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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE, IJEBU JESA, OSUN STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon Oluwole Oke*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

### PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COLLEGE

- 1           1.-(1) There is hereby established a College to be known as the  
2       Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State (in this Act referred to  
3       as "the College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions  
4       as are conferred on it by this Act.
- 5           (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual  
6       succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose  
7       of interests in movable and immovable properties and may sue and be sued  
8       in its corporate name.
- 9           (3) The objects of the College shall be:
- 10          (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
11       persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the  
12       opportunity of acquiring a higher education in agriculture;
- 13          (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes  
14       leading to the award of Professional certificates, Ordinary National  
15       Diplomas and Higher National Diplomas which emphasise planning,  
16       adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in  
17       agriculture, and to contribute to the scientific transformation of agriculture  
18       in Nigeria;
- 19          (c) to act as agent" and catalysts, through training, research and  
20       innovation for the effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and

Establishment  
and objects of  
the Federal College  
of Agriculture.  
Ijebu Jesa,  
Osun State

1 conservation of Nigeria's natural, agricultural, economic and human resources;

2 (d) to identify the agricultural problems and needs of Nigeria and to  
3 find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

4 (e) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
5 foundation for the development of agriculture and allied disciplines, taking  
6 into account indigenous culture, the need to enhance national unity, the need to  
7 vastly increase the practical content of student training, and adequate  
8 preparation of graduates for self-employment in agriculture and allied  
9 professions;

10 (f) to promote and emphasise teaching, research and extension of  
11 agricultural knowledge, including agriculture extension services and outreach  
12 programmes, in-service training, continuing education, and on-farm adaptive  
13 research;

14 (g) to organise research relevant to training in agriculture with  
15 emphasis on small- scale farming;

16 (h) to organise extension services and out-reach programmes for  
17 technology transfer;

18 (i) to establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration  
19 and integration of training, research, and extension activities; and

20 (j) to undertake any other activity appropriate for Colleges of  
21 Agriculture.

Governing  
Council of the  
College

22 2.-(1) The governance of the College and the direction of its affairs  
23 shall vest in the Governing Council of the College (in this Act referred to as "the  
24 Council").

25 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this  
26 section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve:

27 (a) the plan of activities of the College;

28 (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken  
29 by the College;

30 (c) the annual estimates of the College; and

1 (d) the investment plans of the College.

2 (3) The provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect  
3 with respect to the Council as specified therein.

4 **3.-(1)** The Council shall consist of a chairman and the following Membership of  
the Council  
5 other members, to be appointed by the Minister of education:

6 (a) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for  
7 education;

8 (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for  
9 Agriculture;

10 (c) a representative of the National Board for Technical Education  
11 (NBTE);

12 (d) a representative of the alumni association of the College;

13 (e) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide  
14 basis who should have wide experience of service in the public or private  
15 sector;

16 (f) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College;

17 (g) the Provost of the College.

18 **4.-(1)** A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) Tenure of office  
of members of  
the Council  
19 shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-  
20 appointment for a further period of three years and no more.

21 (2) Any member of the Council other than an ex-officio member  
22 may by notice to the Council resign his appointment.

23 (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall  
24 be filled by the appointment of a successor who shall represent the same  
25 interest as his predecessor for the remainder of the term of the predecessor.

26 **5.-(1)** For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of Powers of the  
Council  
27 this Act, the Council shall have power to:

28 (a) hold examinations and grant diplomas, professional certificates  
29 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study  
30 approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical

1 Education(NBTE) and have satisfied such other requirements as the Council  
2 may lay down;

3 (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person  
4 attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council  
5 may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

6 (c) establish agricultural and rural extension services in various parts  
7 of Nigeria;

8 (d) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and  
9 bookselling;

10 (e) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the  
11 welfare of the staff of the College;

12 (f) invest the funds of the College in securities specified by law or in  
13 such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Minister;

14 (g) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such  
15 security as the Minister may from time to time authorise;

16 (h) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for  
17 carrying into effect the objectives of the College;

18 (i) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure  
19 of such staff;

20 (j) establish and maintain such schools, institutes, extramural  
21 departments and other teaching and research units within the College as the  
22 Council may, from time to time, deem necessary;

23 (k) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, medals, prizes and  
24 other titles;

25 (l) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational  
26 and residential facilities as the College may require;

27 (m) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
28 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and  
29 conditions attaching thereto;

30 (n) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly

1 with any other person, and employ and act through agents; and

2 (o) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the  
3 foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College.

4 **6.-(1)** The Minister shall be the Visitor of the College.

Visitation

5 (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years,  
6 conduct a visitation of the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of  
7 not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:

8 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative  
9 performance of the College; or

10 (b) for such other purpose or in respect of ally other affairs of the  
11 College as the Visitor may deem fit.

12 **7.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister may give to  
13 the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters  
14 of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under  
15 this Act and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such  
16 directions.

Power of Minister  
to give directions  
to the Council

17 **8.-(1)** There shall be established for the College a board to be  
18 known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following  
19 members:

The Academic  
Board and its  
functions

20 (a) the Provost of the College who shall be the chairman;

21 (b) all heads of departments;

22 (c) the College Librarian; and

23 (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than  
24 heads of departments to be appointed by the Council.

25 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

26 (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the  
27 College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of  
28 certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

29 (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the  
30 Council as the Council may from time to time direct;

The Provost  
of the College

1 (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time  
2 to time delegate to it.

3 **9.-(1)** There shall be a Provost of the College (in this Act referred to as  
4 "the Provost") who shall be appointed by the Minister, in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this section.

6 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall:

7 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read  
8 newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

9 (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

10 (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post; and  
11 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;

12 (b) constitute a search team consisting of:

13 (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic  
14 Board, as chairman;

15 (ii) two members of the academic Board not below the rank of chief  
16 lecturer;

17 (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not  
18 below the rank of chief lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and  
19 draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post  
20 for any reason whatsoever,

21 (3) A Joint Council and Academic Selection Board consisting of:

22 (a) the chairman of the Council;

23 (b) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic  
24 Board;

25 (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of chief  
26 lecturer, who were not members of the search team, shall consider the  
27 candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under subsection (2) of this  
28 section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with  
29 them and recommend through the Council to the Minister, three candidates for  
30 his consideration.

1 (4) The Minister shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates  
2 recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

3 (5) Subject to this Act and the general control of the Council, the  
4 Provost shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with  
5 general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management  
6 operations of the College.

7 (6) The Provost:

8 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the  
9 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may  
10 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

11 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no  
12 more.

13 **10.-(1)** There shall be for the college a Deputy Provost.

