



ELEVATING MUST TO THE GLOBAL ARENA: MUST 8TH COUNCIL TAKES THE REINS



**Ephesians 4:26-32 &
Luke 12:41-48**

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The MUST 8th Council Vows to Serve with Diligence



Mbarara University of Science and Technology witnessed a momentous occasion as the 8th University Council took their oath of allegiance and secrecy in a solemn ceremony. The members vowed to be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Republic of Uganda and MUST. They also promised to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the Republic of Uganda and all policies, rules and regulations of MUST.



Reverend Justus Murokore

The event was graced by Reverend Justus Murokore, the chaplain of St. Luke's Anglican Community of MUST. He blessed the new council, and urged them to always seek God in all that they do. Rev. Murokore asked the new council not to misuse their positions but rather use them for the benefit of the people they serve. He derived his homily from Ephesians 4:26-32



The Vice Chancellor: Prof. Celestino Obua

The congregation was welcomed by the interim chair to council, who by law is the Vice Chancellor. Prof. Celestino Obua, welcomed the deputy registrar of Mbarara high court and thanked her for always finding time to come and support MUST. He welcomed the new Members of council and congratulated them upon being voted into various new positions of power. Prof. Obua said that the inauguration of the 8th University Council marks a fundamental moment in MUST's journey. He added that in a journey of governance and stewardship, leaders must take oaths that bind them to the principles of allegiance and secrecy. Prof Obua noted that the two oaths stand as guiding tool to ensure that the right decisions are made reflecting the highest ideals of governance.



Her Worship Zulaika Nanteza

The event was presided over by Her Worship Zulaika Nanteza Deputy Registrar of Mbarara High court. She gave insights as to why the members take the two oaths and repercussion of breaching them. The members took and signed the oaths before the deputy register and the university legal officer Counsel Timothy Mugumya.

Among the members that took oaths were:

The former chairperson of the 7th council Dr. Warren Naamara



The Vice Chancellor Prof. Celestino Obua takes the oath of allegiance and secrecy



Hon. Dr. Nicholas T. Kamara representing MUST convocation



Professor Nixon Kamukama, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs MUST.



