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No. 12, of 2020

A LAW TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT THE BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW, (CAP 15
LAWS OF BENUE STATE, 2004) AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH

(21st July, 2020)

*Date of
Commencement.*

ENACTED by the House of Assembly of Benue State of Nigeria as follows:

PART I -PRELIMINARY

1. This Law may be cited as the Benue State University Law 2020 and shall come into force on **21st day of July, 2020.**

*Title and
Commencement.*

2.(1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires:

Definitions.

“**Appropriate authority**” means the Council or any officer of the University designated in that regard by the Council;

“**Campus**” means any campus which may be established by the University;

“**College**” means a body of Faculties established by the University;

“**Complexes**” means a group of faculties for the sake of considering and recommending appropriate action on issues concerning appointments, promotions, training and welfare of staff within the concerned faculties;

“**Council**” means the Council of the University established under this Law;

“**Court of Governors**” means the Court of Governors of College of Health Sciences of the University;

“**Fees**” includes caution fees; school fees; user charges and any other fees approved by the Council;

“**Governor**” means the Governor of Benue State;

“**Graduate**” means a person on whom a degree, (other than an honorary degree) has been duly conferred by the University;

“**He**” includes “**She**”;

“**Officer**” means staff of the University, but does not include the Visitor;

“**Professor**” means a person designated as a Professor of a recognised University in accordance with provisions made in that regard by Statute or by Regulations;

“**Property**” means that which is capable of ownership by the University and includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

“**Regulation**” means Regulations made by the Council or the Senate;

“**School**” means a Centre of Learning of the University, for academic or professional degrees;

“**Senate**” means the Senate of the University established under section 19 of this Law;

“**State**” means Benue State of Nigeria;

“**Statute**” means a Statute made by the University pursuant to 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 study 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 it for the status of an undergraduate;

“**University**” means the Benue State University as established by this Law.

PART II – ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- 3.(1) There is hereby established in the State a University to be known as the Benue State University, Makurdi (hereinafter referred to as “the University”). *Establishment..*
- (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 hold and dispose of property whether movable or immovable.
4. The objects of the University shall include the following: *Objects of the University.*
- (a) to promote and encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons, without discrimination on the basis of race, creed or political convictions, the opportunity of acquiring University education;
 - (b) to encourage the effective application of higher education to the needs of the society through research and consultancy services;
 - (c) to provide ready access for Benue State indigenes to higher education for self-reliance;

- (d) to promote and propagate the social and cultural heritage of the State in particular and Nigeria in general;
- (e) to compete favourably with similar institutions in Nigeria, Africa and the world at large;
- (f) to encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all fields of learning and human endeavor; and
- (g) to undertake any other activity of a developmental nature to enable the University attain the highest standards.

5.(1) The University shall have power to:

- (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units as may seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the Council on the recommendation of Senate;
- (b) institute professorships, readerships, lectureships and other offices and make appointments thereto;
- (c) institute administrative, technical, professional and other offices and make appointments thereto;
- (d) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, medals, prizes, distinctions and other awards;
- (e) provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University community;
- (f) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have satisfied such requirements as the University may lay down;
- (g) grant honorary degrees;
- (h) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University, for purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directive of the Council;
- (i) subject to the Land Use Act and approval of the Council, acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate, provided that the immovable property to be disposed of is not part of the University campus;
- (j) accept legitimate and lawful gifts, legacies and donations, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the Council;
- (k) enter into contracts, establish Trusts or act as Trustee, solely or jointly with any other person;
- (l) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields, other buildings, structures or things necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
- (m) hold public lectures and undertake public printing,

*Powers of the
University.*

- publishing and bookselling;
- (n) invest any monies accruing to the University by way of endowment, whether for general or special purposes and such other monies as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power to vary any such investment and to deposit any monies for the time being un-invested, with any bank subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute;
 - (o) engage in any lawful agricultural, intellectual, industrial or commercial venture for the purpose of generating revenue for the promotion of the objects of the University;
 - (p) borrow, whether on interest or not, upon the security of any of the property, movable or immovable of the University, such monies as may be necessary or expedient to borrow; or to guarantee any loan advances or credit facilities granted to the commercial entities of the University;
 - (q) make or produce gifts for any charitable purposes;
 - (r) arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff;
 - (s) do anything required and authorised by this Law or by statute; and
 - (t) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) The powers conferred on the University by sub-section (1) above shall be exercised on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner authorised by Statute.
- (3) The power of the University to establish campuses and colleges shall be as spelt out by Statute and not otherwise.
- 6.(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence over all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for the purpose of conferring degrees. *Order of Precedence.*
- (2) The Chairman of Council shall, in relation to the University, take precedence over all other members of the University, except the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Convocation.
- PART III - FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS, CONSTITUENT BODIES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY**
- 7.(1) The Governor of the State shall be the Visitor of the University. *The Visitor and Visitation.*
- (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every Five (5) years, conduct a visitation to the

