

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY IN NIGERIA
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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Commence-
ment.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal
2 Republic of Nigeria as follows—

3 PART I—ESTABLISHMENT

4 1.—(1) There are hereby established the following Federal
5 Universities of Technology—

Establish-
ment of
Federal
Universities
of Techno-
logy.

- 6 (a) Bauchi Federal University of Technology ;
- 7 (b) Benue Federal University of Technology ;
- 8 (c) Gongola Federal University of Technology ;
- 9 (d) Imo Federal University of Technology ;
- 10 (e) Niger Federal University of Technology ;
- 11 (f) Ogun Federal University of Technology ; and
- 12 (g) Ondo Federal University of Technology.

13 (2) Each Federal University of Technology shall be a body
14 corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power
15 to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to own, hold and dispose
16 of property (whether movable or immovable).

Constitution
and
principal
offices of
University.

Schedule 1.

Schedule 2.

- 1 2.—(1) Each University shall consist of—
- 2 (a) a Chancellor ;
- 3 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council ;
- 4 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate ;
- 5 (d) a body called Congregation ;
- 6 (e) a body called Convocation ;
- 7 (f) campuses and colleges of the University ;
- 8 (g) schools, faculties, institutes and other teaching and research
- 9 units of the University ;
- 10 (h) persons holding the offices constituted by Schedule 1 to this
- 11 Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of
- 12 this subsection ;
- 13 (i) all graduates and undergraduates ; and
- 14 (j) all other persons who are members of the University in
- 15 accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.
- 16 (2) The provisions contained in Schedule 2 to this Act shall
- 17 apply to the principal officers and various bodies of the University.

PART II—FUNCTIONS

Functions of
University.

- 19 3. The functions of the University shall be—
- 20 (a) to encourage the advancement of technology and to hold out to
- 21 all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction,
- 22 the opportunity of a higher standard of technological education ;
- 23 (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes
- 24 leading to the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates in the
- 25 technological and professional disciplines ;
- 26 (c) to encourage and promote scholarships and to conduct research
- 27 in all fields of technology ;

(d) to act as agents and catalysts through post-graduate research and training for the most efficient, effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and conservation ;

(e) to publish the results of research and to foster the practical applications of those results ;

(f) to identify technological problems and needs of the society and solve them within the context of the national needs ;

(g) to co-operate with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of technology ; and

(h) to undertake such other activities as the University may decide in the interest of the advancement of technology.

4. The University shall have power—

Powers of
University :
General.

(a) to establish such campuses, colleges, schools, faculties, institutes, extra mural departments and teaching and research units as the University may from time to time decide ;

(b) to establish and appoint persons to the posts of professors, readers, lecturers and such other posts as the University may from time to time approve ;

(c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other titles and distinctions ;

(d) to promote schemes for the assistance of students ;

(e) to make regulations for the discipline and welfare of members of the University ;

(f) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may prescribe ;

(g) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships and other distinctions ;

- 1 (h) to charge fees for instructions and other services rendered by the
2 University ;
- 3 (i) to accept such gifts, legacies and donations as the University may
4 approve ;
- 5 (j) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustees solely or
6 jointly with any other persons, and employ and act through agents ;
- 7 (k) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,
8 lecture halls, refectories, sports grounds and other buildings or things
9 as may be required for any of its functions under this Act ;
- 10 (l) to hold lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops and other
11 occasions for the benefit of the public ;
- 12 (m) to engage in the business of printers, publishers and booksellers ;
- 13 (n) upon terms and conditions approved by the Council, to offer to
14 the public such technological services as the Council may approve ;
- 15 (o) to invest any moneys not immediately required for current
16 expenditure in such investments as may be approved by the Council ;
- 17 (p) to borrow such sums of money as may be required by the
18 University for the purposes of its functions under this Act, upon such
19 terms and conditions as the Council may approve ;
- 20 (q) to engage such staff as the University may require for carrying
21 out its functions under this Act ; and
- 22 (r) to do such other things as the University may from time to time
23 decide, for carrying out its functions under this Act.
- 24 5. Subject to this Act, the University may make statutes for—
- 25 (a) the composition and constitution of any authority of the
26 University ;
- 27 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority
28 of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the
29 University or any of its authorities ;

(c) regulating the admission of students and their discipline and welfare ;

(d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or a non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any statute, regulation or other instrument ; and

(e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorised or required by this Act.