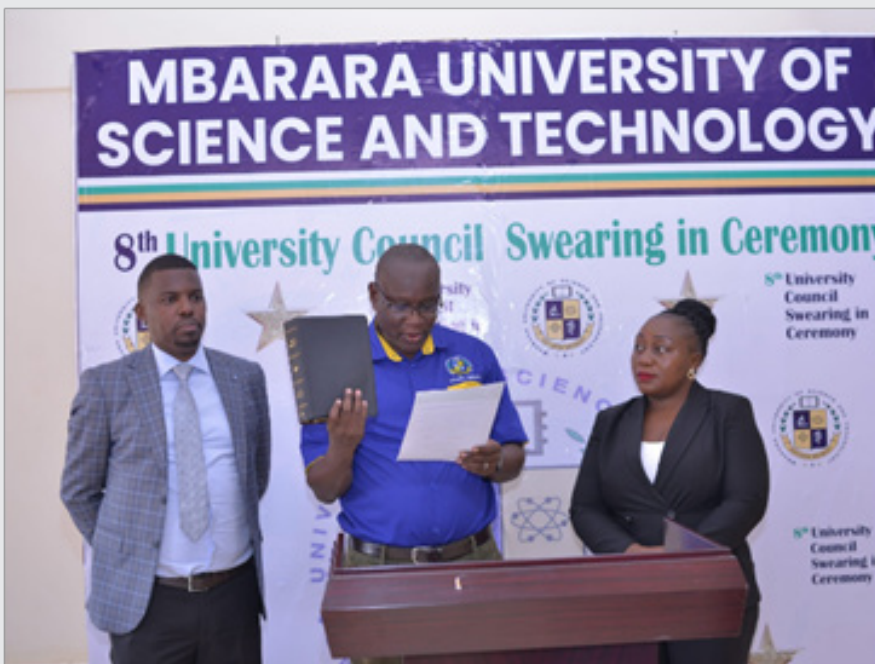
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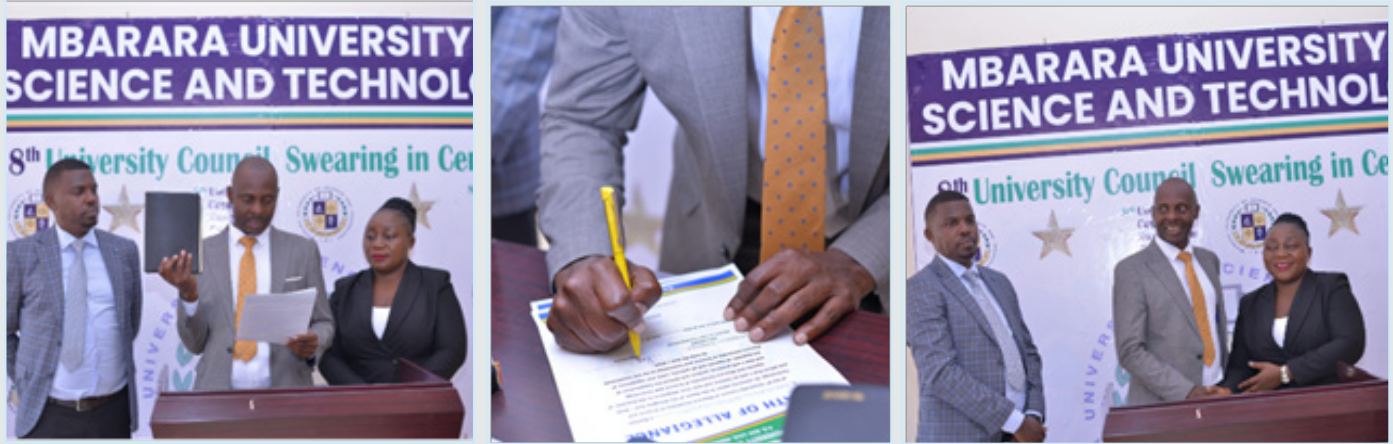
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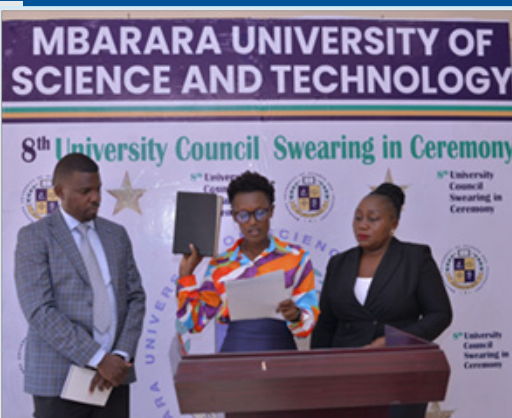
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The event was organized by the secretariat to council led by Mr. Melchoir Byaruhanga. The team worked closely with the Public relations office led by Ms. Angella Nakato Muyingo in line planning, organizing coordinating and the entire event management

