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## OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

### MAKERERE UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING A BLEND OF ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL GUILD AND SENIOR COMMON ROOM (SCR) ELECTIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS Section 40(2) (b) of the University and Other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001 (as amended) provides for the functions of the University Council to inter alia include the formulation of the general policy of the Public University;

AND WHEREAS the University is still under partial lockdown by order of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic;

THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL directed that the University Management consults the Students' body by survey on their views of whether the University should conduct physical or electronic elections;

THE TOTAL NUMBER of students who responded to the survey was 6216. 3119 (50.2%) students were in support of conducting physical elections while 3097 (49.8%) students were in support of conducting electronic elections;

NOW WHEREFORE, these guidelines are issued to guide a blend of Guild and SCR elections that will be conducted by both physical and electronic-voting for the Makerere University 86<sup>th</sup> Guild and SCR Elections.

NOW WHEREFORE the University Council is suspending certain provisions of the Makerere University Students' Guild constitution (elections) regulations no.1 of 2018 (as amended); and the suspension shall be up to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021; subject to extension by the University Council, with any necessary modifications;

NOW WHEREFORE the University Council is suspending the following Regulations; 7(5), 7(6), 7(7), 7(8), 7(9) of the Makerere University Students Guild Constitution (Elections) Regulations No. 1 Of 2018 (As Amended), Article 74(4) of the Makerere University Guild constitution as amended in 2016 and in their place issues the following guidelines;

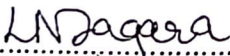
1. The electoral processes of nominations and campaigns shall be conducted electronically.
2. The voting process shall be conducted both physically and by electronic-voting in line with the following guidelines.

- (a) Students with disability will vote both physically and electronically. The choice of their preference shall be communicated to the Makerere University Students Guild electoral commission in reasonable time.
  - b) Physical voting shall be applicable to all registered students for 2019/2020 academic year who are legally on the Makerere University main campus on the day of and at the time of voting.
  - c) Electronic voting shall be for all registered students for 2019/2020 who are legally off Makerere University Main campus on the day of and at the time of voting.
  - d) The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission shall announce electoral results both electronically and physically.
  - e) All campaigns shall be conducted virtually using Television, Radio and other media platforms.
  - f) The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission shall prepare and have separate voters' registers for the categories of students mentioned above in 2(b) and 2(c).
3. Eligibility to contest for all leadership positions shall be for only registered continuing students (2019/2020) in accordance with the Makerere University Students Guild Constitution (Elections) Regulations No. 1 Of 2018 (As Amended).
  4. All registered students of Makerere University in Academic Year 2019/2020 shall be eligible to vote.
  5. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission which was elected on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 shall be in-charge of conducting guild presidential and GRC elections and hall speakers shall be in charge of SCR elections under these guidelines.
  6. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission and Speakers of halls of residence shall conduct sensitisation of the students' body using print and electronic media for the duration of the entire electoral process.
  7. All Aspiring Candidates shall submit their nomination forms electronically and within a reasonable time frame as shall be provided by the Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission.
  8. All Aspiring Candidates shall be verified in accordance with regulation 5 of the Makerere University Students Guild Constitution (Elections) Regulations No. 1 of 2018 (as amended).
  9. After close of nominations, the Makerere University Students Guild Electoral commission and the Speakers of Halls of residence shall officially communicate in writing to the duly nominated candidates.
  10. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission and the Speakers of Halls of residence shall publish all duly nominated candidates on the University website, in print and other media platforms.
  11. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission and the Speakers of Halls of residence shall display the voters' registers both physically and electronically.




12. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission shall conduct Guild elections.
13. The Speakers of Halls of residence shall conduct SCR elections.
14. The Guild Presidential and GRC elections shall be held on the same day.
15. The SCR elections shall be held two (2) days after the Guild Presidential and GRC elections.
15. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission shall use all the available channels to announce the election results.
16. The Voting shall open at 8:00am and close at 5:00pm on polling day or on the day of the elections.
17. Duly elected student leaders shall hold office until the first week of semester two 2020/2021 in accordance with Art 75(8) Of the Makerere University Guild constitution as amended in February 2016.
18. On polling day, a member(s) of the technical team that developed the electronic-voting system may be present with the Electoral Commission or Speakers of Halls of Residence to address any technical challenge that may arise on the use of the electronic voting system.
19. The final computation of the Guild presidential, GRC and SCR election results shall include both results of the physical and electronic voting.

Signed

  
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