6.—(1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Mode of
exercising
power to
make
statutes.

(2) A proposed statute shall not come into force unless it has been approved at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by one of those bodies before the other.

(4) A proposed statute which—

(a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of any authority of the University ; or

(b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is established ;

shall not come into force unless it has been approved by the President after it has been approved by the Council and the Senate.

7. A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council, to the effect that the copy is a true copy of that statute.

Proof of
statutes.

Power of
Visitor to
decide
meaning of
statutes.

1 8. In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the
2 meaning of any provision of a statute the matter may be referred to the
3 Visitor, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Functions
of
Chancellor.

4 9. The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
5 precedence before all other members of the University and when he is
6 present shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation held for
7 conferring degrees.

Functions
of Pro-
Chancellor.

8 10.—(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University,
9 take precedence before all other members of the University, except—

10 (a) the Chancellor ; and

11 (b) the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation
12 or Convocation.

13 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman
14 at all meetings of the Council.

Functions
of Council
and its
Finance and
General
Purposes
Committee.

15 11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor,
16 the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be
17 charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy,
18 finances and property of the University.

19 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the
20 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the
21 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and
22 expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the
23 Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

24 (3) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the
25 University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited
26 annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council
27 and that an annual report together with the audited accounts is
28 published in the *Gazette*.

1 (4) Subject to this Act, the Council and the Finance and General
2 Purposes Committee may each make rules to prescribe its own
3 procedure.

4 (5) Such rules made under subsection (4) of this section by the
5 Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force
6 unless approved by the Council.

7 (6) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council,
8 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other
9 committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and
10 other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be
11 fixed by the Minister.

12 (7) The Council shall meet regularly for the performance of its
13 functions under this Act and shall meet at least three times in every year.

14 (8) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council,
15 the chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such
16 request convene a meeting of the Council.

17 (9) The said request shall specify the business to be considered at
18 the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that
19 meeting.

20 12.—(1) Subject to section 10 of this Act and subsections (3) and
21 (4) of this section, and to the provisions of this Act relating to the
22 Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organise and
23 control the course of study and research programmes of the University
24 and control the admission and discipline of the students.

Functions
of Senate.

25 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this
26 section, the Senate shall on behalf of the University be responsible for—

27 (a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses,
28 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of
29 the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different
30 branches of learning ;

1 (b) the organisation and control of courses of study at the
2 University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those
3 courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and
4 external ;

5 (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be
6 prescribed, in connection with examinations held as aforesaid ;

7 (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to
8 the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary
9 degree or the title of professor *emeritus* ;

10 (e) the establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence
11 and similar institutions of the University ;

12 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and
13 the regulation of their conduct ;

14 (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards
15 in so far as the awards are within the control of the University ; and

16 (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress
17 for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of such
18 academic dress.

19 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college,
20 school, institute or other teaching or research units of the University
21 or any hall of residence or similar institution of the University, without
22 the approval of the Council.

23 (4) The Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising
24 any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this
25 section or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which
26 provision by regulations is authorised or required by this Act or by
27 statute.

28 (5) Such regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons
29 appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination

1 held in connection with any course of study at the University is not a
2 lecturer at the University but is a lecturer of the branch of learning to
3 which the course relates at some other University of high repute or
4 engaged in practising his profession in a reputable organisation.

5 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of
6 the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person
7 of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been
8 conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been
9 guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission
10 into the University or obtaining that award.

