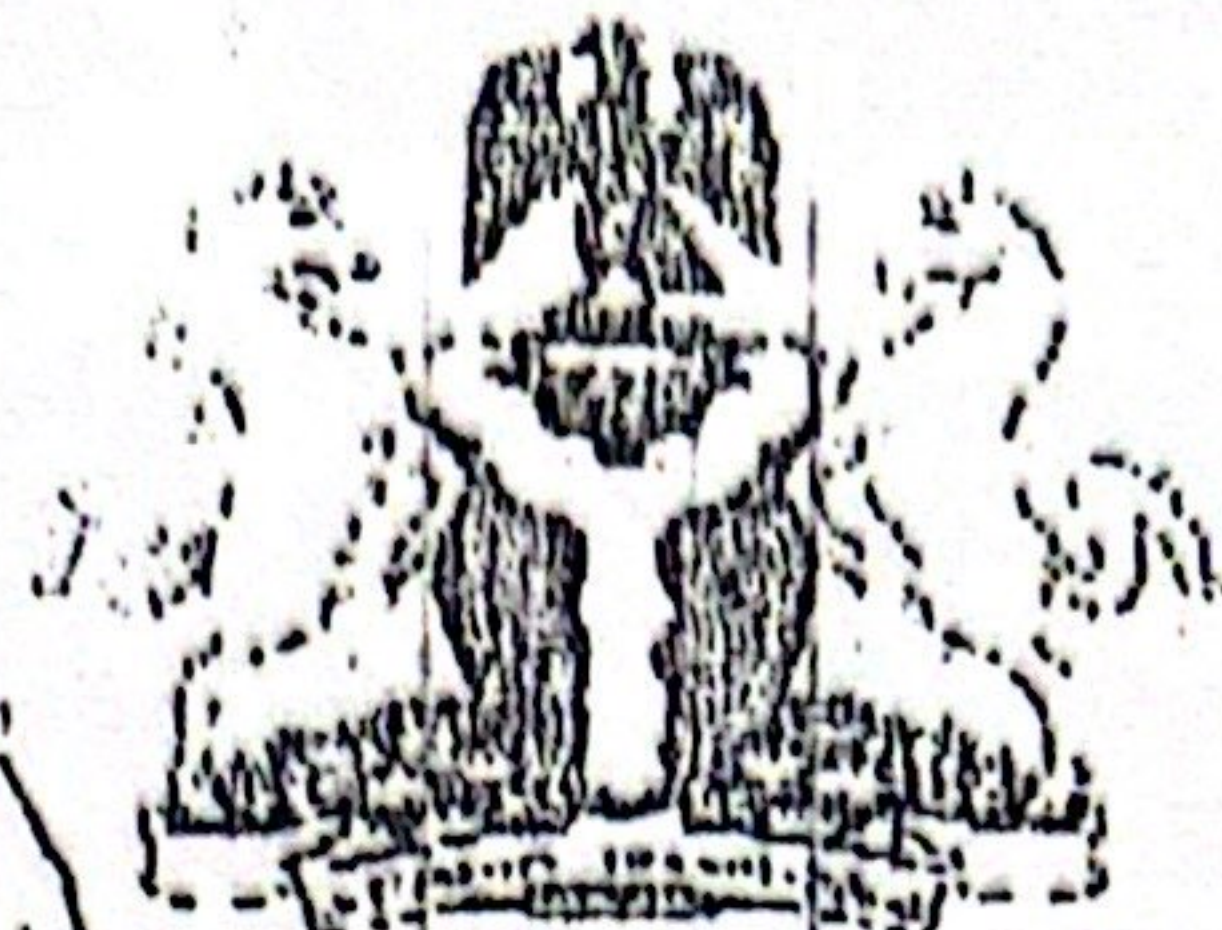


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**ANAMBRA STATE OF NIGERIA
NO. 2014**

A Law to establish Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Law and to make provisions for other matters connected therewith

Be it enacted by the House of Assembly of Anambra State as follows:

PART I - PRELIMINARY PROVISION

Citation and Commencement.

1. This Law may be cited as Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Law, 2014 and shall come into force on the 1st day of September, 2014.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law:

"academic staff" means those members of staff of the University whose sole and primary duty is teaching and or research;

"academic year" means such period not exceeding twelve consecutive months as the Senate may from time to time so designate;

"administrative staff" means those persons in the employ of the University, other than academic staff, who hold administrative, professional or technical posts designated by the Council as senior posts;

"alumni Association" means any association recognized by the Council as being representative of former students of the University;

"college" means a College of the university;

"congregation" means the Congregation of the University established by statute 17 of this Law;

"constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended;

"convocation" means an assembly of the University established by Section 20 of this Law;

"council" means the Council of the University established by Section 15 of this Law;

"commissioner" means the Anambra State Commissioner for Education;

"faculty" means a faculty of the University;

"function" includes powers and duties;

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree, has been conferred by the University;

"governor" means the Governor of Anambra State;

"ordinance" means any ordinances of the University, made by the council pursuant to the provision of this law;

"other staff" means those persons in the employ of the University who are neither members of the Academic staff nor of the Administrative staff;

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"professor" means a person appointed to be a Professor in the University;

"prescribed" means prescribed by this law or by the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations of the University;

"regulations" means any Regulations of this law or of the statutes;

"the senate" means the Senate of the University as established in Part III of this law;

"state" means Anambra State of Nigeria;

"statutes" means the statutes of the University set out in the First Schedule to this law or made hereafter under the provisions of this law;

"student" means a person who has been registered as a student of the University during a current academic year for a first or higher degree, diploma, certificate or such other qualification of the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a person for the status of a student;

"lecturer" means a person appointed as a member of the staff of the University on full-time or part-time teaching duties and shall include such persons employed on research duties in the University, as are required also to teach;

"undergraduate" means a person who has matriculated and registered as a student undergoing a course of studies for a first Degree of the University or such other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing the course for the status of an undergraduate;

"the appointing authority" means the person or body that has power to appoint;

"the university" means Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University established under Section 3 of this law.

PART II - ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Establishment.

3. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or enactment to the contrary but subject to the constitution, there is hereby established for Anambra State a University to be known as and called Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University.
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property for the purposes of its functions under this law.
- (3) Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University shall be a multi-campus University with campuses in Awka, Igbarian and Uli.

Objectives of the University.

4. The objects of the University shall be:
- (a) to provide facilities for learning, and to give instruction and training in such branches of knowledge as the University may desire to foster and, in doing so, to enable students to obtain the advantage of liberal education;

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- (b) to stimulate, promote and entrench interest in education and application of the law, medical sciences, the humanities, social sciences, environmental sciences, agricultural sciences, pure sciences and technology and so on;
- (c) to promote by research and other means the advancement of knowledge and its practical application to social, political, cultural, agricultural, economic, science and technological problems;
- (d) to stimulate, particularly through teaching and research, interest in and appreciation of African culture and heritage;
- (e) to promote and propagate the social heritage of the State;
- (f) to stimulate and sustain interest in Agriculture;
- (g) to undertake any other activities appropriate to a University and such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the University;
- (h) to serve as a major instrument for the implementation of the policy of the State on higher education.

The University.

5. (1) The University shall be a teaching, research and examining body and subject to the provisions of this law, shall have the following functions:
- (a) to establish such Colleges, Faculties, Institutions, Schools, Extra-mural Departments, and other units of learning and research within the university as the University may from time to time deem necessary or desirable;
 - (b) to institute Professorships, Readerships, Lecturerships and other offices of any kind whether academic or not as may be required by the University, and to prescribe conditions of service for and appoint persons to such offices and to regulate their conditions of service;
 - (c) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Bursaries, Medals, Prizes and other academic titles, distinctions, awards and other forms of assistance;
 - (d) to prescribe from time to time the conditions under which a person shall be admitted to the University or to any particular course of study therein or be allowed to continue in such course of study;
 - (e) to grant and confer, under conditions prescribed by the University, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic titles and distinctions to and on persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have passed such examinations or other requirements as the University may from time to time prescribe;
 - (f) to confer Honorary Degrees, Fellowships and other academic Distinctions;
 - (g) to withdraw from any person, for what the University shall deem to be good cause, any Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Bursary, Medal, Prize or other academic titles conferred on him by the University;

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- (ii) approved investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary such investment; and to deposit any current monies for the time being un-invested with any bank; on deposit or current account;
- (t) to take such steps as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the University;
- (u) to borrow, whether at interest or not and if need be upon the security of any of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such monies as the University may from to time in its discretion consider necessary or expedient to borrow;
- (v) to make gifts for any charitable or other purpose; and
- (w) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be required in order to further the objects of the University as a place of education and of learning and research;

(2) The power conferred upon the University by sub-section (1) of this section shall not necessarily have to be exercised by the officers, authorities and persons mentioned in Statute II as comprising the University acting together on any one occasion and any such powers may be exercised by any of those officers, authorities, persons or others who are enabled so to do by the provisions of this law.

The Visitor of the University.

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- (1) The Governor of the State shall be the Visitor of the University
 - (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require (not being less than once in every five years):
 - (a) conduct a visitation of the University; or
 - (b) direct that such a visitation be conducted by a select team of academics and professionals set up by him in respect of any of the affairs of the university.
 - (3) It shall be the duty of all officers, members, authorities, employees of and persons otherwise connected with the University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person or persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of the visitation.

