



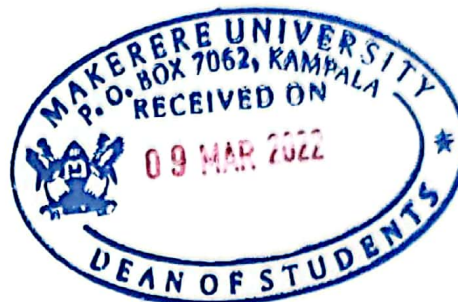
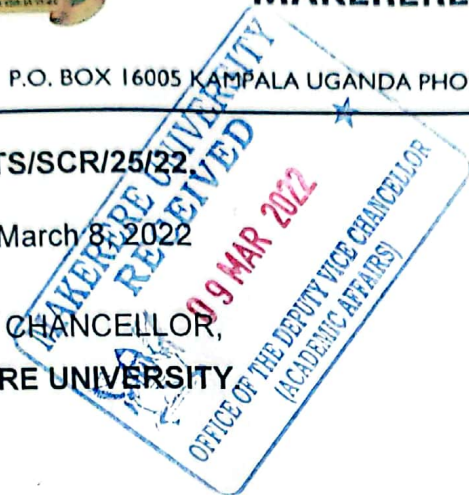
# MITCHELL HALL MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

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REF: RATS/SCR/25/22

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

AG. VICE CHANCELLOR,  
MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



**RE: DETAILED REPLY TO MANAGEMENT ON IT'S INTENTION TO CLOSE MITCHELL HALL DUE TO ALLEGATIONS OF ACTS AMOUNTING TO INDISCIPLINE AND VIOLENCE BY 'PURPORTED' RESIDENTS OF MITCHELL HALL.**

We received your letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and referenced as MAK/VC/252/22.

We state that we do not know the SCR or people to whom this letter is addressed to. In this letter, you constantly refer to a hall called 'Mitchel Hall'; as far as we are concerned, this Hall does not exist in this university; We have Mitchell Hall and not Mitchel Hall. However, we shall overlook this error and proceed with the subject matter of our letter.

In your letter, you state that the university management received a report from the Dean of Students on the violent clashes between the Rats and goats of university hall;

Furthermore, it's alleged that the residents of Mitchell staged illegal road blocks that night and attacked university hall thereby breaking 100 window panes across 51 windows at university hall;

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**Rat Guard Brigade (RGB)**



You also state that there is an Adhoc Committee team tasked by management to investigate the matter at hand and that this committee noted that Mitchell residents are perpetually involved in violent clashes;

**As Mitchell Hall SCR, upon receiving your letter, we met in an emergency meeting as prescribed by our Hall Constitution so as to draft a reply to your letter and herein we state as follows:**

1. That at 3:00 am, Mitchell Hall was locked as required under S.13 (2a) of the Makerere University Students Regulations, 2015 as Amended. For context, this provides that; ***"Halls of Residence shall be opened at 6:00 am and closed at midnight on daily basis"***
2. That we agree that there was a clash between unidentified students purporting to be residents of Mitchell Hall and residents of university hall due to the fact that we found a number of university property as well as cars of colleagues vandalized at 6:30 am on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.
3. That as noted in Paragraph 1 above, **Mitchell Hall was closed at midnight** as is always thus as the leadership we deny the allegations contained in your letter in toto as if the same were set forth verbatim and traversed seriatim.
4. That we as the SCR do not know of any Mitchell residents herein after referred to as Mitchellites who were engaged in this fight and thus state that it's malicious to state that Mitchellites broke over 100 window panes across 51 windows at university hall herein after referred to as UH.
5. That we as the student's leadership at Mitchell Hall are surprised that an Adhoc Committee was set up by management to investigate this matter and that it noted that we Mitchellites are perpetually involved in violent clashes.

6. That it's against rules of Natural Justice to come out with a decision minus seeking the views of another party or parties involved. The committee did not meet the SCR before coming up with these malicious allegations.
7. That we are further astonished that the committee does not state that Mitchell Hall has been attacked by students from various halls of residence but rather states that we are known for perpetually involving in violent clashes. This has happened on several occasions as highlighted below;
  - a. Management okayed the Mitchellex Finalist Dinner which was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021; On this day, residents of nkrumah hall attacked us while we enjoyed with our beautiful girlfriends from Complex Hall. This function took place in the Mitchell Dinning Hall; University property including window panes were broken and property of our service providers. We as the SCR are yet to pay for the DJ's laptop that was hit by these hooligans. This was done in the presence of Police; in attendance was our resident tutor as a guest and the 87<sup>th</sup> Guild Speaker. Furthermore, that same night, the same group of bandits hit window panes on block B and C. Why wasn't a special committee set up. Can we have these counted too.

**A day after that incident, our chairperson met the SCR executive of nkrumah to resolve this matter. This was even recorded; we have video evidence. This alone shows how diplomatic we are even when provoked.**

- b. Furthermore, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022, during the Mitchell City Expo commonly known as Mitchellex Bazaar; around 10 students identified to be residents of lumumba and nkrumah **beat up a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Optometry student and resident of Mitchell Hall known as Mr. Naboth Tayebwa**; they used an unidentified object which lacerated his head; He was rushed to the University hospital to get medical attention; this incident is on police record because Uganda police and military

police were there. The same was reported to the warden Mitchell Hall; this resident has not been helped and the perpetrators of this deadly move have not been put to book. He also lost his property including his phone, ATM cards among others. It's surely absurd that the committee did not investigate or put this on record. This is very absurd; our colleague has life time scars. Should we say, you support such acts on Mitchell Hall residents.

