

ISBAT University granted charter

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Left to right: The executive director of NCHE Prof. Mary Okwakol, the Chairperson Prof. Elly Katunguka, ISBAT University chairperson Fred Omach and the University vice Chancellor Prof KM Mathew after receiving the charter and instruments of power at NCHE headquarters in Kyambogo on November 19, 2019. Photos by Francis Emorut

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KAMPALA - The National Council of Higher Education

(NCHE) has granted ISBAT University a charter that allows it to offer master's and doctorate programs.

NCHE chairperson Prof Elly Katunguka on Monday handed over the charter document, certificate, and instruments signed by President Yoweri Museveni to the university chancellor Fred Jachan Omach at NCHE headquarters, Kyambogo in Kampala.

The function was witnessed by NCHE executive director Prof. Mary Okwakol, the university vice-chancellor Dr. K M Mathew, staff and students.

Katunguka implored the university administration to live by the expectation of a chartered university through employing permanent quality staff, qualified students, running accredited programs and quality assurance, among others.

“This success you have attained today comes with huge expectations from the public. Do not compromise on quality. Live by the charter standards. Don't disappoint the NCHE which recommended you to the President for a charter. I can only advise you that work begins now to maintain that quality,” Katunguka said.

Prof Katunguka, who is also the Kyambogo University vice-chancellor, reiterated the need for higher institutions of learning to remodel the teaching in order to produce graduates fit for the job market.

“The onus is on us to win back public trust and give our students value for money. The public is tired of universities that produce graduates who are on streets to look for jobs,” he advised.

ISBAT vice-chancellor Dr. K M Mathew said, with students from over 26 countries, the university seeks to empower the lives of students into global citizens with internationally acclaimed curricular, global associations and accreditations.

He said their programs are developed along with the global standards, with credit balanced assessments, enabling credit mapping with global institutions of higher learning.

Initially established as a tertiary institution in 2005, moved on to the level of a degree-awarding institution and finally transformed in January 2016 into a fully-fledged university with own state-of-the-art metropolitan campus in Kampala.

A member of the Future Education and Technology Group, ISBAT University is well recognized and respected for imparting high-quality education and training in Uganda as well as in the East African region.



NCHE and ISBAT University officials cutting a cake after the university was issued a charter

What is a charter?

At the start of a university, a provisional license is a certificate granted by NCHE to an applicant wishing to start a private university. At the point of application, a letter of interim authority should be valid.

A charter is granted to universities that possess a provisional license for a minimum of three years and would have satisfied all the conditions set during their time of licensing.

Granted by the Head of State, it defines the governance of the university: its objects, statutes, ordinances, regulations, officers,

and powers including those that allow us to award degrees.

Requirements for a charter

A charter is granted to universities that have demonstrated high quality in staffing, teaching and learning, research output, extension services, infrastructural development, and good governance, among others.

For any institution to be accredited, NCHE must be satisfied, after a series of inspections and visitations, that the institution concerned has adequate physical and financial resources, viable programmes, adequate qualified staff and structures of governance to deliver quality higher education.

Universities and other Tertiary Institutions Act, states that the charter is granted by the President as evidence that the university meets the requirements and standards of academic excellence set by the NCHE.

List of universities without a charter

Aga Khan University

Kumi University

African Bible College of Uganda

Uganda Pentecostal University

St. Lawrence University

Muteesa I Royal University

All Saints University, Lango

Clarke International University

Cavendish University

International University of East Africa

Victoria University

African Rural University

Livingstone International University

St. Augustine International University

Virtual University of Uganda

Uganda Technology and Management University,

African Renewal University

Nsaka University

Ibanda University

University of Kisubi

Kayiwa International University

Valley University of Science & Technology

Team University

Great Lakes University

Ankole Western University

University of the Sacred

Metropolitan International University

Avance International University

University of St. Joseph, Mbarara

Nile University

Fins Medical University