Deputy Provosts

14 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the  
15 chief lecturers in the College in one of the following ways, that is:

16 (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted  
17 by the Provost;

18 (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted under  
19 this section for that purpose; or

20 (c) on the nomination of the Provost.

21 (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section  
22 shall (a) consist of:

23 (i) the chairman of the Council;

24 (ii) the Provost;

25 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the  
26 Academic Board;

27 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and

28 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the  
29 recommendation required under that subsection.

30 (4) The Deputy Provost shall:



1 (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;  
 2 (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of Provost is vacant or  
 3 if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as  
 4 Provost; and

5 (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may,  
 6 from time to time, assign to him.

7 (5) The Deputy Provost:

8 (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the  
 9 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be  
 10 specified in his letter of appointment; and

11 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no  
 12 more.

The Registrar  
and other staff  
of the College

13 **11.-(1)** The Council shall appoint a Registrar to the College  
 14 (hereinafter referred to as "the Registrar") who shall keep the records and  
 15 conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties  
 16 as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.

17 (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him by  
 18 or under this Act, be the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any  
 19 committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council or any such  
 20 committee may appoint some other person to act as secretary, and he shall not  
 21 vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.

22 (3) The Registrar:

23 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the  
 24 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be  
 25 specified in his letter of appointment; and

26 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no  
 27 more.

Other Principal  
Officers of the  
College

28 **12.-(1)** There shall be for the College the following principal officers  
 29 in addition to the Registrar, that is:

30 (a) the Bursar; and

1 (b) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on  
 2 the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 10(3)  
 3 of this Act.

4 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and  
 5 be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control  
 6 of the financial affairs of the College.

7 (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the  
 8 administration of the College Library and the coordination of the library  
 9 services in the teaching units of the College.

10 (4) The Bursar or Librarian:

11 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the  
 12 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may  
 13 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

14 (b) may be reappointed for a further period of four years ;u1(1 no  
 15 more.

16 **13.-(1)** A principal officer may resign his appointment:

Resignation of  
 appointment of  
 Principal Officers

17 (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor; and

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

19 **14.-(1)** The Council may appoint such other persons to be  
 20 employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost  
 21 and the principal officers of the College in the performance of their  
 22 functions under this Act.

Other employees  
 of the College

23 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the remuneration, tenure of  
 24 office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be  
 25 determined by the Council.

26 **15.-(1)** There shall be, for each College, a selection Board which  
 27 shall consist of:

Selection Board  
 for other Principal  
 Officers

28 (a) the chairman of the Council;

29 (b) the Provost;

30 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the

1 Academic Board; and

2 (d) two members of the Academic Board.

3 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
4 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as the  
5 Council may, from time to time, determine.

Pensions

6 **16.-(1)** It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be  
7 approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act and,  
8 accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect  
9 of their service in the College be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other  
10 retirement benefits as are prescribed there under, so however that nothing in  
11 this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which  
12 preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

13 (2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the  
14 Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable there under by a Minister or other  
15 authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make  
16 regulations) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or  
17 authority.

18 PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Establishment  
of fund of the  
College

19 **17.-(1)** The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be  
20 applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act

21 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under  
22 subsection (1) of this section:

23 (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by  
24 the Federal Government through the National Board for Technical Education  
25 (NBTE);

26 (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts,  
27 grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; and

28 (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the  
29 Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

30 (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National

1 Board for Technical Education (NBTE), not later than three months before  
 2 the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an  
 3 estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial  
 4 year.

5 **18.** The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, Accounts and  
 6 payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the audit  
 7 accounts to be audited.

8 **19.** The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of Annual reports  
 9 each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its  
 10 activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include  
 11 in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of  
 12 the auditor's report on the accounts.

13 **PART III - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY**

14 **20.-(1)** For the purpose of providing offices and premises Offices and  
 15 necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may: premises

16 (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

17 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

18 (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any  
 19 interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer  
 20 required for the performance of its functions.

21 **21.-(1)** The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to Discipline of  
 22 conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of students  
 23 diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for  
 24 different circumstances.

25 (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence  
 26 to be followed at enquiries under this section.

27 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where  
 28 it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been guilty'  
 29 of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary

1 powers conferred on him by this Act or any regulations made there under,  
2 direct:

3 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in  
4 the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such  
5 facilities of the College, as he may specify;

6 (b) that the activities of the student shall during such period as may be  
7 specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

8 (c) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be  
9 specified in the direction; or

10 (d) that the student be expelled from the College.

11 (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost  
12 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or  
13 through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in  
14 subsection (3) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of  
15 misconduct.

16 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this  
17 section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the date  
18 of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to  
19 the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after  
20 causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just,  
21 either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the  
22 Council may think fit.

23 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
24 subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
25 the appeal is pending.

26 (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a  
27 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may  
28 nominate.

29 (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
30 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than

1 on the ground of misconduct.

2 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a)  
3 of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of  
4 this section.

5 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall  
6 be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.

7 **22.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

8 "Chairman" means the chairman of the Council;

9 "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by or  
10 pursuant to section 2 of this Act;

11 "Provost" means the Provost of the College appointed under section 9 of this  
12 Act;

13 "Powers" includes functions and duties;

14 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters  
15 relating to education;

16 "Member" means a member of the Council including the chairman.

17 **23.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Agriculture, Short title  
18 Ijebu Jesa (Establishment) Bill, 2019.

19

## 1 SCHEDULES

## 2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *[Section 2 (3).]*

## 4 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

5 *Terms of service*

6 1. There may be paid to the members of the Council or any  
7 committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances  
8 as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.

9 2. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its  
10 membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a  
11 member.

12 *Proceeding*

13 3.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such  
14 times, place and on such days as the chairman may appoint but shall meet not  
15 less than once every four months.

16 (2) The chairman may at any time and shall, at the request in writing of  
17 not less than five members, convene a meeting of the Council.

18 (3) At any meeting of the Council the chairman shall preside; but in  
19 his absence, members present shall elect one of their members to preside at the  
20 meeting.

21 (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on  
22 any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of  
23 the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the  
24 Council.

25 (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members  
26 of the Council, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the  
27 Minister.

28 (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple  
29 majority of members.

1 *Miscellaneous*

2 4.-(1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by  
3 the signature of the chairman, Provost and of some other members of the  
4 Council authorised generally or specially by the Council to act for that  
5 purpose.

6 (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a  
7 person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal  
8 may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or  
9 specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council.

10 (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of  
11 the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is  
12 proved, be presumed to be so executed.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Ijebu Jesa, Osun State and to identify the agricultural problems and needs of Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development.





# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND  
TECHNOLOGY, TARAUNI, KANO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Hafiz Ibrahim Kawu*

[ ] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of  
Nigeria-

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION, OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS OF  
2 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, TARAUNI

3 1.-(1) There is establish the Federal University of Agriculture and  
4 Technology, Tarauni (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

Establishment  
and objects of  
the Federal  
University of  
Agriculture and  
Technology  
Tarauni

5 (2) The University-

6 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a  
7 common seal; and

8 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

9 2. The objects of the University shall be to-

Objects of the  
University

10 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
11 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the  
12 opportunity of acquiring tertiary education in Agriculture and Technology;

13 (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes  
14 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and  
15 higher degrees with emphasis on planning, adaptive, technical,  
16 maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering,  
17 scientific, and allied professional disciplines relating to Sports resources  
18 with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with capability

1 not only to understand, use and adapt existing technologies in the Agriculture,  
2 but also to improve on them and develop new ones;

3 (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training,  
4 research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation  
5 and conservation of the country's Agriculture resources;

6 (d) to offer to the general population particularly in the area  
7 Agriculture as a form of public service, the results of training and research and  
8 to foster the practical applications of these results;

9 (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national  
10 institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in  
11 the Agriculture sector;

12 (f) to identify the problems and needs of the Agriculture sector in  
13 Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national  
14 development;

15 (g) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
16 foundation for the development of Agriculture in Nigeria, taking into account  
17 indigenous cultures and the need to enhance national unity;

18 (h) to encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in  
19 restricted fields of learning and human endeavor;

20 (i) to relate its activities to the technological, social, cultural and  
21 economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and

22 (j) to undertake any other activities appropriate for an Agriculture  
23 university of the highest standard.

Constitution  
and Principal  
Officers of the  
University

24 **3.-(1)** The University shall consist of-

25 (a) a Chancellor;

26 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

27 (c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;

28 (d) a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

29 (e) a body to be called Congregation;

30 (f) a body to be called Convocation;

- 1 (g) the campuses and colleges of the University;
- 2 (h) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research
- 3 units of the University;
- 4 (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule
- 5 to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this
- 6 subsection;
- 7 (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and
- 8 (k) all other persons who are members of the University in
- 9 accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.
- 10 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to
- 11 the Principal Officers of the University mentioned therein.
- 12 (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the
- 13 constitution of the following bodies, namely-
- 14 (a) the Council;
- 15 (b) the Senate;
- 16 (c) the Congregation; and
- 17 (d) the Convocation.
- 18 4.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 2 of
- 19 this Act, the University shall have power to-
- 20 (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools,
- 21 extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the
- 22 University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to
- 23 the approval of the National Universities Commission;
- 24 (b) institute professorships, readerships and associate
- 25 professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make
- 26 appointments thereto;
- 27 (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
- 28 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
- 29 assistance;
- 30 (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of

Powers of the  
University and  
its exercise

1 the University;

2 (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and  
3 other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by  
4 the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University  
5 may lay down;

6 (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

7 (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person  
8 attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the  
9 University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of  
10 the appropriate authority;

11 (h) subject to section 22 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or  
12 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever  
13 situate;

14 (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
15 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and  
16 conditions attaching thereto;

17 (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly  
18 with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

19 (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture  
20 halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other  
21 buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of  
22 the University;

23 (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book  
24 selling;

25 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to  
26 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement,  
27 whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be  
28 immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities  
29 or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary  
30 any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested

1 with any bank on deposit or current account;

2 (n) borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the  
3 security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the  
4 University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its  
5 discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan,  
6 advances or credit facilities;

7 (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

8 (p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or by  
9 any other Statute to do; and

10 (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the  
11 foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

12 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes made  
13 thereunder and without prejudice to Section 9 (2) of this Act, the powers  
14 conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be  
15 exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in  
16 any other manner which may be authorized by this Act.

17 **5.-(1)** The Chancellor shalt in relation to the University, take  
18 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is  
19 present shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring  
20 degrees.

Functions of the  
Chancellor and  
Pro-Chancellor

21 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
22 precedence before all other members of the University except the  
23 Chancellor, and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of  
24 Congregation or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shalt when he is  
25 present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council.

26 **6.-(1)** There shall be a Council for the University consisting of:

Establishment  
and Composition  
of Council

27 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

28 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

29 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

30 (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Agriculture;

	1	(e) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly
	2	representative of the whole Federation;
	3	(f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
	4	(g) two persons appointed by the congregation from among its
	5	members; and
	6	(h) one persons appointed by Convocation from among its members.
	7	(2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven
	8	integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the
	9	University.
Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose	10	7.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the
	11	Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be charged
	12	with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and
	13	property of the University, including its public relations.
	14	(2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the
	15	Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the
	16	directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of
	17	the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
	18	(3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution
	19	of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
	20	(4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are
	21	kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors
	22	appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines
	23	supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is
	24	published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts
	25	as audited.
	26	(5) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance
	27	and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of
	28	exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own
	29	procedure.
	30	(6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and

1 General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by  
2 the Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any  
3 directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into  
4 force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

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

10 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the  
11 performance of its functions under this Act, and shall meet at least four times  
12 every year.

13 (9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council, the  
14 Chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such request  
15 call a meeting of the Council:

16 PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him  
17 of such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar  
18 shall within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened  
19 for that purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at  
20 the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that  
21 meeting.

22 8.-(1) Subject to section 5 of this Act and subsections (3) and (4) of  
23 this section and to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be  
24 the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the  
25 University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of  
26 students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the  
27 University.

Functions of the  
Senate

28 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of  
29 subsection (1) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the  
30 Senate to make provision for the-



1 (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,  
2 faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units  
3 of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of  
4 learning;

5 (b) organization and control of courses of study in the University and  
6 of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the  
7 appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

8 (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be  
9 prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;

10 (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the  
11 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of  
12 professor emeritus;

13 (e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and  
14 similar institutions in the University;

15 (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the  
16 regulation of their conduct;

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

19 (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress  
20 for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

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

25 (4) (a) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Senate may make  
26 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by  
27 the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for  
28 which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by  
29 Statute;

30 (b) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the

1 persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination  
2 held in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a  
3 teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which  
4 the course relates in some other university of high repute.

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

11 9.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
12 precedence before all other members of the University except the  
13 Chancellor and, subject to section 5 of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor and any  
14 other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

Functions of the  
Vice-Chancellor

15 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall  
16 have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him  
17 by this Act or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and  
18 shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the chief executive  
19 and academic officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the  
20 Senate.

## 21 PART II -TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

22 10.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council  
23 shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the  
24 University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

Transfer of  
Property to the  
University

25 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
26 effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters  
27 arising therefrom and with respect to other matters mentioned in that  
28 Schedule.

