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Makerere withholds students' marks over fraud

Makerere University is withholding results of more than 400 students after police unearthed a complicated scam of forged marks last month.

The results from the School of Economics and Management were withheld after police investigations revealed discrepancies in the marks sent from the school and those that were approved by the Senate.

The Senate is a body that approves students' marks before they are pinned on notice boards or uploaded on the university website.

Last month, police arrested five officials from the Tabulation Department, under the Office of the Academic Registrar for allegedly tinkering students' marks.

Ms Ritah Namisango, the university's spokesperson says that the university has decided to review the marks before making a final decision.

She said on Friday that the affected students would only be confirmed for the forthcoming graduation after the results have been cleared. She said police is investigating circumstances under which the marks were changed by officials in the tabulation office. The tabulation office is currently being manned by police and is out of bounds.

Dr Edward Kateregga, the dean of the School of Economics and Management declined to comment saying that the matter is beyond his office.

For a long period, there have been claims that some lecturers and university officials at the university get cash to give favourable marks to students at Uganda's prime and oldest university.