Proposals on the Fees Policy [see Appendix III] in which the team recommended the following to Council:

(a) Instead of increasing fees to the tune of 49% to 91% as it were in the earlier Management proposal, there should be a uniform and moderate 15% increase in tuition fees across all programs effective 2018/19 for the next five years. This however means that a student who joins the University at a given fees structure that has a 15% factored in, shall continue to pay similar fees until he/she completes the course duration;

(b) While the Visitation Committee recommended that Public Universities should charge a unit cost per program, our Committee has only considered a reasonable and moderate 15% to cater for annual inflation. This was mainly considering our unique social-economic conditions as a country.

(c) The increment of 15% should only apply to first year students (effective 2018/19) going forward and not continuing students.

(d) There should be a feedback framework where all matters/policies that affect students are discussed by students leaders beyond the two students representatives that sit on the Council and its Committees
(c) The Guild President and his Vice should be allowed more participation on committees of Council that relate to student issues including quality assurance and student welfare committees.

(f) The revenue accruing from the above proposal if approved and implemented should reflect a change in student services especially in areas of student hygiene, laboratory facilities, teaching facilities, WiFi, health services and customer care.

(g) Part of the resources should be deployed in the renovation of Mary Stuart Hall and before the Semester One 2018/19 commences. In addition, regular renovations on their halls of residences should be factored in the University annual budget.

In a related development, on the 30th September, 2019, the Guild Speaker of the current Students' Guild, Mr. Ezra Byakutangaza wrote to the Chairperson of the University Council and the Vice Chancellor communicating the resolutions reached at the Guild Representative Council [GRC] meeting held on 27th September 2019 as indicated below;

(a) That surcharges on late payment of fees be scrapped with immediate effect
(b) That the 15% increment on fees stops with the academic year 2019/20
(c) That areas of students welfare being improved or to be improved to match the fees increment be communicated to the GRC and the student community
(d) That the above issues be addressed with most urgency and communication be made to the GRC and the student community.

A number of measures and efforts were in vain instituted between the University administration and the Students’ Guild to reach amicable solutions to the students’ demands - the Guild Representative Council Meeting which culminated in the Guild Speaker’s communication to the University Council; the Resolution of Council appointing Hon. Kidega Dan Fred to head the Meeting to consider Student’s Grievances against some university staffs; the Emergency Council meeting that dropped the 15% increment on functional fees]

The delay in reaching a consensus between the University administration and Students’ Guild Leadership prompted 15 female students who happened to be Members of the Female Caucus 85th Students Guild Leadership to, on Tuesday 22nd October, 2019, match peacefully to purportedly present a Petition to the Office of the President, contesting the proposed move to effect a 15% annual increment on tuition fees. Acting upon a tip off by the University’s security personnel, reinforcements from the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces [UPDF] and the Military Police were called in to manage the
protests and eventually some Members of the 85th Female Caucus were arrested.

The news of the arrest prompted some members of the wider Students’ Community to swing into action contesting the arrest and apprehension of their colleagues. The volatile situation lasted for a period of over three weeks which disrupted activities at the university, both academic and administrative; private businesses in and around the university, its halls of residence within the University and affiliated/registered private hostels and neighboring communities.

3.0 Methodology

In considering the House’s directive, the Committee,
(a) held a series of meetings with the following stakeholders;
   (i) the Hon. Minister of Education and Sports
   (ii) the Hon. Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs
   (iii) the Hon. Minister of Internal Affairs
   (iv) the Makerere University Council and Management
   (v) the Makerere University Students’ Guild Leadership
   (vi) Hon. Mwiru Paul, MP Jinja Municipality East and a team of University students
   (vii) Hon. Mathias Mpuuga, MP Masaka Municipality

(b) reviewed relevant literature including;
   (i) The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda
   (ii) The Police Act, cap 303
   (iii) The Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces Act, 2005
   (iv) The Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001
   (v) the Makerere University Students Regulations 2015
   (vi) Minutes of the Special Meeting of the University Council held on 6th July 2018
   (vii) Report and Proposal of the Special Committee of the Guild Representative Council on the Fees Policy

(c) conducted a field visit to Makerere University to establish the status of the University after the unrest and appraise common user facilities which the students community allege to be in deplorable shape.
4.0 Findings, Observations and Recommendations

Issue No.1
The Management of Makerere University rescinds all expulsions, suspension and dismissals of students and institutes mechanisms to resolve the impasse through civil and democratic means

The Committee established that;

(a) whereas the students had valid causes and reasons to demonstrate and had issued notice of a peaceful demonstration to the Commandant, Kampala Metropolitan Police in a letter dated 22nd October 2019, there was no evidence of feedback from the Police on the course of action to take;

(b) whereas Regulation No.8(9)(a) of the Makerere University Students Regulations, 2015 provides for demonstrations within or outside the University to be held only in accordance with the Laws of Uganda provided the Vice Chancellor is informed at least 24 hours in advance and the Police permission obtained, there was no evidence of notice of intention of demonstration that was issued to the Office of the Vice Chancellor;

(c) the University Students’ Disciplinary Committee headed by Judge Precious Ngabirano, with Members, namely; Dr. Sylvia Tamuzadde Nanyonga, the University Imam, Ssentongo Ahmed, Hon. Kiraso Beatrice and Dr. Godfrey Akireng, to hear and determine cases of suspended students namely; Mr. Frank Bwambale, Mr. Rogers Mbajjo Ssebiraalo; Mr. Simon Ssenoga, Ms. Saasiraabo Siperia, Mr. Derrick Ojambo, Mr. David Musiri, Mr. Ivan Kyeyune, Mr. Mutatina Seiz and Mr. Dhabona Job, has never convened to execute this assignment, thereby rendering the fate of the affected students uncertain. Some 45 students [see Appendix IV] were reported to have received warning letters. The Committee was informed that the Disciplinary Committee was given only up to two weeks to hear and determine cases of the affected students, but to this day, no report has been filed to the University Council; and

(d) the University Council through the University Students’ Disciplinary Committee directed the affected students should write their exams pending conclusion of disciplinary proceedings that were instituted against them. The Committee on Education and Sports however learnt that the University Management had contested the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and had wanted the affected students to be dismissed.
Observations

The Committee observes that;

(a) the demonstration led by the 85th Female Caucus was legitimate in nature [Article 29 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda] and did not merit the brutal conduct of the University administration and the security operatives in managing the protests;

(b) there was lack of evidence to suggest that the University Students’ Disciplinary Committee headed by Justice Precious Ngabirano had convened meetings to hear and determine allegations levelled against the affected students. The Committee notes that it is now coming to two months without any report from the University Disciplinary Committee;

(c) the notification of the intention of a peaceful demonstration by the 85th Female Caucus, the Police never made any efforts to respond either clearing or advising the students against the demonstration, but instead chose to swing into action to suppress the chaotic situation;

(d) Regulation 14 of the Makerere University Students Regulations, 2015 provides for general penalties for students found in breach of the rules and regulations, which include; a written caution; demand for an apology, suspension from the Hall or University, replacement of damaged property and or making good of the loss occasioned; dismissal from the Hall of Residence/University; and/or referral to a competent court of law, but does not provide for the decision of the Disciplinary Committee of allowing affected students write their exams pending disciplinary action;

(e) the security personnel that handled the demonstrations acted in a manner that is not professional and ethical to the extent of breaking into students’ rooms and beating wherever they came across.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that;

(a) Management of Makerere University should review all expulsions, suspensions and dismissals of students and institute mechanisms to resolve the impasse through civil and democratic means;

(b) the military and other security agencies should always exercise restraint from physical approaches in managing peaceful demonstrations like in the case of students’ demonstration at Makerere University; and
(c) the University Students’ Disciplinary Committee should expedite the process of hearing cases of affected students and file a report to the University Council for further consideration;

(d) the University Council should review the University Students’ Disciplinary Committee to provide for timeframe within which the different disciplinary cases should be considered and disposed of.