University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University;
 - (a) to make available to the Visitor, or to any other person conducting visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of a visitation; and
 - (b) to give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this Law which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of a visitation.
- (4) The Visitor shall take a decision of such visitation report and also issue a White Paper thereon which shall be made available to Council for implementation.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provision of sub-section (4) of this section, where a Council is not in place, the Visitor shall have power to implement the content and terms of the White Paper.

8. The University shall consist of:

- (a) a Chancellor;
- (b) a Council;
- (c) a Pro-Chancellor;
- (d) a Vice-Chancellor;
- (e) a Senate;
- (f) a body called Congregation;
- (g) a body called Convocation;
- (h) Campuses and Colleges as may be established from time to time;
 - (i) Faculties, Schools, Institutes and other teaching and research units of the University as may be established from time to time;
 - (j) the other persons holding the offices constituted under Part IV to this Law other than those mentioned in (a), (c) and (d) of this sub-section;
- (k) students.

Constituent Bodies of the the University.

- 9.(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor and shall perform such functions as prescribed by this Law and shall hold office for a single term of Five (5) years, unless he resigns or he is removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) The Chancellor may, unless where the context does not so permit, delegate any of his functions in writing and shall resume performance of such functions in writing addressed to the Vice-Chancellor.
- (3) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor should be removed from

Appointment, Powers, Duties and Removal from Office of the Chancellor.

office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office, the Visitor may, by issuing a legal notice or writing formally to the Chancellor, remove the Chancellor from office.

- 10.(1) There shall be a Governing Council of the University which, shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policies, finances and property of the University including its public relations.
- (2) The Council of the University shall consist of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor as Chairman, appointed by the Visitor;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (c) the Provosts of Colleges established for or by the University;
 - (d) Six (6) external members appointed by the Visitor to reflect wide geographical spread within the State;
 - (e) one (1) representative of the State Ministry of Finance;
 - (f) one (1) representative of the State Ministry of Education;
 - (g) one (1) representative of the State Ministry of Health;
 - (h) four (4) representatives of the Senate;
 - (i) two (2) persons elected by the Congregation from among its members; one (1) academic staff and one (1) Non-academic staff;
 - (j) one (1) representative of the Alumni Association; and
 - (k) the Registrar who shall also be Secretary to Council.
- (3) The Council so constituted shall have a single tenure of Five (5) years from the date of its inauguration; provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and or corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be constituted for the effective functioning of the University.
- (4) A person elected by the Senate to the Council shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, beginning from the first year of his election, and may be eligible for re-election for another term of two (2) years only, except if he resigns or is removed from office: Provided that a person elected by the Senate to fill a vacancy in the Council shall be a member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.
- (5) A person elected to represent the Congregation shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, beginning from the first year of his election, and may be eligible for re-election for another term of two (2) years only, except if he resigns or is removed from office: Provided that a person elected by the Congregation to fill a vacancy in the Council shall be a member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.
- 11.(1) The Council shall have the following powers:
- (a) to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments,

