

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[ ] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FCT  
2 UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI

3 1.-(1) There is established the FCT University of Science and  
4 Technology, Abaji (in this Act referred to as "the University").

Establishment  
and objects of  
FCT University  
of Science and  
Technology, Abaji

5 (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual  
6 succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

7 (3) The objects of the University shall be to:

8 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
9 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex, religion, physical ability or  
10 political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in  
11 science and technology;

12 (b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes  
13 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduates research and  
14 higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical,  
15 maintenance, development and productive skills in the engineering,  
16 scientific, agricultural, medical, and allied professional disciplines with the  
17 aim of producing socially mature men and women with high moral standard  
18 and capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology, but  
19 also to improve on it and develop new ones;

20 (c) act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training,

1 research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation  
2 and conservation of the country's natural, economic and human resources;

3 (d) offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the  
4 results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these  
5 results;

6 (e) establish appropriate relationship with other national or private  
7 institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies;

8 (f) identify the technological problems and needs of the society and to  
9 find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

10 (g) provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
11 foundation for the development of technology and applied sciences, taking into  
12 account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

13 (h) undertake any other activities appropriate for a University of  
14 Technology of the highest standard.

Composition  
of the Council  
of the University

15 **2.** The Council of the University shall consist of:

16 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

17 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

18 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

19 (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for education;

20 (e) nine persons representing a variety of interests and broadly  
21 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;

22 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;

23 (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;

24 (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members;

25 (i) three persons representing Area Councils to be appointed by the  
26 Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA).

Functions of  
the Council  
and its Finance  
and General  
Purpose  
Committee

27 **3.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the  
28 Council shall be the Governing Body of this University and shall be charged  
29 with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and  
30 property of the University.

1           (2) There shall be a Committee of the Council, to be known as the  
2 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall subject to the  
3 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure  
4 of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the  
5 Council may from time to time delegate to it.

6           (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the  
7 constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

8           (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University  
9 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an  
10 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual  
11 report is published by the university together with certified copies of the said  
12 accounts as audited.

13           (5) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance  
14 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of  
15 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own  
16 procedure.

17           (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance  
18 and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved  
19 by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that  
20 Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council, whether  
21 before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of  
22 the Council shall prevail.

23           (7) There shall be paid to the Members respectively of the Council,  
24 the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other Committee  
25 set up by the Council, allowances in respect of traveling and other  
26 reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the  
27 Minister.

28           (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the  
29 performance of its functions under this Act and shall meet at least three times  
30 in every year.

Functions of  
the Senate

1 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the  
2 Chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of  
3 the Council.

4 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall  
5 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so  
6 specified shall be transacted at that meeting.

7 4.- (1) Subject to section 3 of this Act and subsections (3) and (4) of  
8 this section and to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be the  
9 general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the  
10 University, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to the  
11 contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the  
12 University.

13 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section  
14 and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the  
15 Senate to make provision for the:

16 (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,  
17 schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and  
18 the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

19 (b) organization and control of courses of study at the University and  
20 of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the  
21 appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

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

24 (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the  
25 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of  
26 professor emeritus;

27 (e) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence  
28 and similar institutions at the University;

29 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the  
30 regulation of their conduct and mode of dressing;

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

3 (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress  
4 for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

5 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school,  
6 department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University,  
7 or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the  
8 approval of the Council.

9 (4) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may make  
10 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either  
11 by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of  
12 making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is  
13 authorized or required by this Act or by Statute.

14 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons  
15 appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in  
16 conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the  
17 University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course  
18 relates at some other university of high repute or a person engaged in  
19 practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.

20 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the  
21 Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any  
22 degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred  
23 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to University or obtaining that  
24 award.

25 **5.-(1)** For carrying out the objects as specified in section 1 of this  
26 Act the University shall have power:

Powers of the  
University

27 (a) to establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, extra-  
28 mural departments and other teaching and research units within the  
29 university as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable  
30 subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;

1 (b) to institute professorships, readerships or associate  
2 professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make  
3 appointments thereto;

4 (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,  
5 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of  
6 assistance;

7 (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the  
8 University;

9 (e) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and  
10 other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by  
11 the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the university may  
12 lay down from time to time.