**Issue No.2**

**The Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs and that of Internal Affairs** withdraw the military personnel from the University premises and Students’ Hostels, and direct the police to exercise restraint, observe human rights and protect students’ lives and property

The Committee was informed by the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs that;

(a) the presence of various security agencies at the University was occasioned by overwhelming security concerns in the country and Kampala Metropolitan Area. The Committee was further informed that the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces [UPDF] had been at Makerere University even before the strike to reinforce security in the Kampala Metropolitan Area. However, at the request of the Uganda Police Force, its role in the management of the students demonstration was done in accordance Article 212 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and Section 7 of the UPDF Act, 2005;

(b) the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces on 28th October 2019 withdrew military police elements that were deployed at the University, before Parliament passed the Resolution on Thursday 31st October 2019;

**Observation**

The Committee observes that the deployment of the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces [UPDF] to participate in the management of the protests at the University were not justifiable

**Recommendations**

The Committee recommends that:

(a) the Board of Inquiry into the Conduct of the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces during the students protests at Makerere University should expedite its investigations and present its report to the House through the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs; and

(b) the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces [UPDF] should desist from interfering with or engaging in peaceful and unarmed civilian demonstrations.
Issue No.3
Parliament investigates allegations of sexual misconduct meted upon female students by security personnel

The Committee established that;
(a) the University’s Policy on Sexual Harassment the objective of which is to address acts and practices related to sexual harassment at all levels within the structures of Makerere University, only applies to members of the University Community

(b) the University Council constituted a Select Committee headed by the Vice Chairperson, Hon. Dan Fred Kidega to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct during the students’ demonstration;

(c) Ms. Siperia Saasiraabo who was earlier reported to have suffered sexual assault by security operatives, openly dismissed the allegations before the media. The Committee was informed by the University administration that Ms. Saasiraabo underwent medical examination and a medical report revealed that she was not sexually abused [see Appendix V];

(d) the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs, Hon. Adolf Mwesige in a meeting with the Committee on Education and Sports held on Wednesday 6th November 2019 admitted to errors committed by some Members of the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces [UPDF] which were outside the rules of engagement issued by the supported agency which is the Uganda Police Force. The Committee could however not establish the extent and nature of the errors committed by the UPDF deployed at the University. The Committee was informed that the UPDF arrested the Commander who was in charge of the troops operating at Makerere University at the time of the strike and detained him at the Military Barracks. The Committee was further informed that a Board of Inquiry was constituted to investigate details pertaining to the conduct of the deployed troops, thus were noncommittal on whether this was linked to sexual abuse or not.

Observations

The Committee observes that;

(a) whereas the University has Policy on Sexual Harassment, the said Policy only applies to members of the university community [staff and students] to which the University has control over and can issue sanctions in the event of breach. The University cannot issue sanctions or penalties on persons who are nonmembers of the university community.
(b) the University has no authority or competency to investigate security operatives on allegations of sexual misconduct and could therefore not confirm allegations that some female students suffered sexual violence at the hands of some security operatives; and

(c) despite efforts by the Committee to identify students that were allegedly sexually abused, it was visibly noted that they were not ready to come out in the open, thus there was no substantial evidence that came forth from any member of the students’ community to confirm allegations that security operatives were involved in acts of sexual misconduct against female students during the students protests at the University; and

(d) despite several calls and reminders to the witnesses to submit names of victims of sexual assault, this did happen.

**Recommendations**

*The Committee recommends that;*

(a) owing to lack of substantial evidence, allegations levelled against security operatives that they sexually assaulted some female students can’t hold any further; and

(b) the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs should presents to Parliament on the 17th December, 2019 a report of the Board of Inquiry on the investigations carried out on the conduct of the UPDF troops during the Students’ Protests at Makerere University.

**Issue No.4**

**The Government halts the fees increment pending a sustainable remedy to the financing gap at the University**

The Committee established that;

(a) the 15% increment was already included in the Makerere University Budget appropriated by Parliament for the last two financial years i.e. 2018/19 and 2019/20, thus halting it now would distort the budget execution;

(b) the University Council under Min.4.0/SP/7/2018 upheld the recommendation of the Report and Proposal on Fees Policy by the Special Committee of the Guild Representative Council of June 2018 to increase fees by 15% and be applies to only first year students;

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(c) the process of the 15% tuition involved the Students Guild Leadership but was never concluded through the Guild Representative Council (GRC); and

(d) there were power struggles and wrangles within the then Guild Leadership with allegations and suspicions that some Members maintained secret links with the University administration with intentions of suffocating the tabling of the Report of the Special Committee before the Guild Representative Council for consideration before presenting of the same to the University Council.

Observations

The Committee observes that;

(a) the 15% fees increment was appropriated by Parliament through the Appropriation Acts, 2018 and 2019

(b) the 15% new fees policy did not receive the full endorsement of the student leadership structures as should have been;

(c) the spirit of dialogue, mutual trust and consultation seem to have greatly shrunk at Makerere University with different stakeholders suspicious of each other; and

(d) the University Council and Management have remained uncompromising to the concerns of the students community on the issue and process of the 15% fees increment.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that;

(a) the University management and other stakeholders should promote dialogue and consultation in handling and resolving issues at the University with emphasis on give and take in the discussions;

(b) the university management engages in regular students meetings to be able to establish in time, issues that may cause unrest among students, instead of waiting for scheduled meetings. In other words, there should be effective communication between the students’ body and management.

(c) the University Council should engage the students community and other stakeholders with the view of reviewing the fees policy;
(d) The University Management should refocus their areas of expenditure with emphasis on improving students’ welfare; and

(e) Parliament directs Ministry of Education and Sports to implement Section 42(1) of the Higher Education Students’ Financing Act, 2014 which provides that:

“All scholarships currently offered by the Government of Uganda including bilateral scholarships existing immediately before the commencement of this Act shall vest in the Higher Education Students Financing Board.”

Issue No.5
The Auditor General carries out a forensic audit on the management of finances at the University

The Committee agrees with the proposal of a forensic audit on Makerere University to clarify on accountability issues.

The Committee recommends Office of the Auditor General should carry out the audit and submit a report to Parliament before commencement of the next semester.

Issue No.6
Government tables a Supplementary Budget request to ease the current suffering of students and their benefactors

The Committee recommends that Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic should table before the House, proposals, plans and strategies for sustainable financing of university and tertiary education.

Issue No.7
Government meets the medical bills of all students who were assaulted by the security operatives at the University

Observation

The Committee established that some students namely, Mr. James Ssebidde, a physically impaired 3rd Year Student offering Bachelor of Industrial Art and Design and a resident of Lumumba Hall and Ms. Siperia Saasiraabo were brutally assaulted [see Appendix VI for hospital medical forms]. Ms. Saasirabo missed writing her end of semester exams and Mr. Ssebidde was slow recovering but still in pain and shock.
**Recommendation**

The Committee agrees with the proposal that Government meets the medical bills of all students who were assaulted by the security operatives at the University.

**Issue No.8**

**Government compensates students who lost their property during the chaotic incidents occasioned by military presence at the University**

The Committee recommends that the University Council immediately puts in place mechanisms of identifying and compensating students who lost or had their property damaged during the scuffle.

**Issue No.9**

**Parliament investigates mismanagement and abdication of duty by the University Management.**

The Committee was informed that;

(a) the university administration has an open door policy where student leaders raise their concerns. The Committee was further informed that both the Students' Guild President and the Vice Guild President are Members of the University Council, not as students but as Members of Council with voting rights and are bound by collective responsibility; and

(b) the university administration has ensured to respond to students' concerns in a timely manner and that it has ensured student representation on all governing bodies;

**Observation**

The Committee observes that there exists a communication breakdown between the University administration and the students' community where the latter accuse the former of being insensitive to their concerns. The occurrence and re-occurrence of student protests at the university are indicative of failure by the University administration to address the diverse needs of the students' community.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends that the University Council, Management and the Students’ Guild should establish and streamline collaborative structures with the view of establishing open, democratic and consultative methods of engagement in matters affecting them.
5.0 General Comments

I. The State of the Infrastructure at Makerere University

The state of infrastructure at Makerere University is appalling and which requires massive investments that Government should prioritise.

II. Student Population v. The University Carrying Capacity

The Committee established that Makerere University is operating beyond its carrying capacity which affects the quality of services offered. The current student population is 38,000 which is beyond the actual capacity of 27,000. The Committee therefore recommends that the University management should restructures its academic programmes and enrolment in line with its carrying capacity.

III. Occupancy at the Halls of Residence

The Committee established that rooms in some Halls of Residences were being sublet and occupied by former students and other unauthorized persons, thereby comprising the security of the university premises.

*The Committee recommends that University Council should in collaboration with security weed out suspicious elements residing in the different Halls of Residence.*

IV. Student Overstay at the University

The Committee established that on account of bureaucracies in the university administration, some students have long overstayed on their course programmes at the university on account of bureaucracies

6.0 Conclusion

Given the urgency of this matter, the Committee urges all stakeholders involved to act fast to avert any demonstrations that may arise. The University Council and management should genuinely engage the different stakeholders in decisions that affect them.
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6th November, 2019

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister/Leader of Government Business
Office of the Prime Minister
KAMPALA

RE: STATEMENT ON THE STUDENTS’ UNREST AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

At the 2nd Sitting of the 2nd Meeting of the 4th Session of the 10th Parliament of Uganda held on Thursday 31st October 2019, the Minister of State for Higher Education, Hon. Muyingo John Chrysostom presented to Parliament a Statement on the Students’ unrest at Makerere University. Consequently a motion was moved by Hon. Mpuuga Mathias (MP, Masaka Municipality) and Parliament resolved as follows:-

i. The management of Makerere University rescinds all expulsions, suspensions and dismissals of students and institutes mechanisms to resolve the impasse through civil and democratic means;

ii. The Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs and that of Internal Affairs withdraw the military personnel from the University premises and Students’ Hostels, and direct the police to exercise restraint, observe human rights and protect students’ lives and property;

iii. The Government halts the fees increment pending a sustainable remedy to the financing gap at the University;

iv. The Auditor General carries out a forensic audit on the management of finances at the University;

v. Government tables a Supplementary Budget request to ease the current suffering of students and their benefactors;

vi. Government meets the medical bills of all students who were assaulted by the security operatives at the University; and

vii. Government compensates students who lost their property during the chaotic incidents occasioned by military presence at the University.

