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The Education Cabinet Secretary Dr. Fred Matian'gi interacted with Universities Vice-Chancellors both from Private and Public Universities challenging them to chart the best way forward in managing higher education in the country. The meeting was today March, 29, 2016 at the Council Chamber.

Speaking during the meeting, the Education Cabinet Secretary challenged the Vice-Chancellors to work at a team to ensure success of higher education pledging to support the Vice-Chancellors in their effort to lift the standards of university education in Kenya.

Among the issues discussed include: working in harmony with regulatory bodies like Engineering Board of Kenya, Council of Legal Education among others, to avoid punishing students, capitation from the government, control in setting up satellite campuses and strengthening existing campuses through infrastructure development and prudent fiscal management.

The team discussed issues relating to the unit cost. A student studying a given course in any university should pay a standard fee.

The Vice-Chancellors were challenged to avoid over-depending on the government capitation and look at alternative sources of financing like research and consultancy.

Prof. Collet Suda, the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education, who accompanied the Cabinet Secretary, congratulated the CS for the bold move to tackle differentiated unit cost. She noted that it is an idea whose time has come.

Present during discussions on issues relating to higher Education were; Dr. Kilemi Mwiria, President's Advisor on Education, Higher Education Loans Board CEO, Mr. Ringera, Prof. David Some, CEO, Commission of University Education, Prof. John Muraguri, CEO, Placement of Universities and Colleges.

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