A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI ACT, CAP. U10 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan

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

1. The University of Maiduguri Act Cap. U10 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as" the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

2. Section 5(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, "who shall possess a minimum of a university degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity, vibrancy and must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman."

3. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub section "(2A)":

"(2A) The University shall make Intellectual Property Governance Codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership of intellectual property within the university."

4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "18A":

"18A" Pre-Action Notice:

(1) An aggrieved staff or student shall not commence a suit in Court against the University except the staff or student gives the University one month written notice of intention to commence the suit.

(2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall
be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice
shall explicitly state the:
(a) cause of action;
(b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;
(c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;
and
(d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

(3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any
summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-
Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-
Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the
University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other
legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria.”.

5. Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
by deleting the words, "after which he may not be elected again until two years
have elapsed" in line 3, and inserting the words, "and no more".

6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Maiduguri

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University of Maiduguri Act Cap. U10 laws of the
Federation of Nigeria by specifying the minimum qualification of the
Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and
providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved
staff or student.