You are accordingly informed.

Paul G. Wabwe
For: CLERK TO PARLIAMENT

C.C The Rt. Hon. Speaker
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C.C The Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH JULY 2018 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM STARTING AT 09:45AM

Members Present:
1. Eng. Dr. C. Wana - Etyem - Council Chairperson/Government Appointee
3. Hon. T. Tayebwa - Council Appointee
4. Mr. B. B. Kabaasa - Government Appointee
5. Prof. B. Nawangwe - Vice-Chancellor
6. Prof. W. Bazeyo - Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor (F&A)
7. Dr. S.B. Maleba - Council Appointee
9. Mr. W. Ndoleriire - Rep. Min. of Finance, Planning & Economic Development
11. Dr. U. Kakumba - Senate Representative
12. Dr. W.T. Ireeta - MUASA Representative
13. Dr. S. N. Ssali - MUASA Representative
14. Mr. V. Abigaba - MASA Representative
15. Mr. J. Musoke - Support Staff Representative
16. Mr. G.W. Opee - Rep. Staff with Disabilities
17. Mr. Salim Papa Were - Student Representative
18. Ms. Phionah Kokoi - Student Representative

Absent with Apology:
1. Hon. I. Ovonji-Odida - Vice Chairperson of Council/Council Appointee
2. Dr. E. Okello-Ogwang - Deputy Vice Chancellor (AA)
4. Dr. F. Tanga Odoi - Convocation Representative
5. Ms. Doreen Nyanjura - KCCA Representative
6. Dr. Sarah Kiguli - Senate Representative
7. Mr. Charles Barugahare - University Secretary

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CHAIRPERSON
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2018

In Attendance:
1. Dr. H. Byamugisha - University Librarian
2. Ms. R. Namisango - Senior Public Relations Officer
3. Mr. A.M. Namoah - Academic Registrar
4. Ms. Deborah Nalule - Ag. University Bursar
5. Dr. Vincent Ssembatya - Director Quality Assurance
6. Mr. S. Kateega - Ag. Dean of Students
7. Mr. Walter Yorac Nono - Director Internal Audit

Secretariat:
1. Mr. Yusuf Kiranda - Ag. University Secretary
2. Mr. Henry Mwebe - Director Legal Affairs
3. Ms N. Kiconco - Legal Officer
4. Ms Prossie Katongole - Legal Officer

1.0 PRELIMINARIES
1.1 Opening of the meeting
1.2 Membership: to record membership and receive apologies
1.3 Adoption of the agenda
1.4 Prayer

2.0 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRPERSON & MANAGEMENT REPORT
2.1 Communication from the Chairperson
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MINUTES OF
Held At

Makerere University
Office of the University Secretary
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the University Council held on July 6th, 2018

MIN 1.0. SP/7/2018 PRELIMINARIES:

MIN 1.1. SP/7/2018 OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m.

MIN 1.2. SP/7/2018: OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by Mr. George Opee.

MIN 1.3. SP/7/2018: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Noted:

That a special meeting of Council was necessary for the following reasons:

(a) The Term of Office for the positions of Principal and Deputy Principal of CEDAT had ended. Council had to meet to consider the Senate report for the appointment process to be finalised to avoid a leadership vacuum at the College.

(b) The Appointments Board had concluded the interview process for the Position of the University Bursar. Council had to meet to consider the recommendation from Appointments Board on the appointment of the University Bursar.

(c) The University Council had suspended the revised tuition fees on selected programs following the recent student unrest to allow for more consultations with the students leaders. The student's leaders had concluded the consultations and were ready to present the report to Council.

Agreed: To adopt the agenda as presented.

2.1 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairperson welcomed members to the meeting and communicated that:

(a) He recently received a report from the students' guild on the tuition fees policy. The students had proposed a reduction in the rate of increment of tuition fees to 15% across all academic programs.
(b) The approach taken by the students to consult and engage in dialogue on tuition fees was commendable.

(c) While the student leaders had presented their proposal on fees increment, the decision on tuition fees revision lies with the University Council, which considers the views of diverse stakeholders. Once a decision is reached, it shall be collectively owned by all Council members.

(d) The recent fire outbreak at Makerere Mary Stuart Hall had exposed some gaps in the management of the Halls of Residence. Among the major challenges included the condition of hygiene at the hall. The existing conditions brought into question the role of the Wardens in the halls of residences.

(e) There were cases of leakages of University records and Management needed to mitigate against the leakage.

(f) Decisions of the University Council were often disseminated prematurely and at times distorted. Stakeholders were advised to await for the official communication of the Council decisions.

2.2 COMMUNICATION FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR/ MANAGEMENT REPORT

Received: (a) The management report (appended to these minutes and marked as "A")

2.3 REACTIONS TO THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION

1. GOVERNMENT HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

Noted: (a) That Makerere University had around 40% of University enrolment in Uganda, however, Makerere University students constituted a disproportional 10% of beneficiaries of the government higher education loan scheme.

(b) That there is a wrong perception that Makerere University admits well-to-do students who may not qualify for the loan scheme which targets needy students.

(c) That the loan scheme focussed on science-based disciplines. The cut-off points for the eligible courses is high at Makerere compared to other Universities. Therefore, most students who qualify for the loan scheme are enrolled in other universities other than Makerere.

Agreed: (i) That management engages with the administration of the Higher Education Loan Scheme on the question of Makerere Students benefiting from the scheme.
2. APPROVAL OF LEADERSHIP ALLOWANCE

Noted: (a) That Council had approved the principle of payment of the leadership allowance during the 142 meeting. Management had been tasked to work out the figures for Council approval.

(b) That leadership/headship allowance covered academic and administrative leaders.

(c) That the total annual bill for leadership/headship allowance for the FY2018/2019 was UGX 4.7 Billion.

(d) That the hierarchy of leaders and the rates for some of the positions needed to be adjusted while keeping within the UGX4.7 Billion cap.

(e) That where applicable, any other allowances may be considered within the available resources at the Centre/Units.

(f) That no payments of allowances in the Colleges/Units would be made before recommendation of the College/Unit Finance Committees for approval of Management within their respective budgets.

(g) That College/Unit decisions bearing a financial implication to the University needed to be approved by Council before implementation.

Agreed: (i) To approve the payment of leadership allowance effective July 1st, 2018.

(ii) That the bill for the leadership allowance for the FY2018/2019 be capped at UGX 4.7 Billion.

(h) That Management adjusts the hierarchy and the rates for certain positions while keeping within the 4.7 Billion cap. That where applicable, any other allowances may be considered within the available resources at the Centre/Units.

(i) That no payments of allowances in the Colleges/Units would be made before recommendation of the College/Unit Finance Committees for approval of Management within their respective budgets.

(iii) That College/Unit decisions bearing a financial implication to the University must be approved by Council before implementation.

(iv) That the adjusted rates be approved by the Chairperson of Council before payment is effected.

3. RENOVATION OF MARY STUART HALL

Noted: (a) That Mary Stuart Hall needed to be renovated in time for the new academic year scheduled to start on August 4th, 2018.
(b) That the Estates and Works Director would engage University Staff for the renovation hence only materials would be procured.

(c) That Management should scrutinise and monitor the works to ensure value for money.

(d) That Management was addressing the costs of procurement through framework contracts and strengthening coordination with colleges and administrative units.

(e) That Management needed to prioritise hygiene in the Halls of Residence.

Agreed: [i] That Management expedites the renovation of Mary Stuart Hall to have it ready for the new academic year.

(ii) That Management ensures value for money in all procurements at the University.

(iii) That Management improves hygiene in the Halls of Residence.

MINUTE 2.0.SP/7/2018 REPORT FROM SENATE

Received: The Report from Senate (appended to these minutes and marked as "B").

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPLE OF CEDAT

Noted: (a) That the contracts for the current office bearers for the positions of Principal and Deputy Principal of CEDAT had expired on June 30th, 2018.

(b) That the University Council had, during its 143rd meeting held on 14th March 2018 established a Search Committee for the two positions with the recommendation that the Search and appointment process would be completed by June 30th, 2018.

(c) That Search Committee started its work according to schedule and advertised for the positions externally. However, the initial response to the advisement was low with each of the two positions attracting one applicant only.

(d) That in consultation with the Chairperson of Council, the Search Committee extended the period of advertisement. The extension
also did not attract additional applicants. Based on further consultations with the Chairperson of Council, the Committee proceeded to interview the two candidates who had applied for the positions.