11 13.—(1) Subject to section 10 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor
12 shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other
13 members of the University except the Chancellor.

Functions
of Vice-
Chancellor.

14 (2) Subject to sections 8, 9, and 10 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor
15 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions
16 conferred upon him by this Act, of directing the activities of the
17 University, and shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the
18 University and the *ex-officio* chairman of the Senate.

19 PART III—SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

20 14.—(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

Visitor of
University.

21 (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require,
22 conduct a visitation of the University and give such directions as he
23 may deem necessary for the proper performance by the University of
24 its functions under this Act and the University shall comply with such
25 directions.

26 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the
27 University to make available to the Visitor such facilities and
28 information as he may require for the purposes of a visitation.

29 15. If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other
30 than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from
31 office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of

Removal of
certain
members of
Council.

1 his office, the Council shall make recommendations to that effect through
2 the Minister to the President and if the President after making such
3 enquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation,
4 he may give directions to the Council revoking the appointment and
5 the membership of that person shall forthwith become vacant.

Removal and
discipline of
staff.

6 **16.—(1)** If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
7 believing that any person employed as a member of staff of the
8 University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, shall be removed from
9 office or employment on the ground of misconduct or inability to
10 perform the functions of his office or employment the Council shall—

11 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question ;

12 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representation in person to
13 the Council on the matter ; and

14 (c) if he or any three members of the Council so request within the
15 period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, summon—

16 (i) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to investigate
17 the matter and report on it to the Council ; and

18 (ii) the person in question to appear and be heard by the investi-
19 gating committee with respect to the matter ;

20 and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating
21 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed
22 from office, the Council may so remove him by an instrument signed
23 on the directions of the Council.

24 (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member
25 of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to
26 the interests of the University, suspend such member and any suspension
27 shall be reported to the Council.

28 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
29 his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council ; and

1 for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means—

2 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
3 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
4 functions of his office ;

5 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
6 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
7 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office ;

8 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
9 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit
10 to continue to hold his office ;

11 (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to
12 constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge
13 the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions
14 of his service ; or

15 (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such
16 nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the
17 person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the
18 University.

19 (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of
20 this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the
21 expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension
22 consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to—

23 (a) whether to continue the suspension of such person and if so
24 on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be
25 paid to him and the period of suspension) ;

26 (b) whether to reinstate such person in which case the Council
27 shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of
28 suspension ;

1 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of such person in which
2 case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emolu-
3 ment withheld during the period of suspension ; or

4 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such
5 person (including the restoration of such proportion of his
6 emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may
7 determine.

8 (5) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in
9 pursuance of subsection (1) of this section shall serve a copy of the
10 instrument on the person to whom it relates.

11 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall—

12 (a) affect any direction given by the Visitor in consequence of any
13 visitation ; and

14 (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline
15 of the staff of the University.

Removal of
examiner.

16 17.—(1) If it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person
17 appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought
18 to be removed from office, he shall report the examiner to the Senate
19 and the Senate shall afford the examiner an opportunity of making
20 representations in person on the matter.

21 (2) The Senate shall after consideration of the said representations
22 give directions to the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall
23 comply with such directions.

Discipline
of students.

24 18.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears
25 to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty
26 of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other
27 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct
28 that—

29 (a) the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in
30 the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make

1 use of such facilities of the University, as the Vice-Chancellor may
2 specify ;

3 (b) the activities of the student shall be restricted in such manner
4 and during such period, as the Vice-Chancellor may specify;

5 (c) the student be rusticated for such period as the Vice-Chan-
6 cellor may, in his direction, specify; or

7 (d) the student may be expelled from the University.

8 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this
9 section in respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed
10 period and in the prescribed manner appeal to the Council and where an
11 appeal is brought, the Council shall after causing such inquiry to be made
12 in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside
13 the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

14 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, the student
15 concerned shall comply with any direction given under subsection (1) of
16 this section pending the determination of his appeal.

17 (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section
18 to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as
19 he may nominate.

