



# MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

## DRAFT STUDENTS WELFARE POLICY

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## **1.0 UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND**

Maasai Mara University was established with a mission to provide quality University education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy service for development. The University's operations are geared towards realizing its core functions namely; Training, Research and Community Service. In terms of community service, the University has so far been able to provide job and business opportunities to community members. It has also been actively involved in environmental conservation and cultural activities among others. However, there is still need for more effort in the area of Community Service which entails development and provision of educational, cultural, professional, technical and vocational services to the community. An effective approach to achieve this goal would be increased access to university education by the community's youth and other age groups. This is due to the fact that by accessing university education, these groups, will in the long run be able to participate more effectively in promoting economic activities, locally or beyond.

MMU will also endeavor to increase equity in the provision of university education particularly for the Maasai Community in Narok County and other disadvantaged people in the country in general. This will be done through affirmative action programmes in admission of students, setting up of university campuses and mounting of bridging courses for school leavers who fail to attain the entry requirements for university admission. Maasai Mara University will aim at producing graduates who are socially responsible and have skills, attitudes and entrepreneurial spirit necessary in the development of this country as outlined in Vision 2030 and beyond

## **2.0 UNIVERSITY VISION**

To be a world class University committed to academic excellence for development.

## **3.0 UNIVERSITY MISSION**

To provide quality University education through innovative teaching, research and consultancy services for development

#### **4.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY**

The Students Welfare policy is aimed at providing guidance to students, staff and parents/guardians on the expected University's contribution towards the deceased students' last respect. It is also expected to guide of management of the student union funds.

#### **5.0 STUDENTS WELFARE POLICY BACKGROUND**

In addition to ensuring a conducive learning environment and facilitating wholesome development for the students, the Dean of Students department is also mandated to coordinate the Students' Programmes. Maasai Mara University is a family and takes keen interest in the issues affecting the family members. The students are a major stakeholder. This policy seeks to address students' two main pertinent issues that have often caused misunderstandings and standoffs between the management and the students. The issues are management of students' finances and the students' last respect. The University will address these two issues as outlined below:

#### **6.0 STUDENTS LAST RESPECT**

- a) It will give a donation of Kshs 40,000 to the parents of the deceased
- b) But the students to be covered are those in session i.e. on campus, teaching practice or attachment.
- c) If a student who losses his life while on campus whether within the University or outside the university, then post mortem will be paid for by the University. The students who on teaching practice or attachment will not be covered by the University
- d) The University will provide transport for students who will be attend the funeral of their colleague who dies while in or out of session. However, in the case of international students, the University shall send student representatives to the funeral.
- e) There will be no student allowance for those to attend the funeral. Attendance of the funeral by students is voluntary.

## **7.0 HANDLING OF STUDENTS FINANCES**

- a. All finances raised for the student Union will be banked in a student union account managed by the university like any other account with University signatories as it applies to other accounts
- b. Students governing council will make the budget and approve their expenditure
- c. The expenditure approvals will start with the students governing council and ends with the Dean of students and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs). Thereafter the Cheque is prepared by finance as per their laid down procedures
- d. Once the approval of expenditure of a particular activity has been done in consultation with the Dean of Students, then procurement department will take over and deliver the service or goods
- e. The book showing students union bank balances will be maintained by the Dean of Students to make it easy to make approvals for expenditure after checking the balances
- f. The student's union contributions shall be deducted by the university in the first semester in total and deposited to the union account
- g. All the rent to be collected from the student's shops must all be banked by the tenants into the union account. Any student leader who collects the rent in cash should be disciplined and be surcharged. The collected rent should only go to help the needy students through guidance by the Dean of students.

## **8.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

Implementation of this policy shall be vested in the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs)

## **9.0 REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

This policy shall be reviewed from time to time as shall be necessary.