## 29 PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

30 11.-(1) Subject to this Act, the University may make Statutes for

Power of the  
University to  
make Statutes

1 any of the following purposes-

2 (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution  
3 of any authority of the University;

4 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority  
5 of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the  
6 University or any of its authorities;

7 (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the  
8 University, and their discipline and welfare;

9 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an  
10 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any  
11 Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and

12 (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute  
13 is authorized or required by this Act.

14 (2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall  
15 apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a  
16 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27 (1) of that Act.

17 (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act shall be  
18 deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Act and shall be  
19 deemed to have been made under this section by the University.

20 (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be  
21 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any  
22 matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any  
23 subsequent Statute.

Mode of exercising  
the power to make  
Statutes

24 **12.-(1)** The power of the University to make Statutes shall be  
25 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

26 (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been  
27 approved at a meeting of the-

28 (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members  
29 present and voting; and

30 (b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members

1 present and voting.

2 (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or  
3 Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section  
4 by both bodies in no particular order.

5 (4) A Statute which-

6 (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of  
7 the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

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

11 shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

12 (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a  
13 Statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by  
14 the Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section  
15 or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the  
16 date on which it is approved by the President.

17 **13.** A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a Proof of Statute  
18 copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-  
19 Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a  
20 Statute of that University.

21 **14.-(1)** In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to Power to decide  
the meaning of  
Statute  
22 the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the  
23 Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he  
24 deems fit.

25 (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under  
26 this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of that  
27 University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a  
28 statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to  
29 the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in  
30 Nigeria:

1           PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a  
2   court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute  
3   is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the  
4   Constitution.

5           (3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to  
6   any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Act,  
7   academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt  
8   or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the  
9   reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of  
10   any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether  
11   any matter is for the said purposes an academic or non-academic matter.

12           PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

The Visitor

13           **15.**-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

14           (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not  
15   being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or  
16   direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may  
17   deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

18           (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the  
19   University to-

20           (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting  
21   a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or  
22   they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and

23           (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of  
24   this Act which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.

Removal of  
certain Members  
of the Council

25           **16.**-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro-  
26   Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds  
27   of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council  
28   shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Sports  
29   university of Nigeria Abuja Executive Council and if the Sports University of  
30   Nigeria Abuja Executive Council, after making such enquiries (if any) as may

1 be considered necessary, approves the recommendation it may direct the  
2 removal of the member from office.

3 (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavors to  
4 cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1)  
5 of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to  
6 whom it relates.

7 **17.-(1)** If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for  
8 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,  
9 administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-  
10 Chancellor, should be removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or  
11 inability to perform the functions of his office Council shall-

Removal and  
discipline of  
Academic,  
Administrative  
and Professional  
Staff

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

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

15 (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.

16 (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so  
17 request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of  
18 the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for-

19 (a) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the  
20 matter and to report on it to the Council;

21 (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear  
22 before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the  
23 matter; and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating  
24 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the  
25 Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the  
26 directions of the Council.

27 (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a  
28 member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to  
29 the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such  
30 suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.

1           (4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his  
2     appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the  
3     purposes of this subsection "good cause" means-

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

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

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

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

16          (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) of this section  
17     shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of  
18     three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that  
19     person and come to a decision as to whether to-

20          (a) continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms  
21     (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

22          (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his  
23     full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;

24          (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case  
25     such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld  
26     during the period of suspension; or

27          (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including  
28     the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been  
29     withheld) as the Council may determine.

30          (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a

1 person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the  
2 person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such  
3 decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such  
4 a person.

5 (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of  
6 removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best  
7 endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as  
8 reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

9 (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent  
10 the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers  
11 of the University as may be appropriate.

12 **18.**-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it  
13 appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any  
14 examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or  
15 appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an  
16 opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, direct the  
17 Vice-Chancellor to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed  
18 by the Registrar.

Removal of  
Examiners

19 (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made pursuant to  
20 section 8 (4) of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation  
21 of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the  
22 examiner removed.

23 (3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of  
24 removal pursuant to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy  
25 of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the  
26 person to whom it relates.

27 **19.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to  
28 the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of misconduct, the Vice-  
29 Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers  
30 conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the-

Discipline of  
Students



1 (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the  
2 direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such  
3 facilities of the University as may be so specified;

4 (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be  
5 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

6 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the  
7 direction.

8 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) paragraphs (c) or  
9 (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the  
10 prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to  
11 the Senate.

12 (3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this  
13 section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as  
14 the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it  
15 in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.

16 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to  
17 subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
18 the appeal is pending.

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

22 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
23 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for conduct  
24 which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or  
25 to its corporate objective or image.

26 (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
27 combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

28 **PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Exclusion or  
discrimination on  
account of race,  
religion, etc.

29 **20.-(1)** No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of  
30 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place

1 of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for  
2 becoming or continuing to be a-

3 (a) student in the University;

4 (b) Holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the  
5 University; or

6 (c) member of anybody established by virtue of this Act.

7 (2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded  
8 any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters  
9 referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

10 (3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as  
11 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any  
12 of the persons specified in subsection (1) of this section where such persons  
13 wilfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty  
14 generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them  
15 which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances, is in  
16 the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

17 **21.**-(1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the  
18 compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the  
19 University shall be the same as that of the Federation.

Transfer of land  
to the University

20 (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the  
21 Government pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate  
22 under the hand and seal of the Sports University of Nigeria Abuja or any  
23 other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University.

24 **22.** Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the  
25 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land  
26 (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the  
27 prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:

Restriction on  
disposal of land  
by University

28 PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of  
29 any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years

1 of any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose.

Quorum and  
procedure of  
bodies established  
by this Act 2 **23.** Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Regulation,  
3 the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Act shall  
4 be such as may be determined by that body.

Appointment of  
Committees, etc. 5 **24.-(1)** Anybody of persons established by this Act shall, without  
6 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint  
7 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body and  
8 authorize a committee established by it to-

9 (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;  
10 and  
11 (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members shall  
12 be entitled to vote in that committee.

13 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint  
14 meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of  
15 members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the  
16 competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of  
17 reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

18 (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations,  
19 the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held pursuant  
20 to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which  
21 have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.

22 (4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of  
23 every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the  
24 Council, (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the  
25 officer in question) and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every  
26 committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

27 (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be  
28 construed as enabling-

29 (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of  
30 this Act; or

1 (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or  
2 to award degrees or other qualifications.

3 25.-(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be  
4 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing  
5 of the seal shall-

Miscellaneous  
Administrative  
provisions

6 (a) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be  
7 authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar; and

8 (b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any  
9 member of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar or any other  
10 person authorized by Statute.

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

14 (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a  
15 person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal,  
16 may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person  
17 generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.