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- property, business and all affairs whatsoever, of the University; and for that purpose, to appoint bankers, and any other officer and agent who it seems expedient to appoint and to cause proper books of account to be kept for all sums of money received and expended by the University and for the assets and liabilities of the University and to explain its transactions;
- (b) to borrow money on behalf of the University;
 - (c) to invest any money belonging to the University;
 - (d) to buy, sell, exchange, lease or accept leases of any real or personal property on behalf of the University;
 - (e) to provide buildings, libraries, laboratories, premises, furniture, apparatuses and other equipment needed for carrying on the work of the University pursuant to its objects;
 - (f) to enter into, vary, perform or cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
 - (g) to affiliate with other institutions, branches or departments thereof, and in that regard, to recognise selected members thereof as teachers of the University and admit the members thereof to any of the privileges of the University; and further to admit the members thereof to accept attendance at courses of study in such institutions, branches or departments in the University upon agreed terms and conditions, but subject to such regulations as may be determined by the University;
 - (h) to enter into agreement for incorporation into the University of any other institution and for the taking over of its rights, property and liabilities and for any other purpose not repugnant to this Law;
 - (i) to appoint the Registrar, the Bursar and the Librarian as specified in this Law;
 - (j) to appoint all other members of staff for whom no specific method of appointment is otherwise provided on the recommendation of the appropriate Appointments and Promotions Committees on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine;
 - (k) to provide for the welfare of all persons employed by the University and the spouses and children of such persons, including payment of grants, emoluments, salaries and pensions and to subscribe to benevolent and other funds for the benefit of such persons;
 - (l) to encourage and make provisions for teaching and research within and outside the University;
 - (m) to call for reports from any constituent organ or officer of the University on any matter relating to the University;
 - (n) to make, amend or revoke the Statutes and Regulations of the

- University, including Regulations governing the conditions of service of staff of the University;
- (o) to exercise powers of removal from office and other disciplinary control over the academic staff, the administrative staff and all other staff of the University;
 - (p) to determine, upon the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor all University fees; and
 - (q) to exercise all powers as may be conferred on the Council by this Law or by the statutes or Regulations of the University and to carry into effect such Law, statutes or Regulations.
- (2) The Council may delegate any of its powers to any person or persons, authority or committee, except its powers relating to the making, amending or revoking of the Statutes of the University.
 - (3) The Council shall also have power to establish and constitute standing or ad hoc committees as provided for in this Law or as the need arises from time to time.
- 12.(1) The Council shall meet when necessary for the performance of its functions and shall so meet at least three (3) times in every year: Provided that the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council may call an extraordinary meeting of Council at any time as the need arises. *Meetings of the Council.*
- (2) If requested in writing by not less than one third (1/3) of the members of the Council, the Chairman of Council shall within fourteen (14) days after receipt of such request summon a meeting of Council; and the request shall specify the business to be transacted at the meeting: Provided that if the Chairman fails or neglects to summon such meeting, the Vice-Chancellor shall summon the meeting and decisions reached thereat shall be as binding as decisions reached at any other meeting of Council.
 - (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have not more than seven (7) days within which to summon the meeting mentioned in sub-section (2) above; and the date to be fixed for such meeting shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days from the date his duty to summon the meeting accrued.
 - (4) The quorum of the Council shall be two third (2/3) of the total membership of Council three (3) of whom shall be external members.
 - (5) The Council shall make rules for the purpose of exercising any of its functions and powers or of regulating its own procedure.
- 13.(1) There shall be a Committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee (hereinafter referred to as Finance Committee) which shall, subject to the directives and approval of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions as the Council may delegate to it. *Finance and General Purposes Committee of Council.*

- (2) The membership of the Committee shall comprise the following:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor/Chairman of Council, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) two (2) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (d) the Provosts of Colleges established for or by the University;
 - (e) four (4) external members of the Council;
 - (f) two (2) internal members of the Council;
 - (g) one (1) representative of the Congregation;
 - (h) one (1) representative of the State Ministry of Finance;
 - (i) one (1) representative of the State Ministry of Health;
 - (j) the Bursar; and
 - (k) the Registrar, who shall double as Member and Secretary.
- (3) The functions of the Finance Committee shall, subject to the directive of the Council, include:
- (a) exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University;
 - (b) advise and make recommendations to the Council regarding the financial policy of Management of the University within the context of the University's financial plan;
 - (c) examine the University's draft annual budget and other financial transactions before they are presented to the Council;
 - (d) cause proper accounts to be kept and audited regularly;
 - (e) consider and make recommendations to the Council concerning fees and other monies payable to the University;
 - (f) advise and make recommendation to the Council regarding investment by the University and insurance matters; and
 - (g) take care of policy matters on financing and procurement and also scrutinise all procurement proposals and recommend to the Governing Council for approval.
- (4) The Finance Committee shall make rules for the purpose of exercising ~~any of its functions and powers~~ or of regulating its own procedure: Provided that no such rules shall come into force unless approved by Council.
- (5) The Quorum of the Finance Committee shall be two third (2/3) of the total membership of the Committee, two (2) of which must be external members and one (1) representative of Senate.
14. If it appears to the Council that an external member of the Council, other than the Pro-Chancellor, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or for any other good cause, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the Visitor, after making such enquiries that consider the representation of the member as may be

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appropriate; and if the Visitor approves the recommendation, may direct the removal of the person from office.