13 (f) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

14 (g) to demand and receive from any student or any other person  
15 attending the University for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the  
16 University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives  
17 and approval of the Minister;

18 (h) subject to section 9 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or  
19 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever  
20 situate;

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

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

26 (k) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,  
27 lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and  
28 other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the  
29 objects of the University;

30 (l) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and

1 book selling;

2 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to  
3 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not  
4 being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or  
5 securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time  
6 to time, to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time  
7 being not invested, with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

13 (o) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

14 (p) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or  
15 by statute to do;

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

18 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes and  
19 without prejudice to section 4 (2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the  
20 University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of  
21 the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which  
22 may be authorized by the statute.

23 (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and  
24 colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not  
25 otherwise.

26 PART II - PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY

27 6.-(1) The University shall consist of:

28 (a) a Chancellor;

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

30 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

Principal Officers  
and Staff of the  
University

- 1 (d) a Deputy Vice Chancellor;
- 2 (e) a body to be called Congregation;
- 3 (f) a body to be called Convocation;
- 4 (g) the Campuses and Colleges of the University;
- 5 (h) the Schools, Institutes and other teaching and Research Units of
- 6 the University;
- 7 (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
- 8 this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (o) to (c) of this subsection;
- 9 (j) all graduates and undergraduates of the University;
- 10 (k) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance
- 11 with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

First Schedule

12 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the

13 Principal Officers of the University therein mentioned.

14 (3) In the First Schedule to this Act provisions shall be made with

15 respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and

16 Convocation.

Functions of  
the Chancellor  
and Pro-Chancellor

17 7.-(1) The Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other members

18 of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of

19 Convocation held for conferring degrees.

20 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other

21 members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-

22 Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the

23 Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the

24 Council.

Functions of  
Vice-Chancellor

25 8.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take

26 precedence before all other Members of the University except the Chancellor

27 and, subject to section 4 of this Act, except the Pro-Chancellor and any other

28 person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

29 (2) Subject to sections 3, 4, and 14 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor

30 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on



1 him by this Act or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University and  
2 shall be the Chief Executive and academic officer of the University and Ex-  
3 officio Chairman of the Senate.

4 9.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Council of the  
5 University shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance,  
6 vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

Transfer of  
property

7 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
8 effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by  
9 this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that schedule.

Second Schedule

10 PART III - POWER TO MAKE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

11 10.- (1) Subject to this Act the University may make statutes for  
12 any of the following purposes, that is to say:

Power to make  
Statutes

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

15 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any  
16 authority of the university or any of its authorities;

17 (c) regulating the admission of students [where no other enactment  
18 provides to the contrary] and their discipline mode of dressing and welfare;

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

22 (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by  
23 statute it authorized or required by this Act.

24 (2) Subject to section 24 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall  
25 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a  
26 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

27 (3) The University shall have powers to make statutes for matters  
28 listed in the Third Schedule.

29 (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not  
30 be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of

Third Schedule

1 any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or  
2 any subsequent statute.

3 (5) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in  
4 accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

5 (6) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been  
6 approved:

7 (a) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds  
8 of the Members present and voting;

9 (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two third  
10 of the Members present and voting.

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

14 (8) A Statute which:

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

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

20 shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the President.

21 (9) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute  
22 shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the  
23 Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which  
24 it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the  
25 Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection  
26 (4) of this section, on the date on which its approved by the President.

27 (10) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:

28 (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute;

29 (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this act an academic  
30 or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may

1 be referred to the visitor, who shall take such advise and make such decision  
2 thereon as he shall think fit.

3 (11) The decision of the visitor on any matter referred to him under  
4 subsection (10) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and  
5 students of the university, and where any question as to the meaning of any  
6 provision of a statute has been decided by the visitor under that subsection,  
7 no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any  
8 court of law in Nigeria.

9 (12) Nothing in subsection (11) of this section shall affect any  
10 power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any  
11 provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being  
12 inconsistent with the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

13 11. A Statute may be proved in any Court by the production of a  
14 copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it as certificate purporting to be  
15 signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council to the effect  
16 that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of the University. Proof of Statutes

17 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

18 12.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University. The Visitor

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

23 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the  
24 University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person  
25 conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and  
26 assistance as he or they may reasonably be required for the purposes of a  
27 visitation.

