

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF

BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,

MBARARA

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BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Under Min. 11/2001 (e) of National Teachers' College, Kakoba, the Board of Governors' meeting of 18th December 2001 passed a resolution to the effect that it should develop and maintain both the NTC and the proposed Bishop Stuart University on its facilities. Preparations to be made for the University to begin in October 2002.

It was also resolved that the idea be sold to the Diocesan Board of Education.

The steering committee was appointed comprising of:-

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| 1. | Mr. Y. Gucwamaingi | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Eng. E. Bukabeeba | - | Co-opted |
| 3. | Mr. Rwomushana E. | - | Member |
| 4. | Mrs. M. Mabanga | - | Member |
| 5. | Rev. Can. E.R. Katureebe | - | Member |
| 6. | Mr. Karoro E.A. | - | Secretary |
| 7. | Mr. Rwabushaija M. | - | Ex-officio (Registrar) |

The terms of reference for the committee are:

- To begin work immediately;
- To consult other universities for modalities required of starting a university;
- To carry out feasibility study to develop into a university by the foundation body;
- To lay a strategy of affiliating the college to an existing university;
- To propose the future of the existing NTC
- To hand in findings before mid February 2002.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

Bishop Stuart College was and still is an educational institution, whose duty is to prepare teachers for our fast developing nation. For this reason the staff and students of this college invest their trust and confidence in God.

The proposed Bishop Stuart University, Mbarara traces its humble beginnings in a small Teacher Training College known as ~~Nyakasura near Fort Portal~~ in 1948. The college was transferred to Ruharo, western side of St. James' Cathedral; next to Mbarara High School in 1952.

It was started as part of the British Government's new drive to prepare Uganda for independence, the appointment of Sir Andrew Cohen, as Governor of Uganda then, being the effective instrument of that policy.

As far as education was concerned, guidelines were laid down for training of teachers at a conference held in Kampala towards the end of 1952, also was the appointment of an advisory council which was to be concerned with details of courses, curriculum syllabuses and other details.

As an interim measure for the enormous expansion of schooling and the consequent demand for teachers, up-grading courses were to be held at which uncertified and vernacular teachers were to be given crash instructions to fit the emergency.

1952 Rev Hugh F. Hodge was sent to be responsible for the findings of a new co-educational teacher training college in Ankole. After a dedicated offer of land by the Enganzi (Prime Minister) of Ankole Mr. Zechariah C. K. Mungonya, Mbarara Primary Teachers' College got a new site.

1953 New buildings were erected on the new site while the base remained at Ruharo. 18 male students, 12 from Kigezi 6 from Ankole made up the first in-take to begin a three year course for Grade II primary teachers' certificate. These were joined by 15 vernacular teachers coming to do an upgrading course which lasted one term. This was followed by a 2 term upgrading course for 47 vernacular teachers from all over Uganda.

At the same time girls were doing the same pre-training course at the vernacular teacher training course (V.T.T.C.) in Kabale, in preparation for joining the male students at Mbarara.

1954 56 girls joined the male students for the co-education training. There were now 119 students, almost half of them being girls. The new name for the college was chosen, so the college became "**Bishop Stuart College**".

1955 Due to limited accommodation, the boys moved into the completed dormitories on the new site, the girls remained at Ruharo and every morning the 2nd year girls were transported on the college lorry by the principal to the new site for studies with 2nd years male students, and 1st year male students were driven back to their sleeping quarters.

1956 The full intake of students was completed with 2 years of professional training and 2nd years of pre-training or general education. The college buildings were completed and occupied by all the students, and a Demonstration School was also built. In October, 1956, the college was officially opened by Sir Andrew Cohen, Governor of Uganda of the time.

1957 The initial development of the college was completed.

