

## **Dr. David Ssevviiri hands over office to Dr. Godwin Kakuba as new Head of Mathematics**

The Department of Mathematics changed leadership at a ceremony held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020; Dr. David Ssevviiri handed over the powers of instrument to Dr. Godwin Kakuba. Dr. Ssevviiri was initially appointed acting head on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and substantively appointed on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 for a term of 4 years that officially ended on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The handover ceremony was witnessed by the Human Resources Officer of the College of Natural Sciences, Mr. Godfrey Makubuya, staff from the Department of Mathematics and other administrative staff from the college.

In his remarks, Dr. Ssevviiri expressed his appreciation to staff of Department of Mathematics for the opportunity to lead them and the support during his term of service. He also thanked the College leadership (Principal, Deputy Principal and Deans) for the positive environment accorded to him while in office.

He highlighted the milestones realised by the department during his term including completion of PhD by several staff; promotions; curriculum review of programmes; various collaborations/partnerships like the SIDA bi-lateral programme that has allowed training of 21 PhD students; new facilities and infrastructure (computer laboratory, generator, refurbished rooms) among others.

Dr. Ssevviiri expressed challenges as well like retirement and resignation of staff that have not been replaced which affects the services offered by the department; the freezing of staff promotions which demoralizes to staff; the AIMS system which still has problems of staff rights and display of student results. He requested that this requires urgent attention.

The new Head of Mathematics, Dr. Kakuba thanked the colleagues for giving him opportunity to serve them as leader. He thanked Dr. Ssevviiri for the wonderful job done during his term, 'your commitment is much appreciated towards supporting staff initiatives and taking the department higher' Dr Kakuba said. He pledged to continue the pace set by his predecessor in terms of peace and growth of the department. 'My prayer is that we continue to work in unity and growth of the department, remember I am just a caretaker, this is our office' he noted.

The Human Resource Officer, Mr. Makubuya delivered the message of the Dean – School of Physical Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Ntale who was unable to attend, 'we welcome Dr. Kakuba to the office and wish him the best during his term of service; be rest assured we are available to support you'. Mr. Makubuya told the members that because of the on-going human resource audit there was a freeze on new recruitments and promotions but we are hopeful all will be normal business soon.