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Makerere University Council approves the private students' intake for the next academic year

Today, 19th May 2011, the Makerere University Council has approved the private students' intake figures for the next academic year 2011/2012 as follows: **20,691** slots for the undergraduate academic programmes and **5,203** slots for the postgraduate programmes.

The approval follows a recommendation from the Makerere University Senate meeting held on 20th April 2011 where the Senate considered the proposals submitted by the eight (8) Colleges and the two (2) semi-autonomous schools of the University.

Last academic year, 2010/2011, the Makerere University Senate approved the students' intake figure of **16,683**, which indicates that there has been an increase of **4,008** compared with the students' intake figure approved for the next academic year starting August 2011.

Reasons for increasing the private students' undergraduate intake from approved 16,683 in 2010/2011 to proposed 20,691 in 2011/2012

- The University Senate noted that a significant number of students are admitted to these privately sponsored academic programmes, but they fail to turn up. For example, last academic year 2010/2011, the University Senate approved the students' intake of **16,683**, only **13,650** students of these were admitted to the respective privately sponsored academic programmes, and only **8,519** students were registered. **Drawing from last academic year's experience, the approved students' intake may not necessarily tally with the number of private students who are actually admitted.**
- Of the approved 2011/2012, private students' intake of (20,691), **some of the students (2,800) will be admitted to external degree programmes as detailed:** Bachelor of Education External (1000), Bachelor of Commerce External (1200), Bachelor of Science External (300), and the Diploma in Youth in Development Work (300)
- In addition, some of the students (1,350) will be admitted to the Makerere University up-country campuses namely the Jinja Campus taking on **650** students, and the Fort portal campus taking on **700** students.

Reasons for increasing the postgraduate students' intake from approved 4,357 in 2010/2011 to proposed 5,203 in 2011/2012

- The Makerere University Strategic Plan stipulates the need for Makerere to turn into a research led university. One of the ways of actualizing this strategic goal is through increasing the number of students on graduate programmes.
- The University Senate further noted that while 4,357 slots were approved for the postgraduate academic programmes in 2010/2011, only 1,407 students were registered.

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