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Makerere University bursar Augustine Tamale has resigned. Tamale told *New Vision* over the weekend that he has opted to cut short his tenure at Makerere University in order to serve the country in a new capacity and better position.

"I am going to take up another job outside Makerere University. Therefore, last week, I gave the university administration a two-month notice to leave my job as bursar," he said without stating the reasons.

Tamale's resignation comes at a time when Makerere University is

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in spotlight over unending students and staff strikes over a litany of issues, including allegations of sexual abuse and aggressive reforms engineered by Prof. Banarbas Nawangwe, the new vice-chancellor of the country's oldest university.

Last week, students went on strike, demanding university authorities not to increase tuition fees.

The proposed privatisation of university halls and feeding, ban on evening classes, among other changes

that the administration wanted to introduce were the other sticky issues that sparked off the strike.

Some of the aggressive changes are contained in the Dr Abel Rwendeire report, which President Yoweri Museveni commissioned in 2016 after he closed the university following a series of strikes by academic staff and students.

However, Tamale said his departure from Makerere University was not fuelled by the recent activities that have

cast the university in bad light, but rather the need to seek a new opportunity beyond the gates of Makerere.

"My departure is not related to the current activities at the university. It is rather a personal choice to leave. I have got a new job and it is my desire to take on this new challenge," he said.

A university bursar manages all transactions at the university, including maintaining financial records of all departments to ensure proper accountability of funds.

During his two-year tenure as Makerere University bursar, Tamale introduced several measures, some of which have been received with resentment.

For instance, last month, the non-teaching staff of Makerere University went up in arms over what they termed as unfair distribution of the sh12b meant for salary enhancement for the 2015/16 financial year.

During their last general assembly, the Makerere University Administrative Staff Association (MASA) accused the university bursar of breaching the guidelines by the finance ministry on the distribution of the money.