Prohibition of discrimination.

7. Membership of the University shall be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever race, ethnic group or place of origin, religion, political or other opinion, nationality or class.

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Common Seal.

8. The common seal of the University shall be kept in such custody as the council may direct and shall not be used except by resolution of the council or in such other manner as may be prescribed by statutes.

PART III - THE OFFICERS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Chancellor.

9. There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be the head of the University and shall in relation to the University take precedence over all other members of the University and when he is present, he shall preside at all meetings of convocation.

Pro-Chancellor.

10. There shall be a Pro-Chancellor of the University who shall in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of convocation or the Deputy Vice-Chancellor when so acting and the Pro-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of Council.

Vice-Chancellor.

11. There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the University and Chairman of the Senate and who shall in the absence of the Chancellor confer Degrees and other academic titles and distinctions of the University.

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

12. There shall be a Deputy Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellors of the University who shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in the discharge of his functions as prescribed by law and, subject to the statutes, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, or if the Vice-Chancellor should be incapacitated, the Council, may delegate any of them to act in his stead.

Principal and officers.

13. (1) There shall be a Registrar, a Bursar and University Librarian.
(2) There shall be such other officers of the University as the Council may, from time to time deem fit to appoint.

Tenure of the office of the Chancellor and some others.

14. The tenure of the office of Chancellor, Principal Officers and members of Council shall be as provided for in the First Schedule, Statue IV - X of this law.

Establishment and functions of the Council.

15. (1) There is hereby established for the University a Council to be known as the Council of the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, the constitution and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this law, be in accordance with such provisions as may be made by statutes in that behalf.
(2) The Council shall be the Governing Authority of the University and shall have the custody, control and disposition of all the property except as may otherwise be provided in this law and the statutes; shall manage and superintend generally

the affairs of the university and, in any matter concerning the University not provided for under this law the Council may act in such manner as appears to it as calculated to promote the interests, objects and purposes of the University.

(3) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the subsection of this section, the Council, subject to the provisions of this Law and the Statutes, shall have the following functions:-



- (a) to participate in the making, amendment or revocation of statutes pursuant to the provisions of this law;
- (b) to make, amend or revoke ordinances pursuant to the provisions of this law;
- (c) to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all other similar affairs whatsoever of the University, and to appoint Bankers, Solicitors and any other persons or agents as the Council may deem expedient, and to cause proper books of accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the University and of the assets and liabilities of the University in such manner as shall give a true view of the state of affairs of the University and explain its transactions from time to time;
- (d) to borrow money on behalf of the University;
- (e) to invest any monies belonging or appertaining to the University and not for the time being required to be expended for any of its purposes;
- (f) to sell, buy, exchange, lease or accept loans or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property on behalf of the University;
- (g) to provide and maintain the buildings, libraries, laboratories, furniture, apparatus, and other means needed for carrying out the work of the University;
- (h) to enter into, vary, perform and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- (i) to enter into agreements for the incorporation in the University of any other institution and for taking over its rights, property and liabilities and for any other purpose not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this law;
- (j) to determine in consultation with the Senate, all University fees;
- (k) to establish, after considering the recommendation of the Senate in that behalf, Colleges, Faculties, Schools, Boards, Departments, and other units of learning and research; to prescribe their organizations, constitution and functions and to modify or revise the same;
- (l) to authorize, after considering the recommendation of the Senate in that behalf, the establishments for the academic staff in the University and, with the approval

- of the Senate, to suspend or abolish, any academic post except a post created by this law or the statutes;
- (m) to authorize the establishment for the administrative staff and other staff in the University and to suspend or abolish any such posts other than posts created by this law or the statutes;
 - (n) to regulate the remuneration and other benefits and to determine the conditions of service of all staff employed by the University provided that such salaries and conditions of service shall be similar to those applicable from time to time in other Nigerian Universities;
 - ✓ (o) to exercise powers of removal from office and other disciplinary control over the academic staff, the administrative staff and all other staff in the University after considering the recommendations of the relevant University Staff Disciplinary Committee and the University Management input;
 - (p) to institute, in consultation with the Senate, and subject to any such conditions as may be specified by the Council, Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarship, Bursaries, Prizes, Medals and other endowments and aids to study and research;
 - (q) to promote and to make provision for research within the University;
 - (r) to award Honorary Degrees and other Distinctions in accordance with such provisions as may be made by statute in that behalf;
 - (s) to supervise the residence and control the discipline of students of the University and to make arrangements for their health and general welfare; ✕
 - (t) to provide for the welfare of all persons employed by the University and the spouses, widows and dependants of such persons, including the payment to them of money, pensions or other retirement benefits and to subscribe to benevolent, superannuation or other similar funds for the benefits of such persons; their spouses, widows and dependants; and ✕
 - (u) to perform all such other functions as are or may be conferred or imposed on the Council by this law or by the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations and to carry this Law, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations into effect as far as they may concern the Council.
- (4) The Council may constitute boards, committees or other bodies for the purpose of making recommendations to the Council and may delegate any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this law;
- (5) The Council may delegate any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this law to the chairman or any other member or members and such other persons as the Council may appoint; ✕

Provided that:

- (a) any such delegation shall be revocable at will and shall not preclude the Council from exercising any of its functions under or by virtue of this law;
- (b) the Council shall not delegate its powers to participate in the making, amending or revocation of Statutes or to make, amend or revoke Ordinances.

Establishment and functions of Senate. 16.

- (1) There is hereby established for the University a Senate, the constitution and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this law, be in accordance with such provisions that may be made by Statute in that behalf.
- (2) The Senate shall, subject to the provisions of this Law and to the powers reserved to the Council in all matters affecting the finance of the University, be the supreme academic authority of the University, and shall organize, control and direct the academic work of the University and research, and shall take such measures, and act in such a manner as it thinks proper for the advancement of the University as a place of education, learning and research.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of subsection (2) of this section and subject to the provisions of this Law and the Statutes, the Senate shall have the following functions:
 - (a) to formulate and establish the academic policy of the University and to advise the Council on the provision of facilities to carry out that policy;
 - (b) to direct and regulate, after considering the views of the Boards of the Colleges, Schools, Institutes and Faculties concerned respectively, the instruction, teaching and courses of study within the University;
 - (c) to regulate all University examinations, and after considering the recommendations of the Boards of the Colleges, Schools, Institutes and Faculties concerned respectively, to appoint internal and external examiners;
 - (d) to regulate the admission of persons to the University and to courses of study in the University and their continuance or discontinuance in such courses and the conditions for qualifying for matriculation and for admission to the various titles, Degrees, Distinctions and other awards offered by the University;
 - (e) to award Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees), Certificates and other academic titles and distinctions on persons who shall have pursued in the University such courses of study as may be approved by the University Senate and shall have other conditions as may be prescribed by Regulations of the University;
 - (f) to recommend to the Council, subject to the procedure prescribed by statutes, the names of persons for award of Honorary Degrees or other University distinctions.

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*Colleges, Faculties,
Centres, Institutes.*

17. (1) There shall be in the University such Colleges, Faculties, Centres, Institutes as may be established by or under the provisions of this Law and each College(s), Faculty, Centre and Institute shall be constituted in such manner as may be prescribed by Statute.
- (2) The functions of any such College, Faculty, Centre or Institute shall be as may be prescribed by Statute, Ordinances or Regulations.

*Powers of the
Council over Colleges,
Faculties, etc.*

18. The Council after considering the recommendations of the Senate on that behalf, shall have power to establish or reorganize any College, Faculty, Centre, Institute and other units of learning and research established under the provisions of this Law and to alter the name of any such College, Faculty, Centre or Institute of the University and to discontinue the existence of the same as may from time to time be considered desirable.

Congregation.

19. There shall be a Congregation of the University, the constitution, functions and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, be such as may be prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances.

Convocation.

20. (1) There shall be a Convocation of the University convened for the purposes of conferring Degrees, and other academic titles and Distinctions of the University.
- (2) The procedure for the convocation shall, subject to any such provisions as may be prescribed by statutes, be set by the Senate.

Alumni Association.

21. There shall be an Alumni Association of the University with branches in or outside Nigeria.

PART IV – STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

22. (1) Subject to the provisions of this law, Statutes may be made to prescribe or regulate any or all of the following matters:
- (a) the status, appointment, tenure of office and functions of the Officers of the University where such matter has not been provided by this Law;
 - (b) the constitution and procedure of the authorities and other constituted bodies of the University;
 - (c) procedure for appointment and the terms and conditions of service of, and exercise of disciplinary control over the academic staff, the administrative staff and other staff of the University;
 - (d) the affiliation or admission to the University of educational or research institutions and the establishment of affiliated Institutions;
 - (e) the admission of students, their discipline and welfare;
 - (f) the conferment of Honorary Degrees;

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(b) all other matters which under the provisions of this Law may be authorized or required to be prescribed or regulated by statutes and in addition all such other provisions consistent with this law as may seem proper to make for the governance of the University and for promotion of its objectives.

First Schedule.