28 13.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a Member of the Council  
29 (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed  
30 from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the  
Removal of  
certain Members  
of Council

1 functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a  
2 recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, and if the  
3 president, after making such enquires (if any) as he may consider appropriate,  
4 approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in  
5 question from office.

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

Removal and  
discipline of  
academic,  
administrative  
and professional  
staff

10 14.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing  
11 that any person employed as a Member of the Academic, Administrative or  
12 Professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be  
13 removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of  
14 inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council  
15 shall:

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

17 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on  
18 the matter to the Council;

19 (c) if he so requests or any three members of the Council so request  
20 within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make  
21 arrangements:

22 (i) for a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate to investigate  
23 the matter and to report on it to the Council;

24 (ii) For the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of  
25 appearing before and being heard by the Investigating Committee with respect  
26 to the matter, and if Council, after considering the report of the Investigating  
27 Committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as  
28 aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed  
29 on the directions of the Council.

30 (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a Member of

1 the Staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the  
2 interest of the university, suspend such Member and any such suspension  
3 shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

4 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended  
5 from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and  
6 for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

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

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

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

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

19 (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such  
20 nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person  
21 concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.

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

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

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

30 (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which

1 case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments  
2 withheld during the period of suspension;

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

6 (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to  
7 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action  
8 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three  
9 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case  
10 concerning any such person.

11 (6) It shall be the duty of the person whom an instrument of removal is  
12 signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavours  
13 to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable  
14 on the person to whom it relates.

15 (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:

16 (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any  
17 visitation;

18 (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of  
19 other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

Removal of  
Examiners

20 15.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the  
21 Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination  
22 of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then,  
23 except in such cases as may be prescribed, the Vice-Chancellor may, after  
24 affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on  
25 the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment  
26 by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

27 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of  
28 section 4 (5) of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of  
29 the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the  
30 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

1 (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an  
2 instrument of removal in pursuance of this section, to use his best  
3 endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as  
4 reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

5 16.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to  
6 the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of  
7 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other  
8 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct that  
9 the:

Discipline of  
students

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

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

16 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the  
17 direction; or

18 (d) student be expelled from the University.

19 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this  
20 section in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed  
21 period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such  
22 an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after using such inquiry to be made in  
23 the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the  
24 direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

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

28 (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this  
29 section to a Disciplinary Board consisting of such Members of the  
30 University as he may nominate.

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

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

6 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

7 Exclusion of  
8 discrimination  
9 of race, religion,  
10 etc.

11 17.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of  
12 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place  
13 of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of  
14 becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any  
15 degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the  
16 University, or a member of any Body established by virtue of this Act; and no  
17 person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in  
18 relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

19 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as  
20 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of  
21 the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person willfully refuses,  
22 or fails on grounds of religions belief to undertake any duty, having regard to its  
23 nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the  
24 University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

25 Restriction on  
26 disposal of land  
27 by University

28 18. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Used Act, a  
29 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land  
30 (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the  
prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:  
Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or  
tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy  
to a member of the University for residential purpose.

28 Quorum and  
29 procedure of  
30 bodies established  
by this Act

19. Except as may be otherwise provided by statutes or by  
regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by  
this Act shall be as determined by that body.



1 person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

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

6 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides  
7 for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental  
8 provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulation and statutes made in  
9 pursuance of this Act.

10 (7) The power conferred by this Act on anybody to make statutes or  
11 regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the  
12 statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by  
13 statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulations, statutes and  
14 regulations may make different provisions in relation to different  
15 circumstances.

16 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any  
17 transfer of property to the University and any other notice or instrument  
18 authorized to be served by virtue of this Act may, without prejudice to any  
19 other mode of service, be served by post.

20 **24.-(1)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

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

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

23 "Council" means the Council established pursuant to section 2(1) (b) of this  
24 Act for the University;

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

27 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters  
28 relating to higher education;

29 "Notice" means notice in writing;

30 "Officer" does not include the Visitor;

1 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;  
2 "Professor" means a person designed as a Professor of the University in  
3 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations;  
4 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;  
5 "Provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the  
6 University by the President with effect from 1 August, 1980;  
7 "Regulations" means the regulations made by the Senate or the Council;  
8 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to this Act;  
9 "School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;  
10 "Statute" means a statute made by the University under section 10 of this Act  
11 and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Act, and "the  
12 statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;  
13 "Teacher" means person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the  
14 teaching or research staff of the University;  
15 "Undergraduate" means a person in statute pupillari at the University other  
16 than:  
17 (a) a graduate;  
18 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose  
19 of the definition.  
20 "University" means the Federal Capital University of Science and Technology  
21 established under section 1 of this Act.

