

**MAKERERE**



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**POSITION ON THE BLENDED MODE OF GUILD ELECTIONS FOR MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

This statement is written in reference to a letter dated June 13, 2022 from the Dean of students to the Director of DICTS directing them to update the system to facilitate online voting.

The constitution of the Republic of Uganda 1995 under **Article 29** provides for freedom of expression and conscience on any matter. As such we issue this statement with zeal that it is our responsibility to have a free and fair electoral process. **Article 1** provides that we the people shall determine who governs us and that this should be done in regular, periodic free and fair elections.

We disassociate ourselves with the modus of election being entrenched to be used during the guild elections. We provide the justification below.

The online elections do not fit with in the concept of fair as far as accessibility. For instance, in the last guild election, voting online had to be called off till the next day due to system break down.

There is no fair process of monitoring the election using online links as compared to physical voting. Monitoring and overseeing the electoral process online is difficult since there is need for an expert agent to determine whether there has been electoral injustice and unfair treatment during the electoral process.

The elections done online are not fair since they are susceptible to being rigged.

Lastly there is absolutely no reason what so ever to justify the use of online elections. This mode can only be justified where the electorate may not access the different polling stations. This may be due to restrictions on mobility such as a Lockdown. All Makerere Students are currently at campus and as such they can all access physical voting points.

For the above reasons, for the love of a free, fair and democratic society – we condemn the action being taken by the Dean of students as not only being unfair but also a grossly ridiculous move by those who do not care about the principles of a free and fair election. We cannot build for the future when we have decided to throw away the principles of a for a fair society.

We build for the future, People First – A new Future

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