UniFiji Has Solid Reasons for Graduation Date Change

The University of Fiji wishes to respond to the queries raised by students at the Budget Consultation at the Suva Campus on Wednesday March 21, 2018 in regards to the change in dates for the Graduation.

The change in dates for the graduation was reached upon by a democratic process through thorough discussions with various staff and stakeholders at the University. The Budget Consultations were not the premiere reason for the change of dates. There was a significant need for the date change as there are some initiatives that are in the pipeline which need approval from the Council before the graduation is held. These initiatives are for the betterment of the students.

The Registrar, Mr. Kamlesh Arya stated that when the change of dates was made, each student was notified.

"Each graduating student was notified via email or phone call of the change of dates. Between the advertisement of the previous graduation date and notification of the change, students were given a month's lead time," he stated.

He further commented that soon after the query was raised, the University responded to the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts that the change in dates was not primarily because of the budget consultations but due to other circumstances.

As stated by the Attorney General and Minster of Education, Heritage and Arts, Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the University has received only two or three complaints in regards to the above mentioned concerns.

At The University of Fiji, students remain the most important stakeholders and we are continuously trying to improve on delivering quality and affordable education to all our students for a knowledge-based society in Fiji.

We convey our apologies to the students for any inconvenience caused due to the change in dates. However, the graduation will be held on April 13, 2018.