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MAKERERE UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS OF THE 88TH GUILD (NOVEMBER 2022-FEBRUARY 2023)

WHEREAS Section 40 of the Universities 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 Makerere University Council (hereinafter referred to as the University Council), at its 15 July-meeting of 2022 suspended all organs of student's guild leadership;

AND WHEREAS the University Council enacted the Makerere University Students Guild Statute 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Guild Statute Provides for the establishment and management of the Students Guild;

AND WHEREAS the students through the Students Guild Constitution Review Commission Made a Students Guild Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Students Guild Constitution Commission provide for commencement of the student's guild constitution as 1st Day of Semester 2 for academic year 2022/2023 which is February 2023;

AND WHEREAS Makerere University is desirous of student leadership by student themselves;

NOW WHEREFORE the University Council hereby issues the following Guidelines for election of the Makerere University Students Guild and all its organs between 1st November 2022 and 18th February 2023.

1. The electoral process of nominations, campaigns, voting, tallying and declaration of results shall be conducted electronically by the Guild Electoral Commission.
2. Eligibility to contest for all leadership positions shall be for only duly registered students on normal progress with full semester load for two semesters by July 14th 2022.
3. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission that shall conduct these elections shall be constituted in compliance with the provisions of the Makerere University Students' Guild Statute 2022.
4. The Makerere University Students Guild Electoral Commission (referred to as the Guild Electoral Commission) shall conduct sensitisation of the students' community using print and electronic platforms for the duration of the entire electoral process.
5. Except as otherwise provided in these Guidelines, aspiring candidates shall submit their nomination forms electronically and within the time frame as shall be provided by the Guild Electoral Commission.
6. Aspiring candidates at all levels shall be students on normal progress who had attained results with full semester load for two semesters by 14th July 2022.

7. Candidates at all level shall have had a minimum CGPA of 2.8 by 14th July 2022 and with no pending retake.
8. There shall be no payment of any electoral related fees at any level to the Guild Electoral Commission or any other authority by aspiring candidates in this process.
9. After closure of nominations and verification of applicants, the Guild Electoral Commission shall issue certificates of eligibility to the duly nominated candidates within their jurisdiction. These certificates may, upon a fair hearing, be withdrawn from the candidates by the Guild Electoral Commission. Such withdrawal shall lead to automatic cancellation of candidature.
10. The Guild Electoral Commission shall publish all duly nominated candidates on the University website(s), in print and other media platforms.
11. The Guild Electoral Commission shall organize a maximum of two moderated debates for the Guild Presidential Candidates with a maximum of 50 attendees (including the guild presidential candidates and electoral officials), strictly on invitation. The debates may be aired live on television, radios and other media platforms for the rest of the student community.
12. The Students Guild Elections including for Guild President, Senior Common Room, The College Councils, Debating Union, Games Union, and all other organs of the guild shall be held on the same day.
13. The voting shall open at 8:00am and close at 5:00pm on the polling day.
14. The Guild Electoral Commission shall tally and announce electoral results both electronically.
15. Each Guild Presidential candidate shall be allowed a maximum of one polling agent at the tally centre where final results will be declared from.
16. Throughout the guild electoral process and more especially on the voting day, the guild electoral commission shall be supported by a technical team of information, communication and technology experts established by the University Council for that purpose.
17. The University shall put in place deliberate mechanisms to ensure that students with disabilities fully participate in the electoral process.
18. In accordance with the Students Guild Statute 2022, the term of office for the duly elected student leaders shall expire on the 27th or 28th date of the second semester of academic year (2022/2023).

Approved by the University Council this 4th day of November 2022

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