(e) That the University Senate considered the report of the Search Committee as required by law. In its report to Council, Senate adopted the report of the Search Committee and recommended the following candidates for consideration of Council to the position of Principal and Deputy Principal of CEDAT as follows:

- Professor Henry Arinaitwe for the position of Principal
- Dr. Venny Nakazibwe for the position of Deputy Principal

(f) That limited applications received for the two positions point to low levels of interest in academic leadership positions at Makerere University. Several factors such as renumeration, facilitation of leaders and staff discipline may explain the limited interest. There was need to put in place mechanisms for responding to these factors.

(g) That the appointment process was guided by section 29(2) of the Universities and other Tertiary Institutions, Act 2001 (as amended) (UOTIA). The Act provides that:

"Where the National Council establishes or declares a College or Public Tertiary Institution to be a constituent College of a University:-

1. The Chancellor of that University shall appoint a Principal on the recommendation of the University Council from three candidates recommended by the Senate of the University;

2. The Chancellor shall appoint a Deputy Principal on the recommendation of the University Senate with the approval of the University Council."

(h) That since each of the positions attracted one applicant, Council was unable to consider three names for the position of Principal.

(i) That the recommendation of one candidate for the position of Principal had previous precedents.

(j) That in the evaluation process, Professor Arinaitwe obtained an overall score of 83%, while Dr. Nakazibwe obtained an overall score of 74%.
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Agreed:

(i) To adopt the Senate report.
(ii) To recommend the following to the Chancellor for appointment as Principal and Deputy Principal of CEDAT respectively:
   • Professor Henry Arinaitwe for the position of Principal
   • Dr. Venny Nakazibwe for the position of Deputy Principal
(iii) That Management reviews motivation mechanisms for academic leadership at the university and makes recommendations to Council.

MINUTE 3.0.SP/7/2018 BUSINESS FROM APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Received:
A recommendation from the Appointments Board to appoint Mr. Evarist Bainomugisha to the position of University Bursar.

Noted:
(a) That the position of University Bursar had fallen vacant following the resignation of Mr. Augustine Tamale.
(b) That the position had been advertised externally and attracted eight applicants. Four candidates met the application requirements and were shortlisted.
(c) That the University Bursar would be appointed on a contract of five years effective August 1st, 2018. However, the Bursar needed to be given up to 3 months within which to report and the effective date of the contract would be the date of assumption of duty.
(d) That the Bursar would be employed at the M3 salary scale.

Agreed:

(i) To appoint Mr. Evarist Bainomugisha to the position of University Bursar
(ii) That the appointment shall be with effect from 1st August 2018. However, Mr. Bainomugisha will be allowed up to three months within which to report. Accordingly, the contract shall count from the date of assumption of duty.
(iii) The contract shall be offered for a period of five years at the M3 salary scale.

MINUTE 4.0.SP/7/2018 TUITION FEES REVISION

Received:
A report from the Student Leadership on tuition fees revision.

Noted:
(a) That the University Council during its 142nd meeting, held on 14th March 2018 had approved a new fees structure with increment for
selected Science programmes. The increment which ranged from 49% to 91% was aimed at bolstering the University revenue to meet the increased costs of providing services including internet, teaching facilities such as science labs and accommodation facilities.

(b) That the decision to increase fees led to a protest by the students which ended in a strike. The students claimed that the increment was high.

(c) That at the request of the University Management, Council agreed to suspend implementation of the new fees structure to allow for further consultations with the student leadership and other stakeholders.

(d) That the University Management concluded consultations with the students. The student leaders benchmarked Universities in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda and concluded that Makerere was charging the lowest fees in the region.

(e) That the student leaders in their report agreed on the financial needs of the University but indicated that any increase in fees needed to be modest and phased. They therefore suggested a modest increment of 15% per academic year for each cohort on the fees for the previous academic year over a five-year period.

Agreed:

(i) To increase fees on all undergraduate programmes for first year students by 15% beginning with the 2018/2019 academic year.

(ii) That the 15% fees increment be successively continued for each cohort on the fees for the previous academic year over a five-year period.

(iii) That every cohort of students continues with the fees structure upon which they are admitted until they complete their programmes.

(iv) There will be no fees increment on continuing students.

(v) That Management sensitises the student body on the new fees structure accordingly.

Closure of the meeting

There being no any other business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 2:0
REPORT & PROPOSAL ON FEES POLICY

BY

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE GUILD REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

JUNE 2018
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1.0 Background

The University has made a number of failed attempts to increase tuition fees which has crippled its operations. The last attempt by Council to increase fees for selected programs was resisted by the students because the student fraternity had not been consulted enough and some of the proposed increments were very high, some as high as 90%. Management was able to explain to the student leadership the rational why the fees had been increased and the procedures they had followed including consulting the two student leaders on University Council about the same. It was however noted that the consultation with the two student leader was not sufficient considering the number of students they represent.

It was also noted that there was need for more student leaders to be brought on board to understand the financial challenge of the University and therefore involve the fees increment.

Therefore, the Guild Representative Council appointed a ten-member committee to review the Council decision on fees and make proposals for review of the Council decisions.

2.0 Terms of Reference

The committee commenced work on 4th June 2018 with the following terms of reference;

i. To study the financial challenges of the University and their impact on the quality of services

ii. To make proposals and recommendations based on the findings of 2.1 above

iii. To consult other student leaders (formally & informally) on the way forward.

iv. To benchmark other Universities in the region

3.0 Methodology

i. The Committee undertook a desk review of the relevant financial documents including the final accounts for the last 3 years to ascertain the magnitude of financial constraints the University is faced with.

ii. The desk review also included the Visitation report on the issue of Unit cost

iii. The Committee also reviewed the fees structures for the last 5 years for both national and international students.

iv. The Committee also made face to face interactions with selected management official for clarity.
v. The Committee was also availed with the University annual budgets for the last 3 years.
vi. The Committee made a review of the audit matters for the last 3 years.

vii. The Committee also made Bench Marking visits to various Universities in the region such as Nairobi University, Gulu University among others.

viii. The Committee interacted with the Parliamentary Committee on Education and Social Services.

4.0 Findings and Observations (Internal)

4.1 Analysis of the University Annual Budgets for last 3 years

The Committee observed that for the last 3 years the University has failed to balance its expected revenues with its expenditure. As a result it has continued to have unfunded priorities in critical areas like infrastructure which affect the hygiene of students and staff.

The Committee noted for example that the budget for development expenditure where the construction of toilets and other amenities has remained with a budget of 159 million from the Government subvention allocation. It was also noted that the non-wage allocation from government was inadequate to cater for a number of items in the University budget and as a result Management continuously found itself supplementing such items from internally generated funds.

The committee received information that salaries to staff are supplemented by internally generated funds to the tune of 32 bn annually. This was in addition to the salary component paid by Government in Bank of Uganda.

In addition the committee noted that a number of domestic arrears (debts of previous years have continued to be unfinanced because of shortage of income.

4.2 Analysis of the fees structures for the last 5 years

The Committee reviewed the fees structures for the last 5 years and noted the following;

i. The fees for most program had not been reviewed and had remained the same for the last 5 years. This was despite the changing cost of living especially in the city center were the University is located.
ii. The committee noted that a number of programs were paying less than a million shillings per semester.

iii. The expected outputs per program were not being achieved because the fees paid were not meeting the cost of the services expected.

iv. The committee noted that if was not possible to increase fees for continuing students since they had been admitted on a different fees structure. It would be difficult for parents to adjust to the new fees as they had not planned for it.

4.3 Analysis of the final accounts for the last 3 years

The committee was briefed about the trends of fees payments for the last 3 years

i. It was noted that in the year 2014/15, out of the budgeted Ugx.133.3 billion only Ugx.99 billion was collected.

ii. In the year 2015/16, out of the budgeted Ugx.112 billion only Ugx.87.9 billion was collected.

iii. In the year 2016/17, out of the budgeted x.87 billion only Ugx.81 billion was collected.

The implication of the above was that the number of students had continued to drop due to competition with other Universities among other reasons.

In addition the committee noted that a number of students were failing to fully pay their due fees on time and this was affecting the operations of the University.

The annual accounts also indicated that the University was accumulating unpaid bills for each year.

