MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
INTEGRITY ASSURANCE UNIT · WEEKLY INTEGRITY SHEET

Week 4 · 23–27 November 2026

A gift or a favour?

KEY MESSAGE

> **Gifts and hospitality can create a sense of obligation, especially when they come from people who do business with the University. Ask what the giver expects in return.**

WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR UNIVERSITY

- Politely declining gifts that could influence, or appear to influence, your official decisions.
- Following University and national guidance on declaring gifts.
- Being especially careful during procurement and around festive seasons.

WHAT OUR POLICY SAYS

Kickbacks and improper benefits are recognised procurement risks under the Policy (§4.4.5). Gifts to public officers are also regulated under the Public Officer Ethics Act, 2003, listed as an associated document of the Policy.

DO

- Ask: why am I being given this, and why now?
- Declare any gift received in an official capacity.
- Seek guidance before accepting hospitality from suppliers.

AVOID

- Accepting gifts from current or prospective suppliers.
- Accepting cash or cash equivalents.

ETHICAL DILEMMA OF THE WEEK — WEEK 4

A supplier who recently delivered goods to your department brings a festive hamper to your office, with a card thanking you for "your continued support".

What would you do, and why?

Share your response via the form at **mmust.ac.ke/integrity** by Friday 27 November. The best responses will be recognised on Integrity Day, 9 December 2026. Entries are judged without names, on reasoning, practicality and alignment with University values.