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

Short title

29 25. This Bill may be cited as the FCT University of Science and  
30 Technology, Abaji (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019.

1                   20.-(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without Appointment of  
Committee, etc.  
2                   prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint  
3                   committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body,  
4                   and to authorize a committee established:

5                   (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such functions as it may determine;

6                   (b) to co-opt Members, and may direct whether or not co-opted  
7                   Members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that Committee.

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

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

18                  (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this  
19                  section shall be construed as:

20                  (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance  
21                  with section 11 of this Act;

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

24                  (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members  
25                  of every Committee of which the Members are wholly or partly appointed  
26                  by the Council (other than a Committee appointed to inquire into the  
27                  conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a  
28                  Member of every Committee of which the Members are wholly or partly  
29                  appointed by the Senate.

Retiring age of  
Academic Staff

1                   21.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act,  
2 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of the University shall be 70  
3 years for Professorial cadre and 65 for non-professorial and non- academic  
4 staff.

5                   (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service  
6 after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an Academic Staff of the  
7 University.

Special provisions  
relating to pension  
of Professors

8                   22. A person who retires as a Professor having served:

9                   (a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a Professor in the University  
10 or continuously in the service of a University in Nigeria up to the retiring age;

11                   (b) who during the period of service was absent from the University  
12 only on approved National or University assignments;  
13 shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such  
14 allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for  
15 pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he  
16 may be entitled.

Miscellaneous  
administrative  
provisions

17                   23.-(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined  
18 by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal  
19 shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-  
20 Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by statute.

21                   (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the  
22 seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the  
23 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

24                   (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person  
25 not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made  
26 or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially  
27 authorized to do so by the Council.

28                   (4) The validity of any proceedings established in pursuance of this  
29 Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by  
30 any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any

1 proper administration of the University.

2 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor,  
3 the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for  
4 each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.

5 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from  
6 each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and  
7 forward his name to the Council for confirmation.

8 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

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

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

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

15 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

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

19 (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no  
20 more.

21 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be  
22 the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible  
23 to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the  
24 University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in  
25 accordance with paragraph 6 (2) of this schedule.

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

29 *Other Principal Officers of the University*

30 6.-(1) There shall be for the University the following Principal

1 Officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:

2 (a) the Bursar;

3 (b) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on  
4 the recommendation of the selection Board constituted under paragraph 8 of  
5 this schedule.

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

9 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-  
10 Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-  
11 ordination of the library services in the University and its Campuses, Colleges,  
12 Faculties, Schools, Departments, Institutes and other teaching or research  
13 units.

14 (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid  
15 officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

16 *Selection Board for other principal officers*

17 7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the  
18 appointment of Principal Officers, other than Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-  
19 Chancellor, which shall consist of:

20 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;

21 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

22 (c) four Members of the Council not being members of the Senate;

23 (d) two Members of the Senate.

24 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
25 selection board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as  
26 the Council may, from time to time determine.

27 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for such  
28 period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as  
29 may be specified in their letters of appointment.

1 SCHEDULES

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Section 6 (2)*

4 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5 *The Chancellor*

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

8 *The Pro-Chancellor*

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

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

14 *The Vice-Chancellor*

15 3.-(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall  
16 be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this  
17 paragraph.

18 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the  
19 Council shall:

20 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read  
21 newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:

22 (i) the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post;

23 (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and  
24 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for  
25 consideration;

26 (b) constitute a search team consisting of:

27 (i) a Member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as  
28 Chairman;

29 (ii) two Members of the Senate who are not Members of the  
30 Council, one of whom shall be a Professor;

1 (iii) two Members of Congregation who are not Members of the  
2 Council, one of whom shall be a Professor;

3 (c) identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are  
4 not likely to apply for the post of their own volition because they feel that it is  
5 not proper to do so.

6 (3) There shall be a Joint Council and Senate Selection Board  
7 consisting of:

8 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;

9 (b) two Members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

10 (c) two Members of the Senate who are professors but who were not  
11 members of the search team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the  
12 short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an  
13 examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and  
14 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

15 (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the  
16 candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and  
17 may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward  
18 the names to the President.

