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(MUHASSO)

MINISTRY OF LOANS AND GRANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Ministry of Loans and Grants is one of the most important ministries of Muhimbili University of Health and Allied sciences students' organization (MUHASSO). It is made up of three MUHASSO officials titled Minister, Deputy Minister and Principal Secretary.

The ministry in collaboration with Muhimbili University of health and allied sciences' management ensures availability of funds to MUHAS students as either loan from High Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) or grant from Ministry of Education and Vocation Training (MoEVT). It is done by both sending required documents (University Examination results) and making requests for payment of Meals and accommodation, field and research allowances and special faculty requirement from HESLB and MoEVT by MUHAS and MUHASSO.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The achievements attained are based on the Ministry's action plan as per 2009/2010 and MUHASSO's policy as per 2009/2010. These include timely payment of meals and accommodation, field allowances, research allowances, elective allowances, special faculty requirement and books and stationary.

The ministry to its capacity, managed to settle disputes among students and financial supporting organs (MoEVT and HESLB) where it was necessary by diplomatic approach. This has reduced unnecessary misunderstanding and promoted harmony among students and financial supporting organs.

Ministry also convinced the office of Bursar, MoEVT and HESLB to be provided with documents involving students' payments of various allowances. This has enhanced transparency to the

ministry itself and students in general. These included copy of cheque lists, batches, and loan statements.

MUHAS management agreed to put an outstanding office which in collaboration with MUHASSO's ministry of loans and grants, will facilitate timely availability of fund to students from MoEVT and HESLB.

CHALLENGES

Despite achievements mentioned above, ministry of loans and grants faced the following challenges.

- Failure to meet ministers of loans from other universities
- Delay of necessary documents by MUHAS management to the HESLB and MoEVT for early processing of loans and grants to student. This includes loan and grant agreement forms, examination results and fund requesting letters.
- Delay of disbursement of funds to students by HESLB without plausible explanation
- Mixing of students' loan documents by HESLB. This includes form four index numbers, registration numbers and account numbers.
- Displacements of students' documents including loan and grant agreement forms by MUHAS, HESLB and MoEVT which contributes to the delay of disbursement of loan and grants to students.

PENDING TASK

Ministry of loans and grant expect to handle the following activities to the incoming new MUHASSO leadership.

- Making a request of elective allowances for DDS4 and MD4 students from MoEVT.
- Making a request of field allowances for BSP2, BSP3 and BScN3 students from HESLB.
- Making follow up of CDC field allowances for MD3 students from MoEVT.
- Making follow up of nutrition field allowances for DDS2 and MD2 students from MoEVT.
- Follow up of SFR for unpaid students from HESLB and MoEVT.
- Implementation of regular meeting with other university's ministry of loans for exchange of views and experience.

SUGGESTIONS

Ministry of loans and grants insist presence of an outstanding office from MUHAS management which will cooperate with MUHASSO to ensure that students get funded in due time.

To avoid challenges (2, 3, 4, and 5) stipulated above, the ministry requests MUHAS management should call a meeting with HESLB, MoEVT and MUHASSO for discussion.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Ministry of loans and grants appreciates much cooperation offered by MUHAS management particularly the office of DVC-ARC, DVC-PFA, Deans of schools, Dean of students and Bursar. Much thanks also to MoEVT and HESLB without forgetting MUHASSO leaders and MUHAS students who showed us cooperation.

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