



UoN Vice-Chancellor asks government to refund money given to other university colleges

Friday 29-08-2014....University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof George Magoha wants the government to return money given to a number of University Colleges erringly.

“I will be grateful if the government facilitates the return of money in 100 of millions received (erringly) by a number of University Colleges and is yet to be refunded. The government’s intervention is crucial because the monies were budgeted for by the University of Nairobi for purposes of the Collective Bargaining Agreement,” said Prof. Magoha.

Speaking at the University of Nairobi’s 51st graduation ceremony, Prof. Magoha thanked the government for ensuring that the University meets its financial obligations particularly the recent Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Prof. Magoha also requested the government, to consider increasing capitation to the University of Nairobi to cater for the payroll, and free funds generated from income generating activities, which are mainly used to supplement the payroll, to be used to fund development projects and futuristic expansion plans.

Prof. Magoha revealed that the University has invested over KES 3 Billion in constructing new facilities and completed the ones that had stalled in the 1990s to cope with the rising demand for higher education and training. This investment is expected to increase funding by KES 2.5 billion if one factors in the completion of the ongoing construction of the University towers and a further over KES 800 million for the ongoing projects at the College of Health Sciences and Kisumu Campus. Magoha noted that for the University capacity to absorb the increasing need for higher education in the country, more facilities are required to support the academic and social welfare of students. Prof. Magoha disclosed that the University intends to increase the number of bed-space by engaging investors through the public-private-partnerships and put up hostels on university owned property to comfortably accommodate more student numbers.

During the ceremony, 5,090 graduands drawn from the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Architecture and Engineering, Biological and Physical Sciences and Education and External Studies were conferred Degrees and awarded Diplomas by Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, the Chancellor of the University.

In brief remarks, the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi noted that the University is on course on the road to excellence and she is happy with progress made in infrastructural development and expansion of academic and social space for students. Rattansi called upon the University to be self-sufficient in terms of developing and improving infrastructure and modernizing teaching and research facilities thereby creating a conducive environment for scholars.

Dr. Idle Farah, Chairman of Council, noted that if the University is to meet the challenge of accessing higher education and training to all citizens, it must be more innovative in order to get more students and establish more programmes, while maintaining and enhancing the high quality of education and training. Farah called upon the Institution to produce wholesome graduates with a marketability edge, placing a duty on the university community to redouble efforts in teaching, examining and providing a wholesome learning experience.

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