18 (4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established  
19 pursuant to this Act shall not be affected by-

20 (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in  
21 any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest  
22 to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

23 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides  
24 for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain  
25 incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made pursuant  
26 to this Act.

27 (7) The power conferred by this Act on anybody to make Statute or  
28 Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any-

29 (a) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to  
30 this Act; or

1 (b) regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case may  
2 be;

3 PROVIDED that the Statutes and Regulations may have different  
4 provisions in relation to different circumstances.

5 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer  
6 of property to the University by virtue of sections 10, 21 and the Second  
7 Schedule to this Act.

8 (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of  
9 this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.

Interpretation

10 **26.-(1)** In this Act-

11 "appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by law  
12 to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject-matter;

13 "campus" means any campus which may be established by the University;

14 "college" means any college which may be established by the University;

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

17 "gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior that  
18 may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation made,  
19 pursuant to this Act.

20 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for Agriculture;

21 "misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the  
22 University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of  
23 the University;

24 "notice" means notice in writing;

25 "officer" does not include the Visitor;

26 "prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this Act;

27 "professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in  
28 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations;

29 "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

30 "the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the

1 University by the President with effect from September 2016;  
 2 "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council;  
 3 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established by the Act;  
 4 "Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 11 of this  
 5 Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Act;  
 6 "the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time;  
 7 "teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the  
 8 teaching or research staff of the University;  
 9 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;  
 10 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;  
 11 "undergraduate" means a person in *statu pupilaris* in the University, other  
 12 than-  
 13 (a) a graduate; and  
 14 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the  
 15 purposes of this definition.  
 16 "the University" the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology,  
 17 Tarauni incorporated and constituted by this Act; and  
 18 "the Bill" means the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology,  
 19 Tarauni (Establishment, Etc.) Bill.

20 (2) Where in any provision of this Act, it is laid down that proposals  
 21 are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to  
 22 another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of  
 23 every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or  
 24 recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate  
 25 authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward  
 26 therewith its own comments thereon.

27 **27.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Tarauni (Establishment, Etc.) Bill, 2019. Short Title  
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## 1 SCHEDULES

## 2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Section 3 (2)*

## 4 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5 *The Chancellor*

6 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure  
7 of the President.

8 *The Pro-Chancellor*

9 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office  
10 by the President.

11 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold  
12 office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment.

13 *The Vice-Chancellor*

14 3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-  
15 Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University  
16 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.

17 *Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

18 4.-(1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors  
19 or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may, from time to  
20 time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.

21 (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy  
22 Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities  
23 {Miscellaneous Provisions} Act 1993 as amended.

24 (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

25 (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;

26 (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-  
27 Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or  
28 unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

29 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the  
30 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

*Office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian*

5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2) below.

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

(3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

6.-(1) There shall be for the University, the following Principal Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is-

(a) the Bursar; and

(b) the University Librarian.

(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

(3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research units.

(4) The Bursar and the University Librarian-

(a) shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

*Other Officers of the University*

7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall



1 be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works  
2 Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of  
3 University facilities.

4 8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services,  
5 who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the  
6 Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and  
7 shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

8 *Resignation and re-appointment*

9 9.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this  
10 schedule may resign his office in-

11 (a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the  
12 Visitor;

13 (b) the case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Council which  
14 shall immediately notify the Minister; and

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

18 **SECOND SCHEDULE**

19 *Section 10 (2)*

20 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.**

21 *Transfer of Property to the University*

22 1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 10(1) of this Act-

23 (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional  
24 Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and  
25 give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been  
26 voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and

27 (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council  
28 shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Act.

29 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to  
30 which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject

1 to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established  
2 by this Act had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.

3 (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (I) above,  
4 including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the  
5 provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that  
6 subparagraph so far as applicable.

7 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending  
8 by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the  
9 University established by this Act.

#### 10 *Registration of Transfers*

11 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred  
12 by this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of  
13 the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or  
14 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but  
15 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter)  
16 apply, with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in  
17 question.

18 (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is  
19 transferred by this Act to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to  
20 the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register  
21 the transfer accordingly.

22 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the  
23 Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

24 (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council  
25 shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set  
26 up under the Third Schedule to this Act must have been duly constituted.

27 (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Act shall  
28 be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he  
29 may determine.

30 (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately into

1 before the coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to constitute the Senate  
2 of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third  
3 Schedule of this Act must have been duly constituted.

4 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after  
5 the date on which this Act is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of  
6 the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall on  
7 that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as  
8 established by this Act.

9 (6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or  
10 members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or  
11 become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointment  
12 are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Act.

13 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as  
14 established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall be  
15 employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which  
16 correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a member  
17 of that staff or as such an employee.

18 6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid  
19 officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

20 THIRD SCHEDULE

21 *Section 11 (3)*

22 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, TARAUNI

23 STATUTE NO. 1

24 Articles:

- 25 1. The Council.  
26 2. Finance and General Purpose Committee  
27 3. The Senate.  
28 4. The Congregation.  
29 5. Convocation.  
30 6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof.

## 7. Faculty Board.

## 8. The Dean of the Faculty.

## 9. Selection of Certain Principal and other key officers.

## 10. Creation of Academic Post.

## 11. Appointment of Academic Staff.

## 12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff.

### *The Council*

(1) Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act may, by notice to the Council resign his office.

(2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of a period of four years starting from 1st August in the year in which he was appointed.

(3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act vacates office before the expiration of his tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of his unexpired term.

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

(5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member pursuant to Section 6 (d) and (e) of this Act.

(6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Act and the provisions of this paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.

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

1 (8) The Council constituted by this Act shall have a four year tenure  
2 from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be  
3 incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council  
4 shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.

5 (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with  
6 the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment  
7 circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall  
8 not apply to the' University.

9 *The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

10 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council  
11 shall consist of-

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

14 (b) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

15 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of  
16 whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council  
17 appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among  
18 members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and

19 (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture or, in his  
20 absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.

21 (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.

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

24 *The Senate*

25 3.-(1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of:

26 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

27 (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

28 (c) all Professors of the University;

29 (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the  
30 University;

1 (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research  
 2 Institutes of the University;  
 3 (f) the University Librarian; and  
 4 (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors  
 5 as specified in the Laws of the University.

6 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the  
 7 Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-  
 8 Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.

9 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest  
 10 whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the  
 11 Senate may regulate its own procedure.

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

16 *Congregation*

17 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of-

18 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;  
 19 (b) the full time members of the academic staff;  
 20 (c) the Registrar;  
 21 (d) the Bursar; and  
 22 (e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who  
 23 holds a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute  
 24 by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

25 (2) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the  
 26 Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his  
 27 absence one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the  
 28 chairman at the meeting.

29 (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest  
 30 whole number to one-third) of the total number of members of congregation

1 or fifty, whichever is less.