(2) The Statutes contained in the First Schedule to this law shall be the first Statutes for the University, and shall be deemed to have been made under the provisions of this law and shall continue in force until such time as they may hereafter be amended or revoked by other Statutes made in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

(3) The power to make Statutes shall not be limited by or with reference to, the first or any subsequent statutes or to the subject matter thereof.

Mode of revoking or amending.

23.

(1) Statutes shall be made, amended or revoked by the Council and the Senate with the approval of the Visitor.

(2) The Council or the Senate may initiate proposal for making, amending or revoking a statute.

(a) no Statute shall be deemed properly made, amended or revoked unless it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members present and voting in a joint meeting of the Council and Senate regularly convened for that purpose and approved by the Visitor;

(3) (a) every Statute or the amendment or revocation of any statute shall be in full force and effect as from the day upon which the approval of the Visitor is given to the same or from such other date as may be specified in the Statute;

Proof of Statute in Court.

(b) a Statute may be proved in any Court by the production of a copy thereof duly signed and certified as a true copy by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar;

State void for inconsistency.

(c) any Statute the provision of which is inconsistent with any provision of this law shall be void to the extent of the inconsistency.

Ordinances.

24.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this law and of the Statutes, the Council either acting in accordance with the recommendations of or in consultation with the Senate may from time to time make Ordinances for the purposes of:

(a) further prescribing or regulating by Ordinance where the Statutes require that such matters shall be further prescribed or regulated by Ordinance;

(b) prescribing or regulating any matters which though relating to academic affairs of the University are agreed by both the Council and the Senate to have

such financial implications as would make them appropriate subjects for provision by Ordinance.

Regulations.

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- (2) Ordinance may add to, amend or revoke the Ordinances from time to time in force.
- (3) Every Ordinance shall take effect from the day it is made by resolution of Council or from such other date as may be stated in the Ordinance.
- (1) Subject to the provisions of this law, the Statutes and Ordinances, the Senate and the Council may from time to time make Regulations for the purposes of exercising any functions conferred or imposed upon them by this law or prescribing or regulating any matter which may be authorized or required by the law to be prescribed or regulated by Regulations.
- (2) Regulations may add to, amend or revoke the regulations from time to time in force.
- (3) Regulations shall take effect as from the day on which they are made by the Senate or from such other date as may be specified in the Regulation.

Ordinance, regulation to be void.

26.

- (1) Any Ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this law or the statute shall be void to the extent of the inconsistency.
- (2) Any regulation that is inconsistent with the provisions of the law, the statute or the Ordinance shall be void to the extent of the consistency.

PART V – SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

Power of Council to suspend Student or University activities

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Notwithstanding anything contained in this law, the Statutes, the Ordinance or Regulations, the Council shall have power to discipline any student or all the students of the University in such manner, whether by way of restriction, expulsion or otherwise and to suspend the academic or other activities of the University or any part thereof for such period as the Council may consider appropriate, where in the opinion of the Council order and discipline in the University has been or is likely, to be prejudiced by any act or omission on the part of such student or students and the Council is satisfied that the situation so created has not been or cannot be dealt with effectively or at all by exercise of any other power to discipline students conferred by the foregoing provision of this part, PROVIDED that the Council may suspend the academic and other activities of the University or any part thereof only where the Council, after a report in that behalf from the Senate, is satisfied that in the prevailing circumstances the same cannot continue to be carried on effectively or in the overall interest of the University.

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Residence of Staff and Students.

28. The Council may require that any member of the academic staff or the administrative staff shall live within the University precincts in an accommodation provided for that purpose.

Maintenance of peace and security in the University.

29. The Vice-Chancellor shall have the responsibility of ensuring that peace and order are maintained within the University campuses and it shall be lawful for the Vice-Chancellor by Ordinance to take such action at all times as he may deem necessary or expedient to maintain peace, protect property, ensure the safety and welfare of the students and staff resident within the campuses.

PART VI - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Finance and general purpose Committee.

30. (1) The Council shall appoint a Committee to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee which subject to the directions and supervision of the Council, shall exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it provided that such other function(s) has not been specifically delegated to another Committee of Council.
- (2) The Constitution of the Finance and the General Purposes Committee and its functions shall be prescribed by statutes
- (a) provided that rules and decisions made by the Finance and General Purpose Committee under Section (1) of this Part, shall not come into force unless approved by Council; and
- (b) in the event that any rules and, or decisions made by that Committee or any other Committee, conflict with any directives given by Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules and or decisions in question, the directives of the Council shall prevail.

Banking requirement.

31. The Council shall ensure that all monies received on account of the University is paid into an account or accounts of the University in a bank or banks selected and approved by the majority of the members of the Council.

Financial Year.

32. (1) The Financial Year of the University shall accord with the academic year of the University.
- (2) The Council shall cause proper books of account to be kept in respect of each financial year and also record of all the property, land or endowment of the University.
- (3) The account of the University for the preceding financial year including the annual statement thereof shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council shall from time to time direct.

Annual Estimates. 33. (1) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be prepared and presented by the Vice-chancellor to the Council and may be approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year.

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may, during any financial year, present for approval of the Council supplementary estimates of income and expenditure.

(2) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and contain such information as the Council may direct.

Components of the University general funds. 34. (1) There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:

- (a) grants and subventions;
- (b) fees;
- (c) income derived from investment;
- (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations;
- (e) income derived in the exercise of any function conferred or imposed on the University by this law;
- (f) all other monies belonging to the University from whatever sources derived.

Gifts and donations. (2) The Council may on behalf of the University accept grants, gifts, testamentary dispositions or otherwise, property and monies in aid of the finances of the University on such terms and conditions as the Council may approve.

(3) Registers for the donations, the names of the donors and any special conditions for the donation shall be kept.

(4) All such property, money or funds shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

Audit of Accounts. 35. (1) The Council shall cause the account of the University to be audited by an independent firm of auditors appointed by the Council after the end of each financial year or for such other period as the Council may determine.

(2) The appointment, remuneration, functions and other matters relating to the auditors shall, subject to this section, be prescribed by the statutes.

PART VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Execution of contracts and investments. 36. (1) Any contract or investment which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate, will not require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed without seal on behalf of the University by any person or persons specially or generally authorized by the Council.

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(2) Any document purporting to be regularly executed or issued under the seal of the University or on behalf of the University shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be a document so executed or issued as the case may be.

Service.

37. Service upon the University of any notice, order or other documents of note may be effected by delivering the same or sending it by registered post addressed to the Registrar of the University.

*Disputes,
appointment
and election.*

38. (1) In any dispute as to whether any person has been duly appointed, elected, selected, nominated or co-opted or whether any person is entitled to be a member of the University or a member of any body or authority of the University, such dispute shall be referred for decision by the Council to the Visitor whose decision shall be final.

(2) No suit shall be commenced against the University or against any servant or officer of the University whose alleged act may make the University vicariously liable, until at least after three months of written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending Plaintiff or his agent, and such notice shall clearly state the cause of action; the particulars of the claims and address of the intending Plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

*Vacancy
or defect*

39. No resolution or proceedings of any authority or other body of the University established or in pursuance of any provisions of this Law shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies in the membership of such authority or body or by reason of any defect in the appointment, election, selection, nomination or co-optation of a member thereof or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

Committees.

40. (1) The Council, the Senate, the Committee of Deans, the board of any College, School, Faculty and anybody of persons established by or in pursuance of the provisions of this Law may respectively establish such committees for the purposes of their respective functions as they may think fit.

(2) Unless otherwise expressly provided, any committee may consist partly of persons who are and partly of persons who are not members of the Council, the Senate, Committee of Deans or the Board of any College, School, Faculty or such body of persons established by or in pursuance of this Law as the case may be and any such committee may co-opt any person to participate in its proceedings but such person shall not have a right to vote on any matter.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Law and of the statutes, the Council, the Senate, the Committee of Deans, the Board of any College, School, Faculty and such other body of persons

established by or in pursuance of the provisions of this Law may respectively with or without restrictions or conditions as they think fit, delegate any of their powers and duties to any committees.

Declaration of personal interest.

41. Any member of any authority or other body of the University by or in pursuance of any provisions of this Law who has personal interest in any matter tabled to be considered by that authority or body shall forthwith declare such interest to the authority or body and shall not participate in any decision affecting the matter.

Extent of powers to make Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.

42. Nothing in section 2 of the interpretation Law shall have effect with reference to the making and operation of Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made in pursuance of this Law but the powers conferred by this Law to make Statutes, Ordinance and Regulations are hereby declared to include powers to revoke or vary any Statutes (including the Statutes contained in the first schedule to this Law) or any regulation by subsequent Statutes or as the case may be, subsequent Regulations and Statutes.

Repeal of No. 13 of 2000.

43. (1) The Anambra State University of Science and Technology Law, 2000 is hereby repealed.

Transitional provision.

(2) All properties, movable and immovable which originally vests in the Anambra State University, Uli, now vests in the University.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Section 22 (2))

THE STATUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY I - DEFINITION

- (1) In these Statutes:
 - (a) "the Law" means the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Law;
 - (b) words used in the Statute shall have the same meaning as in the Law.
- (2) Words defined in the Law and the Statute shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning in the Ordinances, and in the Regulations.

