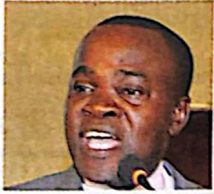


Candidates aspiring to lead Makerere University academic staff



Deus Kamunyu Muhwezi
(for MUASA chairperson)
Deus Muhwezi stands for good governance, unity and transformation of Makerere

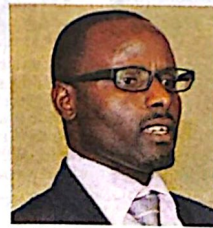
University. He pledged to strengthen the negotiations with the Government aimed at achieving the presidential pledge of sh15m for a professor. He also promised to push for better packages for the retiring members and also to ensure that retirement benefits are effectively administered.

He further promised to work towards better working conditions, functional common rooms at unit level and teacher student ratios.



Dr Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabala (candidate for MUASA chairperson)
She is a senior lecturer at the

Centre of Peace Studies and the only female candidate in the race. During her presentation, Nambalirwa pledged to recapture the ancient glory of the university, by substituting strikes with constructive dialogue as a strategy for resolving disputes. "We are tired of strikes," she said. Nambalirwa also promised to negotiate for better retirement packages for the retirees.



Dr Fredrick Luggya Kiwuuwa (for MUASA chairperson)
He is the youngest candidate.

Kiwuuwa vowed to put an end to the increasing mistrust among the association's members, to which he attributed the association's failed strikes. Interestingly, Kiwuuwa believes in industrial action as the effective tool to make hard leaders listen. But he believes that the strikes must be championed by focused leaders if they are to achieve their goals. He also holds the belief that strikes have no necessity if the association has focused negotiating teams.

Who will take MUASA seat?

By Mathias Mazinga

Makerere University is in an upbeat mood as members of Makerere University Academic Staff Association (MUASA) prepare to elect their new executive this morning.

According to the chairperson of the association's electoral commission, Muhammad Ntale, voting will be at 11 polling centres, which are located at the university's colleges. The exercise will start at 9:00am. The official tallying of the votes will subsequently take place at the Senior Staff Canteen, starting at 2:00pm. Voting will be by secret ballot.

As a precursor to the elections, the association's electoral commission organised a debate on Thursday, during which the candidates were given opportunity to present their manifestos. The highly contested position nonetheless proved to be that of the association's chairperson, which attracted three candidates. So, who is likely to grab the chair?

Other candidates

Dr Christopher Muganga (vice-chairman), associate Prof. Mwavu (vice-chairman), Dr Michael Walimbwa (general secretary), Robert Kakuru (general secretary) and John Mushomi (vice-secretary general).

Others are Dr Geoffrey Nuwagaba (vice-secretary general), Allan Ochieng (public and external relations committee chairperson), Chris Kitale (treasurer), Dr Eric Nzibonera (treasurer) and Hussein Oria (treasurer).

Out-going chairperson's tips to candidates

The out-going chairperson, Dr Muhammad Kiggundu Musoke, asked the candidates to give utmost priority to the restoration of the glorious image of the university and its alumni.

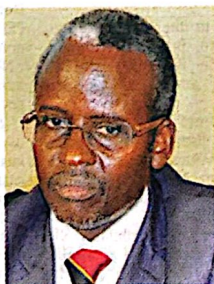
"In all your activities, please always remember those that have gone through the gates of Makerere and give them the pride and joy to remember the

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Jovan Mutamba: I am excited by the debate, which is the first of its kind. The candidates presented wonderful manifestos. I was happy to learn that all of them are mindful of the need to put in place property investments for the association.

Bonny Katamba: All the candidates presented wonderful manifestos. I was inspired. To be honest, I failed to decide on who was better than the other.

Samson Kimera: All the candidates were good. But I was disappointed because none of them showed the linkage between the students and MUASA, yet the activities of the latter affect the welfare of the former.



Dr William Tayeebwa chaired the debate

same gates," he said.

MUASA electoral commission

The electoral commission manning the elections comprises of Muhammad Ntale (chairperson and presiding officer), Michael Byaruhanga (secretary), Frank Mature, and Janet Kasule Nabalika (treasurer).

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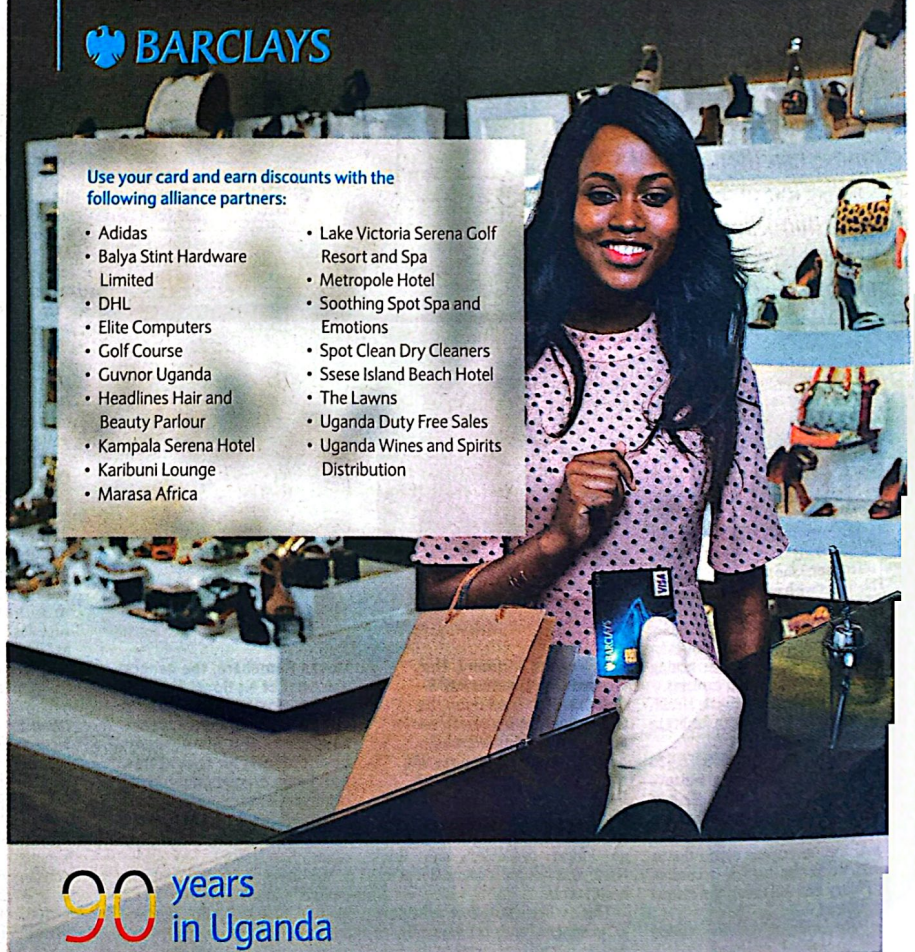
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