# Makerere Leading by Example as We Build for the Future

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## Appreciating the Role of a Vice Chancellor

- □Create the climate image of the University (number one Public Face of the University)
- Create a strong and cohesive management team and endear staff and students to the vision/goal of the University
- Leadership in providing the resources to achieve the Goal
- Defending and expanding the community of the university –
   assurance of dignity, hope and respect
- Conflict management and political innovation (being in sync with national development agenda)

### What I Bring to the Office of VC

- Leveraging my extensive knowledge of Makerere
   University and its people and capacity
   development thereof
- Demonstrated capability for international networks building of/for academic, administrative and financial institutions
- Understanding of and participation in policy and programme development and implementation in the Higher Education sectors local&international

### Additional Competencies

 Personality for respect of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor and University Offices

 Strategic thinking and tested tough negotiating skills

 Humility of incompleteness and conviviality (willingness to learn & work together, and cordial and respectful relationship with each other)

# Vision for Makerere University in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

 A pathfinder University in Uganda, the region and on the African continent - reclaiming our place

 Leader in Higher Education, research and innovation in Uganda for fast socio-economic growth

- Re-positioning her to be a competitive University internationally
  - A robust Strategic Plan that sharpens the strategic,
     operational and funding model for Mak

### Strategic Goals

#### What then Do I Intend to Guide

 Policies review, approvals and most importantly collective implementation

 Devolution of powers and strengthening of Committee structure – inclusive in the business and function of the University (staff, students and critical stakeholders)

 Partnership-based Restoration of Financial stability coupled with transparency and accountability

### Strategic Goals - contn.

 Enhancing a Human Resource for Competencebased academic and research program delivery for Makerere and the Tertiary and Higher Education sector and the Public and Private sector

- Staff (teaching and non-teaching) and students
   leadership structures and welfare
- Cross-cutting issues of quality assurance, infrastructure (hard & soft), gender and internationalisation

#### 1: Policies Review....

- Many University Policies and Reports are either not approved or not implemented - there are nine categories of University policy; e.g. only three of the 10 policy drafts on financial management are approved; McGregor, Omaswa, Kabasa Reports
- Rigorous engagement with Colleges and staff and student communities to inform University organs i.e.
   Senate and Council
- Engagement with Organs and Agencies of Government to consolidate mutual beneficiality

# 2.: Devolution of Powers and Committee Structure

 Since 2006 shying away from an evidence based shift in governance system - the Collegiate system

Commitment to a studied implementation of the Collegiate system - we implement, we critique, we adapt.....

 Strengthening the Committee structures right from Department to Council (inclusiveness/participation; sense of ownership)

#### Ultimate Governance Goal

 Re-instating Makerere University leadership in the Higher Education Sector

- Talking to/debating the University and Other
   Tertiary Institutions systems in the country
- Active involvement in areas of policy formulation

 Think Tank for government and the region on matters of policy and program implementation

### Repositioning Makerere University

Responding to emerging national and international development needs

Research-led University for fast socioeconomic growth

A Leading and competitive
University in
Higher
Education

Image and human resource investment

## 3.: Financial Stability and Academic Excellence

- Restoration of stakeholder confidence in financial management, transparency, accountability
- Staff and students welfare equity
- Proper and timely accountability for every shilling and value for money

- A mix of revenue generation and prudent expenditure and decentralized Customer services
  - \* TAS: Beyond Resilience: A New Normal

#### 3.1.: Avenues by UOTIA

Grants or contributions from Central Government

- Voluntary contributions from the District Council
- Grants, contributions, loans and donations acceptable to the University Council

- University fees
- Any other money that may become payable to the Public University in the discharge of its functions

# 3.2: Government Financing: Mutual Beneficiality and PPP Strategy

 Providing research, innovations and advisory service to government, at a cost of course

 Entering into PPP arrangements to optimise the use of the University facilities, estate and assets

- Government guarantee for grants/loans from the Private Sectors and Development Partners
- □ Engage government on budgetary contribution

# 3.3: Grants, contributions, loans and donations

Growing the Research Grants and Product
 Development portfolio - Flagship Projects & Centres of Excellence per College, Incubation Centres...

- Convocation initiatives (together with Security Forces they are already going to build us a Perimeter Wall!)
- Alumni Chapters as we build towards Mak Alumni...

Growing the Endowment Fund

#### 3.4: Tuition Fees

- Most obvious but most problematic
- Innovative unit-cost sharing partnerships with public and private sector in teaching and learning financing [Bridging the Gap]
- Create Part-time employment opportunities for students through a *Makerere University Student Work* Scheme on campus and with Corporate partners
- Upgrading student accounting and academic management system and collect the debt arising from fee arrears

#### Goal: Building the institution's capacity

To utilize and enhance the performance of the academic, administrative and support staff

For Academic Standards and Nurturing the Student Community

### 4. Cross-cutting Issues

Security of person and property

Quality assurance and Internationalisation

Gender Mainstreaming

Infrastructure investment - soft and hard

# 4.1: Security of Person and Property

 Porous borders [give thanks and strong support and partnership with KCCA and Convocation..]

Person identification

Security of University property and documents

# 4.2: Quality Assurance and Internationalization

- Strengthening Departmental level academic program financing and management
- Harmonisation and certification of programs with percentage savings for small research grants at unit level
- Overt quality assurance oversight (frameworks/processes) - tapping into Institutional prestige
- Responsibility to mentor students

### 4.3: Gender Mainstreaming

Academic/administrative Mentorship programs

 Engendered workplace facilities and care and services ethics

Gendered students program initiatives on and off campus

# 4.4: Infrastructure Investment - soft and hard

 Optimal utilization of existing space: e.g. financially supported harmonised Space Timetabling

 Government/Mak Mutual beneficiality partnership and the PPP strategy

Grants/donation-based infrastructure development:
 e.g. funded Centres of Excellence, Philanthropy



## Tripartite Synergy