4.4 Review of the audit matters for the last 3 years

Information from Management indicated that a number of issues were being raised by audit emanating from insufficient funding. These issues included the following:

i. Dilapidated structures

ii. Accumulated domestic arrears

iii. Poor staff numbers

iv. Unbalanced budgets

All the above audit matters were resulting from insufficient funding.
4.5 Review of the Visitation Committee

The Committee noted that the Visitation report and picked out silent issues on the topic including
the following:

i) The report indicated that "higher education in Uganda receives some what less than
10% of the overall education budget or just a little under 0.3% of GDP" it further noted
that “ The dynamic of the debate on public funding of Universities has for several years
been framed by the issue of unit costs or average per student costs and that if
Institutions need to recover the unit costs irrespective on who covers the costs, then the
higher Education system would be more competitive and sustainable”

ii) That Tuition fees are the single largest source of Income, accounting for roughly half of
all the revenues in Public Universities.

iii) That the current levels of fees have been insufficient to fund high cost programs in
Science & Technology and that higher fees are required for the delivery of such
programs.

iv) That fees in Universities are not much higher than fees in better-quality secondary
schools and much less than in certain comparable developing-world countries.

v) That while the number of public Universities is increasing; the funding is not enhanced to
match the increasing demand.

vi) The Visitation report hence recommended that management should implement a
diversified funding model premised on international best practices so as to make
Makerere University financially sustainable.

5.0 Findings and Benchmarks

The Committee visited a number of Universities and noted that Makerere University was charging
much lower fees compared to other Universities in the region. In the University of Nairobi it was
noted that the fees charged for similar courses were much higher compared to what is paid
currently. The table below summarizes some of the programs in question.
## NAIROBI UNIVERSITY SELECTED PROGRAM (Per Year)

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## COMPARATIVE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY FEES FOR SIMILAR PROGRAMS:

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**NOTES:**

1. From the above tables it became apparent that the University of Nairobi operates at Unit Cost per programme compared to Makerere University.
2. In most of the cases, the fees at the University of Nairobi were more than 5 times than that of Makerere University.
3. The Committee agreed that in order not to compromise on Quality, a starting point to improve fees was appropriate.
4. It was also noted that it is not possible to copy and paste the fees at Nairobi University to Makerere University.
Recommendations

On the basis of the above observations the committee of the student leaders made the following recommendations:

I) Instead of increasing fees by the tune of 49% and 91% as it were in the earlier Management proposal there should be a uniform and moderate 15% increase in tuition fees across all programs effective 2018/19 for the next 5 years. This however means that a student who joins the University at a given fees structure that has a 15% factored in, shall continue to pay similar fees until he completes the Course duration.

II) While the Visitation Committee recommended that Public Universities should charge a unit cost per program, our Committee has only considered a reasonable and moderate 15% to cater for annual inflation. This was mainly considering our unique social –economic conditions as a country.

III) The increment of 15% should only apply to first year students (effective 2018/19) going forward and not continuing students.

IV) There should be a feedback framework where all matters/policies that affect students are discussed by student leaders beyond the two student representatives that sit on the Council and its Committees.

V) The Guild President and his Vice should be allowed more participation on committees of Council that relate to student issues including quality assurance and student welfare committees.

VI) The revenue accruing from the above proposal if approved and implemented should reflect a change in student services especially in areas of student hygiene, Laboratory facilities, teaching facilities, WiFi, health services and customer care.

VII) Part of the resources should be deployed in the renovation of Mary Stuart Hall and before the Semester one 2018/19 commences. In addition regular renovations on other halls of residences should be factored in the University annual budget.
6.0 Conclusion

The committee has taken time to read and appreciate the need to increase fees starting with academic year 2018/19. The student body has been able to understand the University predicament on financial challenges. The Visitation Committee report clearly indicated that the University was under funded and from the documentation that was availed to us, It became apparent that it was important to increase fees at least within the means affordable.

As a team we have been able to reduce the proposed increase in some programs from 49% & 91% respectively to a reasonable 15% and our request and plea to the University Council is that this should be approved. The committee believes that the recommendations above if implemented shall go a long way in solving a major problem that the University has been faced with and in the process improve on the students welfare and academic standing.
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College of Engineering, Design, Art and Technology

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| Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication Engineering | 1,725,000 | 2,384.50 |                       |
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| Bachelor of Industrial and Fine Arts | 1,725,000 | 2,384.50 |                       |
| Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning | 1,725,000 | 2,384.50 |                       |

College of Business and Management Sciences

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| Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Economics | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
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| Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
| Bachelor of Science in Business Statistics | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
| Bachelor of Arts in Economics | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
| Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
| Bachelor of Commerce (with options: Accounting, Finance & Banking, Marketing and Insurance) | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
| Bachelor of Business Administration (with options: Procurement, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management and International Business) | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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| Bachelor of Journalism and Communication | 1,545,600 | 2,076.00 |                       |
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College of Education and External Studies

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MENGO HOSPITAL

BOOK SERIAL NO.

DISCHARGE FORM

NAME: Sasaaba Sipena..............................................AGE: 23yrs......SEX: F
WARD: M/B..........................................................IP NO.: 19 - 0837109
DOA: 24/10/19............................................DOD: 27/10/19

CLINICAL AND INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

A 23yrs F no known chronic illness presents with a 3rd episode of features of psychosis and paranoia. Presented with a 6hr failure to speak, fearfulness and confused speech following a stressful event.Suspected to have been assaulted but confirmed that there was no rape. Spent over 3yrs in hospital aphasic with confused speech. RV by a Psychiatrist and Physician who diagnosed her and managed her for Acute Psychotic D/Co.

She young lady, J. A. Afebo
BP = 170/100 mmHg
BR = 62 bpm
O2 = 97% on R/L

Improved on Sotaline, Antibiotics, Antipsychotics.

FINAL DIAGNOSIS
1. Acute Psychotic D/Co
2. UTI
3. PTSD
4. Paranoid D/Co

TREATMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Tob. Ciprofloxacin 500mg OD - 8
- Tob. Flagyl 500mg 8 - 6
- Tob. Ciprofloxacin 500mg BD - 0.5
- Cpr. W CONT Gold 1 BD - 0.5
- Tob. Sotaline 100mg OD - 8

RV in Psychiatric Clinic
15/11/19

DOCTOR’S NAME: Dr. Nnunda Eza
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# Discharge Summary

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She was alert, not dehydrated, not pale, had no cuts or bruises over her body, she was not talking. Vitals were PR- 85bpm, Bp- 100/73 mmhg, SPO2- 97% at room air. Chest and abdominal exams were normal.

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3. HIV serology – negative

## Progress on Ward:
Stable hemodynamically while admitted. Noted to always appear frightened and jittery when asked about the events.

## Discharge Clinical Exam Findings:
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## Discharge Medications:
1. Tabs alprazolam 0.25mg at night x 1/52

## Instructions:
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## Follow up Appointment(s) and Review Date:
By Prof. Noeline Nakasujja on Monday 11th November 2019 at 1pm at IMC Kololo

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**Discharging Medical Officer:** Dr. Carolyn Kahendeke  
**Managing specialist:**  
Prof. Noeline Nakasujja – psychiatrist  
Dr. Irene Nakalema, Dr. Phoebe Mbabazi – physician team
| NAME: S. Asirabe Simon | |
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| SEX: Female | |
| AGE: 23 years | |
| IP NO: 419/7 | |
| REG. NO: 17/4/93, 97, 99 | |
| STUDENT NO: | |
| NEXT OF KIN: J. Kyanwirewa Atapu (BROTHER) | |
| DATE OF ADMISSION: 14/11/9 | |
| DATE OF DISCHARGE: 23/11/9 | |

**ADMITTING COMPLAINTS:** 23 years old female student at Makerere University admitted with recurrent episode of disorganised behaviour, refused to look and behave hostile to unknown person, occasional screaming, a period of 3 weeks. She had initially been managed for Acute Stress Reaction in Mengo Hospital and ITH respectively, prior to admission to Makerere University Hospital.

**ADMITTING IMPRESSION:**
1) Acute Stress Reaction
2) Major Mental Disorder with Disorganised Behaviour
3) R/O Mood Disorder Psychosis
4) R/O Schizo-affective Disorder

**INVESTIGATIONS DONE:**
1) R/Bs for M/C - No M/C seen
2) T/L reaction - IgG - negative
3) Plasma - Negative
4) Urinalysis
TREATMENT ADMINISTERED:
1. PO Fluoxetine 20mg twice x 1/2.
2. PO Paroxetine 2mg twice x 1/2.
3. IM Haloperidol 1mg.
4. PO Buspirone 5mg O/D x 1/2.
5. Consultiy and Candance.
6. Psychotherapy.

DIAGNOSIS:
R/O PTSD.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: i.e. CLINIC(S) TO ATTEND:
1. To attend CDB every Tuesday at Makeville University Hospital.
2. Social support.
3. Encouraged to continue with Oral Therapy.

DISCHARGING DOCTOR:
26th November 2019

Mr. Julius Kateregga
Students' Guild President
Makerere University
KAMPALA

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FEMALE STUDENTS WHO WERE SEXUALLY MOLESTED BY SECURITY PERSONNEL DURING THE RECENT STUDENTS' UNREST AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

As you may be aware, on Thursday 31st October 2019 upon debate on the Statement on the Students' Unrest at Makerere University that was presented by the Minister of State for Education in charge of Higher Education, Hon. J.C Muyingo on Wednesday 30th October, 2019, the House passed a Resolution in which it directed the Committee on Education and Sports to investigate allegations of:

(a) Sexual misconduct meted upon female students by security personnel; and

(b) Mismanagement and abdication of duty by the University Management.