STATUTE II - MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- (1) The members of the University shall be:
 - (a) the officers of the University;
 - (b) the members of the Council;
 - (c) the members of the Senate;
 - (d) the members of the academic staff;
 - (e) other graduate members of staff;
 - (f) the students;
 - (g) such other persons as may by Statutes be granted the status of members.
- (2) A person shall remain a member of the University only so long as he is qualified for such membership under any of the paragraphs of the statute.

STATUTE III - THE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- (1) (i) The Officers of the University shall be:
 - (a) the Chancellor;
 - (b) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (c) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (d) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (e) the Registrar;
 - (f) the University Librarian;
 - (g) the Bursar;
- (ii) In addition to the principal officers mentioned in PART III, there shall be the following key officers each of whom shall be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day running of their respective units:
 - (a) a Provost of the College of Medicine who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the College of Medicine;
 - (b) Deans of Faculty who shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculties;
 - (c) a Dean of Postgraduate School who shall be responsible for the administration of programmes of the Postgraduate School;
 - (d) a Dean of student affairs who shall be responsible for the administration of student affairs including student exchange programmes and student support services like hostel administration, guidance and counseling, developing entrepreneurship curriculum for teaching entrepreneurship studies in the faculties and departments, ICT, scholarships and liaising with relevant agencies such as JAMB, NYSC and

NUC to facilitate and comply with government policies on admission and youth mobilization, ensuring the availability and monitoring of sporting facilities in the University etc;

- (e) Academic Directors of School/Programme/General Studies who shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the academic programmes of their units;
 - (f) a Director of Health Services who shall be responsible for the health services of the University;
 - (g) a Director of Works and Estate who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the physical plants, equipment and other public utilities of the University;
 - (h) a Director of Physical Planning who shall be an officer in the office of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall be responsible for the development and physical projections for planning purposes; *
 - (i) a Director of Academic Planning who shall be an officer in the office of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall be responsible for the academic projections for planning purposes and all matters connected with academic planning and development; *
 - (j) a Director of Information Communication Technology (ICT) who shall be an officer in the office of the Vice-Chancellor. He shall be responsible for the administration of ICT policy of the University; +
- (iii) The Provost and the Academic Deans may be elected or appointed as specified in Statutes XIII and XV respectively, while the appointment of the Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Dean of Student Affairs and Academic Directors shall be by the Vice-Chancellor. Any question on the scope of their duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (iv) Tenure for elected key officers shall be 2 years, but upon expiration shall be eligible for re-election for another 2 year tenure provided that the tenure for appointed key officers shall be one (1) year renewable for another one (1) year or more and at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor. |||

STATUTE IV - THE CHANCELLOR

- (1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor.
- (2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a single non-renewable term of four (4) years upon such terms as shall, subject to the law and the statutes, be determined by the Visitor.
- (3) The Chancellor may resign his appointment or be removed from office in accordance with Statute XXII.
- (4) The Chancellor may, (unless the law does not so permit) delegate any of his functions in writing to the Pro-Chancellor;
Provided that any such delegation shall be revocable at will and shall not preclude the Chancellor from exercising any of his functions under the law.

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- (5) The Chancellor may request information concerning the general conduct of the affairs of the University from the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor whose duty it shall be to provide the same.

STATUTE V - THE PRO-CHANCELLOR

- (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a single non-renewable term of four (4) years upon such terms as shall, subject to the law and the statutes, be determined by the Visitor.
- (3) The Pro-Chancellor may resign his appointment or be removed from office in accordance with Statute XXII.
- (4) The Pro-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Council and shall, except when the Chancellor is present, preside at its meetings and shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law.
- (5) The Pro-Chancellor may, at the request of the Chancellor in writing exercise such functions that may be delegated to him by the chancellor other than the conferring of Degrees or other academic titles or Distinctions of the University.

STATUTE VI - THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a Professor appointed by the Visitor after considering a recommendation in that behalf from a joint Committee of the Council and the Senate as provided in paragraph 1(1) of Statute XX. *
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- (2) Effective from the commencement of this law, the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single non-renewable tenure of five (5) years and on such terms and conditions as to emolument and or as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall by virtue of his office, be a member of the Council, the Senate, the College, the Faculties, Schools, Institutes and any other authority of the University set up by Statute and or any Board or Committee appointed by any of those bodies.
- (4) The Vice-Chancellor may refuse to admit any person as a student in the interest of the University without given any reason to that person or his agent. He shall have power to suspend any student from any class or classes and may exclude any student from any part of the University or its precincts. He shall report every such suspension or exclusion to the Senate at their next meeting following such suspension or exclusion and the decision of the Senate after hearing the person on the issue shall be final. *
- (5) In the discharge of his responsibility for the discipline of students in the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall have power to issue written instructions which on their being issued, shall come into force but shall be submitted by him to the Senate for ratification as the Senate may deem necessary.

STATUTE VII - THE DEPUTY VICE - CHANCELLOR

- (1) There shall be Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) to assist the Vice-Chancellor in the Administration of the University.
- (2) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) shall be Professorial members of the Senate and shall be elected by the Senate subject to ratification by Council. *
A Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s):-
 - (i) shall hold office for a term of two years beginning from the date of appointment and on such terms and conditions as to the emoluments and/or as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (ii) may be re-elected in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of this section for one more term of two years and no more.
- (3) Whenever there is vacancy in the post of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor within one month shall forward to Senate a list of three candidates, provided that where an incumbent Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) is eligible for re-appointment, the Vice-Chancellor shall send his name and two other candidates to the Senate for election.
 - (a) The Senate shall elect one or two of the three candidates and forward to Council for ratification;
 - (b) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor (s) may be removed by the Senate in writing on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor to the Senate and ratified by the Council. *

STATUTE VIII - THE REGISTRAR, LIBRARIAN AND BURSAR

- (1) There shall be the following other Principal Officers each of whom shall be *directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor:
 - (a) a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University, responsible for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except financial matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with (c) below;
 - (b) a University Librarian who shall be responsible for the administration of the University Library and co-ordination of the libraries of the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching and research units;
 - (c) a Bursar, who shall be the Chief Financial Officer responsible for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University;
- (2) A Registrar, Librarian or Bursar shall hold office for a non-renewable single term of five years from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms as to the emolument of his office and conditions as may be specified by the instrument appointing him. The Council may upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Librarian or Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.

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- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, this provision shall only be applicable to those appointed to the offices of Registrar, Bursar and Librarian after the commencement of this law. Thus, "Where on the commencement of this Law, a Registrar, Librarian, and, or Bursar appointed before the commencement of this provision has held office:
- (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his term of office and Council may upon satisfactory performance reappoint him for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University;
 - (b) for 6 years and above he shall immediately relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University;
 - (c) The Registrar by virtue of his office shall be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, the Congregation and the Convocation;
 - (d) any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. However, their appointments shall be in accordance with the recommendation of a joint committee of the Council and the Senate as provided in paragraph 2 of Statute XXI;

STATUTE IX - AUDITOR

- (1) The Council shall appoint an Auditor who is a competent Accountant of high standing and a registered member of his professional body:
- (a) a person shall not be appointed Auditor if he or any of his partners is a member of the Council or staff of the University.
- (2) An Auditor shall hold office for two (2) years in the first instance and shall be eligible for reappointment and shall receive such remuneration as the Council may determine. The appointment may be determined by either party by three month's notice in writing addressed to the registered address of either party, of the intention to determine the appointment.
- (3) The Auditor shall audit the annual or other statement of income and expenditure, the balance sheet and other accounts of the University and shall make a report to the Council at least once in each year or otherwise as the Council may require.
- (4) The Auditor shall have a right of access at all reasonable time to the books, records, accounts and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to inquire from the officers and members of staff of the University such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties.
- (5) If the office of Auditor shall become vacant for any cause before the expiration of his period of office the Council shall forthwith appoint another Auditor in his place for the remainder of such period.

STATUTE X - THE COUNCIL

- (1) The Council shall comprise of the following:-
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (d) the Provost;

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- (e) four persons appointed by the Visitor and drawn in such a way as to represent a variety of interest and the three senatorial zones in the State;
 - (f) five persons elected by the Senate from among the members of that body such that at least one person shall be a female academic;
 - (g) two persons (one academic and one administrative staff) respectively, elected by Congregation from among the members of that body;
 - (h) one person elected by Convocation from among the members of that body;
 - (i) the Commissioner for Education or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him;
 - (j) the Registrar, who shall be Secretary to Council.
- (2) The period during which members of the Council respectively shall hold office shall be as four (4) years except for the:
- (a) Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Registrar who shall hold office during the time they hold their respective official positions in the University;
- (3)
- (a) a person elected in accordance with paragraph 1(f), (g) and (h) who ceases to hold office as a member of the Council other than by removal for good cause shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election as member for a second term only;
 - (b) all resultant vacancies shall be filled by the body which appointed or elected the person whose place has become vacant and the person so appointed or elected shall be a member only for the unexpired portion of the period of his predecessor;
 - (c) for the avoidance of doubt, members of the Council serving before the commencement of this law by virtue of paragraph 1(f), (g), and (h) above, shall be deemed to be serving their respective terms of office.
- (4) Half the number of members of the Council to the nearest whole number shall form a quorum.
- (5) The method for the election of the members of the Council under subparagraph (f), (g) and (h) of paragraph 1 of this Statute shall be prescribed by Ordinance.
- (6) In the absence of the Pro-chancellor at a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- (7) The Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (8) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such a person to be a member for such meeting or meetings as may be required and such person whilst so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.
- (9) There shall be paid to Council members and Council committees set up by Council, allowances in respect of travels, maintenance and other reasonable expenses when attending meetings of the Council or of any Committee thereof at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Council.