20 (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Vice-Chancellor from
21 expelling a student or restricting his activities in the University
22 otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.

23 **PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL**

24 **19. The funds of the University shall comprise—**

Funds.

25 (a) grants provided by the Governments of the Federation;

26 (b) revenue from its services;

27 (c) endowments, legacies and other gifts; and

1 (d) such other revenue as may accrue to the University from any
2 other source.

Discrimina-
tion on
account
of race,
religion, etc.

3 20. No person shall by reason of his race, ethnic group, place of
4 origin, sex, religion or political opinion—

5 (a) be denied—

6 (i) admission as a student of the University ;

7 (ii) the award of any degree, diploma or certificate of the Univer-
8 sity ; and

9 (iii) appointment to any post or office in the University ; and

10 (b) be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage
11 whatsoever in the University :

12 Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as
13 preventing the University from imposing any disability or
14 restriction on any person where such person wilfully refuses or
15 fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally
16 and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them,
17 which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circum-
18 stances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the Council
19 reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

Restriction
on disposal
of land by
University.

20 21. Notwithstanding section 1 (2) of this Act, the University shall
21 not dispose of any land or interest in any land or create any charge on
22 land without the prior written consent of the President.

Quorum and
procedure
of bodies
established
by this Act.

23 22. Except as may otherwise be provided by this Act, by statute
24 or by regulations, any body of persons established by this Act, may
25 prescribe its own quorum and procedure.

Appointment
of commit-
tees.

1 23.—(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall,
2 without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have
3 power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of
4 members of that body, and to authorise a committee established by it
5 to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine :

6 Provided that a decision of such committee shall not have effect
7 unless approved by that body.

8 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of
9 joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees
10 consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering
11 or dealing with any matter within the competence of those bodies or
12 any of them.

13 (3) Except as may otherwise be provided by statute or by
14 regulations the quorum and procedure of a committee established or
15 meeting held, in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be
16 determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the
17 committee or hold the meeting as the case may be.

18 (4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be
19 construed as—

20 (a) enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance
21 with section 5 of this Act ; or

22 (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make
23 regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.

24 (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members
25 of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed
26 by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the
27 conduct of the office of Pro-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor, as the case
28 may be).

29 (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee
30 of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

Seal of
University
and its
authentic-
ation.

1 24.—(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be
2 determined by the Chancellor ; and the affixing of the seal shall be
3 authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-
4 Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorised
5 by statute.

6 (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under
7 the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall unless
8 the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

9 (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a
10 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under
11 seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by
12 any person generally or specially authorised so to do by the Council.

Validity of
proceedings.

13 25. The validity of any proceedings of any body established in
14 pursuance of this Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the
15 membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a
16 member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled so to
17 do, took part in the proceedings.

Declaration
of interest.

18 26. Any member of any body who has a personal interest in
19 any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith
20 disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question
21 relating to that matter.

Stamp
duties.

22 27. No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any
23 transfer of property by the University by virtue of section 21 of this Act.

Mode of
service.

24 28. Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by
25 virtue of this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of service
26 be served by post.

Interpreta-
tion.

27 29. In this Act,
28 "campus" means campus of the University ;

1 "college" means a collection of schools in related disciplines
2 established by the University ;

3 "Council" means Council established under section 2 of this Act ;

4 "dean" means a person of professional rank appointed to head a
5 school ;

6 "Gazette" means official *Gazette* of the Federation ;

7 "graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an
8 honorary degree) has been conferred by the University ;

9 "lecturer" means a person holding an appointment as a
10 member of the teaching or research staff of the University ;

11 "Minister" means Minister charged with the responsibility for
12 higher education ;

13 "prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations ;

14 "President" means President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria ;

15 "professor" means person designated as a professor of the
16 University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by
17 statute or by regulations ;

18 "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations ;

19 "provost" means an academic of professional rank appointed to
20 head a college ;

21 "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council ;

22 "school" means a fully integrated unit of a group of related
23 subjects or disciplines which have a common academic interest in
24 teaching and research ;

25 "Senate" means Senate of the University established pursuant to
26 section 2 (1) (c) of this Act ;

27 "statute" means statute made by the University under section 5 of
28 this Act ;

29 "student" means undergraduate or any person of such description as
30 may be prescribed for the purposes of this Act ;

1 "University" means each Federal University of Technology
2 established under section 1 of this Act ;

3 "Visitor" means Visitor of the University under section 14 of this
4 Act.