- 15.(1) There shall be a Pro-Chancellor for the University who shall be appointed by the Visitor and shall hold office for a single term of Five (5) years, unless he resigns or he is removed from office in accordance with the provisions of this Law. *The Pro-Chancellor.*
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of Council, and shall preside at all its meetings and also perform such other functions as may be delegated to him.
- (3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence over all other members of the University except the Chancellor, and except the Vice-Chancellor, when acting as Chairman of the Congregation or Convocation.
- (4) If it appears to the Visitor that the Pro-Chancellor should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or any other good cause, the Visitor after making such enquires that consider the representation of the Pro-Chancellor as may be appropriate may issue a legal notice or write formally to the Pro-Chancellor, removing him from office.
- 16.(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Visitor upon the recommendation of the Governing Council. *The Vice-Chancellor.*
- (2) When the position of Vice-Chancellor is vacant or will become vacant within three months, the Council shall by notice in the journals of the University and other mass media advertise the vacancy and call for applications, specifying the terms and conditions applicable to the post.
- (3) Applicants who must not be above Sixty (60) years of age, must be distinguished educationists or eminent scholars who are not below the rank of Professor and currently engaged by a recognised University;
- (4) In addition to sub-section (2), Council shall constitute a Search Team consisting of:
- (a) two (2) members of the Council, who are not members of Senate, one of whom shall be the Chairman;
- (b) two (2) members of the Senate who are not members of Council, one of whom shall be a Professor; and
- (c) two (2) members of Congregation who are not members of the Council one (1) of whom shall be a Professor;
- (5) The list of candidates obtained by virtue of the sub-sections above shall be submitted to Council which shall make a short-list and forward same to the Selection Board.
- (6) A Selection Board shall thereafter conduct interviews of candidates short-listed as provided above.

- (7) The Selection Board shall comprise the following:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council who shall serve as Chairman;
 - (b) two (2) members of Council nominated by Council;
 - (c) two (2) members of Senate nominated by Senate; and provided that a member of the search team shall not be appointed to the Selection Board.
- (8) The Council shall after due consideration of the report of the Selection Board recommend names of three (3) candidates in order of preference to the Visitor who shall appoint one of them as Vice-Chancellor.
- (9) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of Five (5) years.
- (10) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office on such terms as to emolument as may be determined by the Council.
- (11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice Chancellor, the Visitor shall appoint an acting Vice Chancellor on recommendation of Council.
- (12) An acting Vice-Chancellor so appointed shall not be in office for more than six (6) months.
- (13) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence over all other members of the University except the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor or any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of Council.
- (14) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Law or other Law or Statute directing the activities of the University, and shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.
- (15) if it appears to the Visitor that the Vice-Chancellor should be removed from office on the ground of gross misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or for any other good cause, the Visitor shall direct the Council to conduct enquiries as may be appropriate, and after considering the representation of the Vice-Chancellor, if any of the allegations is established, and a recommendation for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is approved by the Visitor, the Vice-Chancellor shall be removed from office by an instrument by the Visitor.

Provided that the Visitor needs not give such a directive to the Council before removing from office, the Vice-Chancellor where the Visitor receives from the Council, a recommendation for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor from office on any of the grounds based on due enquiries conducted by the Council, where the Vice-Chancellor was heard.