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STATUTE XI - COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

I. The Committees of the Council in this Statute referred to as "the Committee" shall consist of:

(A) **Finance and General Purpose Committee (FGPC):**

- (1) The membership of the finance and General Purposes Committee shall consist of the following:
- (i) the Pro-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
 - (ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (s);
 - (iii) Hon. Commissioner for Education; and
 - (iv) four other members of the Council appointed by the Council one each from Senate, Congregation, Convocation and government representatives in Council;
 - (v) subject to the directions and control of the Council, the Committee may deal with and advise on matters relating to the finances, accounts, investments, property insurance, business and the general financial affairs of the University and may act also between meetings of the Council and on behalf of Council in all matters in respect of which the powers of the Council are not otherwise specifically delegated.

(2) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the functions of the Committee shall include the following:

- (i) to consider and make recommendations to the Council on the draft annual estimates of income and expenditures for each financial year;
- (ii) to authorize the production of supplementary estimates of income and expenditure;
- (iii) to direct the form in which the annual estimates of income and expenditure shall be prepared;
- (iv) to cause proper accounts to be kept and to direct deposits and investments of monies belonging or appertaining to the University;
- (v) to approve rules and procedure for the control of expenditure and administration of other financial matters;
- (vi) to consider and make recommendations to the Council on the terms and conditions of service of the academic staff, the administrative staff and other staff of the University, provided that the terms and conditions of service of the academic staff shall not be so considered except after a recommendation made by the Senate in that behalf;
- (v) to exercise such other functions as the Council may confer or impose on it.

(B) **Building, Works and Site Committee:**

(1) The membership of the Committee shall consist of the following:-

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;

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- (ii) two members of Council who are not members of Senate;
 - (iii) one Senate representative in Council;
 - (iv) one Congregation representative in Council;
 - (v) Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (vi) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
- In attendance are:
Director, Works Services;
Director, Physical Planning;
Bursar.

Functions of the Building, Works and Site Committee.

- (2) The functions of the Building, Works and Site Committee shall include the following:-
 - (i) to work in collaboration with the Tenders Board on the physical development of the University site and on the execution of the buildings and construction programmes;
 - (ii) to advise Council on the siting of buildings, the details of accommodation and the order of priorities in line with the University Master Plan; and
 - (iii) to advise the Council generally on such matters as the maintenance of the University buildings, roads, services, grounds and gardens.

(C) Tenders Board:

- (1) In line with Section 22 of the Public Procurement Act 2007, the Tenders Board shall consist of-
 - (i) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
 - (ii) Deans and Directors of Faculty and Programmes;
 - (iii) Head of Procurement who shall act as Secretary.

Functions of the Tenders Board.

- (2) The functions of the Tenders Board shall include the following:-
 - (i) articulate an efficient procurement plan driven by the University needs assessment;
 - (ii) appropriate funds for projects, goods and services;
 - (iii) advertise for these projects, goods and services in print and electronic media;
 - (iv) carry out a transparent pre-qualification exercise;
 - (v) accept bid submissions from qualified and capable contractors;
 - (vi) invite contractors, companies, firms or individuals to bid for the design and or construction or maintenance of building and works or the supply of goods and services;
 - (vii) to evaluate the bids in terms of the technical and financial components;
 - (vii) approve the award of any contract based on the set principles of Public Procurement; and Monitor contract execution.

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Quorum.

2. Half the number of members of the committee to the nearest whole number shall form a quorum.
3. Subject to any directions that may be given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

STATUTE XII - THE SENATE

1. The Senate shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (c) the Provosts;
 - (d) the Professors of the University;
 - (e) the University Librarian;
 - (f) the Deans of Faculty;
 - (g) the Academic Directors of Institutes and Centres;
 - (h) Heads of Academic Departments who are not Professors;
 - (i) one representative from each Faculty who shall not be lower in rank than a Senior Lecturer.
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 - (1) The members of the Senate mentioned under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 of this Statute shall hold office for two academic years and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (2) Casual vacancies among the said members shall be filled as soon as may be convenient and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Senate, and the person elected to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the Senate for the unexpired portion of the period of office of his predecessor.
 - (3) When upon any special occasion the Senate desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Senate may co-opt such person to be a member for a meeting or meetings as may be required, and such person whilst so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.
 - (4) The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) shall be ex-officio members of all committees of the Senate.
 - (5) One-third of the total membership of the Senate for the time being shall form a quorum.
 - (6) The Senate may regulate its own procedure.

STATUTE XIII - THE COLLEGE

1. There shall, subject to any regulation made in that behalf by the Council, be a College of Medicine of the University.

2. The object of the College shall be:
 - (a) to organize and co-ordinate the academic activities of the Faculties and Academic Departments or Units within the College.
 - (b) to perform subject to the overall authority of the Senate, such academic functions as may be devolved to it by the Senate.
3. There shall in respect of the College be a Provost who shall be the Head of the College and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor.
4. The appointment of any person to office of the Provost shall be made by the Senate on the recommendation of the relevant Academic Board following an election conducted by the Academic Board to choose a candidate from among the Professors of the College.
5. The Provost shall hold office for a period of four years after which he shall not be eligible for re-election until he has been out of the office for four years.
6. The Provost shall be Chairman of all meetings of the Academic Board when he is present and when he is not present, such other member of the Board present may for the meeting be appointed to perform the functions of the chairman at the meeting. The membership of the Academic Board shall include all academic staff of the College.

STATUTE XIV - COMMITTEE OF PROVOSTS AND DEANS

The Committee of Provosts and Deans shall consist of:

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the chairman;
- (b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
- (c) Provosts;
- (d) Deans of Faculty and Post-graduate School.
- (e) Dean Students Affairs

It shall be the function of this Committee to:

- (1) Advise the Vice-Chancellor on academic and related matters as may be referred to it from time to time
- (2) To act on behalf of the Senate during Senate recess and or where appropriate.

STATUTE XV - FACULTIES

1. There shall, subject to any regulation made in that behalf by the Council, be the following Faculties of the University:
 - (a) Faculty of Agriculture;
 - (b) Faculty of Engineering;
 - (c) Faculty of Environmental Sciences;
 - (d) Faculty of Management Sciences;
 - (e) Faculty of Basic Medicine;

5. It shall be the function of the Dean of a Faculty to present to the Convocation for the conferment of degrees and other qualifications persons who have qualified for degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to the Faculty.

FACULTY BOARD

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Statute XV of this law, each Faculty, School, Department or other teaching unit of the University established under this law or by regulations shall be under the control of the Board of Studies except in respect of a Faculty when the body shall be known as a Faculty Board (hereinafter referred to in either case as "Board").
2. Each Faculty Board shall consist of the following:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (c) the Dean of the Faculty;
 - (d) the Professors and Heads of Departments comprising the Faculty
 - (e) such other Professors and other Heads of Departments as the Senate may determine after considering the recommendations of the Faculty Board;
 - (f) such other full-time members of the Academic staff of the Departments comprising the Faculty as the Senate may determine after considering the recommendations of the Faculty Board;
 - (g) such other persons within or outside the University as the Senate may appoint after considering the recommendations of the Faculty Board.
3. The members of a Faculty Board appointed under sub-paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of sub-paragraph (2) of this law shall hold office for one academic year and shall be eligible for reappointment.
4. The membership of a Faculty Board shall be reviewed by the Senate at the first meeting of the Senate in each academic year.
5. One-third of the total membership of a Faculty Board for the time being shall form a quorum.
6. The Faculty Board may, subject to the approval of the Senate regulate its own procedure.

FUNCTIONS OF FACULTY BOARD

Subject to the provisions of this law, a Faculty Board shall have the following functions:

- (a) to manage and control, within the general academic policy established by the Senate, all matters relating to the education, teaching and research in the subjects of study assigned to the Faculty, including curricula and examinations and to advise and report to the Senate on these matters;
- (b) to recommend to the Senate through the Academic Board, examiners for appointment;
- (c) to consider the progress and conduct of students in the Faculty and to make reports thereon to the Senate;

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- (d) to make recommendations to the Senate through the Academic Board for the award of Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees), Diploma, Certificates, Prizes and other academic titles and Distinctions within the Faculty;
- (e) to discuss any matter relating to the work of the Faculty and to submit recommendations thereon to the Senate through the Academic Board;
- (f) subject to the approval of the Senate to constitute such Board of studies within the Faculty as it may deem necessary, and likewise to join two or more Boards of Studies to constitute a joint Board of Study;
- (g) to consider and report upon all matters referred or delegated to it by the Senate;
- (h) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

POWERS OF FACULTY BOARDS

For the purpose of carrying out the objects of a Faculty, the Faculty Board shall have powers:

- (a) to demand and receive from any other persons attending the Faculty for the purpose of receiving instructions such fees as may from time to time be prescribed by the Senate;
- (b) to maintain proper accounts in respect of all money that may be received and disbursed by the Faculty and in respect of all other monetary transactions undertaken by the Faculty in pursuance of its objects under this law;
- (c) to equip and maintain suitable libraries and laboratories as may be necessary for teaching, research and other activities of the Faculty;
- (d) with the approval of the Senate and the Council to receive gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligations to accept the same for a particular purpose unless the Senate and the Council approve the terms and conditions attaching thereto; and
- (e) to do any other act or things which it is authorized or required to do under this law or by the regulations.