The Committee has since then held meetings with a number of stakeholders in a bid to conclude the assignment as directed by the House. The Committee received reports alleging that during the recent students' unrest at Makerere University, some female students suffered offensive sexual misconduct meted on them by some security personnel that were called in to calm the situation.

The purpose of this communication is to invite you, with not more than five other students for a meeting slated for Wednesday 4th December 2019 in Conference Hall A starting at 10.00 a.m. that you feel can avail relevant information on the allegations. Please note that the information you shall avail shall be treated and considered as confidential as you may so wish.

Twesigye John Ntamuhiira, MP
VICE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS

c.c. The Chairperson, Committee on Education and Sports
26th November 2019

The University Secretary
Makerere University
KAMPALA

RE: PLANNED VISIT BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS TO MAKERERE UNIVERSITY TO APPRAISE THE STATE OF KEY INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

Please refer to your letter dated 22nd November 2019 addressed to the undersigned on the above subject.

This is to inform you that the proposed date of 5th December 2019 for the visit is agreeable to the Committee.

Tweesigye John Ntamuhira, MP
VICE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS

cc. The Chairperson, Committee on Education and Sports
cc. The Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
cc. The Chairperson, Makerere University Council
cc. The Chief Security Officer, Makerere University
cc. The President, Makerere University Students’ Guild
MINORITY REPORT ON THE DIRECTIVES OF THE HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE ON STUDENTS BY MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM; AND THE MISMANAGEMENT AND ABDICATION OF DUTY BY THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Office of the Clerk to Parliament
Parliamentary Buildings
KAMPALA

December, 2019
1.0 Introduction

Rule 202(1) of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament provides that any Member or Members dissenting from the opinion of a majority of a Committee, may state in writing the reasons for his or her or their dissent, and the statements of reasons shall be appended to the report of the Committee. Sub rule (2) of the same Rule provides that the Member dissenting from the opinion of the majority of the Committee shall be given time to present the Minority Report at the time of consideration of the Committee Report.

In line with Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure of this 10th Parliament, I wish to present this Minority Report.

2.0 Background

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Members, you will that this House on Thursday 31st October, 2019 passed a Resolution [see Appendix I] after thorough debate on the Statement by the Minister of State in charge of Higher Education, Hon. Muyingo John Chryzostom on the Students’ Unrest at Makerere University, Kampala.

At the conclusion of the debate on the Statement, the House directed the Committee on Education and Sports to investigate allegations of;

(a) Sexual Abuse on Students by Men and Women in Uniform; and

(b) Mismanagement and Abdication of Duty by the University Management

3.0 Methodology

The basis upon which this Minority Report was compiled was the detailed analysis of the contents of the majority Report of the Committee. The Report highlights the following key salient issues which form the basis of dissenting opinions;

(1) Halting of the 15% fees increment

(2) Sexual abuse on students by Men and Women in Uniform

(3) Failure of the Senior Minister of Education and Sports to honor invitations to attend the Committee’s meetings
4.0 Reasons for Dissenting Opinion

4.1 Failure of the Senior Minister of Education and Sports to honor invitations to attend the Committee’s meetings to substantiate on the Students’ Unrest at Makerere University

We wish to report as follows:

(a) the Committee on Education and Sports found it necessary to specifically interact with the Senior Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, but all efforts inviting her to attend meetings of the Committee to substantiate on the matter of Students’ Unrest at Makerere University went in futility. When the Committee asked the Minister of State for Higher Education during the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 of the whereabouts of the senior Minister of Education and Sports, he responded thus “the Minister of Education and Sports had other important engagements to attend to.”

(b) whereas the Committee had the opportunity to interact with the Ministers of State, who included Hon. Muyingo John Chryzostom [meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2019] and Hon. Seninde Rosemary [meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019], the Committee still resolved to have the Senior Minister attend subsequent meetings [see Appendix II] in person to substantiate on most of the issues raised but all attempts were in vain;

(c) Among the key issues that the Committee wished the Senior Minister to substantiate on the Students’ Unrest are contained in a post [see Appendix III] on her facebook account duly signed by herself on 28th October 2019, where upon inquiry by Members, the Minister of State for Higher Education, Hon. John Chryzostom Muyingo said that he was not in position to respond to the post but that the senior Minister of Education and Sports was. Her post incorporated allegations that some students who instigated the strike were drug addicts.

(d) We find that the senior Minister of Education and Sports was in breach of Article 90 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and Rules 205 and 221 of the Rules of Procedure of the 10th Parliament of Uganda.

(e) We thus find the Minister of Education and Sports is culpable of contempt of Parliament.
Observations

In light of the above, without the input of the senior Minister of Education and Sports on such very important issues in the education sector relating to the oldest public university in the country, we observe that the majority report is incomplete.

We further observe that the statements of the senior Minister on her facebook account referring to striking students as drug addicts was derogatory, tarnishes the image and reputation of the oldest university in Uganda.

Recommendations

We wish to recommend as follows;

(a) that the senior Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni should prioritize parliamentary business since she is accountable to the Committee and to Parliament.

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4.2 Halting of the 15% fees increment

We wish to report as follows; -

(a) Whereas the House passed a Resolution on Thursday 31st October 2019 that Government should halt the fees increment pending a sustainable remedy to the financing gap at the University, the National Resistance Movement [NRM] Party Caucus during its meeting on Monday 11th November 2019 discussed and pronounced itself [see Appendix IV] in support of the 15% fees increment.

(b) Whereas the involvement of the Students' Guild Leadership in the decision to increase the fees structure was not legally binding, the University Council largely depended on the Report of the 7-person Special Committee of the Guild Representative Council to form its opinion on the same;
(c) The 7-person Special Committee of the Guild Representative Council had a duty to report back to the Guild Representative Council to generate consensus which would be carried forward to the University Council;

(d) The process and mechanism that the 7-person Special Committee of the Guild Representative Council would have used to report back to the Guild Representative Council was usurped by the University Management. The Report that the University Council adopted was not process by the Guild Representative Council.

(c) The Report of the Directorate of Quality Assurance of Makerere University, May 2019 puts the student dropout rate at 1,500 students per academic year owing to inability to complete payment of tuition fees.

Observations

We wish to observe as follows:

(a) The powers and functions of the Students’ Guild Representative Council were usurped by the University management in the process of generating the decision to increase the fees structure, and this could be the reason for the students’ protests that ensued.

(b) The tuition fees at Makerere University coupled with other requirements of the learner and the economic conditions of Uganda are already felt high.

(c) Party Caucus positions or pronouncements cannot override Parliamentary decisions.

Recommendations

We wish to recommend as follows:

(a) That Government honors the Parliamentary Resolution of halting the 15% fee increment as was passed by this House on Thursday 31st October, 2019.

(b) Government should finance the funding gap of Makerere University.
4.3 Investigate Allegations of Sexual Abuse on Students by Men and Women in Uniform

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Members, the House did direct the Committee on Education and Sports to investigate allegations of Sexual Abuse on students by Men and Women in Uniform.

We wish to report as follows;

(a) The Committee on Education and Sports did not spare time to specifically inquire and interface with alleged victims of sexual harassment at the Campus of Makerere University.

(b) Taking into concern that sexual harassment is a very sensitive matter, making public confessions by victims in most cases is not easy, and most victims will suffer silently if a conducive environment is not accorded to them. It causes resentment and death though one could be seen alive.

(c) Among the alleged victims was the Guild President, Mr. Julius Kateregga who openly confessed that his genitalia were squeezed in the scuffle of his arrest during the demonstration.

(d) One female student [names withheld] testified that she was subjected to verbal sexual insults inside the hostel and at Wandegeya Police Station after her arrest. Among the insults, a uniformed security officer threatened called her a prostitute and threatened to put his genitalia in her mouth.

(e) Despite efforts by a few of the students to interface with the Committee on Education and Sports to disclose the agony and experience of sexual harassment, they expressed discomfort at the environment at Parliament and decided to go back.

(f) In lieu of the above, some students who testified before the Committee in camera [off the press] requested for a conducive environment to further disclose their agony on sexual harassment but the Committee did not accord them the same.
Observations

*We wish to observe as follows:*

(a) Only two students were able to testify their agony out of the many allegedly sexually harassed.

(b) Female Halls of Residence were reportedly invaded by male security operatives which puts the students' lives at risk.

(c) The Committee on Education and Sports did not substantively and conclusively handle the matter of sexual harassment.

Recommendations

*We wish to recommend that: -*

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(b) The University management should put in place psychosocial support mechanisms to address concerns raised by the alleged victims.

5.0 Conclusion

We wish to state that the success and achievements in the education sector have a multiplicity of interests and stakes that need to be considered when implementing Government policies.