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

5 30. This Act may be cited as the Federal Universities of Technology
6 Act 1983 and shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st October, 1980.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 2 (2)

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Chancellor.

1.—(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

(2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.

(3) If it appears to the President that the Chancellor should be removed from office, the President may by notice in the *Gazette* remove the Chancellor from office.

Pro-
Chancellor.

2.—(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed by the President after consultation with the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years.

Vice-
Chancellor.

3.—(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President on the recommendation of the Council.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for four years in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term of three years, thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for appointment until at least four years have elapsed since he last held office as Vice-Chancellor.

(3) Subject to this paragraph, the Vice-Chancellor, shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments and otherwise as may be specified in his instrument of appointment.

Registrar.

4.—(1) There shall be an academic Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Schedule.

(2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that office be secretary to the Council, the Senate, the Congregation and the Convocation.

5. There shall be a Bursar, who shall be the chief financial officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University. Bursar.

6. There shall be a Librarian, who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University library and the co-ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units. Librarian.

7.—(1) There shall in addition be the following officers—

(a) Dean of Student Affairs ;

(b) Director of Administration ;

(c) Director of Works ; and

(d) Director of Health Services,

Dean of
Student
Affairs and
Directors.

all of whom shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with this Act.

(2) The said officers shall be appointed in the manner specified under paragraph 9 of this Schedule and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as may be specified.

(3) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the said officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

8.—(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office—

Resignation
and re-
appointment.

(a) in the case of the Chancellor, by notice to the President ; and

(b) in any other case by notice to the Council,

and the Council shall immediately notify the Minister in the case of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

9.—(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Administration, Academic Registrar, Dean of Student Affairs, Bursar, Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of— Appointment of certain principal officers.

(a) the Pro-Chancellor ;

(b) the Vice-Chancellor ;

(c) two members appointed by the Council not being members of the Senate ; and

(d) two members appointed by the Senate.

(2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office ; and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the Council may make an appointment to that office.

Creation of
academic
posts.

10. Recommendations for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment
of academic
staff.

11. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed from time to time by statute.

Appointment
of adminis-
trative and
technical
staff.

12.—(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.

(2) In the case of administrative or technical staff who have close and important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection.

SCHEDULE 2 *Section 2 (2)*

BODIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

A. COUNCIL

Council.

1.—(1) The Council shall consist of—

(a) the Pro-Chancellor ;

(b) the Vice-Chancellor ;

(c) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the President ;

(d) four persons appointed by the Senate from among the members of that body ;

(e) one person appointed by the Congregation from among the members of that body ; and

(f) one person appointed by the Convocation from among the members of that body.

(2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) (a) or (b) above may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.

(3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) (a) or (b) above shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years from the date he was first appointed.

(4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) (a) or (b) above vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

(5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.

(6) The quorum of the Council shall be six and at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) (b), (c) or (f), above.

(7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council, present at the meeting as the Council may appoint shall be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 10 of this Act and the foregoing provisions of this sub-paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

B. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

2.—(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of—

Finance and
General
Purposes
Committee.

(a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present ;

(b) the Vice-Chancellor ; and

(c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and the one member appointed to the Council by the Congregation.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be four.

(3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

C. SENATE

3.—(1) The Senate shall consist of—

Senate.