STATUTE XVI – BOARD OF STUDIES

1. A Board of Studies may be appointed by the Senate:
 - (a) to deal with matters pertaining to more than one Faculty;
 - (b) to deal with matters pertaining to a subject of study or a group of subjects of study;
 - (c) to consider proposals referred to it by the Senate for the establishment of a new Faculty, Department or other unit of learning and research.
2. The terms of references of a Board of Studies shall be such as the Senate may determine

STATUTE XVII – CONGREGATION

1. There shall be a Congregation of the University. It shall be the function of the Congregation:
 - (a) to discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University, including any matters referred to it by the Council or the Senate;
 - (b) to communicate directly with the Council or the Senate on any matter affecting the University;

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- (c) to receive information from time to time on the state of the University from the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (d) to elect two of its members to the Council as prescribed in subparagraph (g) of paragraph (1) of Statute IX.
2. The Congregation shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (c) all full-time members of the academic staff;
 - (d) provost of the colleges;
 - (e) the Registrar;
 - (f) the Bursar;
 - (g) the University Librarian;
 - (h) every member of the administrative staff who holds a Degree from any University recognized for the purpose of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an Honorary Degree.
3. The procedure for election of members of the Congregation to the Council shall be prescribed by Ordinance and Regulations respectively.
4. (1) There shall be at least one meeting of the Congregation in a semester during each academic year.
- (2) The quorum of the Congregation shall be a third of the membership or fifty whichever is the lower number.
- (3) A Certificate signed by the Registrar specifying.
- (a) the total number of members of congregation for the purpose of any meeting of Congregation; or
 - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation for the time being or during any particular period shall be conclusive evidence of the number or of the names of those persons, as the case may be.
5. Subject to the provisions of this Statute, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

STATUTE XVIII – CONVOCATION

1. A Convocation for the conferment of degrees and other academic titles and distinctions of the University shall be held normally once a year at such time and place as shall be determined by the person presiding.
2. The Convocation shall consist of:
- (a) the officers of the University mentioned in Statute 11.
 - (b) all academic staff of University.
 - (c) all other persons whose names are reported in accordance with subparagraph 3 of this paragraph.
3. 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 who satisfied such requirements as may be prescribed for the purpose of this subparagraph; and
 - (b) he applied for registration of his name with the prescribed fees.

4. A Convocation shall be presided over by the Chancellor or in his absence by the Vice-Chancellor or in the absence of both the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.
5. The procedure for summoning a Convocation, for the presentation of graduates and other persons for award and for conferring of degrees, academic titles and distinctions in absentia and all other matters relating to Convocation shall be determined by the Senate.

STATUTE XIX - HONORARY DEGREES

1. The University may, without examination, confer an Honorary Master's or Doctorate Degree of any Faculty on any person whom it may deem worthy of such a distinction:
Provided however that the holder of such degree shall not be entitled to practice any profession or to hold himself out as possessing any skill in any particular branch of learning merely by virtue of the fact that it has been conferred on him.
2. A person shall not be admitted by the University to an Honorary Degree unless his name has been recommended for the award of an Honorary Degree by a joint committee of the Council and the Senate and the recommendation is approved by the Senate and Council.
3. The joint committee of the Council and the Senate referred to in paragraph 2 of this Statute, which shall be known as the Honorary Degree Committee, shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) two members of the Council (not being also members of the Senate) nominated by the Council;
 - (c) four members of the Senate (not being also members of the Council) nominated by the Senate.
4. The members appointed by the Council or the Senate shall hold office for two years at a time and shall be eligible for reappointment.
5. The Council, after consultation with the Senate, may make Ordinances governing the procedure to be followed in dealing with proposals for the conferment of Honorary Degrees.

STATUTE XX - APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

1. (1) There shall be a joint committee of the Council and Senate to be known as Appointments and Promotions Committee and to be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor.
- * (2) The functions of the Appointments and Promotions Committee established under subsection (1) of this section shall be:
 - (a) to act on behalf of Council in the appointment and promotion to all academic, senior ~~non~~-administrative and senior technical posts of the University and such other matters as may be determined by Council.

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2. The appointment and promotion of other staff of the University may be made and disciplinary control may be exercised over them on behalf of the Council by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with any such delegation of powers as may be made by the Council in that behalf.
3. Every appointment to the academic staff shall be made by the Committee appointed under paragraph 1 of this Statute after considering the recommendations of a Selection Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Provost of the College to which appointment is to be made;
 - (c) the Dean of the Faculty to which the appointment is to be made;
 - (d) the Head of Department concerned, provided that if the appointment is to a professorship in the Department, the acting Head of Department, if any, shall not be a member if he is himself a candidate for appointment or if he holds a post below the rank of Professor;
 - (e) at least two other persons who have knowledge of the subject of study concerned, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
4. Every appointment to the Administrative Staff, shall be made by the Committee appointed under paragraph 2 of this Statute after considering a report of a Selection Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Registrar;
 - (c) the Head of Department to which the person is to be appointed;
 - (d) at least two other persons with knowledge relevant to the particular appointment, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
5.
 - (1) A Selection Committee may interview candidates directly, consult external assessors or specialist interviewing panels.
 - (2) A Selection Committee when recommending a person for appointment shall be limited in the choice to those who have replied to any advertisement notifying the vacancy.
7. A member of the academic staff or the administrative staff shall hold office on such terms and conditions of service as may be set out in any contract being signed on behalf of the University by the Vice-Chancellor or by such other person as may be authorized for that purpose by the University and any such contract shall contain or be deemed to contain a provision that the terms and conditions of service therein specified are subject to the provisions of the Law, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University.
8. The terms and conditions of service of other staff of the University shall be such as may be prescribed by the Council, and shall contain or be deemed to contain a provision that the same are subject to the provisions of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University.
9. The Vice-Chancellor may appoint a visiting professor or a member of the academic staff or the administrative staff for a period of twelve months and renewable every year for a maximum of 3 years where he is satisfied that there are special circumstances as required; and all such appointment shall as soon as possible be reported by him to the appropriate appointment committee for ratification.

10. The Vice-Chancellor shall report to the Council from time to time on the decision made by the Committee appointed under paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively of this Statute.
11. Vacancies in the academic staff or the administrative staff shall be advertised except where the Council is satisfied that a particular vacancy may be filled without advertisement.
Provided that any candidate shall not be exempted for assessment by a Selection Committee constituted in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Statute in the case of appointment to an administrative post.

STATUTE XXI - APPOINTMENT BY JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AND SENATE

1. (1) The Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate for the purpose of the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor as specified in paragraph 1 of Statute VI shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) three members of the Council appointed by the Council;
 - (c) three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.
- (2) A retiring Vice-Chancellor shall not be a member of the Committee.
- (3) The Council in consultation with the Senate may prescribe by ordinances the procedure for selecting candidate for appointment to the office of Vice-Chancellor.
2. (1) The Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate for the appointment to the post of Registrar, Bursar and the University Librarian as mentioned in paragraph (1) of Statute VIII shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
 - (d) two members of the Council appointed by the Council;
 - (e) two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall make such recommendations to the Council in respect of the appointment as it shall think fit. The Council shall communicate the recommendations of the Joint Committee to the Senate and after receiving the views of the Senate shall make the appointment.

STATUTE XXII - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF AND AUDITORS FROM OFFICE

1. The Pro-Chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the Visitor.
2. Any member of the Council other than an ex-officio member may be removed from office for good cause by the appointing authority.

3. The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the appointing authority on the recommendation of the Council, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 7 of this Statute.
4. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s), Registrar, the Librarian and the Bursar may be removed from office for good cause by the Council subject to the provisions of paragraphs 7 and 9 of the Statute.
5. The Auditor or Auditors may be removed from office for good cause by Council.
6. Any member of the Academic Staff or the Administrative/Technical Staff of the University may be removed from office for good cause by the Council.
Provided that:
 - (a) the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or a member of the Academic Staff who holds a pensionable appointment shall not be determined by the Council unless there has been an investigation relating to his case by a Joint Committee, nominated by the Council and the Senate, of which Joint Committee at least one-third of the members have been appointed by Senate, and the person concerned has, if he so requests, been permitted to appear to defend himself in person or through his chosen representative before the Joint Committee, and the report of the Joint Committee has been considered by the Senate and then by the Council, the decision of the Council on his case being final;
 - (b) the appointment of a member of the Administrative/Technical Staff who holds office shall not be determined by the Council unless the person concerned has been notified in writing of the grounds on which consideration is being given to the determination of his appointment; and he has been given a reasonable opportunity of making representation in person or through his chosen representative at the meeting of the Council at which the determination of his appointment is to be considered.
7. For the purposes of this Statute "good cause" means:
 - (a) conviction for an offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office.
8. Subject to the terms of their appointment, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s), the Registrar, the Librarian, the Bursar and the holders of any other posts specified for the purpose of this paragraph by the Council shall not be removed from office save upon any of the grounds specified in paragraph 7 of this Statute and in accordance with the appropriate procedure specified in sub-paragraph 6 thereof.

