

Makerere writes to Mubs over functional fees

BY DAMALI MUKHAYE
dmukhay@ug.nationmedia.com

KAMPALA. Makerere University has written to Makerere University Business School (Mubs) administration to explain non remittance of more than Shs2 billion meant for functional fees.

The Nakawa-based institution is an affiliate of Makerere University. The functional fees include registration, examinations, library, development and research fees.

It also takes care of technology, internship, gown and identity card.

Defaulted

A close source, who preferred anonymity because he is not authorised to speak on behalf of the university, told this reporter that Mubs administrators have to-date failed to clear functional fees they owe to the main campus.

According to the source, Mubs ad-

ministrators are scheduled to meet their Makerere counterparts tomorrow (Thursday) to devise modalities of clearing the money before the next graduation due to take place in January next year.

Meeting

When *Daily Monitor* contacted Makerere, the acting vice chancellor in charge of finance and administration, Prof William Bazeyo, confirmed the meeting between the two institutions and said it was meant to come up with means of clearing outstanding debts owed to their institution.

"We resolved with the Mubs administrators about payment of functional fees, to be remitted to our account. We are just going to agree on the actual figures and the percentages they are supposed to remit to us," Prof Bazeyo told this reporter in a telephone interview.

However, we could not get a comment from the principal of Mubs,



We resolved with the Mubs administrators about payment of functional fees to be remitted to our account. We are just going to agree on the actual figures."

PROF WILLIAM BAZEYO, ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR IN CHARGE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Prof Waswa Balunywa, because he did not answer our repeated calls yesterday.

But his spokesperson, Mr Peter Odoki, confirmed receipt of the letter.

He, however, said the issues were internal and would be resolved administratively.

He added that reconciliation of figures is normally agreed upon

between the two bursars and Mubs has been meeting their obligations of paying their functional fees to Makerere.

Towards this year's graduation in January, Makerere University council vowed to block Mubs students from graduating over the institution's failure to remit more than Shs2.6 billion in functional fees, something that caused panic among the students and parents for the graduands.

The threat was later reversed after numerous negotiations between the two institutions and students were cleared to graduate.

The university Bursar, Mr Augustine Tamale, last year said Makerere was demanding Mubs Shs6.2 billion, which had accumulated since 2012/2013 to 2016/2017 academic years.

Mubs accordingly cleared at least Shs3.8 billion, leaving a balance of about Shs2.6 Billion.