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Message from the Principal

Prof J.C.S Musaazi



I warmly welcome you to the 2011/2012 academic year and to the first issue of The CEES Examiner. Last academic year was indeed successful for us as we witnessed the merger of the School of Education and Institute of Adult and Continuing Education into the College of Education and External Studies. During the past year, we were able to build foundations for CEES such as developing a Strategic Plan 2011/12 – 2018/19. I would like to also congratulate our staff members who were promoted to higher ranks.

This academic year we will continue to work as a team, we will continue commit to building the College of Education and External Studies and we will need to ensure that we provide our students an excellent service. We will also need to take responsibility to find solutions to the inevitable problems and issues that face our college.

The CEES Examiner aims to highlight activities at the College and we hope to keep our staff, students and stakeholders informed on all our happenings. The Communication Office will oversee the communication function at the College.

Editors Note



Sheila Mwebaze Tindi

Welcome to the first issue of The CEES Examiner. We are happy to enhance the communication channels at the College and the newsletter is a much needed tool to promote fluid communication and information sharing. Just think if you want to raise awareness about what you do, your projects, events or publications. This newsletter is a pretty quick way to reach a great number of people.

Our aim is to make this newsletter informative, entertaining and regular. I am always looking for articles, so why not send me some information about the great work that you do. You can email pr@cees.mak.ac.ug or drop it off at the Communication Office (Principal's Office).

I look forward to hearing from you!

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For your diary

Semester 1

25 Sept 2011—14 Jan 2012

Exams

2 Jan—14 Jan 2012

Semester 1

Vacation

14 Jan—28 Jan 2012

62nd Graduation

16 - 20 Jan 2012

CEES

6th CEES

Management Meeting

23rd Nov 2011

5th CEES Finance

Committee Meeting

7th Dec 2011

4th CEES Academic

Board Meeting

5th Jan 2012

Staff Promotions

Congratulations to the following staff on their promotion

To Associate Professor

Dr Jessica N Aguti - Deputy
Principal CEES

To Senior Lecturer

Dr Willy Ngaka - Cordinator CLL
Dr Robinah Kyeyune - HOD DHLE
Dr Leah N Sikoyo - DFCS
Dr Mary Ocheng - DFCS
Dr Betty Ezati- DFCS

PhD Congratulations

Congratulations to the following staff on the successful completion of their PhDs

Dr. J. C. Nsookwa - DHLE
Dr. Victoria Kaggwa Tamale - DFCS
Dr. Mathius Mulumba Bwanika - DHLE
Dr Bbuye Julian N - DODL

CEES Library now open

The College Library officially opened to users on 10th October, 2011 after the merger of the School of Education and Institute of Adult and Continuing Education libraries. It is housed in the former IACE building. Opening hours are Monday - Friday: 8.00 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a. m - 4.00 p.m. and Sunday: 9.00 a.m. - 1 p.m. The College Book Bank is located at the former School of Education Library. The Department of Foundations and Curriculum Studies (DFCS) and the Department of Open and Distance Learning (DODL) have moved their Book Banks into the College Book Bank. Others will follow as soon as resources are available. Other services available at the College library are a) An internet kiosk available for undergraduate students with 10 computers which is supported by DICTS. b) Research carrells for graduate students which are hired at a fee of UGX 10,000 per month.

Upcoming events at the library

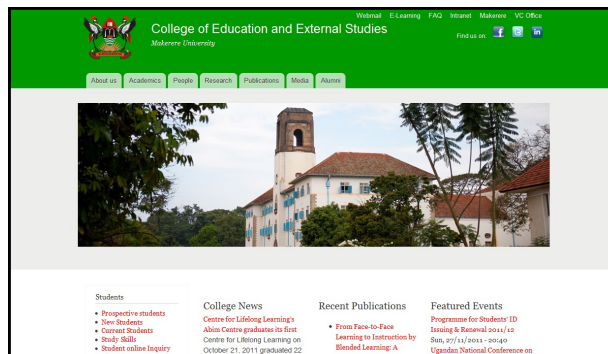
Due to the delayed start of Semester 1 2011/12, First year students were unable to attend orientation at the main library. An orientation session will be organized at the beginning of the second semester and that is when the first year students will receive their borrowers' cards.