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

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

5 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation  
6 during a particular period;

7 shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names  
8 of those persons.

9 (5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may  
10 regulate its own procedure.

11 (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or  
12 otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the  
13 University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of  
14 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or  
15 Regulations.

16 *Convocation*

17 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of-

18 (a) the Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Act;

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

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

22 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member  
23 of convocation if he-

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

26 (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner  
27 and pays the prescribed fee.

28 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance  
29 of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3)  
30 below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by

1 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the  
2 register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

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

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

17 (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the  
18 whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of  
19 convocation whichever is less.

20 (8) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Chancellor shall be  
21 chairman at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his  
22 absence the Vice Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

23 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the  
24 function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by  
25 statute.

26 *Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof*

27 6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as  
28 may be prescribed.

29 7.-(1) There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a  
30 Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Act, and subject to the



1 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

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

4 (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-  
5 Chancellor or by the Senate; and

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

8 (2) Each Faculty Board shall consist of-

9 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

10 (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;

11 (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the  
12 prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

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

15 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter of  
16 the members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater.

17 (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made  
18 by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

19 *The Dean of the Faculty*

20 8.-(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty  
21 Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be  
22 eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be  
23 elected again until two years have elapsed.

24 (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall  
25 appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for  
26 the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable  
27 for another one year only.

28 (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the  
29 chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be  
30 a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.

1 (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence  
 2 over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the  
 3 function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of  
 4 Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at  
 5 examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is  
 6 allocated to that faculty.

7 (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of  
 8 Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that  
 9 committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on  
 10 particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.

11 (6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good  
 12 cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting  
 13 of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal  
 14 of the Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor  
 15 provided that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a  
 16 new Dean.

17 (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section  
 18 17 (4) of this Act.

19 *Selection of Certain Principal and other key Officers*

20 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,  
 21 the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a  
 22 Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of-

- 23 (i) the Pro-Chancellor;
- 24 (ii) the Vice-chancellor;
- 25 (iii) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of  
 26 Senate; and
- 27 (iv) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of  
 28 Council.

29 (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,  
 30 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant

1 office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may  
2 make an appointment to that office.

3 (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director  
4 of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and  
5 conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

6 *Creation of Academic Post*

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

10 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

11 11. Subject to this Act and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of  
12 vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as  
13 prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

14 *Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

15 12.-(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other  
16 than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be appointed by the  
17 Councilor on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance  
18 with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf.

19 (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and  
20 important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation  
21 in the process of selection.

22 *Funding of the University*

23 13.-(1) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
24 shall have responsibility for agricultural education in the University similar to  
25 the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Education in general Universities.

26 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the National Universities  
27 Commission Act, the University shall receive funds directly from the Federal  
28 Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and from other National and  
29 International agencies.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Technology, Tarauni, and to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development of Agriculture in Nigeria, taking into account indigenous cultures and the need to enhance national unity;



# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, GANDUJE,  
DAWAKIN TOFA, KANO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

*Sponsored by Hon. Hafiz Ibrahim Kawu*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal  
Republic of Nigeria as follows:

### 1 PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT AND THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

2 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal Medical Centre Establishment  
3 Ganduje, Dawakin Tofa (in this Act referred to as “the Federal Medical of the Federal  
4 Centre”) and the Medical Centre shall serve as the Medical Centre subject to Medical Centre  
5 the provision of this Act. Ganduje, Dawakin  
Tofa

6 (2) The hospital:

7 (a) shall be a body corporate;

8 (b) May sue and be sued in its corporate name;

9 (c) Shall have perpetual succession and a common seal.

10 2. There is hereby established for the management of the Medical Establishment  
11 Centre a Board of Management (in this Act referred to as “Board”) which of the Board of  
12 shall be constituted and have the functions and powers set out in this Act. Management of  
the Medical Centre

13 3.-(1) The Board shall consist of:

14 (a) a chairman; Membership of  
the Board

15 (b) the Chief Medical Director of the Medical Centre;

16 (c) the Director of Clinical Services;

17 (d) the Director of Administration;

18 (e) the Director of Finance;

19 (f) the Director of Maintenance;

20 (g) a representative of the president

21 (h) the Federal Ministry of Health;

- 1 (i) the National Planning Commission;
- 2 (j) the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria;
- 3 (k) the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
- 4 (l) the Paediatric Association of Nigeria;
- 5 (m) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives; and
- 6 (n) one person to represent public interest.

7 (2) The chairman and members of the Board, other than ex-officio  
8 members, shall be:

- 9 (a) appointed by the President; and
- 10 (b) persons of proven integrity and ability.

11 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act  
12 shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other  
13 matters contained therein.

14 *[Schedule.]*

Tenure of office

15 **4.** Subject to the provisions of section 5 of this Act, a member of the  
16 Board, other than ex-officio members, shall each hold office:

- 17 (a) for a term of three years in the first instance and may be re-  
18 appointed for a further term of three years and no more; and
- 19 (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of  
20 appointment.

Cessation of  
membership

21 **5.-(1)** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Act a person  
22 shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if:

- 23 (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payment principal loan with his  
24 creditors;
- 25 (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or  
26 fraud;
- 27 (c) he becomes of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out his  
28 duties;
- 29 (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
- 30 (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he

1 is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practising  
2 his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority  
3 made in respect of that member; or

4 (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

5 (2) If a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason  
6 whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed,  
7 another person representing the same Interest as that member shall be  
8 appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.

9 (3) A member of the Board may be removed by the President if he is  
10 satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Medical Centre or the interest of  
11 the public that the member continues in office.

12 6. There shall be paid to every member of the Board such  
13 allowances and expenses as the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal  
14 Commission may, from time to time, direct.

Allowances of  
members

15 PART II - FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, ETC.

16 7.-(1) The Board shall:

Functions of the  
Board

17 (a) equip, maintain and operate the Medical Centre so as to provide  
18 facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services in  
19 medical treatment;

20 (b) construct, equip, maintain and operate such training schools  
21 and similar institutions as the Board considers necessary for providing the  
22 Medical Centre at all times with a proper staff of the Medical Centre  
23 technicians and nurses;

24 (c) construct, equip, maintain and operate such clinics, out-patient  
25 departments, laboratories, research or experimental stations and other like  
26 institutions as the Board considers necessary for the efficient functioning of  
27 the Medical Centre.

28 (2) The Board shall ensure that the standards of teaching provided  
29 at all establishments under its control and the standards of treatment and care  
30 provided for patients at those establishments do not fall below those usually



1 provided by similar establishments of international repute.

2 (3) Subject to this Act, the Board shall perform such other functions  
3 which in its opinion are calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions  
4 under this Act.