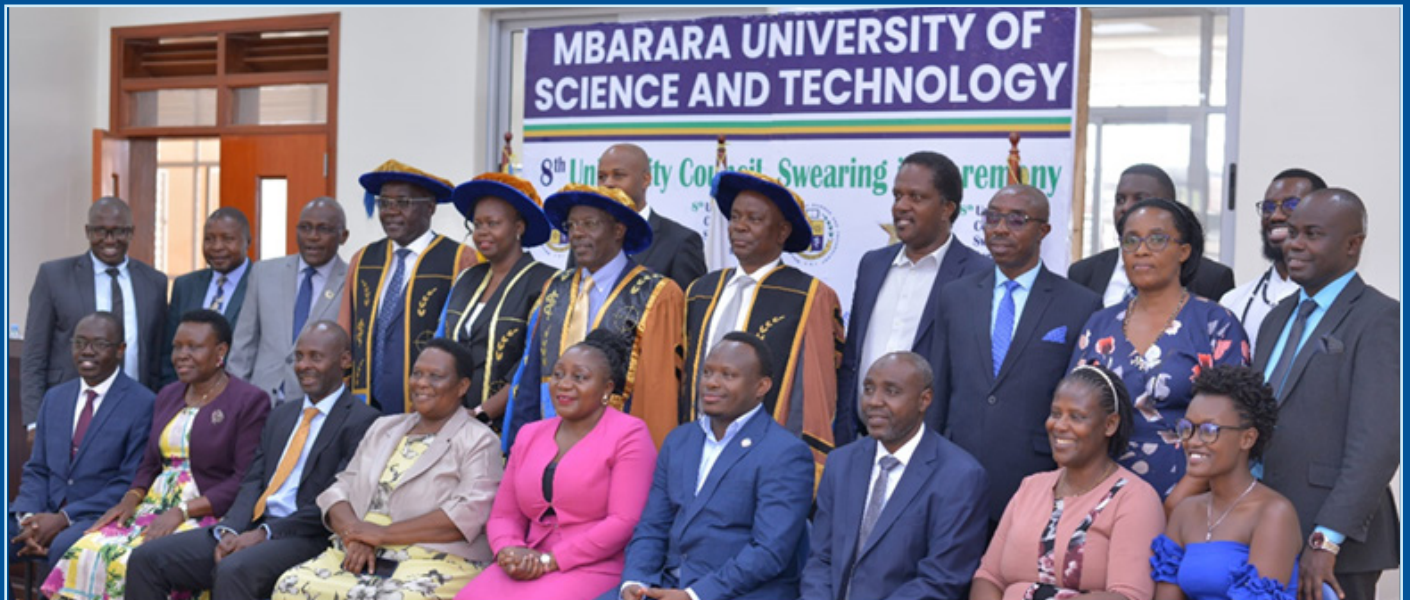


Angella Nakato muyingo-PRO



Mr. Melchoir Byaruhanga - US

A week later, members from the public were appointed, making the 8th council complete. This required them to vote for the chairperson, Vice Chairperson and heads of council committees



In a historic convocation held at the Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), on 4th August 2023, a wave of change swept across its hallowed halls as the 8th University Council took the mantle of leadership. The air was thick with anticipation, hope, and the silent pledge of commitment to excellence as MUST witnessed the 8th Council's steadfast commitment to transforming the University into a globally recognized powerhouse center of scientific excellence.

Presided over and under the meticulous oversight of Her Worship Zulika Nanteza, the Deputy Registrar of Mbarara High Court, new council members were sworn in. This momentous occasion was facilitated by the combined efforts of Counsel Mugumya Timothy Ndiana, legal advisor MUST, and Madam Angela Nakato Muyingo, Public Relations officer. These were supported by Sheila Ninye Twinamasko (Mrs) the International Relations Officer to ensure the proceedings resonated with the institution's high standards and with seamless execution.



In a spiritually uplifting segment, Fr. Nelson Chinedu Ekeh, Chaplain of the Corpus Christi Catholic community at MUST, blessed the congregation. His words resonated with the essence of governance, emphasizing unity, dedication, transparency, and diligence. Drawing from Luke 12:41-48, he bequeathed a moral compass to the leaders, guiding them toward a future of unwavering commitment to excellence. His message, "Leadership is service, and with great power, comes even greater responsibility."

His Worship Robert Mugabe Kakybezi, the interim chairperson and Mayor of Mbarara, facilitated the selection of the Council Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Flanked by the secretary to council, Mr. Melchior Byaruhanga, they declared the results to the congregation. Leading the council's mission, Dr. Warren Naamara was re-elected as the Chairperson with Counsel.



Sarah Nyachwo Mwaka as the Vice Chairperson. Their nominations were unopposed, signifying the unanimous trust and belief of the members in their leadership capabilities.

Chairperson takes the oaths of allegiance and secrecy



As the new 8th council members took the oath of allegiance and secrecy, a dynamic fabric of leadership emerged setting the stage for transformative leadership. This leadership not only represented a diverse array of public and government representatives but also the stalwarts from MUST's internal management, association representatives and student's body.





The Vanguard of the Vision:

Dr. Warren Naamara the seasoned leader from the 7th Council, continues his chairmanship journey, flanked by Vice Chairperson, Ms. Sarah Nyachwo Mwaka, having both been re-elected in their respective positions.

In his stirring acceptance speech, Dr. Warren radiated optimism. "Together, with our concerted efforts, we aim to transform MUST into a shining beacon of scientific excellence. We shall ensure that our institu-

tion not only leads in academia but also becomes a global hub for research, innovation, and solutions for the challenges of our times." Reiterating the spiritual guidance bestowed by Fr. Nelson Chinedu Ekeh, he called for unity and diligence.