The recent students' demonstration at Makerere was indicative of the fact that some interests were ignored by the University authorities.

The Resolution passed by this House on Thursday 31st October 2019 needs to be acted upon by Government and this Parliament awaits an action taken report on the same.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Members,

I beg to move
MINORITY REPORT ON THE DIRECTIVES TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SPORTS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT METED UPON SOME FEMALE STUDENTS DURING THE RECENT STUDENTS' UNREST AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY AND THE ABDICATION OF DUTY BY THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

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The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister/Leader of Government Business
Office of the Prime Minister
KAMPALA

RE: STATEMENT ON THE STUDENTS’ UNREST AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

At the 2nd Sitting of the 2nd Meeting of the 4th Session of the 10th Parliament of Uganda held on Thursday 31st October 2019, the Minister of State for Higher Education, Hon. Muyingo John Chrysostom presented to Parliament a Statement on the Students’ unrest at Makerere University. Consequently a motion was moved by Hon. Mpuuga Mathias (MP. Masaka Municipality) and Parliament resolved as follows:-

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iii. The Government halts the fees increment pending a sustainable remedy to the financing gap at the University;

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v. Government tables a Supplementary Budget request to ease the current suffering of students and their benefactors;

vi. Government meets the medical bills of all students who were assaulted by the security operatives at the University; and

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You are accordingly informed.

Paul G. Wabwire
For: CLERK TO PARLIAMENT

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Speaker Rebecca Kadaga has asked her National Resistance Movement (NRM) party caucus to “stop undermining Parliament”. Ms Kadaga is the second national vice chairperson of the NRM and also the Woman Member of Parliament for Kamuli District.

While presiding over the House yesterday, Ms Kadaga said the NRM Caucus is failing the work of Parliament despite clear legal provisions for separation of power between the Executive and the Legislature.

“I just want to caution members that when we enacted the Administration of Parliament Act, we wanted to be free from the Executive; but now members are lifting issues from here and going there to agree with the Executive and undermine Parliament, to undermine this institution,” she charged.

She was reacting to concerns that the NRM Caucus under the Government Chief Whip, Ms Ruth Nankabirwa, convened at State House Entebbe on Monday and committed to overturn the decision by Parliament to halve the 15 per cent tuition fees increment at Makerere University.

The tuition increment policy triggered student protests at the university that lasted two weeks and left many students injured and their property vandalised by security forces.

The NRM Caucus, during the State House meeting, also agreed to block the Administration of Parliament Bill 2019, which proposes that Government Chief Whip, Leader of the Opposition and Committee chairpersons be elected rather than appointed as is the case now.

Nankabirwa insists: “I want to reiterate that stop undermining Parliament, stop undermining this institution, stop undermining the institution of Parliament,” Ms Kadaga warned sternly.

However, Ms Nankabirwa, in her defiant response, said she had broken no law and pointed her critics to the existing multiparty political dispensation.

“We are in a multiparty system. I don’t know which rule I broke. I can be reminded of the rule I broke,” she shot back.

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Ms Kadaga reiterated that decisions must

Stop barring candidates from exams, cause of unpaid school fees balances. Exam results of the candidate, however, can be withheld by the school authorities until he/she has cleared all outstanding fees, she added.

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KAMPALA. The Minister of Education and Sports, Ms Janet Museveni, has directed all schools across the country to stop blocking candidates who fail to pay fees.
Don’t undermine Parliament, Kadaga tells NRM caucus
By Moses Kyeyune

Speaker Rebecca Kadaga has asked her National Resistance Movement (NRM) party caucus to "stop undermining Parliament".

Ms Kadaga is the second national vice chairperson of the NRM and also the Woman Member of Parliament for Kamuli District.

While presiding over the House yesterday, Ms Kadaga said the NRM Caucus is failing the work of Parliament despite clear legal provisions for separation of power between the Executive and the Legislature.

"I just want to caution members that when we enacted the Administration of Parliament Act, we wanted to be free from the Executive; but now members are lifting issues from here and going there to agree with the Executive to undermine Parliament, to undermine this institution," she charged.

She was reacting to concerns that the NRM Caucus under the Government Chief Whip, Ms Ruth Nankabirwa, convened at State House Entebbe on Monday and committed to overturn the decision by Parliament to halt the 15 per cent tuition fees increment at Makerere University.

The tuition increment policy triggered student protests at the university that lasted two weeks and left many students injured and their property vandalised by security forces.

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The NRM Caucus, during the State House meeting, also agreed to block the Administration of Parliament Bill 2019, which proposes that Government Chief Whip, Leader of the Opposition and Committee chairpersons be elected rather than appointed as is the case now.
Nankabirwa insists

"I want to reiterate that stop undermining Parliament, stop undermining this institution, stop undermining the institution of Parliament." Ms Kadaga warned sternly.

However, Ms Nankabirwa, in her defiant response, said she had broken no law and pointed her critics to the existing multi-party political dispensation.

"We are in a multiparty system, I don't know which rule I broke. I can be reminded of the rule I broke," she shot back.

Ms Nankabirwa (Kiboga Woman MP) told Parliament that the issue of Administration of Parliament Bill was resolved by "the caucus which sat some months ago in Kampala and my role on Monday was to remind them on the decision we had taken."

She emphasised that the office of the Government Chief Whip is created by law and its functions are known.

"I am supposed to whip my members so that we agree on how to move and once we sit in my caucus and take a position, that is what we make sure that we support and this caucus has rules that guide it," Nankabirwa said.

How it started

The concerns of infringement on Parliament were raised by Masaka Municipality MP Mathias Mpuuga, who was backed by the Opposition chief whip Semujju Nganda, with both questioning the powers of the NRM Caucus on decisions already taken by Parliament.

"My concern is that in this particular caucus were members of the committee that the House mandated to investigate and report back but they are part of a resolution to water down, even forestalling a report of the committee," Mr Mpuuga said.

He added: "I am aware that the caucus can sit and discuss but on a matter the House has resolved and mandated a committee to report on, wouldn't this kind of arrangement render the work of the committee nugatory in view of the controversies and duties of Parliament and the principle of separation of powers."

Mr Ssemujju reinforced: "I think the Government Chief Whip can make us understand if there is any other platform that can resound decisions of Parliament just like that."

Ms Kadaga reiterated that Parliament decisions must be respected.
In Summary

Analysis. Student protests have for the past week rocked Makerere University after the administration sanctioned a 15 per cent cumulative increment on tuition over the next five years. Government responded with an iron fist. In the full glare of cameras, security personnel raided halls of residence where they subjected students to corporal punishment. Today, the dispute over tuition remains unresolved. But does the university have alternatives in the pursuit of improving its financial position? Commentator Mutebwa writes.
By Emmanuel Muteiziwa

On Tuesday last week, President Museveni revealed to the NRM caucus that he was not aware that the army was deployed at Makerere University to quell protests. His comments came on the heels of student protests over tuition increment, which were violently crushed by military personnel.

"The military is not trained to quell demonstrations, they are trained to kill. Those students are not enemies, they are young children, grandchildren who need to be guided to do the right thing," Mr Museveni said during the meeting held in the Office of the President Conference Hall in Kampala.

Three days after, the Defence and Army spokesperson, Brig Richard Karemire, said Capt Richard Lubeere, the officer believed to have commanded the raid on the university, was being held at Makindye Military Police headquarters. According to Brig Karemire, an inquiry headed by Lt Col Richard Okumu has been established to investigate incidents of corporal punishment against students by soldiers.

Standoff

It is not clear yet how the university management will navigate the fees dispute with the students who have exploited a groundswell of resentment to strike.

In an attempt to placate student leaders on Tuesday, the University Council agreed to scrap the 15 per cent increment from functional fees for the next three years.

"The 15 per cent adjustment in fees shall not apply to functional fees for the remaining period of implementation of fees structure adopted in July 2018. Functional fees shall be capped at the rate applied on the admission cohort for 2019/2020 academic year for the next three years," reads part of the statement signed by the University Council chairperson, Ms Lorna Magara, and the secretary, Mr Yusuf Kiranda.

However, the University Council said the 15 per cent fees adjustment would continue to be applied on tuition fees for the remaining period of three years.

Justifying the fees adjustments, the university council argued that the increment suits the economic circumstances.

Further, the council said Makerere had not increased fees for 13 years before the current fees structure was passed. Others have offered the view that compared to universities across the region, Makerere University charges the lowest fees.

But an economist and scholar at the university, Dr Fred Muhumuza, suggests that tuition is not the silver-bullet to lift Makerere from sinking fast in the financial dilemma.

"There is a need for tuition increment but how much should we increase the fees? The discussion has missed out key issues of a bigger picture. Makerere University is largely funded through government input, direct injection"
through research grants and tuition. But other universities have investments and endowment funds. It goes out of context to single out fees and discuss it in isolation of other factors," Dr Muhumuza says.