Powers of the  
Board

5 8. The Board shall have power to:

6 (a) Provide the general policies and guidelines relating to major  
7 expansion programmes of the Medical Centre;

8 (b) provide facilities for the training of medical students of associate  
9 universities;

10 (c) manage and superintend the affairs of the Medical Centre;

11 (d) subject to the provisions of this Act, make, alter and revoke rules  
12 and regulations for carrying on the functions of the Medical Centre;

13 (e) fix terms and conditions of service, including remuneration of the  
14 employees of the Medical Centre subject to the approval of National Salaries  
15 Incomes and Wages Commission;

16 (f) do such other things which in the opinion of the Board are  
17 necessary to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Medical  
18 Centre.

#### 19 PART III - STAFF OF THE MEDICAL CENTRE

Medical Director  
of the Medical  
Centre

20 9.-(1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Chief Medical Director  
21 who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Board  
22 and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of  
23 appointment or as may be determined, from time to time, by the National  
24 Salaries Income and Wages Commission.

25 (2) The Chief Medical Director shall:

26 (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Medical  
27 Centre;

28 (b) be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day administration of  
29 the Medical Centre;

30 (c) be appointed for a term of four years in the first instance and may

1 be reappointed for a further term of four years subject to satisfactory  
2 performance;

3 (d) be a person who is a medical practitioner and shall have been so  
4 qualified for a period of not less than 15 years;

5 (e) have considerable administrative experience in matters of  
6 health;

7 (f) hold a post-graduate specialist qualification obtained not less  
8 than ten years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director.

9 **10.-(1)** The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre:

Appointment of  
Directors and other  
staff of the Medical  
Centre

10 (a) a Director of Administration, who shall:

11 (i) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for the effective  
12 functioning of all the administrative divisions of the Medical Centre;

13 (ii) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records  
14 of the Medical Centre; and

15 (iii) perform such other functions as the Board or the Chief Medical  
16 Director, as the case may be, may, from time to time, assign to him;

17 (b) a Director of Clinical Services;

18 (c) a Director of Finance;

19 (d) a Director of Maintenance.

20 (2) The Directors appointed under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of  
21 subsection (1) of this section shall each be responsible to the Chief Medical  
22 Director for the effective running of the clinical services, the finance and  
23 accounts and the co-ordination of the maintenance of the Medical Centre, as  
24 the case may be.

25 (3) The Board shall appoint for the Medical Centre such number of  
26 employees as may in the opinion of the Board be expedient and necessary  
27 for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Medical  
28 Centre.

29 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of  
30 this section the Board shall have power to appoint for the Medical Centre

1 either directly or on secondment from any public service in the Federation,  
 2 such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Board, be required to  
 3 assist the Medical Centre in the discharge of any of its functions under this Act.

4 (5) Nothing in subsection (4) of this section shall preclude the Board  
 5 from appointing persons from outside the public service of the Federation or of  
 6 the State whenever it deems it necessary so to do.

7 (6) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration,  
 8 allowances, benefits and pensions) of the employees of the Medical Centre  
 9 shall be as determined by the National Salaries Income and Wages  
 10 Commission.

Service in the  
 Medical Centre  
 to be pensionable

11 11.-(1) Service in the Medical Centre shall be approved service for the  
 12 purposes of the Pensions Reforms Act.

13 (2) The officers and other persons employed in the Medical Centre  
 14 shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are  
 15 enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the  
 16 Federation.

17 (3) Nothing in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall prevent the  
 18 appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of  
 19 pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

Establishment  
 fo the Medical  
 Advisory  
 Committee, etc.

20 12.-(1) There shall be for the Medical Centre a Medical Advisory  
 21 Committee which shall:

22 (a) consist of a chairman who shall be the Director, Clinical Services  
 23 and such number of other members as may be determined from time to time;

24 (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for all the clinical and  
 25 training activities of the Medical Centre; and

26 (c) be appointed by the Board.

27 (2) Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power to appoint either  
 28 directly or on secondment and discipline consultants holding or acting in any  
 29 office in the hospital; and any such appointment shall be made having due  
 30 regard to the approved personnel establishment of the Medical Centre.

1 (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may, from  
2 time to time, appoint consultants outside the hospital to perform such  
3 medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may assign to  
4 such consultants.

5 PART IV - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

6 **13.** There shall be established and maintained for the Medical Fund of the  
7 Centre a fund into which shall be paid and credited: Medical Centre

8 (a) all subventions and budgetary allocation from the Government  
9 of the Federation;

10 (b) all fees and funds accruing from the sale of drugs and other  
11 services;

12 (c) all sums accruing to the Medical Centre by way of gifts,  
13 endowments, bequests, grants or other contributions by persons and  
14 organisations;

15 (d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral agencies; and

16 (e) all other sums which may, from time to time, accrue to the  
17 Medical Centre.

18 **14.** The hospital shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its Expenditure of  
19 disposal to: the Medical Centre

20 (a) the cost of administration and maintenance of the Medical  
21 Centre;

22 (b) publicize and promote the activities of the Medical Centre;

23 (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the  
24 Board and committees of the Board;

25 (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of employees of the  
26 Medical Centre;

27 (e) pay other overhead allowances, benefits and other  
28 administrative costs of the Medical Centre; and

29 (f) undertake such other activities as are connected with all or any  
30 of the functions of the Medical Centre under this Act.

Power to accept gifts	1	<b>15.</b> -(1) The Medical Centre may accept gifts of land, money or other
	2	property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person
	3	or organisation making the gift.
	4	(2) The Medical Centre shall not accept any gift if the conditions
	5	attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the
	6	functions of the Medical Centre under this Act.
Annual estimates and expenditure	7	<b>16.</b> -(1) The Board shall, not later than 30 September in each year,
	8	submit to the President through the Secretary to the Government of the
	9	Federation an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Medical Centre
	10	during the next succeeding year.
	11	(2) The Board shall cause to be kept proper accounts of the Medical
	12	Centre in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall
Annual report	13	cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each
	14	year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines
	15	supplied by the Auditor-General for the Federation.
	16	<b>17.</b> The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, not later than
	17	30 June in each year, a report in such form as the President may direct on the
	18	activities of the Medical Centre during the immediately preceding year, and
Power to borrow	19	shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federal Medical
	20	Centre for that year and the auditor's report thereon.
	21	<b>18.</b> -(1) The Medical Centre may, from time to time, borrow by
	22	overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its
	23	functions' under this Act.
	24	(2) The Medical Centre shall not, without the approval of the
	25	President, borrow money which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the
	26	President.
	27	(3) Notwithstanding subsection (I) of this section, where the sum to be
	28	borrowed is in foreign currency, the Medical Centre shall not borrow the sum
	29	without the prior approval of the President.