"Our vision is not just to keep MUST on the map but to redraw the map where MUST stands tall as a global center of scientific excellence," remarked Dr. Naamara, setting the tone for his tenure.



The New Chairperson Dr. Warren Naamara receives instruments of power from the Ag. Vice Chancellor Prof. Nixon Kamukama



A Glimpse into Dr. Warren Naamara's Accomplished Career:

Dr. Warren Naamara, the newly reinstated Chairperson, had previously led MUST's 7th Council, inaugurated in July 2019. The University Council, the pinnacle administrative body, oversees the University's operation, ensuring the fulfillment of its objectives and functions as prescribed by the Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001.

A graduate of Makerere University Medical School, Uganda, Dr. Naamara has an illustrious career in public health. He has served as the UNAIDS Country Director for Tanzania and boasts a 25-year tenure dedicated to HIV/AIDS prevention across various regions in Africa.

His legacy includes remarkable stints at key positions, such as the National AIDS Control Programme epidemiologist in Uganda, Director of the Uganda National AIDS Control Programme, World Bank's long-term Management expert adviser for restructuring Rwanda's health services post-war and genocide, and UNAIDS Country Coordinator in Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, and Ethiopia. His commendable academic achievements include postgraduate qualifications from the University of Toronto, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of California at San Francisco, and University of Leicester, UK.

A New Era of Academic Excellence

As Dr. Naamara assumes the helm of the 8th Council, the collective aspiration of the council members is to usher in an era of academic excellence and scientific prowess, reflecting the mission of MUST. The council pledges to foster a culture of unity, accountability, transparency, and unwavering dedication, envisioning a promising future for MUST as a leading global center for scientific research and education.

Leaders Spectrum.

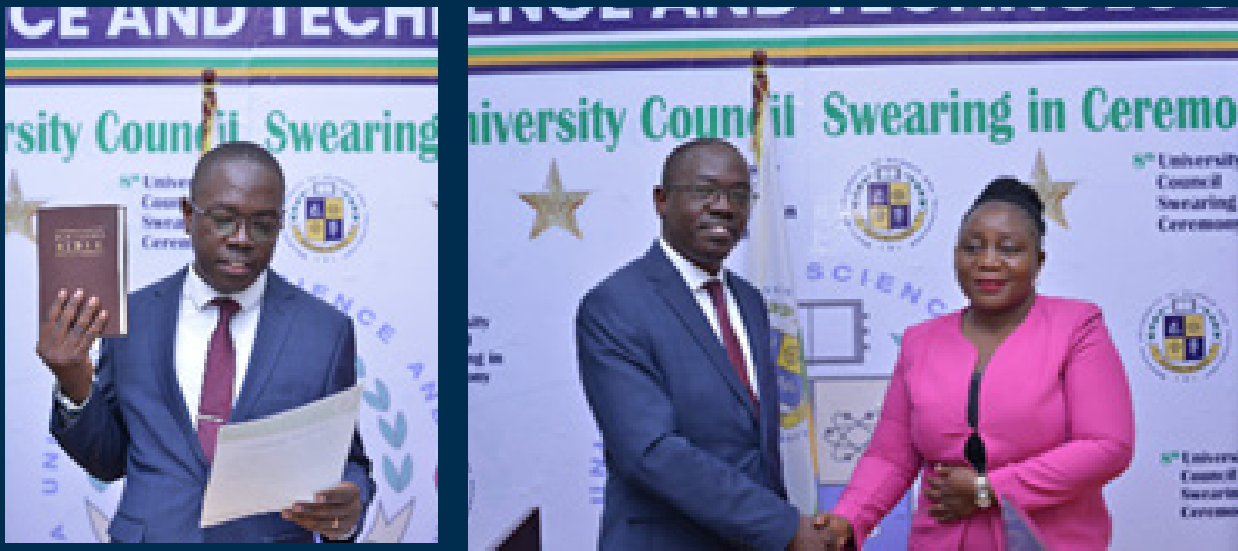
The Council comprises a dynamic blend of members from the public sector, government, MUST's management, and student body. At its core, the University's administrative foundation lies with its Secretary to Council and Secretariat, along with legal and audit experts. Below is the full list of members of the 8th Council.



