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Makerere VC Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba
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THE next [Makerere University](#) Vice Chancellor (VC) must at least be an associate professor, have "considerable" administrative and management experience, and must be aged between 40 and 60 years.

These are some of the guidelines that have been agreed upon by the University Council, and will form the benchmark for the selection committee to sieve applicants for the job.

According to highly placed members in the University Council told, the VC search committee arrived at the parameters in order to weed out mediocre for the job and will follow these criteria to the latter.

Sources in the Council revealed that, it had been agreed that the Makerere's next VC must have at one time taught in a reputable University, supervised at least a good number of graduate students, and should have the capacity to get the university grants.

Sources also revealed that he or she must also have an international recognition. "Such a person must also have leadership experience in Government, or in the world of academia," sources revealed.

Among the key contenders who have expressed interest but are yet to confirm their candidacy include incumbent Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba, head of Postgraduate studies Prof. Eli Katunguka, former head of academic staff Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba, and Prof. Edward Kirumira.

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The appointment shall be for five years contract, renewable once subject to satisfactory performance.

"The desirable candidate should have a PhD/academic doctorate or master degree in clinical disciplines at the rank of Associate Professor with academic, administrative and financial competencies," the University secretary David Muhwezi said.

The call for applications expected in a few days' time and it will be followed for the call of other applications for the VC's two deputies, he added.

The Search committee, according to sources in the Council, will then be given two months to come out with the selected final names to be sent to the University Senate and later the Council.

The Council will later recommend one or two candidates' names to the Chancellor, who will later appoint his Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor is the Chief Executive of the University, responsible for the academic, administrative and financial management of the University and is answerable to the University Council.

Makerere University as an institution was established in 1922 and is governed by the University Council in accordance with the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001 (as amended). The University currently has an enrolment of 47,000 students under a collegiate system.

As the search goes on Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba will maintain the top administrative seat of Makerere alongside his two deputies Professor Lillian Tibatemwa Ekirikubinza (Academic Affairs) and Professor Sandy Stevens Tickodri -Togboa (Finance and Administration).

In a letter dated February 23, 2012, the Solicitor General advised the University that until the law is amended, the applicable law is the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001.

This means the search process should be carried out leading to the appointment of the Vice Chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellors has to be undertaken using the old law and procedure.

Section 31 (2) this laws says, "The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the University Council from among three candidates recommended by the Senate."

Section 31 (3) adds that, "A search committee composed of two members from the University Council and three members from the University Senate shall identify suitable candidates for the post of Vice Chancellor and forward them to the Senate to nominate three candidates for recommendation to the University Council."

Senate forwards three names, from which the Council choses the best candidate(s), to forward to the Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor is appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the University Council.

The University Council elects representatives to the Search Committee. The Council headed by Chairperson-Eng. Dr. Charles Wana Etyem constituted a special meeting on March 7, this year; and approved the process of initiating the Search Committee in accordance with the existing law. It elected Dr. Stephen Maloba and Bruce Balaba Kabasa, to the Search Committee.

The University Senate, which is the supreme academic organ of the University, also elects representatives to the Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor. The Senate elected Dr. Okello Ogwang, Dr. Pamela Mbabazi and Dr. Steven Nyanzi; to the Search Committee. This makes the total number to come to the required five members.

More so, the two university's Vice Chancellors are also supposed to be searched by two different Committees, which are selected from the Senate.

According to Section 32 (1) Each Public University shall have not more than three Deputy Vice Chancellors who shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the University Senate with the approval of the University Council. The members to the two Search Committees were also appointed on Thursday this week.

The Search Committee for the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) includes; Dr. Josephine Nabukenya, Prof George Lubega, Dr. John Mango, Dr. Euzobia Baine Mugisha and Dr. Julius Kiiza. More so, the Search Committee for the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Administration) has Dr. A.B. Rukooko, Dr. Umar Kakumba, Prof J.Y.T Mugisha, Dr. Jessica Aguti and Dr. Consolanta Kabonesa. Ends



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academics is academics not politics, let the teachers do the teaching and police men the policing . those who think that they leave the doors open, don't be surprised having Mbabazi as the V.C. for he wants to be every thing.

kanka

Barya is the man for that seat,he has proved that during his short tenure.Makerere moved up in rankings,faster processing of transcripts.

SheilaUS

I'm rooting for VC Baryamureba. The man has turned the institution around in just a few years. If the search committee knows what's good for MUK, then Barya should stay. I am SO impressed with this guy. He has managed to continue his work diligently amidst very difficult circumstances-in fighting, blackmail, politics,etc. He has passed the test.Â Thanks Barya for the great work. Please continue. You've restored the pride of MUK. Once confirmed, enforce discipline. Some of your staff

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