Mak dons, VC in ow over failure o remove dean

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KAMPALA. Makerere University ecturers and the Vice Chancellor, Prof Barnabas Nawangwe, are embroiled in a row over alleged failure by the latter to remove the dean of the School of Statistics and Planning (SSP) from the institution.

A group of 31 lecturers attached to the Makerere University SSP have accused Prof Nawangwe of failing to implement their recommendation in regard to the removal of the said official from office.

In a case filed before the High Court in Kampala on Thursday, the lecturers sued Makerere University and Prof Nawangwe jointly with his deputy, Prof William Bazeyo, and the dean of SSP, Dr Robert Wamala.

The background

On Novemeber 22, 2017, two thirds of the lecturers attached to SSP wrote to Prof Nawangwe asking him to remove Dr Wamala from office after accusing him of usurping the powers of departments through appointment of staff without consultations with the relevant units, holding ill constituted management meetings to promote his agenda and holding doctoral committee meetings without informing the doctoral committee.

Through their lawyers of Wameli and Company Advocates, the lecturers accuse Prof Nawangwe of neglecting to forward their recommendation to the university appointments board.

THE CONTENTION

What they want. The lectures have now asked court to declare as unlawful the refusal to forward to the appointments board the recommendation for the removal of Dr Wamala from office and constituting an investigation committee following their recommendation. They are also seeking court orders restraining Prof Bazeyo and other university officials from forcing the applicants to appear before an investigation committee instituted by him and also restricting Dr Wamala from continuing to occupy the office until the final decision of the appointments board.

It is alleged that instead of acting on the lecturers' recommendations, Prof Bazeyo, who is in charge of Finance and Administration, constituted an investigation committee, which is conducting investigations in a way that is prejudicial and biased against the said lecturers.

It is alleged that the university officials have embarked on intimidating and threatening the lecturers with charges of insubordination.

The university is yet to respond to the case.

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