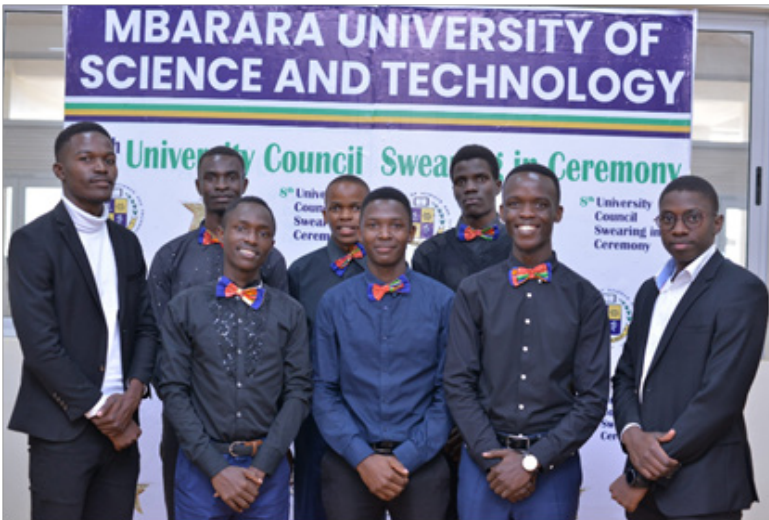
Full List of Members of the 8th Council

1. Dr. Warren Namara, the esteemed Chairperson Council and a member appointed by the Minister from the public.
2. Counsel Sarah Mwaka Nyacho, the esteemed Vice Chairperson Council and Chairperson Legal Rules and privileges Committee as well as a Council Public Representative.
3. Professor Celestino Obua, the esteemed Vice Chancellor of MUST.
4. Professor Nixon Kamukama, the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs MUST.
5. Associate Professor Charles Tushabomwe-Kazooba, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Finance and Administration.
6. Dr. Steven Kisaka, the Chairperson of the Appointments Board and a member appointed by the Minister from the public.
7. Engineer Denis Galabuzi Ssekandi, the Chairperson of the Estates and Works Committee and Council Public Representative.
8. Mrs. Agatha Catherine Achom, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Council Public Representative.
9. Mr. Hannington Ashaba, the Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee and a representative of the Ministry responsible for Finance.
10. Mr. Muzamiru Kwatampora, the Chairperson of the Students Welfare and Disciplinary Committee and a representative of the Ministry responsible for Higher Education.
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Inauguration choir

The Backbone of the University's Administration.

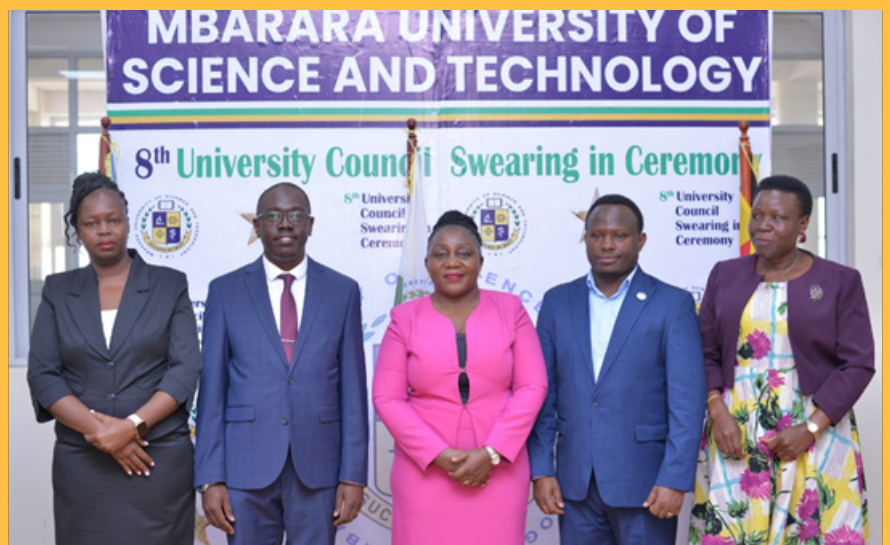
Beyond the elected members, the University's administrative machinery's core remains in its Secretary to Council and University Secretary, Mr. Byaruhanga Melchoir, and the secretariat helmed by Mrs. Ahabwe Irene who oversaw the whole occasion. Complementing this team and adding depth to the Council's functioning are the two Ex-Officio stalwarts: Mr. Mugumya Timothy Ndiana, and Mr. Geoffrey Mutebi, overseeing Legal and Audit functions at MUST respectively.

