

# Campus meeting hits out at high rate of failures

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STUDENTS at Nairobi University yesterday held a "crucial Kamukunji meeting" to draw attention to the plight of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Amid shouts that the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Rajni Patel, must go, the students said something must be urgently done to curb the high rate of failure in the department.

Unless urgent steps are taken, things could get out of hand, they warned.

The students claimed that the dean still contends that some students who have been asked to leave after three years are not fit to be engineers.

A student representative said they are "still watching the situation with understanding".

The meeting was convened by students leaders to explain the aim of the Nairobi University Students Organisation with a view to clearing certain misconceptions about NUSO.

Mr. Amukowa Anangwe, chairman of the students provisional council, said some students fear that NUSO will create strikes and violence "but their fears were baseless".

Mr. Anangwe told the students that "the life of a university student was like the life of a wounded buffalo" and it was the feeling that they are heated and derided that breeds hostility within the establishment.

He observed that it had been the feeling of some students that NUSO was Marxist-orientated "but Marxism in a university is a consequence of students' alienation in their own society".

Claiming that when students are branded as hooligans, subversives and a burden to the taxpayer, then psychological upheavals within the student body are to be expected.

NUSO has been striving for a mandatory membership and the students have given their leaders up to the end of this month to consult with relevant officers in the Ministry of Education.