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Nuwagaba disqualified from Makerere VC race

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Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba :- File photo
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Outspoken poverty eradication expert and a former [Makerere University](#) lecturers' association (MUASA) chairman, Prof. Augustus Nuwagaba, has been kicked out of the race for the institution's next vicechancellor (VC).

The search committee that completed its work last week dropped Nuwagaba together with Dr. Tonny Oyana, an associate professor at Southern Illinois University in the US, from the final list.

Accordingly, five professors have been selected for the second round of the search process, which will be conducted by the University Senate. The five-man search committee subjected the applicants to face-to-face interviews and public presentations last month.

The committee yesterday submitted its final report to the Senate, the university's chief academic organ, indicating that Prof. Edward Kirumira, Prof. Ddumba Ssentamu and acting VC Prof. Venansius Baryamureeba had passed the interviews. Professors Eli Katunguka-Rwakishaya and Barnabas Nawangwe were also picked.

Makerere's publicist Ritah Namisango said Senate will meet on Thursday to pick the best three candidates. The Senate will then forward the trio's names to the University Council, the institution's supreme governing body, where members will vote for the overall winner.

Whoever wins will become Makerere's 13th vice-chancellor in its 90 years of existence Dr.

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Stephen Maloba, the chairman of the search committee, said the search committee will also present recommendations to Senate and University Council to support the final processes.

However, the committee did not cite any reason for disqualifying Nuwagaba and Oyana. The hunt for a substantive VC to replace Baryamureeba, who has been in acting capacity for over two years, started in May.

According to the University Council guidelines, contestants had to at least be an associate professor, with considerable administrative experience among others. However, the process has been marred by mistrust by some contestants.

Prof. Elisam Magara, the former director of the East African School of Library and Information Sciences, was the first to challenge the search committee's independence when it disqualified him before sitting for interviews.

"I have all the academic and work experience requirements expected of the VC. What criteria did they use to throw me out?" Magara vainly asked.



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Gumisiriza Brian

Dropping Nuawaga will make a deep loss to the highest institution in the country,where can you find such brains in the generation filed with.....

welokoso

let the votes show who the best candidate is, but lets not rely on Kadomola's wolokoso

Akiiki

I think the criterion being used to maintain or drop the candidates should be public so that the process is seen to be transparent. Otherwise Nuwagaba's drop from the list leaves questions. He had exhibited the necessary potential to the public. Unless the reasons are Nuwagaba's personal and private.

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