17. The Vice-Chancellor shall: *Duties of the Vice-Chancellor.*
- (a) exercise general supervision over the University and shall have a general responsibility to the Council for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University.
 - (b) ensure that the provisions of this Law, the Statutes and Regulations and valid decisions reached by the administrative and academic hierarchy of the University are enforced, using such powers as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose.
 - (c) by virtue of his office be a member of the Council, the Senate, the Colleges, the Faculties, the Centres, Schools, Institutes and any other constituent body of the University and of any Board or Committee appointed by any of those bodies.
 - (d) be responsible for the discipline of students in the University as spelt out under section 73 of this Law.
- 18.(1) There shall be two (2) Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Administration and Academic) who shall be Professors appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor through the Senate. *Deputy Vice-Chancellors.*
- (2) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) shall act as the Vice-Chancellor in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor; and in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) shall act as the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (3) Where a vacancy exists in the post of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two (2) candidates for the post of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.
 - (4) The Senate shall select one candidate for the vacant post and forward such name to Council for confirmation.
 - (5) Where:
 - (a) the Senate rejects the two (2) candidates forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (3) above, the Vice-Chancellor shall submit another list.
 - (b) if the Council rejects the names sent to it under sub-section (4) above, the Vice-Chancellor shall submit two other names to Senate.
 - (6) The Deputy Vice-Chancellors shall:
 - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act, as spelt out in sub-section (2) above, in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the latter is temporarily absent; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time assign to him.
 - (7) The Deputy Vice-Chancellors shall:
 - (a) hold office for a period of two (2) years beginning from the

- effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of appointment;
- (b) may be re-appointed for an additional period of two (2) years only; and
- (c) may be removed for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate, after making such enquiries as may be considered appropriate where the Deputy Vice-Chancellor is given fair hearing.
- 19.(1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be Chairman of the Senate and shall also be an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Senate;
- (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
- (c) all Professors of the University;
- (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic Units of the University;
- (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units, and Research Institutes of the University;
- (f) the University Librarian;
- (g) one elected Faculty representative not below the rank of Senior Lecturer; and
- (h) the Registrar, who shall be the Secretary of the Senate.
- (2) 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 a person to be a member for a meeting or meetings as may be required; and such a person whilst co-opted, shall have all the rights and privileges of a member but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.
- 20.(1) The Senate shall have powers in all academic matters including the organisation and control of:
- (a) teaching and research;
- (b) admission of Students;
- (c) award of degrees, including Honorary Degrees (Honoris Causa);
- (d) promotion of research; and
- (e) the exercise of other functions in accordance with the Law and Statutes of the University.
- (2) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma, certificate or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonourable, fraudulent or scandalous conduct in obtaining that award.

Composition of the Senate.

Right to co-opt by Senate.

Powers of the Senate.

- 21.(1) It shall be the general function of the Senate to organise and control the academic matters of the University; and in particular, the Senate shall exercise oversight functions over: *Functions of the Senate.*
- (a) teaching and research;
 - (b) admission of Students;
 - (c) award or withdrawal of degrees, including Honoris Causa, Certificates and Diplomas;
 - (d) promotion of research;
 - (e) examinations held by the University.
 - (f) the exercise of other functions in accordance with the Law and Statutes of the University.
- (2) In the case of undergraduate examinations of the University, the Senate shall arrange for the appointment of at least one external and independent examiner of high academic standing for every subject or group of related subjects forming part of the course of study for such degrees, and such appointments shall be made on the recommendation of the appropriate Dean of the Faculty in which the programmes of study are located.
- (3) In the case of oral examinations of the University for postgraduate courses, the Senate shall arrange for the appointment of at least one external and independent examiner of high academic standing, not below a senior lecturer in a University and at least two (2) internal examiners who shall be senior staff of high academic standing not below the rank of Lecturer 1 of the University, from the department in which the programme of study or research is located; to confer degrees (other than honorary degrees), post-graduate diplomas, certificates and other post-graduate academic distinctions on persons who have pursued a programme of study approved by the University and who have satisfied the statutory requirements of the University.
- (4) In addition to the powers and functions above, the Senate shall:
- (a) make, on consultation with the Faculty Board concerned, regulations for giving effect to the statutes and regulations of the University relating to the courses/programmes of study and examinations;
 - (b) report to the Council on all statutes and regulations or proposed changes thereof;
 - (c) make recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary degree of the title of Professor Emeritus;
 - (d) make recommendation to the Council for the establishment, organisation and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, institutes, departments and other teaching and research units of the University;
 - (e) supervise the welfare of Students of the University and regulate their conduct;