- c. Last month, residents of lumumba attacked us and cut our banner on the sign post; this was after nkrumah had attacked lumumba and destroyed their signpost in disguise of being Mitchellites. We have video evidence for that matter. On that day when they attacked us, window panes were also broken.
  - d. We also wish to put this on record if the committee did not find it as an issue. It should be remembered that Mitchellites are supposed to eat at our dining hall also known as university hall. In October 2018, Mitchell Hall residents were refused by a small group of UH students that dabs themselves as, 'mgb' from getting food. This is the reason as to why the number of Mitchell Hall residents who used to get food from UH had reduced when it was still functioning. We now get our meals from Wandegeya, KFC, Café Javas and Kikumi-Kikumi.
  - e. On several occasions, students dressed in Mitchell Hall T shirts or those identified as our residents have been stopped from accessing the small gate to Wandegeya.
8. That on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, after the unfortunate incident, our SCR Disciplinary committee investigated the matter in which university property including window panes, sign posts were destroyed.
  9. That the Committee informed the SCR that these illegal and violent acts were done by university hall residents.

10. That according to the Committee's findings, Mitchell was attacked in the wee hours of the night when most of us were sleeping as the University Regulations prescribe that, lights must be out at midnight. We as Mitchellites abide by and respect laws and regulations.
11. That it further noted that our signpost was uprooted by university hall residents, burnt and a video released. We are sure you have this video; If not, contact the security heads of this university.
12. That our window panes, padlock to our gate were broken. We are yet to verify whether there was any illegal entry and if our property was stolen.
13. That a car belonging to Mr. Wadunde Ignatius a 5<sup>th</sup> year medical student was hit by university hall residents and that of the resident tutor who rushed and drove it off to Stanbic bank parking. Honestly speaking, how inhumane are these goons who attack sleeping rats.
14. That the Committee is supposed to meet the Disciplinary Minister of university hall in a bid to find out more on what transpired during that night.

Our dear Vice Chancellor, it is out rightly known by the entire universe and students' fraternity of this Alma Mata that all halls of residence **WITH THE EXCEPTION** of Mitchell Hall corroborated in acts of destruction and disruption of academic business in the just recently concluded strike against blended learning as we celebrate a hundred years of Academic excellence. It is on record that we were not engaged in such illegal acts therefore the claim that we are perpetually involved in violent acts is to destroy the legacy that we have built in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century as we celebrate 100 years of the best African University.

As Mitchell Hall, we do not kowtow but despise and condemn in the strongest manner possible acts of that nature as we find dialogue more appealing over disruption and

destruction. This further shows how disciplined Mitchell Hall residents are and that's why it's on record that we have the highest graduation rate.

We have also seen letters addressed to four of our fellow residents, with allegations therein referring to the unfortunate events of 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. **These our colleagues were returning from clubs in the city suburbs. We wonder if it's an offence to go to a club.** According to the Disciplinary Committee, 3 of the accused persons were coming from Clubs while the other who on that material day was home is being maliciously implicated by an unidentified group of people.

By these letters, our friends have been unlawfully suspended from the University by your office; it is so unfortunate and beats the **Principles of Natural Justice and Presumption of Innocence as enshrined under Article 28 of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda as Amended**. For context, Article 28 (1) provides that; *in determination of civic rights and obligations or any criminal charge, a person shall be entitled to a fair, speedy and public hearing before an independent and impartial court or tribunal established by law*. Further still, your acts contravene with clause 3 of Article 28; These our colleagues were not accorded a fair hearing before this decision was taken by your office. This is surely unlawful. A university producing big legal brains in this nation should not be abusing principles of Natural Justice.

In your letter to us as the SCR, you maliciously claim that we have not helped to provide management with information. Unfortunately, the Adhoc Committee which was set up made an investigation, concluded and made such a claim against us minus hearing from us.

We are also shocked to hear that management is considering the option of closing Mitchell Hall as investigations to identify the perpetrators continue. We reiterate that these are still unidentified to us. It will be unfair for you to close a hall that is accessed by majority of the student's community. And also closing Mitchell Hall means closing the University, simply because Mitchell Hall is a home for all university students while physically at campus.

You should also consider that contracts you have with both the government and private students who are residents of this great hall.

In fact, as noted above, Mitchell residents are free with other alternative modes of learning which were approved by the great University Council in this fast-growing academic world. We applaud you for this great initiative especially the use of technology in academics. If you wish to hold blended learning for only Mitchellites, we have no problem so long as we get the service we pay for or a refund of our accommodation fee is made.

We have noted herein that we are disciplined residents and students of this great university. It's on this note that the SCR requests to have a special meeting with management **NOT** the Adhoc Committee to strike a way forward. We further suggest that this meeting be held on **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022** due to the fact that the coming week is course work week for most of us.

We as Residents of Mitchell Hall shall continue to abide by the University Rules as we build for a better future.

The undersigned are members of the Mitchell Hall SCR 2021-2022.

*A Happy Centennial Celebration.*

**Culture with Dignity**



**SPEAKER MITCHELL HALL**

**MITCHELL HALL SCR 2021-2022**



**ADUPA JAMES**

**CHAIRMAN MITCHELL HALL**

By Copy of this letter, the following are hereby notified;

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- ✓ Chairperson, Students Affairs Committee of Council
- ✓ Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
- ✓ Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
- ✓ University Secretary
- ✓ Dean of Students
- ✓ Director, Legal Affairs
- ✓ Ancestors of Mitchell Hall
- ✓ Ag, Chief Security Officer
- ✓ Warden Mitchell Hall
- ✓ SCR Complex Hall
- ✓ Students Notice Board, Mitchell Hall
- ✓ OC MAKERERE POLICE STATION.



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