



UAUW Triennial Report

2007 - 2010

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR UGANDA ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (UAUW) / 2010-2012

1. President.....	Mrs. Sarah Bunoti
2. Vice	Mrs. Margaret Kakongoro
3. Treasurer	DR. Merab Kagoda
4. Seceretary.....	Mrs.Lydia Kemirembe
5. Assistant	Mrs. Florence Namande
6. CIR.....	Mrs. Rose G.Bwire
7. Guidance	Mrs Hildamukisa
8. Bursaries	Mrs. Joyce MPanga
9. Research & projects.....	DR. Euzobia Baine
10. Publicity	Mrs. Getrude Ssekabira
11. Members	Ms Olivia Mugabirwe Ms Doreen Anek Mr. James Isabirye

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2010

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure as I wind up my term of office which has run for the last four years: (2006 – 2008 and 2009 – 2010). The experience has been educative and with all the time spent as the president of the Uganda Association of University Women. I thank all the members here below listed who accepted to work with me on the executive committee of the association.

- Vice President: Ms Olivia Mugabirwe (2008 – 2010)
- Treasurer: Ms Doreen Anek (2006 – 2010)
- Secretary: Ms Deborah Waibi (2008 – 2010)
- Assistant: Dr Lillian Nabulime (2008 – 2010)
- Bursary Fund Secretary: Ms Kyakuwa Doris (2008 – 2010)
- Research and Project: Dr Kagoda (2010 – 2010)
- Publications and Publicity: Ms Gertrude Sekabira (2008 – 2010)
- CIR: Ms Irena Ziotnikora (2008 – 2010)
- Career Guidance and Counseling: Abigail Kalala (2006 -2010)
- Member 1: Dr Merab Kagoda (2006 – 2010)
- Member 11: Ms Margaret Etuuse 2006 – 2010)
- Member 111: Ms Juliet Mudondo(2008-2010)
- Member 1V: Mr. James Isabirye(2008-2010)

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Executive Committee has worked under difficult times when the whole world was hit by the credit crunch that crumpled many of the Association's plans due to shortage of funds amidst high costs of living. We were however financially assisted by the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund who awarded the Uganda Association of University Women a grant of USD 4,980 for the workshops for the first year university students' project. The project was implemented through forums for first year students in Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Mukono University and Kampala International University.

The project answered many of the students unanswered queries and showed that despite the HIV talks where were done in some urban schools, a lot of information had never been made available to the young ladies who gained social freedom from their parents and guardians when they joined universities

The Association also got some funding of 1,000 from BRPID Swiss Francs for the "Skills Building and Sexual Reproductive Health Project". The project is being implemented at Mpererwe Church of Uganda Primary School along side the tailoring project which started in 2004 with a donation of sewing machines from the Bevertory Rotary Club, USA. The skills project has attracted both the young and old and there is hope that after the training the participants can start their own businesses for some income.

Career guidance has continued to be done in various Secondary Schools and to a certain degree; it has helped both boys and girls to shape their educational goals. The Career's chairperson transferred her services to Mayuge which is about 70 km away from Kampala. She at times finds time to guide the students in the rural area where she is. We thank her for that.

The Association has also participated in International seminars and conferences for instances in July 2009 the UAUW President Mrs. Rose Bwire sponsored her self to a conference in Lagos Nigeria (16th – 19th July 2009)

In August 2010, three members Mrs. Lydia Mugambi, Mrs Margaret Etuusa and Dr Merab A. Kagoda are sponsoring themselves to the conference in Mexico . All these contribution from individual members in a developing country are no mean achievements.

CHALLENGES

1. Recruitment and retaining young members has been a big challenge that has to be continuously addressed.
2. The old members have been able to pay their membership but the major issue is that they don't actively participate in the Associations' activities. This renders the Association a little invisible and might be one of the reasons why we can not attract new young members.
3. Raising the International membership fees is not easy because our national federation membership fee is only US D10.
4. The Eunice Lubega fund which has been sponsoring students from Nalinya Lwantale to Gayaza High school has come to a stand still because the sponsor stopped communicating despite several attempts to get to him.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I would like to propose a raise in the membership fees to USD 50 per annum for every member. This can be paid over a period of time.
2. A saving scheme through which members can save funds for the triennium conferences. The next conference will be in 2013 and with a saving scheme in place, one can raise a ticket in three years.

Thank you all for your support.

Rose G. Bwire
Outgoing President