CEES Website ranked best

In a meeting held on Wednesday 19th October with the Quality Assurance Director Dr Vincent A Ssembatya, Communication Officers & Web Admins, the CEES website was announced as the best College website at Makerere University, so far. The indicators used were the amount and depth of content and number of publications uploaded onto our website. It was also announced that the CEES website makes up 1/10 of the entire Makerere University website. Alex Isemaghendera, the Web Administrator and I would like to thank everyone who has supported us by providing content, comments and suggestions. As you may be aware, the website is far from complete and I would like to encourage everyone to continue supporting us. Some areas that are still lacking information include:

- 1.Schools information
- 2.Departmental information
- 3.Staff profiles & CVs
- 4.Recent publications
- 5.Ongoing projects
- 6.Upcoming events/workshops

Are you a staff member not receiving emails from the CEES list? Please contact Sheila (Communication Officer) to subscribe you on our mailing list. Email: pr@cees.mak.ac.ug with your name and email address.



CLL's Abim Centre first graduation ceremony

By Dr Willy Ngaka Cordinator CLL



Centre for Lifelong Learning on October 21, 2011 graduated 22 learners who successfully completed their short course leading to the award of a Makerere University Certificate in Public Administration and Management. The course which was in line with the CLL motto, "taking Makerere University to the communities and bringing the communities to Makerere University," ran from June – October 2011 at Abim Secondary School.

The award ceremony was officiated by Mr. Silvester Opira, the Resident District Commissioner Abim District. Other dignitaries who spoke during occasion included the Chairman Abim District Local Government, the District Education Officer Abim District and the Coordinator Centre for Lifelong Learning.



The District Leaders pledged to support Makerere University in its efforts to bring University services nearer to the people. The chairman told the excited graduates that his government would build a Community Learning Centre at Abim for use by Centre for Lifelong Learning in which the students in Abim and the surrounding districts would enjoy academic comfort. The graduates requested for more courses and at Diploma and Degree levels.

*Top: some of the graduates pose for a photo after the ceremony .
Bottom: some of the graduands sing the Makerere University Anthem before receiving their certificates.*

School of Distance and Lifelong Learning 's Writers workshop

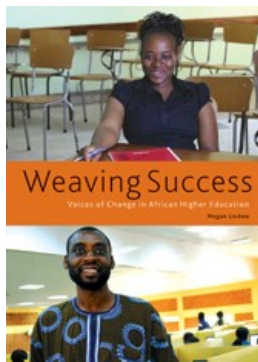


A writers workshop organized by the School of Distance and Lifelong Learning was held from 9th - 15th October 2011 in Kampala. The workshop was held as part of the activities for the LETTER (Learning for Empowerment Through Training in Ethnographic Research) DeLPhe project.

The workshop was attended by 35 participants from Uganda (Makerere University SODLL staff and community workers) and Ethiopia (staff and community workers) and facilitated by Ms Elda Lyster and Sonya Keyser from University of KwaZulu Natal South Africa. Participants gained skills in writing and editing for easy to read in local languages fiction. Topics included; structured creative writing, introduction to various types of fiction, exposure to features of good stories, clarification of characteristics of easy to read text, the use of simple language and writing and editing short stories.

An outcome of this workshop was the preparation and production of booklets and literacy materials that will be used in the experimental teaching phase of the project. The LETTER research project also aims to introduce the idea of publishing relevant new readers' materials that can introduce and support a reading culture in the lives of rural people, especially for those who have just learnt how to read and write. This will help to overcome the lack of appropriate and relevant reading materials for rural people who are interested in reading.

New Publication



A new book 'Weaving Success: Voices of Change in African Higher Education' was released Nov 2, 2011 at the 3rd World Innovation Summit on Education in Doha by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The book recounts the impact of the Partnership for Higher Education in Africa (PHEA) and is available for free as an e-book at iie.org.

The book provides a detailed look at key issues in African higher education and highlights the transformative processes that are shaping the future of African colleges and universities (including Makerere University). It includes stunning four-color photographs throughout, along with inspiring tales of success by African professors, university administrators, and students.

School of Education seminars successful

During the second half of this year the School of Education hosted several seminars, workshops and conferences.

The **Annual Luganda Language conference** is hosted by the Department of Humanities and Language Education in conjunction with Luganda Teachers Association- a Luganda teacher's umbrella in the country. The conference brought together 521 teachers of Luganda and many authors and media practitioners who use Luganda Language.

