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OVER 70 students at Hubert Kairuki Memorial University may not be allowed to sit for their university examinations which started yesterday due to failure to settle tuition fees.

The university's management in a letter signed by the

Vice Chancellor, Prof Keto Mshigeni on June 16th required students whose balanced sheet is not clean to postpone the semester.

"This means by 27th June, 2014, you shall have no right to attend lectures, no right to sit for any CAT (Continuous Assessment Test), no right to participate in any medical or clinical

rotation, examination or assignment, written or oral," reads the letter in part.

The letter, which 'Daily News on Saturday' has acquired a copy states that the decision was reached during the university's 19th extraordinary meeting of the Senate Executive Committee that sat on the same day the letter was written and

discussed failure by students to pay tuition fees.

The letter advised students to follow all procedures for postponing the semester, adding that they may rejoin the university upon settlement of fees if the time spent out would not affect 90 per cent required attendance of scheduled and conducted sessions in a semester or rotation

as indicated in the university's prospectus.

Some students attending psychiatric rotation at Mirembe Psychiatric Referral Hospital said that they have since remained at the hospital with their letters of postponement.

They started end of psychiatric rotation examinations yesterday but already the univer-

sity management has denounced knowledge of their existence as they have insisted that the decision stands.

The students who preferred anonymity given the sensitivity of the matter in their academic career are pleading for intervention by the Prime Minister's Office to order the university to allow them sit for exams and re-

ceive their results upon payment of fees.

They are also questioning the high amount of fees charged by their university which is twice what medical students' pay in public universities.

"The loan board (Higher Education Students' Loans Board) has already paid over 2m/- for all the students who have been

ordered to postpone the semester and if we are forced to do so, we will not be able to benefit from next year's loan," said some of the students who visited the 'Daily News' offices here.

They also pointed out that the decision is new to them as previously they used to sit for exams and receive their results upon payment of fees.