Also Read

With a stellar academic record, which places it ahead of its rivals in the region, Makerere University charges much lower tuition fees compared to the University of Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam University, the two academic powerhouses in the region.

But Dr Muhumuza says this view is flawed because Ugandans face peculiar economic challenges.

"We are different economic environments. Ugandan parents are facing different hardships from the parents in Tanzania, from the parents in Zambia and from the parents in Kenya," he says.

Dr Muhumuza says the empirical study to determine fees increment should be premised on income streams of households.

A survey by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (Ubos) on incomes for the year 2016/2017 indicates that at least 43 per cent of households in Uganda spend their income on food and the rest on other necessities, including rent, transport and fees.

Survey

The survey indicates that average monthly income for Ugandans in the same period was a paltry Shs416,000. Given that Ugandans averagely spend 43 per cent of their incomes on food, it means that of the Shs416,000, about Shs178,000 is spent on food, leaving an individual with Shs238,000. With other costs such as hospital bills, transport, rent, water and electricity bills, households are left to survive on shoestring budgets.

This means that at least 50 per cent of households cannot afford to pay tuition for their children for the cheapest degree course before the increment takes effect in the next three years.

For instance, a Bachelor’s Degree in Medicine and Surgery cost Shs1.77m a semester in the current academic
year. Going by the increment in the next three years, the cost of the same degree will stand at Shs2,564,400, which is way out of reach for many households.

The average family size in Uganda is five, meaning that one will need to have a budget of about Shs6m to educate three children at university per semester.

Makerere administration says the University Council sanctioned the increment after the students’ guild endorsed the new fees structure two years ago.

But Dr Muhumuza says the key stakeholders were not consulted. “Who pays the fees? In the whole picture, you don’t see the parent. You find students lamenting that I was left with a year and my parent can’t pay the fees. Out of desperation, they strike,” he says.

The Ubos manpower survey for 2016/2017 sheds light on the attrition rate of students who dropped out of university as a result of defaulting on tuition fees.

A total of 78 per cent of male students who dropped out of university failed to raise tuition. On the other hand, 48 per cent females of all those that dropped out failed to afford tuition.

In private universities, of the male students who dropped out, 83.6 per cent failed as a result of failing to afford tuition while 52.5 per cent females dropped out because they could not afford the tuition fees.

This provides cogent evidence to suggest that if tuition is raised at Makerere University, the rate of those who are dropping out will increase.

Dr Muhumuza says Makerere University administration should seek alternative sources of funding to lift the burden off the shoulders of poor households.

In 2013, Makerere University launched an ambitious plan to raise more than a trillion shillings through a public-private partnership. Under the Makerere University Holding, the corporate entrepreneurial arm, the company was mandated to manage all commercial interests of the university.

In the first project, the university plans to get an investor to construct a convention centre, a three-star hotel and nine student hostels with eight storeys each housing up to 3,120 rooms at the current Makerere University Guest House.

Once completed, the university says this will enable it provide hotel and conference facilities to both the general public and university staff. But beyond the impressive blueprint, there is barely any progress registered.

The university can also engage in investments and capital development anchored on borrowing. In 2018, the Ghana Education Get Fund secured a $1.5 billion loan to expand infrastructure facilities in senior high schools as part of efforts to improve quality and increase access to free secondary education.

The loan facility was meant to rehabilitate existing education facilities and build dormitories, assembly halls, classrooms and computer laboratories in secondary schools countrywide.

**Investment model**

Dr Muhumuza argues that Makerere University ought to adopt this kind of financing. “The university needs to invest in capital development. So how do you secure bulk funding so that you can invest now and recoup slowly from those who come after 30 years at the university? These are funding models that we need to bring into the
picture so that we don’t overburden current students,” he says.

Advice to government

Dr Muhumuza says government should take pride in offering affordable, quality education.

“We have a gem, which is Makerere University ranked among the best in Africa. The university has a public and social objective to train students to conduct research at a global level. This should be the pride of government to offer affordable education,” the analyst adds.

The right to education has been recognised as a human right in a number of international conventions, including the International Covenant on Economic, social and Cultural Rights, which recognises a right to free compulsory primary education for all, an obligation to develop secondary education accessible to all, as well as an obligation to develop equitable access to higher education.

“You can’t say that other people are eating bread. Government should be proud to say that I am charging lower fees than private universities,” Dr Muhumuza says.
President Yoweri Museveni directed Makerere University administration to compare the tuition fees structure with that of other public universities within the country and also within East African and come up with a reasonable tuition policy.

Private students planning to join Makerere University next academic year maybe be forced to pay higher tuition fees in order to make the institution more competitive both nationally and in the region, the New Vision has learnt.

On Friday President Yoweri Museveni directed the Makerere University administration to compare the University's tuition fees structure with that of other public universities within the country and also within the East African region and come up with a reasonable tuition policy.
The President made the directive while meeting with the Makerere University administration on Friday at State Lodge, Nakasero that was attended by the Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Museveni.

Makerere University administration was led by the University Council Chairperson Lorna Magara and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Barnabas Nawangwe as well as officials from the Ministry of Education and Sports.

Museveni also re-emphasized that it is not a good idea for Makerere University to pay its lecturers using students' tuition fees.

"These are government workers. They should not be paid using students' tuition fees. They should be paid by the Government," he said.

The President noted that the Government would take over the entire wage bill of the university and that all the money generated from the university would be invested in the infrastructure.

Humanity courses at the university will also be scrapped as Makerere changes focus to more science-driven courses.

President Museveni will be tabling the resolution arrived at the meeting to the National Resistance caucus, today at Entebbe.

Sources who attended the meeting said the meeting also agreed that the Government scraps of all the subsidy in order for the students to pay the full unit cost of the courses.

Sources who attended the meeting told Sunday Vision that Museveni and University Council agreed that the university should focus more on science courses and that would be a reduction in the number of humanities courses offered at the Makerere.

Magara confirmed the developments noting that no definite time for effecting the changes had been provided. "There is going to be a review an assessment and of all the courses to determine which ones will be merged and those that will be scrapped," Magara noted.

This would mean several lecturers would also lose jobs.

On October 22, 2019, Makerere University students went on strike protesting the 15% increment on fees targeting new students every new academic year. The students noted that the increment would severely affect learning especially of students from needy families.

What this would mean

Makerere University Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Prof William Bazeyo on Saturday confirmed they held a meeting with the President and that a raft of changes within the University had been agreed upon.

"It was agreed we start charging fees per unit cost and that Makerere University private students paid the least fees compared to the other regional universities in the region like the University of Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam University and the University of Kigali," Bazeyo noted.

Giving an example of medicine, Bazeyo noted that Makerere University was charging shs3.5million per course after government subsidy while in Nairobi University the same course costs shs15 million and even more in Dar-es-Salaam.
University.

Bazeyo noted that the meeting agreed that Makerere University gets new functional fees from the National Council of Higher education that would now be possibly implemented the next academic year.

On the issue of the wage bill, Bazeyo noted that Makerere University was contributing over 20% of the money internally generated to top up on the Government bill. But that now that the President had directed that the Government would take over the wage bill, all monies generated would be used in infrastructure development like laboratories.

During the meeting, Museveni also asked the University to explain the presence of Military Police in the university after claims emerged that it was the University administration that invited them to quell the strike.

He was, however, notified that the army had set up a base at the university long before the strike for purposes of securing the entire greater Kawempe area which had been prone to insecurity.

Sources told Sunday Vision that the President called the Inspector General of Police and demanded detailed security briefly about Makerere University and its environs.

Museveni also reportedly praised Nawangwe for steady leadership at the University noting that he committed to transforming the institution. He noted that previous administrations had slept over their jobs.

Makerere University’s 85th Guild President Julius Kateregga told Sunday Vision that he had received a phone call from State House inviting him for the meeting but he failed to turn up because he had traveled to Namagunga for a burial.

He, however, noted that on Thursday, he travelled together with a team of 25 students to Kapeeka to meet Gen. Salih Saleh Museveni’s younger brother who wanted understand the genesis of the students strike.

He noted that the reason why they were opposed to the fees increment was that several students were dropping out due to higher costs. “I have been a victim myself. Last year over 1000 students dropped out compared to the other years.” Kateregga noted.

He condemned the decision to increase fees at the university noting that the decision might be good for the University but out touch with reality.

“If that is communicated to us. We shall take it to the Students General Assembly and decide a way forward. It is quite challenging and absurd that the people who are supposed to join us are joining our oppressors in determining our future,” Kateregga said.

Speaker Rebecca Kadaga last week tasked the education committee to probe the current impasse at Makerere. The speaker also condemned the violence that was meted on the students.

On Tuesday, MPs expressed disappointment that the minister who had been invited to appear before MPs had yet again delegated the state minister for Higher Education, Chrysostom Muyingo to answer queries about the impasse at Makerere.

The Minister of Defence Adolf Mwesige and State Minister for Internal Affairs Obiga Kania have already appeared and apologized for the violence the army meted on the students.

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