The **Annual English Language and Literature conference** is an annual event for English language teachers. They convene at the School of Education to discuss and share class room and research practices in the area of English and literature teaching.

The **national Kiswahili Language workshop**. A follow up of the annual regional conference annually held in Nairobi. The School of Education workshop brought together more than 100 Kiswahili teachers of primary school, secondary school and tertiary institutions to discuss pedagogical issues and the challenges they face in teaching the language.

The **National Social Sciences and Arts Education workshop** was organised by the Department of Humanities and Language Education for the first time. It was intended to "kick start" the national conference of the social sciences and Arts bracket teachers.

The **Art education mini exhibition and seminar**. This was organised for Fine Art teachers in secondary schools. Over 50 teachers attended.

The **Science teachers workshop** was organised by the Department of Science Vocational and Technical Education

Partnering to Raise Awareness about Socially Stigmatized health problems Across the Borders

By Dr Willy Ngaka Cordinator CLL

Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) through its Golden Key International Honour Society (GKIHS) will in December 2011 engage in a joint community intervention with its partners in the East African region namely Kenyan Paraplegic Organization (KPO), Maendeleo Foundation International and others to raise awareness among communities about diseases whose victims suffer from social stigma.

This joint community initiative, the first of its kind CLL will venture into, will take place in Busia and Bungoma districts. It will focus on spinal injuries, other road traffic accidents and HIV/AIDS. The intervention aims to involve volunteers from different organizations across East Africa to raise community awareness about life after acquiring stigmatized health problems and urging people with such problems to seek help from KPO. Other volunteer driven organizations in the region that have agreed to join the campaign include Naolm Learning and Development Consult Ltd and the Uganda Rural Literacy and Community Development Association (URLCODA).

Participation of CLL in this partnership will help achieve the goal of internationalization of Makerere University. It is also in line with the spirit of forging Unity in the East African Community. Student participants from SoDLL will be expected to return to Uganda to spearhead a similar campaign. The intervention also offers an opportunity for action research in the region. Below is a photo the Ugandan team took with the leaders at KPO head office in Nairobi on October 1, 2011 after a planning meeting.

Students who would like to take part in this event are encouraged to approach the following for more information: Apollo Mulondo - PPM (II) on 0773 484993 or Dennis Masaba - PPM (II) on 0776 487599, or Bosco Rumaga - SS (II) on 0779 230669.



From left to right: Dr. Maurice Peter Siminyu, Board Member KPO, Mr. Timothy, W. Wetangula, CEO KPO, Dr. Willy Ngaka, National Coordinator CLL, Mr. Joshua Abuga, representative of MUPPMSA/GKIHS- Makerere Chapter, Ms Kamukama Asia, President Maendeleo Foundation International and Judith Eleru, Board Member of URLCODA



School of Education hosts Swedish Exchange Students

School of Education hosted two Swedish Exchange students from the University of Gothenburg earlier this year. The students, Linn Willen and Lina Esbjornsson took part in the Linnaeus-Palme Program, a Swedish programme for lecturers and students at undergraduate and master's levels of higher education. The programme aims to strengthen co-operation between institutions of higher education in Sweden and the developing countries and thereby increase and deepen the global contacts between them.

Correspondingly, Dr Victoria K. Tamale and Rosemary Nakalanzi from SOE together with students Rogers Ssemogerere and Jessie Bakitunda visited Gotheburg University Faculty of Education.



Linn Willen and Lina Esbjornsson

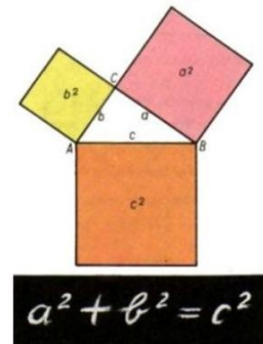
The Swedish students enjoyed their stay and study in Uganda and went back home with multicultural and meaningful educational experiences.

ELATE products available

Free and easily accessible learning materials incorporating job related life skills have been developed and disseminated by the School of Education under the ELATE (E-learning and Teacher Education) project.

The ELATE products are aimed at secondary school users including teachers, teacher trainers and trainees, students, parents and policy makers. The materials can be accessed on the ELATE website: www.elateafrica.org or on CD-ROMS and hardcopy format for areas with no computer access. ELATE was a joint venture between the School of Education, Makerere University, the Open University UK, and Education Partnerships in Africa (EPA).