19 (5) The President may appoint as Vice-Chancellor any one of the  
20 candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of  
21 subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

22 (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five  
23 years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of  
24 appointment.

25 (7) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor  
26 after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the  
27 Minister of Education.

28 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

29 4.-(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-  
30 Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the



1 *Resignation and re-appointment*

2 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this  
3 schedule may resign his office:

4 (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the  
5 President;

6 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall,  
7 in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Minister.

8 (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of the schedule, a person who  
9 has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for  
10 misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

11 SECOND SCHEDULE

12 *Section 9 (2)*

13 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

14 *Transfer of property to the University*

15 1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9(1) of this Bill:

16 (a) the reference in that subsection to property held by the  
17 Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give  
18 a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted  
19 or promised to the Provisional Council;

20 (b) all debts and liabilities of the Provisional Council outstanding  
21 shall become debts or liabilities to the University.

22 *Agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments*

23 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to  
24 which the Provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and  
25 subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had  
26 been a party thereto in place of the Provisional Council.

27 (2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1) of this  
28 paragraph, including enactments, which refer, whether specially or  
29 generally, to the Provisional Council, shall be construed in accordance with  
30 that sub-paragraph.

1 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by  
2 or against the Provisional Council may be continued by or against the  
3 University.

4 Registration of transfers

5 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by  
6 this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the  
7 kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or  
8 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but  
9 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply,  
10 with the necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

11 (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred  
12 by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper  
13 officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer  
14 accordingly.

15 *Transfer of functions, etc*

16 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-  
17 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

18 (2) The persons who were members of the Provisional Council shall  
19 be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council is set up  
20 under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.

21 (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be  
22 convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may  
23 determine.

24 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as  
25 established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall  
26 become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status,  
27 designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which  
28 appertained to him as member of staff or as such an employee.

## THIRD SCHEDULE

*Section 10 (3)*

FCT UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI STATUTE NO. I

## ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

*Articles:*

1. The Council
2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
3. The Senate
4. Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Division of Schools
7. School Boards
8. Dean of the School
9. Selection of certain Principal Officers
10. Creation of academic post
11. Appointment of Academic Staff
12. Appointment of Administrative and Professional staff
13. Interpretation

*The Council*

1.- (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 2 of this Bill.

(2) Any Member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.

(3) A Member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year in which he was appointed.

(4) Where a Member of the Council holding office otherwise than

1 in pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the  
2 expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was  
3 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of  
4 this predecessor.

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

8 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall  
9 be a Member appointed pursuant to section 2(d) or (e) of this Bill.

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

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

19 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

20 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council  
21 shall consist of:

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

24 (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

25 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of  
26 whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council  
27 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by  
28 congregation;

29 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, or

1 in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent  
2 him;

3 (e) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Science and  
4 Technology or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may  
5 designate to represent him;

6 (f) a representative of the Federal Capital Territory Administration.

7 (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five.

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

10 *The Senate*

11 3.-(1) The Senate shall consist of:

12 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

13 (b) the Deans of the several Schools;

14 (c) the Directors of the several Institutes;

15 (d) the Professors;

16 (e) the Provosts of the several Colleges;

17 (f) the Librarian;

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

20 (h) such teachers, not being more than one third of the total number  
21 of non-elected members, elected by congregation and at least one of whom  
22 shall come from each school;

23 (i) two members representing a variety of interest of the  
24 professional bodies, outside the University appointed by the Senate on the  
25 recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

26 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of  
27 the Senate when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-  
28 Chancellor present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting  
29 shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

30 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest

1 whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2) of this article,  
2 the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

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

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

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

15 (7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if  
16 the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of paragraph (10) of  
17 this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the  
18 number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate  
19 who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (6) of this  
20 article.

21 (8) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person  
22 shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by  
23 reason only of reduction in the total of non-elected members occurring on or  
24 after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as an  
25 elected member.