- (f) determine what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purpose of the University, and regulate the use of such academic dress;
 - (g) make provision for the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the powers of the University;
 - (h) perform other functions in accordance with the Law and Statutes of the University.
- (5) The Senate shall not establish any new faculty, school, college, institute or other teaching unit of the University, or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- (6) The Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any of its functions.
22. (1) The Senate shall meet at least twice during each semester and at any time at the request of the Vice-Chancellor or at the written request of one third (1/3) of its membership, such request being directed through the Secretary of the Senate to the Chairman of Senate, who shall within two (2) weeks convene a meeting in response to the request; and the Vice-Chancellor or members making such a request shall spell out the business of the meeting for which the request is made. *Meetings of the Senate.*
- (2) The quorum of meetings of Senate shall be two third (2/3) of the total membership of the Senate.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present; but when he is absent, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration or Academic, as the case may be, having regard to their ranking) shall be the Chairman; and in the absence of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, such other member of the Senate present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (4) The Chairman of Senate shall have one (1) vote at meetings of the Senate; but in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall exercise, in addition, a casting vote.
- (5) Subject to a right of appeal from the decision of the Senate to the Council, the Senate shall have power to deprive any person of any degree, diploma, certificate, fellowship, scholarship, studentship, bursary, medal, prize or other academic title, distinction or award whatsoever conferred upon or granted to him by the University if after such inquiry as the Senate may deem necessary, the Senate is satisfied that the person has been guilty of scandalous or other dishonourable conduct in obtaining the same.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Senate shall regulate the procedure of its meetings.

23. An elected member of Senate shall hold office for term of two (2) years, beginning from the first year of his election, and may be eligible for re-election for another term of two (2) years only, except if he resigns or is removed from office: Provided that a person elected into the Senate to fill a vacancy in the Senate shall be a member of the Senate for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor. *Tenure of office of elected members of Senate.*
- 24.(1) There shall be a body to be known as the Congregation of the University. *Establishment and Composition of the Congregation.*
- (2) The Congregation shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (c) the full-time members of academic staff;
 - (d) the Registrar;
 - (e) the Bursar;
 - (f) the University Librarian; and
 - (g) every member of non-academic staff who holds a degree of any University recognised by the Senate of the University, the said degree not being an honorary degree.
25. The Congregation shall perform the following functions: *Functions and Powers of the Congregation.*
- (a) provide a forum for the discussion of matters affecting the well-being of the University and make recommendations to the Council or the Senate on such matters;
 - (b) receive information on the state of the University from the Vice-Chancellor or from such other person as the Vice-Chancellor may nominate; and
 - (c) nominate or elect members to the Council and the Senate.
- 26.(1) There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Congregation in a semester during each academic year. *Meetings of the Congregation.*
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Congregation when he is present; but when he is absent, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration or Academic, as the case may be, having regard to their ranking) shall be the Chairman; and in the absence of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, such other member of the Congregation present at the meeting as the Congregation may appoint shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
 - (3) The Quorum of the Congregation shall be two third (2/3) of the total number of members of the Congregation.
 - (4) The Congregation may prescribe the mode of conducting its own proceedings.

- 27.(1) There shall be a body to be known as the Convocation of the University. *Establishment and Composition of the Convocation.*
- (2) The Convocation shall consist of:
- (a) the Chancellor;
 - (b) the Pro-Chancellor;
 - (c) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (d) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (e) the Provosts of Colleges established for or by the University;
 - (f) the Registrar;
 - (g) the Bursar;
 - (h) the University Librarian;
 - (i) all full-time members of academic staff of the University; and
 - (j) every member of non-academic staff who holds a degree of any University recognised by the Senate of the University, the said degree not being an honorary degree.
- 28.(1) Subject to the powers of Senate, the Convocation shall be responsible for the organisation of ceremonies relating to conferment of degrees and other academic titles, honoris causa degrees and distinctions of the University and all other matters relating to the Convocation of the University. *Functions and Powers of the Convocation.*
- (2) The Convocation shall have power to impose administrative and other charges necessary for the organisation of the ceremonies of the Convocation.
- 29.(1) There shall be at least one (1) meeting of the Convocation once in every year as such time and place as shall be determined by the Senate. *Meetings of the Convocation.*
- (2) The Chancellor or his nominee shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Convocation; but when he or his nominee is absent, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman; and in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration or Academic, as the case may be, having regard to their ranking) shall be the Chairman and in the absence of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, such other member of the Convocation present at the meeting as the Convocation may appoint shall be the Chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The Quorum of the Convocation shall be two third (2/3) of the total number of members of the Convocation.
- (4) The Convocation may prescribe the mode of conducting its own proceedings.
- 30.(1) There shall be a Management Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, the Provost(s), the Registrar, the Bursar and the University Librarian. *Management Committee.*