ELATE Project



Senate recommends ODeI policy to University Council

On July 19th 2011, the University Senate discussed and recommended the Makerere University Open, Distance and Learning (ODeI) policy to the University Council - the supreme governing body of the University. The ODeI policy was developed by DODL.

MUECA organizes successful orientation for BCom External students

The delayed start of Semester 1 did not hamper efforts by the Makerere University External Commerce Students Association (MUECA) to organize a successful orientation for the first year students. The first batch of students had their orientation in August which ended with a session with College management. This session was attended by the College Principal, deputy registrar, administrators and Student Support Office (external students) Mr Richard Kajumbula.

First year external students reported to the College up until October. A special orientation and catch up face to face sessions were organized for those students who reported in September/October. The Bachelor of Commerce External programme has the largest student intake at CEES. Over 900 students were admitted into the programme this year.



MUECA students assist freshers during orientation week

MESA students run basic ICT orientation workshops for freshers.

The Makerere University Education Students Association organized two ICT orientation workshops for first year students at the College of Education and External Studies. The objective of the workshops was to equip new students with basic skills in ICT such as word-processing, using excel spreadsheets, accessing the internet and using emails. There is a great need for ICT orientation workshops since numerous students qualify for university education having never used a computer.

The workshops that were held in October 2011, were facilitated by Mr. Louis Kakinda, a lecturer at CEES together with MESA student leaders. Each workshop was attended by 60 students. Orientation activities at CEES aim to facilitate the academic and social adjustment of first year students commencing undergraduate studies.

Education for Sustainable Development Club

1st Anniversary

By Philemon Kirunda Mukisa

In May 2011, the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Club commemorated its first anniversary. The anniversary activities were held a month earlier to allow club members to prepare for their end of year exams in May.

The activities also coincided with the International Earth Day on 22nd April and this saw the club members plant fresh fruit trees around the environs of the College of Education and External

A dinner held on 30th April 2011 crowned up the activities. The Club also presented a report on its activities, to the Education for Sustainable Development -United Nations Decade 2005-2014 at the UNESCO Secretariat for onward publication in the end of year UNESCO report.



Third Intergenerational Literacy Learner's Conference, Masindi

The Centre for Lifelong Learning (CLL) in collaboration with Uganda Rural Literacy and Community Development Association (URLCODA) hosted the 3rd Intergenerational Literacy Learner's Conference in Uganda from 27- 30 April 2011 at Kabalega Secondary School, Masindi.

The student led conference attracted participants from rural non- literate communities, students, academics, political leaders and members of NGOs who shared their experiences and discussed issues related to the conference theme, Land Literacy: A critical tool for reducing hunger, poverty and achieving some of the key MDGs in the 21st Century Uganda.

A community health camp focusing on Voluntary HIV testing and counseling was launched by the Deputy Public Affairs Officer of the US Embassy in Kampala, Mr John H Dunne. As part of the student involvement in the conference, CEES students in partnership with Maendeleo Foundation International trained participants on how to use ICT. Students also provided career guidance to secondary school students.

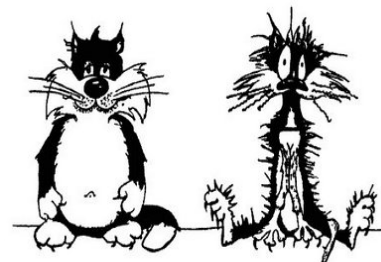
Participation in the conference has nurtured a mentorship environment, fostered a sense of volunteerism and community awareness among CEES students skills. have been empowered to become role models in their communities.

10 Healthy Hints to Manage stress at work

In this difficult economy bloated with high inflation rates and sky rocketing commodity prices, many of us are finding it harder than ever to cope with stress at work. Here are a few hints that will help improve your physical and emotional health, your interactions with colleagues and your work productivity.

1. Have a balanced diet
2. Take 5 minutes to do something for your colleagues
3. Be active, exercise, walk or ride a bicycle

4. Go to bed earlier and have plenty of sleep
5. Develop good hobbies like reading books, sports
6. Take a break, set aside some personal time
7. Build a support network of family, relatives and friend
8. Get involved in your community, support a charity and help others
9. Laugh. This naturally produces feel good hormones (endorphins)
10. Practice deep breathing techniques. Lie on the floor or sit in the chair, inhale a deep breath of air, hold it, and then use your mouth and nose to exhale the air slowly. Do this several times.



Before Work

After Work