26 (9) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the  
27 Vice-Chancellor, or his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors duly  
28 appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later  
29 than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

30 (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respects

1 any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30  
2 April that year to be the number of person holding office as members of the  
3 Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

4 *Congregation*

5 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of:

6 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

7 (b) the full-time Members of the Academic Staff;

8 (c) the Registrar;

9 (d) the Bursar;

10 (e) the Librarian;

11 (f) the Director of Works;

12 (g) the Director of Health Services;

13 (h) every member of the Administrative Staff who holds a degree,  
14 other than an honorary degree, of any University recognized for the  
15 purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

16 (2) Subject to section 7 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the  
17 Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his  
18 absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as  
19 Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the  
20 meeting.

21 (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole  
22 number nearest to one third of the total number of Members of Congregation  
23 or fifty, whichever is less.

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

25 (a) the total number of Members of Congregation for the purpose  
26 of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation;

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

30 (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation

1 may regulate its own procedure.

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

6 *Convocation*

7 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of:

8 (a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to  
9 this Act;

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

11 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with  
12 paragraph (2) of this article.

13 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a Member  
14 of Convocation if:

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

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

19 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance  
20 of a Register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (4) of  
21 this article may be provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by  
22 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register  
23 of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

24 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without  
25 the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the  
26 time being Members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of  
27 this article are entered and retained on the register.

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





- 1 (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;  
2 (d) such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the  
3 prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine;  
4 (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the  
5 Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

6 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one quarter,  
7 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the Board; and  
8 subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by  
9 regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

10 *Dean of the School*

11 8.-(1) The Board of each School shall, at a meeting in the last term of  
12 any academic year in which the term of office of the dean expires, nominate one  
13 of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for  
14 appointment by the Senate as Dean of the School.

15 (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as  
16 Dean of the School and Chairman at all meetings of the school Board when he  
17 is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed  
18 by the school.

19 (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for  
20 re-appointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be  
21 eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.

22 (4) The Dean of a School shall exercise general superintendence over  
23 the academic and administration affairs of the school.

24 (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for  
25 the conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the  
26 university at examinations held in the branches of learning for which  
27 responsibility is allocated to that school.

28 (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of  
29 Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several schools and that Committee  
30 shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular

1 matters referred to the University by the Senate

2 (7) The Dean of School may be removed from office for good cause  
3 by the School Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the  
4 Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a  
5 dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor; provided  
6 that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a new dean.

7 (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section  
8 14(3) of the Bill.

9 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of  
10 Works, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall  
11 consist of:

12 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

13 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

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

16 (d) two members appointed by the Senate.

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

21 *Creation of academic posts*

22 10. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other  
23 than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through  
24 the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

25 *Appointment of academic staff*

26 11.-(1) Subject to the Act and statutes, the filling of vacancies in  
27 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of  
28 the Senate.

29 (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection

1 boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set  
2 up.

3 (3) For appointments to professorship, associate professorship or  
4 readerships or equipment posts, a board of selection with power to appoint,  
5 shall consist of:

6 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

7 (b) two members appointed by the Council;

8 (c) four members appointed by the Senate; at least two of whom shall  
9 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional  
10 peers in the professional area in, which an appointment is to be considered;

11 (d) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the College;

12 (e) if the post is within a school, other teaching unit in the University  
13 the Dean of the School or the teaching unit, or the Director of the Institute, as  
14 the case may be; and

15 (f) such other person, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable  
16 of helping the Board in assessing both professional and academic suitability of  
17 a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.

18 (4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to  
19 appoint, shall consist of:

20 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

21 (b) four Members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall  
22 be Members of the Senate, while the other two Members shall be professional  
23 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;

24 (c) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;

25 (d) if the post is within a School, Institute or other teaching unit in the  
26 University the Dean of the School or the teaching unit or the Director of the  
27 institute, as the case may be; and

28 (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable  
29 of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic

1 suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time  
2 to time appoint.

3 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the  
4 same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such  
5 posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the  
6 Selection Board.

7 (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or  
8 consider the reports of specialists interviewing panels and shall in addition,  
9 in the case of professorships, associate professorships, readerships or  
10 equivalent posts, consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the  
11 area in which the appointment is being considered.

12 *Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

13 12.-(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University  
14 other than Principal Officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its  
15 behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with  
16 delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

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

20 *Interpretation*

21 13. In this statute, the expression "the Bill" means the FCT  
22 University of Science and Technology, Abaji (Est. etc.) Bill and any word or  
23 expression defined in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory University of Science and Technology, Abaji to develop and offer academic and professional training particularly in the field of sciences and to act as a catalyst for the technological advancement of the Country.

