

## THE LUMBOX SOLIDARITY

THE VICE CHANCELOR, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY.

P.O.BOX, 7062, KAMPALA.

RE: DISTANCING FROM ELECTION FOR REPRESENTATION TO CONSTITUITION REVIEW COMMITTEE.

The above reference matters.

Following consultations among the students fraternity in Lumumba and Mary Stuart halls, we have noted with concern that the proposed constitution review process by university council not only undermines building for the future as stipulated by the motto of Makerere university but also leaves the core principles of Lumbox solidarity in a dire situation. For ages, Lumbox is known for championing for the rights of all Makerereans.

Making reference to your letter addressed to our warden dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 in which you instructed for the election of a representative to this controversial committee, we wish to pronounce to your office that:

- 1. The students whose rights we champion for have not, even at one moment, been cited as calling for amendments in their constitution.
- 2. The said election is a wastage of resources that would otherwise be channeled to the election of a students' leadership that would be a better platform for any amendments to the constitution.
- 3. The 87<sup>th</sup> guild constitution affairs minister requisitioned for funds for a constitution review but such was denied as a constitution review was not considered relevant by university administration.
- 4. The university council select committee has faulted in their performance as no report has been released yet their one month period of work has long expired.
- 5. Whenever unrest ensures as a result these draconian policies, the girl child at Makerere university has been affected the most. We wouldn't wish to undergo the same as this process leaves unrest inevitable.

Its upon this background therefore that Lumumba hall wishes to pronounce our solid resolve about this process. We also understand that a constitution cannot be amended when a certain population is not represented. Protected under article 69(1) of the Universities and Tertiary institutions act of the supreme law of the land, LUMUMBA AND MARY STUART SHALL SHALL REFRAIN FROM THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW PROCESS AND WE SHALL NOT ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAME. By copy of this letter, the wardens of Lumumba hall and Mary Stuart hall are requested

to keep maintaining the peace we have created for ourselves in the recent times and not in any way jeopardize it by this election.
Yours faithfully,
Lumumba hall residents.
cc.
Dean of students
Chairperson university council.