Towards A Brilliant Future:

As the curtains drew on the inauguration, one message was clear: the 8th council of MUST is not just poised for change – they're spearheading a revolution. With a united front and a shared vision, MUST is not only set to break barriers in academia but is on course to set the global standard for scientific brilliance.

The entire MUST community now watches with bated breath and unbridled optimism, awaiting the institution's ascendancy to global acclaim.

As the curtain fell on this monumental day, the guiding words of Fr. Ekie were a solemn reminder to all, "To whom much is given, much will be required." The horizon for MUST, it seems, is limitless and glowing. The final rallying cry? "SUCCEED WE MUST!"



Counsel Sarah Mwaka Nyacho, Engineer Denis Galabuzi Ssekandi Her Worship Zulika Nanteza Mr. Ambrose Muragira Mrs. Agatha Catherine Achom

The inauguration homily by Fr. Nelson Chinadu Ekeh



Luke 12:41-48 The gospel of Luke highlights: power, service, abuse of power and good governance. Accordingly, I believe it is crucial to take a moment to remind ourselves on the paramount importance of good governance. The very foundation of our university's success and sustainability rests upon the principles of unity, transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership.

Good governance is not a mere bureaucratic construct; it is the essence of our commitment to fostering an environment of academic excellence, intellectual freedom, and holistic development for our students. Hence, it determines the efficacy of our policies, the efficiency of our operations, and the trust we instill within our stakeholders.

At the heart of good governance lies UNITY. The famous maxim, "united we stand, divided we fall." Reminds us of our common responsibility to have ONE VOICE as a UNIVERSITY council. Our inability to speak with one voice begets DIVISION. Consequently, Christ reminds us in Matthew 12:25 "a Household DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF WILL NOT STAND."



TRANSPARENCY: is our ability to ensure openness in the decision-making processes. We empower our university community to participate actively and provide valuable input. Transparent governance promotes trust among students, faculty, staff, and external partners, strengthening our bonds and creating a sense of shared responsibility for our collective success. The first locus for transparency is amongst you the UNIVERSITY council members. Here you must watch against: spreading rumours, hall ways/corridor Lugambo, clicks and gangs, and US vs THEM.

ACCOUNTABILITY is the pillar upon which we build our credibility. By holding ourselves accountable for the choices we make and the actions we take, we demonstrate our commitment to upholding ethical standards and achieving our strategic objectives. When we hold ourselves accountable, we inspire others to do the same, fostering a culture of responsibility that flows throughout the university. We often say Africans hate accountability hence we become defensive. Be the example! Be different! It is very ok to be challenged.

Moreover, good governance encourages diversity of thought and fosters inclusivity. By embracing different perspectives, we enrich the learning environment, foster creativity, and foster a climate of respect where everyone's voice is heard and valued. In doing so, we prepare our students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and diverse global society.

The mark of an ethical leader lies in his discipline and ability to be sincere, straightforward and stand for the truth at all times. "Say the Truth, the truth will set you free" (Jn 8:31-32). Be like Daniel who challenged the council members to do the right thing and not kill the innocent Susanna (Dan 13:48).

In conclusion, how do we contend for good governance? Like KING Solomon, we should ask GOD for WISDOM and A DISCERNING HEART. Thus by upholding these principles, we will not only secure the future of our institution but also positively impact the lives of countless individuals who pass through our halls of learning.

Remember: TO HIM WHO MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED...the Lord be with you!

Lord God, Source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope and love to all nations. In your goodness, bless our brothers and sisters who have offered themselves as the 8th university council. Strengthen them with your gifts that they may teach by word and by example the truth that comes from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord

The Lord be with you...



Best of luck to the MUST 8th council. Succeed we MUST, For God and My Country

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