

SEXUAL HARASMENT

One of the macro-level aspects of corruption that had largely been overlooked in the University community is sexual harassment. This practice emanates from the required mutual and cordial relationship between students and their lecturers to guarantee good mentorship and successful coordination of academic activities. The menace was indirectly captured in the first scene of the third chapter of the play during the academic board meeting that resulted to confrontation between the lecturers about the reputation of the University that have been dented based on some stories reported in the daily newspapers. The dialogue goes on as follows:

العميد: أرحب بكم جميعا إلى هذا الاجتماع، فهو اجتماع مهم- مهم لأنه أول اجتماع للجنة في هذا العام الدراسي. فالاجتماع مهم لسبب آخر، هذا لأنه يخص الطالبات في هذه الجامعة، لا سيما كليتنا المملوءة بالطالبات الحسنيات. ولذلك يظن بنا الصحافيون ظنونا. وفي رأيهم تفعل ما نشاء بمؤلاء الفتيات. (يرفع الدكتور يوبا يده، وهو يهم أن يتكلم)

The Dean: I welcome you all to this important meeting. The meeting is important being the first committee meeting in this academic session and because we going to discuss issue relating female student in the University and our Faculty that is blessed specially with abundant beautiful ones. I think that is the reason why we look suspicious to the journalists (*Dr Buba raised his hands signifying his interest to talk*).

بُوبَا: شكرا لك يا فضيلة العميد، ورئيس هذه الجلسة، قد سمعنا كثيرا عن العلاقات الشيطانية بين عدد من الأساتذة والطالبات في هذه الجامعة، وقد يغلو الصحافيون فيما ينشرونه في جرائدهم ومجلاتهم ... على كل حال أنصح المحاضرين أن يقوا أنفسهم وأن لا يفعلوا شيئا يشينهم.

Buba: Thank you, honourable Dean and the Chairman, we are all aware of some unwanted camaraderie between some of lecturers and female students in this University. Though, the story may have been overblown by the press ... my candid advice is that fellow lecturers should be careful not to drag their reputation into the mud.

As demonstrated in the scenes above, it is becoming obvious that sell of admission slots into the university, enforcing handouts on students and sexual harassment appear to be a major barrier between students and their right to