Retiring
Age.

9. (1) All members of the academic staff of the university who hold appointments until retiring age shall retire from office on the attainment of age of 65 years. The Council may however re-engage such a member on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine for additional periods not exceeding five years in all, after which such appointment shall cease.
- (2) Members of Senior Administrative Staff of the University shall be allowed to continue in service until sixty-five years of age.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act:
(a) the compulsory retiring age of a Professor of the University shall be seventy years;
(b) any law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five years shall not apply to an academic staff of the University.
- (4) A person who retires as a Professor, having served:
(a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a Professor in the University or continuously in the service of a University in Nigeria up to the retiring age; and
(b) during the period of service was absent from the University only on approved national, state or University assignment, shall be entitled to:
(i) pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary; and
(ii) such allowances as Council may from time to time determine as qualifying for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled.
11. (1) A member of the administrative staff of the University, other than the Registrar or the Bursar, shall be at liberty to resign his appointment with the Council on giving the Council in writing at least three calendar months' notice ending on the last day of the session.
- (2) The Registrar or the Bursar shall be at liberty to resign his appointment with the Council on giving the Council in writing at least six calendar months' notice ending on the last day of the session.

STATUTE XXIII - SERVICE OF NOTICE AND DOCUMENTS

1. Any notice or document required by or for the purpose of these Statutes to be given or sent to any person may be given or sent either personally or by sending it by registered post to him at his last address known to the University.
2. Where a notice or other document is sent by post, service thereof shall be deemed to have been properly effected by properly addressing and posting a letter containing the notice or other document, and shall be deemed to have been effected at the time at which the letter would in the ordinary course be delivered.

STATUTE XXIV - THE CUSTODY AND USE OF THE COMMON SEAL OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. The Common Seal shall be in the custody of the Registrar and shall be used only as hereinafter provided.
2. The Registrar is authorized to affix the Common Seal:
 - (a) to the certificate or other like instrument issued to a person as evidence that a degree, diploma or honour has been conferred upon or awarded him by the University.
 - (b) to all copies of any Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations made under the provisions of this law required for production in any court or before any person(s) acting judicially.
3. Any other instrument or document not required by this law to be under the Common Seal shall have the Seal affixed to it only by the resolution of the Council:

Provided that in respect of any document which in the opinion of the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor is formal or of extreme urgency, the Seal may be affixed by direction of the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor and the action thus taken shall be reported to the Council at the earliest opportunity.
4.
 - (1) Where it is provided that the Seal shall be affixed only by resolution of Council or may be affixed on the direction of the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, the document to which the Seal is affixed shall be attested by signature of the Registrar and the Pro-Chancellor or in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (2) Where the Seal is affixed to a document required for production in any court or before any person acting judicially, the document shall be attested by signature of the Registrar.
 - (3) Whenever the seal is affixed to any Certificate or other like instrument issued to a person as evidence that a Degree, Diploma or honour has been conferred on or awarded to him by the University, the certificate or instrument shall be attested by signature of the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Dean of the Faculty or Director of the Institute teaching the subject of study to which the certificate relates.
5. Whenever the Registrar is absent, on leave or otherwise because of ill-health, the duties conferred or imposed on him under this Statute shall be performed by the Acting Registrar.

ORDINANCE I

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL BY THE CONGREGATION UNDER STATUTE X, PARAGRAPH 1(g)

1. Two members of the Congregation shall be elected from among their own number into the Council. The persons elected shall hold office for a period of four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election for another four (4) years and no more.

2. The Registrar shall in respect of each election, prepare a list of members of the Congregation which shall be completed the last day for receiving nominations for the election. The list certified by the Vice-Chancellor in writing shall be the Election Roll for the election and shall be conclusive evidence that any person whose name does not appear therein is not so entitled.
3. All election under this Ordinance shall be conducted by the Vice-Chancellor but if for any reason he is unable to act, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a substitute.
4. When an election is to be held a notice of election shall be sent to each elector and shall also be pasted on the Notice Board of the University.
The Notice of Election shall:
 - (a) state the number of vacancies to be filled;
 - (b) call for nominations on a Nomination Form which shall require the signature of two persons qualified to vote at the election, the full name of the nominee and his written consent to his nomination;
 - (c) state the closing time and date for receipt of nominations which shall be on or before a day not less than fourteen days from the date of issue of the notice of election;
 - (d) indicate the date of election which shall be on or at least three weeks from the date of issue of the notice of election.
5.
 - (1) If the valid nominations received correspond with the number of vacancies, the Vice-Chancellor shall declare the candidates nominated as duly elected.
 - (2) If the valid nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the Vice-Chancellor shall cause an election to hold by secret ballot.
6. A meeting of the Congregation shall be held on the day fixed for the election and the ballot shall take place immediately before this meeting (i.e. before the members enter the meeting) commencing at least one hour before and closing not later than fifteen minutes after the scheduled time for the start of the meeting.
7. The ballot paper shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in alphabetical order of surnames; and instruction for the recording of vote shall be issued to each elector after he has confirmed his eligibility to vote by signing against his name in the Electoral Roll. He shall thereafter deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.
8. The ballot shall be conducted by the Vice-Chancellor assisted in counting by representatives appointed by the Congregation. Each candidate shall be entitled to nominate one representative as an observer.
9. The ballot shall be conducted subject to the under-mentioned rules:
 - (a) voters shall vote by marking a cross against the candidates of their choice;
 - (b) voters shall cast as many votes as there are vacancies to be filled, but shall not allocate more than a single vote to any candidate;

- (c) the candidates with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected;
 - (d) in the event of a tie for the last or only place, election shall be decided by drawing of lots by the candidates with an equal number of votes in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor.
10. The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to declare a ballot spoiled or invalid and decide any matter concerned with the conduct of the election not expressly provided for. The Vice-Chancellor shall report to the Congregation and to the Council the number of spoiled and invalid papers and any decision taken in the exercise of the above powers.
 11. The Vice-Chancellor shall publish the results of the election and shall subsequently report the results to the Congregation and the Council.
 12. The opened envelopes and the ballot papers counted shall be sealed in separate parcels and shall be retained by the Registrar for one year with the seals unbroken after the date of election after which they shall be destroyed.
 13. No election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (a) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notices or ballots paper;
 - (b) failure to do any act by the required time; or
 - (c) any defect of merely formal nature.

ORDINANCE II

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. When there is vacancy in the post of Vice-Chancellor, the vacancy shall be announced by the Registrar and Secretary to the Council in a manner approved by the Council and as directed by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council.

THE STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

2. Before the vacancy or the post of Vice-Chancellor is advertised, both the Council and the Senate shall prepare briefs on the state of the University such as would guide the selection and appointment of suitable candidates as Vice-Chancellor, as well as indicate to the appointed person the direction in which he should lead and guide the University. The briefs shall constitute the materials for a state of the University Document, as approved by the Council. This final brief will focus on the past achievements and failures, the present strengths and weaknesses and the objectives of the University in the next five to ten years.

NOMINATION OR SEARCH COMMITTEE

3. The Council shall constitute a nomination or search committee whose primary purpose shall be to suggest or nominate candidates for the office of Vice-Chancellor through consultations with members of the academic community both internal and external, and with any other persons the committee considers appropriate. Composition of the committee should reflect the Council, the Senate and the state and national community. Its

Chairman as decided by the Council shall be a distinguished scholar or some other person eminent in public. Every nomination for the post of Vice-Chancellor must be supported by candidate's detailed curriculum vitae (C.V.)

Selection Committee:

4. (a) A Joint Committee of Council and Senate shall be set up to review and consider all nominations, including nominations from the search nomination committee;
- (b) The Joint Committees shall comprise:
 - (i) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (ii) three nominees from the Council appointed by the Council;
 - (iii) three members of Senate appointed by Senate;
- (c) The Joint Selection Committee shall make such consultations as it deems necessary, review the merits of all candidates in the light of the state of the University Document' and recommend three persons arranged in order of merit for the consideration of the Council;
- (d) The Council shall consider the list and arrange the names in its own order of merit, guided by "the state of the University Document" and shall recommend the candidate who places first on its own merit to the Visitor for appointment but shall also include the names of the candidates who placed second and third respectively, justifying its order of merit.

CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

5. Generally, a candidate for the post of Vice-Chancellor should exhibit clear qualities of academic leadership. The candidate should possess the ability to foster and maintain effective working relationship with the University community (staff and students) the Alumni, Government and the general public (national and international).

The person must show evidence of high level managerial and executive capacity in the administration of a higher educational institution.

