

Tuesday 25th August 2015

VICE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS TO THE MEDIA: LAUNCH OF THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2015, 10:00AM, COUNCIL ROOM-MAIN BUILDING

a) Welcome Remark

I welcome you to Makerere University. We have started the First Semester for the 2015/2016 Academic Year. The first year students (freshers) reported on Saturday 22nd August 2015 and the continuing students reported on Monday 24th August 2015.

b) Purpose of the Special Press Conference

We are gathered here today to launch the search process for the **next** Chancellor of Makerere University. In line with the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, Section 30 (3) Makerere University is searching for a Chancellor who shall be the titular head of the University and as such shall preside at all ceremonial assemblies of the University and, in the name of that University, confer degrees and other academic titles and distinctions of that University.

c) A Brief on the Institution Searching for a Chancellor

Established in 1922 with 14 day students, Makerere University has grown over the years to become one of the leading universities. This academic centre of excellence currently trains over 40,000 students spread across the different academic disciplines. Makerere University is a respected hub of research and innovations in the world with uncountable celebrated strategic partnerships world over.

Makerere University is the alma-mater for uncountable alumni spread across the globe; the institution for high achievers; and the most respected university in Africa. In the Thomas Reuters five year (2010-2014) analysis of Africa's Top ten, Makerere University was ranked the most respected University in Africa. The ranking which specifically analyses the university reputation in terms of the ability to recruit high-quality staff and students, establish valuable international partnerships, and connect with greater funding prospects featured Makerere as the only University in East and Central Africa.

d) Who Appoints the Chancellor?

Section 26 of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act stipulates that the President of the Republic of Uganda shall be the Visitor of each Public University. Section 30 (1) states that there shall be a Chancellor for each Public University who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the University Council.

e) Some of the Non-Head of State Chancellors Include:

i) Rt. Hon. Professor Apolo Robin Nsibambi (Chancellor, 2003-2007)

Rt. Hon. Professor Apolo Robin Nsibambi was the first non-Head of State Chancellor appointed by the Visitor of Makerere University-H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on the recommendation of the Makerere University Council.

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor, Prof. Nsibambi, an alumnus of Makerere University served his alma-mater as member of faculty, Head of Department of Political Science and Public Administration (1978-1990); Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences (1978-1983, 1985-1987), and Director- Makerere Institute of Social Research (1993-1996). In public service, Prof. Nsibambi served as Minister of Public Service (1996-1998), Minister of Education and Sports (1998-1999) and Prime Minister of Uganda (1999-2011).

ii) Prof. George Mondo Kagonyera (Chancellor, 2007-2011, 2011-2015)

Prof. Kagonyera is the Second non-Head of State Chancellor of Makerere University. Prof. Kagonyera was appointed by the Visitor of Makerere University-H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on the recommendation of the Makerere University Council on 23rd October 2007. Prof. Kagonyera's association with the University started in 1971 when he joined Makerere University as a Teaching staff, and actively participated in the establishment of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Makerere University. He rose through the ranks to become a prominent Academician until he left in 1988 to take up a Ministerial appointment. He also served as the Chairperson of Appointments Board, Makerere University from 1993 to 1999. His successful and impressive career in Makerere University spanned 18 years. Prof. Kagonyera has served in various capacities as a Member of Parliament and a Minister in various portfolios.

f) Makerere University Starts Search for the Next Chancellor of Makerere University

Section 30 (2) of the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act stipulates that the Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term.

Prof. George Mondo Kagonyera's second and final four year term as Chancellor of Makerere University will come to an end on 23rd October 2015.

With respect to the above, the Makerere University Council, which is the supreme governing body of the University, approved the commencement of the Search Process for the next Chancellor of Makerere University.

The Makerere University Council set up a Committee comprising five (5) Members of Council to search for the next Chancellor of Makerere University.

g) Introduction of the Search Committee

The Search Committee comprises the following members of Council:

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| 1) | Mr. Bruce Balaba Kabaasa | ---- | Chairman |
| 2) | Dr. Stephen B. Maloba | ---- | Member |
| 3) | Mr. John Chris Ninsiima | ---- | Member |
| 4) | Dr. Euzobia Baine Mugisha | ---- | Member |
| 5) | Dr. Sarah Ssali | ---- | Member |

Secretariat to the Committee comprises:

- 1) Mr. Charles Barugahare, Ag.University Secretary/Secretary to Council
- 2) Mr. Goddy M. Muhumuza, Senior Legal Officer, Makerere University

h) Role of the media in the Search for the Chancellor

In addition to covering the proceedings of the press conference, letting the world know that the Search for the Chancellor of Makerere University is on, we also encourage you-**journalists**-to participate in the process by nominating reputable candidates for the position of Chancellor of Makerere University.

i) Role of the Public in the Search for the Chancellor

We encourage Members of the Public to participate in the search process for the Chancellor of Makerere University by **nominating** qualified and reputable Ugandans.

j) Invite the Chairperson of the Search Committee

It is now my pleasure to invite Mr. Bruce B. Kabaasa, Chairperson of the Search Committee to provide details on the search process including the attributes of the Chancellor and the methodology of nominations.

Thank you.

Assoc. Prof. Ernest Okello Ogwang
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