(a) the Vice-Chancellor ;

(b) the Deans of the several schools ;

(c) the Directors of the several institutes ;

(d) the Professors ;

(e) the Provosts of the several colleges ;

(f) the Librarian ;

(g) the persons for the time being holding such appointments on the staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor ;

(h) such lecturers (of senior lecturer rank and above) as may be elected from among the members of each Board of Studies, the total number thereof to be determined from time to time by the Senate ; and

(i) two members representing the interest of professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence such other member of the Senate present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum of the Senate shall be eight and subject to sub-paragraph (2) above, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

(4) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate resign his office.

(5) Subject to sub-paragraph (7) below, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.

(6) An elected member shall hold office for a period of two years beginning with 1st August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance of sub-paragraph (5) above in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.

(7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this paragraph in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of sub-paragraph (9) below does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of sub-paragraph (6) above; but for the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of a reduction in the total of non-elected members occurring on or after 30th April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as an elected member.

(8) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

(9) In this paragraph "total of non-elected members" means, as respects any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on the 30th April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

D. CONGREGATION

4.—(1) The Congregation shall consist of—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor ;
- (b) the full-time members of the academic staff ;
- (c) the Registrar ;
- (d) the Bursar ;
- (e) the Dean of Students Affairs ;
- (f) the Librarian ;
- (g) the Director of Health Services ;
- (h) the Director of Works ;
- (i) the Director of Administration ; and

(f) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree of any University recognised for the purposes of this paragraph by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

(2) Subject to section 9 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Congregation when he is present and in his absence such other member of the Congregation present at the meeting as the Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum of the Congregation shall be twenty-five.

(4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying—

(a) the total number of members of the Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting or meetings of the Congregation ; or

(b) the names of the persons who are members of the Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons.

(5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

(6) The Congregation shall express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council as may be provided by statute or regulations.

E. CONVOCATION

5.—(1) The Convocation shall consist of—

Convocation.

(a) the officers of the University mentioned in Schedule I to this Act ;

(b) all lecturers within the meaning of this Act ; and

(c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below.

(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of the Convocation if—

(a) he is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this sub-paragraph ; and

(b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fees,

and regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to sub-paragraph (3) below may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

(3) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) (a) or (1) (b) of this paragraph are entered and retained on the register.

(4) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.

(5) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of the Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether that person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

(6) The quorum of the Convocation shall be fifty or one-third of the total number of members of the Convocation, whichever is less.

(7) Subject to section 9 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of the Convocation when he is present and in his absence such other member of the Convocation present at the meeting as the Convocation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.

(8) The Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member to the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulation.

F. SCHOOLS AND BOARDS OF STUDIES

Schools.

6.—(1) Each school shall comprise of such number of closely related disciplines as may be prescribed.

(2) There shall be established in respect of each school a Board of Studies which, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall—

(a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the school;

(b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and

(c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.

Board of Studies.

7.—(1) Each Board of Studies shall consist of—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Dean of Studies;

(c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of learning within the school;

(d) such of the lecturers assigned to the school and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

(e) such persons whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

(2) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter (whichever is greater) of the members for the time being of the Board and subject to the provisions of this Schedule and to any provisions made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

Dean of school.

8.—(1) The Dean of school shall be a professor elected by the Board and each Dean shall hold office for a term of two consecutive academic years after which he shall not be eligible for re-election until four years have elapsed.

(2) If there is no professor in the school, the office of the Dean of the school shall be held in rotation by members of the school holding the ranks

of reader or senior lecturer on the basis of seniority as determined by the Senate.

(3) The Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the school's Board of Studies when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the school.

(4) The Dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school. It shall be the function of the Dean to present to the Congregation for the conferment of degree on persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that school.

(5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all Deans of the several schools and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University Council by the Senate.

(6) The Dean of a school may be removed from office for good cause by the votes of two-thirds majority of all the members of school Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor :

Provided that at the next school Board meeting a new Dean shall be elected

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this Bill is to regularize the establishment and administration of the various Federal Universities of Technology now in existence in the country.