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Makerere University merges 20 faculties

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The Makerere University Senate yesterday unanimously resolved to phase out the faculty arrangement and establish college systems. The new arrangement has seen over 20 faculties regrouped into seven colleges. The institution now has eight colleges overall—with the School of Public Health having been formed earlier.

Mr James Okello, the deputy academic registrar, told Daily Monitor yesterday that whereas the university had decided to form colleges, the old faculties/schools and institutes will remain unchanged.

"Nothing will change apart from the leadership at the top. We expect faculty leaders to report to whoever will be in charge of the college," said Mr Okello.

The only faculties which will not be affected by the arrangement that starts next July are Law and Veterinary Medicine.

The arrangement is silent on the affiliate Nakawa-based Makerere University Business School (MUBS). But sources that preferred anonymity because they lack authority to speak to the press, told Daily Monitor that MUBS has since seceded from Makerere University, seeking to transform itself into a National Business College.

"We are going to expand on enrollment and we will work like the London School of Economics. We are going to have a school without the heads because we are going to cut manpower," said the source.

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