



President Museveni and the First Lady, Janet, who is also the education and sports minister, met the Visitation Committee of Makerere University on Friday in Rwakitura

MUSEVENI RECEIVES MAKERERE REPORT

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President Yoweri Museveni has received a 355-page report from the Visitation Committee of Makerere University 2016.

The deputy chairperson of the Visitation Committee, Lady Justice Ketrah Katunguka, handed over the report to the President on Friday at the President's country home of Rwakitura in Kiruhura district. The ceremony was witnessed by the education and sports minister, Janet Museveni.

Others present at the ceremony included the Minister of State for Higher Education, Dr John Chrysostom Muyingo and the top management of Makerere University.

President Museveni instituted the committee in November 2016 to study the causes of endemic strikes with a view of finding lasting solutions. This was after the closure of Makerere University following industrial action at the institution by staff at the beginning of the 2016/2017 academic

semester on issues related to remuneration and students missing lectures.

The late Dr Abel Rwendeire, who died on October 2017, chaired the committee.

During the of handover of the report, a one-minute silence was observed in memory of Rwendeire.

Other members of the Makerere University Visitation Committee include Dr Akisophel Kisolo, Eng. Gerald Lumu, Timothy Lwanga, the Rev. Florence Muranga, Paul Isaac Musasizi, John Mwanga, Dr Proscovia

Namubiru Ssentamu and Jolly Uzamukunda, an ex-officio member.

The report highlights key issues at Makerere University that need to be addressed and suggests recommendations.

The issues include the deficient national higher education strategy, structures and systems, inadequate governance leadership and management, as well as weak structures for engagement of students, staff and other key stakeholders.

Others are the inadequate

deployment of Information Technology, unsustainable funding model for higher education in Uganda, inadequate management accountability and deteriorating quality of teaching and learning, as well as student discontent that triggers of strikes, among others.

President Museveni thanked the members of the committee for their work and promised that Cabinet will discuss the report and come up with a White Paper for policy formulation.

First Lady Janet Museveni commended the partnership between her ministry and the committee, saying they look at the committee report as a saviour of higher institutions of learning, especially Makerere University.

Katunguka extended gratitude to the First Lady and the education and sports minister for the support and guidance since the committee started its work.

She further thanked the President for entrusting the nine-member Committee with the task.