

**UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS)
DECREE 1973**



Decree No. 44

[17th December 1973]

Commence-
ment.

THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows :—

1. The Council of the University of Nigeria as constituted by section 7 of the University of Nigeria Law (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law") and as composed under section 8 of that Law is hereby dissolved.

Dissolution
of Council
of the
University
of Nigeria.
Cap. 127
Laws of
Eastern
Nigeria 1963.
Establish-
ment of
Provisional
Council for
the
University.

2.—(1) There is hereby established as an interim governing body of the University a Provisional Council which shall, subject to this Decree, be the supreme governing body of the University and which shall, subject to the general direction of the Head of the Federal Military Government, control the policies and finances of the University and manage its affairs.

(2) The Provisional Council shall consist of such persons as may be prescribed by an Order made by the Head of the Federal Military Government and the members of the Council shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the Order.

3.—(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Provisional Council shall exercise such functions, apart from those specified in section 2 above, as are expressly conferred on the Council by the principal Law.

(2) Except with the prior approval of the Head of the Federal Military Government, the Provisional Council shall not exercise any of the powers conferred by—

Powers of
the Provi-
sional
Council.

(a) section 7 (3) of the principal Law (which relates to power to delegate functions to the Chancellor or any committee of the Council);

(b) section 16 of that Law (which relates to power to establish faculties and colleges);

(c) section 21 (1) (which deals with the power of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of the University).

Power to
amend
principal
Law.

4. The Head of the Federal Military Government may by Order amend any provision of the principal Law.

Repeal.

5. Section 8 of the principal Law is hereby repealed.

Interpreta-
tion, etc.

6.—(1) In this Decree—

“the Council” means the Council of the University of Nigeria dissolved by this Decree;

“functions” include powers and duties;

“the principal Law” means the University of Nigeria Law;

“the Provisional Council” means the Provisional Council of the University of Nigeria established by section 2 of this Decree;

“the University” means the University of Nigeria.

(2) The reference in section 7 (1) of the principal Law to the “Council of the University of Nigeria” is a reference to the Provisional Council established by this Decree.

Citation and
commence-
ment.

7. This Decree may be cited as the University of Nigeria (Transitional Provisions) Decree 1973 and shall come into operation on 17th December 1973.

MADE at Lagos this 6th day of December 1973.

GENERAL Y. GOWON,
*Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the above Decree but is
intended to explain its purpose)*

The Decree dissolves the existing Council of the University of Nigeria and establishes a Provisional Council as an interim governing body of the University.