1 2 3	<p><b>19.-(1)</b> The Medical Centre shall not pay income tax on any income derived by the Federal Medical Centre under this Act or accruing to it from any of its investments.</p>	<p>Exemption from tax</p>
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(2) Accordingly, the provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or trust funds shall not apply to the Board of the Federal Medical Centre.

7                   **20.** The Medical Centre shall not pay customs duty on or be                   Exemption from  
8                   restricted or prohibited from importing any equipment, material, supply and                   customs duties, etc  
9                   any other thing required by the Medical Centre for the purposes of this Bill.

## 10 PART V - GENERAL

11                   **21.-(1)** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any                   Discipline of  
12                   other enactment, where it appears to the Board that any student of the                   students  
13                   Medical Centre has been guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without  
14                   prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations,  
15                   direct:

(a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Medical Centre, or make use of such facilities of the Medical Centre as may be so specified;

(b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

22 (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified  
23 in the direction; or

24 (d) that the student be expelled from the Medical Centre.

(2) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

(3) The Board may delegate its powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Medical Centre as the Board may nominate.

Removal and  
discipline of  
clinical,  
administrative  
and technical  
staff

1 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the  
2 restriction or termination of student's activities at the Medical Centre otherwise  
3 than on the ground of misconduct.

4 (5) A direction issued under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
5 combined with a direction issued under subsection (1)(b) of this section.

6 (6) Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of any enactment  
7 relating to the discipline of medical practitioners, pharmacists, midwives,  
8 nurses or members of any other profession or calling.

9 **22.**-(1) If it appears to the Board that there are reasons for believing  
10 that any person employed as a member of the clinical, administrative or  
11 technical staff of the Medical Centre, other than the Chief Medical Director,  
12 should be removed from his office or employment, the Board shall require the  
13 Director of Administration to:

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

15 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on  
16 the matter to the Board; and

17 (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of 1 month  
18 beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements for:

19 (i) a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board;  
20 and

21 (ii) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing  
22 before and being heard by an investigating committee set up with respect to the  
23 matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating  
24 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as  
25 aforesaid, the Board may so remove him by a letter signed on the direction of  
26 the Board.

27 (2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a  
28 member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is  
29 prejudicial to the interest of the Medical Centre, suspend any such member and  
30 any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.

1                   (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from  
2                   his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by  
3                   the Board and for the purposes of this section, "good cause" means:

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

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

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

13                  (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute a  
14                  failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his  
15                  office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

16                  (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to subsections (2) and (3)  
17                  of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a  
18                  period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case  
19                  against that person and come to a decision as to:

20                  (a) whether to continue the person's suspension and if so, on what  
21                  terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

22                  (b) whether to reinstate the person, in which case the Board shall  
23                  restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

24                  (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned,  
25                  in which case he shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments  
26                  withheld during the period of suspension; or

27                  (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against the  
28                  person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been  
29                  withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board,  
30                  pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides



1 to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the  
2 expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final  
3 determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

4 (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a letter of removal is  
5 signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavors to  
6 cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the  
7 person to whom it relates.

8 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall preclude  
9 the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of  
10 this Act for the discipline of students and all other categories of employees of  
11 the hospital as the Board may prescribe.

12 (7) Regulations made under subsection (6) of this section need not be  
13 published in the Gazette but the Board shall cause them to be brought to the  
14 notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time,  
15 determine.

Discipline of  
junior staff

16 **23.**-(1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the  
17 Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than a period of 3  
18 months and shall direct a committee to:

19 (a) consider the case; and

20 (b) make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by  
21 the Chief Medical Director.

22 (2) In all cases under this section of this Act, the officer shall be  
23 informed of the charge against him and given a reasonable opportunity to  
24 defend himself.

25 (3) The Chief Medical Director may, after considering the  
26 recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss,  
27 or take such other disciplinary action against the officer concerned.

28 (4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Chief Medical Director  
29 made under subsection (3) of this section may, within a period of 21 days from  
30 the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to

1 the Board to reconsider his case.

2 PART VI - MISCELLANEOUS

3 **24.**-(1) The Board may, with the approval of the President, make Regulations  
4 regulations

5 (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a  
6 particular class, to premises under the control of the Board and as to the  
7 orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and

8 (b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the  
9 Board from damage by members of the public.

10 (2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they  
11 are confirmed (with or without modification) by the National Assembly and  
12 published in such manner as he may direct.

13 **25.** The President may give to the Board directions of a general Power to give  
14 character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual directives  
15 person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Board of its functions  
16 under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the  
17 directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the  
18 duties of the Board under this Act.

19 **26.**-(1) On the commencement of this Act, any person employed by Transition and  
20 or serving in, the Medical Centre shall be deemed to have been employed or savings provision  
21 serving in the Medical Centre established under this Act.

22 (2) All Assets or liabilities belonging to the Medical Centre shall be  
23 deemed to belong to the Medical Centre established under this Act.

24 **27.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation  
25 "associate universities" means the universities whose medical students  
26 receive aspects of their training from the Medical Centre;  
27 "Board" means the Board of Management of the Medical Centre;  
28 "chairman" means the chairman of the Board;  
29 "functions" include powers and duties;

1 "Federal Medical Centre "means the Medical Centre Ganduje, Dawakin Tofa;  
2 "junior staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined, from time to  
3 time, by the Board;  
4 "medical student" means a student whose course of instruction is:  
5 (a) designed (either alone or in conjunction with other courses) to  
6 enable him to qualify as a medical practitioner; or  
7 (b) designed for the further training of medical practitioners;  
8 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating  
9 to health and "Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;  
10 "student" means a person enrolled at an institution controlled by the Board for  
11 the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

Short title

12 **28.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centre Ganduje,  
13 Dawakin Tofa (Establishment) Bill, 2019.

14 SCHEDULE

15 [Section 3 (3).]

16 SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

17 *Proceedings of the Board*

18 1.-(1) Subject to this Act and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the  
19 Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of  
20 its committees.

21 (2) The quorum of the Board shall be the chairman or the person  
22 presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board, 2 of whom shall be  
23 ex-officio members, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as  
24 determined by the Board.

25 2.-(1) The Board shall meet whenever it is summoned by the  
26 chairman and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not  
27 less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held  
28 within 14 days from the date on which the notice is given.

29 (2) At any meeting of the Board, the chairman shall preside but if he is  
30 absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to

29                   5. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or of a committee  
30       shall not be adversely affected by:

- 1 (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Board or committee;
- 2 (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or
- 3 committee; or
- 4 (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the
- 5 proceedings of the Board or committee.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ganduje, Dawakin Tofa and to equip, maintain and operate the Medical Centre so as to provide facilities for diagnosis, curative, promotive and rehabilitative services in medical treatment;