Specifically:

- (a) The person to be appointed must have had a very sound University education and he/she must have a distinction in an academic discipline. The person's academic standing and reputation must be sufficiently high to command national and international respect, particularly in the academic world, such that it would enhance the good reputation already established for the University;
- (b) The appointee must have had considerable administrative experience and must have the qualities of a good manager of human and material resources;
- (c) The person must be capable of giving dynamic leadership to the University, and be able to command the respect and loyalty of both the staff and students;
- (d) The appointee must be a person of courage who can take decisions on the merit of facts and principles, and not on the basis of pressures from individuals or groups. He/she must also be a person of unassailable integrity;

- (e) The appointee must be a person who is not likely to pursue racial, ethnic, political, religious or other sectional interests;
- (f) The appointee must be committed to the ideas of a University as a republic of learning, not only in the context of national social relevance and of international scholastic excellence, but also in the context of the University's philosophy of a "Development University";
- (g) The appointee shall possess such personality as can attract funding from both the local and international community to supplement government subventions, if any.

TENURE OF OFFICE

- 6. The tenure of office of a Vice-Chancellor shall be a single term of five years only.

ORDINANCE III

ELECTION OF PROVOSTS UNDER STATUTE XIII

- 1. The Provost shall preferably be a professor. An out-going Provost shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with Statute XIII.
- 2. The Registrar shall conduct the election and if for any reasons he is unable to act, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a substitute.
- 3. The election shall normally be held at the last ordinary meeting of the Senate in the academic year.
- 4. Every member of the Senate shall be an elector.
- 5. The new Provost shall in accordance with Statute XIII (5) assume office on the 1st day of August in the year in which he is appointed.
- 6. When an election is to be held, a notice of election shall be sent to each elector at least three weeks before the election.
- 7. The Notice of Election shall:
 - (a) state the office to be filled and the term during which the office shall be held;
 - (b) call for nominations on a Nomination Form which shall require the names and signatures of two electors, one as the proposer and the other as the seconder and the name and signature of the nominee indicating his consent;
 - (c) state closing time and date for receipt of nominations which shall be a day not less than fourteen days from the day of issue of the Notice of Election.
- 8. The names of candidates for election as well as their proposers and seconders shall be published within two and half hours after the close of nominations.
- 9. Where there is only one valid nomination received by the closing date of nomination the Vice-Chancellor shall declare the candidate so nominated duly elected at the Senate meeting at which the election is scheduled to be held.

- 10. The ballot paper which shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in an alphabetical order of surnames shall be issued to each elector who shall thereafter, in secret, mark a cross against the candidate of his choice and deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.
- 11. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be duly elected. In the case of a tie, a fresh election for the tying candidates shall be conducted immediately and at the same meeting of Senate to determine the candidate with a majority.
- 12. The Vice-Chancellor shall report the result to the Council for the appointment of the successful candidate for the post of Provost of the University.
- 13. No election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (i) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice of election; or
 - (ii) any defect of a merely formal nature

ORDINANCE IV

ELECTION OF DEAN OF FACULTY

- 1. When an election is to be held, a Notice of Election shall be sent to each elector at least three weeks before the election, and shall also be posted on the Faculty Notice Board.
- 2. The notice of election shall:
 - (a) state the office to be filled;
 - (b) call for nominations on Nomination Form which shall require:
 - (i) the names and signature of two electors, one as the proposer and the other as the seconder; and
 - (ii) the names and signatures of the nominee signifying his consent;
 - (c) state the closing time and date for the receipt of nominations which shall be a day not less than fourteen days from the date of the issue of the Notice of Election;
 - (d) indicate the date of the election which shall normally be the date of the meeting preceding the last ordinary meeting of the Faculty Board of the academic year.
- 3. The names of candidates for election as well as the proposers and seconders shall be published within twenty-four hours after the close of nominations.
- 4. Where there is only one valid nomination received at the closing date of the nominations, the Vice-Chancellor shall declare the candidate so nominated duly elected at the Faculty Board meeting.
- 5. The ballot paper, which shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in alphabetical order of surnames, shall be issued to each elector who shall thereafter in secret mark a cross against the candidate of his choice and deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.

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6. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be duly elected. In the case of a tie, a fresh election of the tying candidate shall be conducted immediately and at the same sitting of the Faculty Board to determine the candidate with majority.
7. The Vice-Chancellor, shall report the results of the election to the next meeting of Senate for the appointment of the successful candidate as the Dean of Faculty.
8. Subject to the determination of the Vice-Chancellor, no election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (a) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice of elections; or
 - (b) inadvertent failure to do any act at or by the required time or date; or
 - (c) any defect of a merely formal nature.

RESIGNATION FROM DEANSHIP AND PROCEDURE FOR FILLING THE VACANCY

9. A Dean who wishes to resign from office before the expiry date of his prescribed tenure, shall submit a letter of resignation to the Vice-Chancellor who may accept the resignation and shall thereupon request the Faculty Board to conduct an election in accordance with this regulation to fill the vacancy at either the next regular or special meeting of the Faculty Board. The person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of his predecessor.
10. When all the Professors or the only Professor in a Faculty decline(s) to serve or no candidate has been duly nominated, the Vice-Chancellor shall proceed to exercise his powers to appoint an Acting Dean from amongst the other academic members of the Faculty in accordance with paragraph 3 of Statute XV (Dean of a Faculty)

VOTING AT UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES

1. Any member of the University who is entitled to vote at any of the University elections shall be entitled to appoint another person as proxy to attend and vote in his name.
2. A notice of the intention to vote in absentia shall reach the Registrar or his representative not later than forty-eight hours before the election date.
3. A person appointed as proxy shall be a member of the University and shall also be a member of the electing unit or body.
4. A person appointed as proxy in a particular election who can vote as of right at such an election can also vote in the name of the person who has appointed him.
5. A person shall not be entitled to appoint more than one proxy in respect of a particular election.

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6. A forged letter of appointment of a proxy or any other irregularity in the appointment of a proxy shall render his voting as a proxy void provided that such forgery or irregularity shall have been known to the Secretary to the electing body or a report in connection with same lodged with him but in both cases not later than forty-eight hours after the elections must have been held. The effect which this nullity shall have on the overall elections shall be determined by the electing body as early as possible after considering the circumstances of the case.

7. In any notice calling for an election in the University, it shall be clearly stated that a member of the University who is entitled to attend and vote at such an election is also entitled to appoint a proxy to vote in his name.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Section 3)

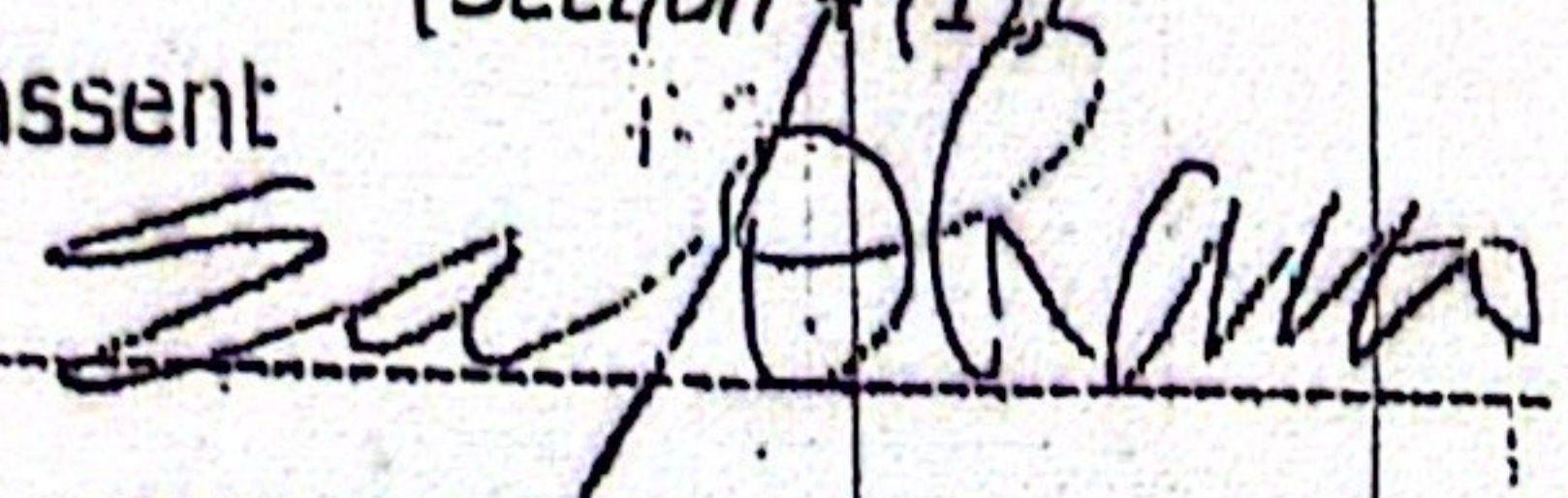
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SECOND SCHEDULE
(Section 4(1))

I assent/do not assent



CHIEF WILLIE OBIANO
Governor

Dated the 12th day of November, 2014

THIRD SCHEDULE
(Section 8(2))

Assented to on the _____ day of _____, 2014.