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FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT

**An Act to provide for the establishment of Federal Universities of Agriculture and**  
**for matters connected therewith.**

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[ Commencement.]

*Establishment, constitution and functions of the Universities of Agriculture*

1. **Separation of campus of technology, etc.**

(1) As from 1 January 1988, the campuses of technology listed in paragraphs *(a)*and  
*(b)*of this subsection shall be separated from the Universities as follows, that is-                                                                                                  [1990 No. 37.]

*(a)*campus of technology, Abeokuta from the University of Lagos;

*(b)*campus of technology, Makurdi from the University of Jos.

(2) The campuses of technology separated under subsection (1) of this section shall  
be known and referred to by the name specified herein, that is-

*(a)*campus of technology, Abeokuta as the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta;

*(b)*campus of technology, Markurdi as the University of Agriculture, Markurdi.

1. **Establishment and objects of Universities of Agriculture**

(1) There are hereby established the following Universities of Agriculture, that is-

*(a)*the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State;

*(b)*the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Benue State; and

*(c)*the Federal University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State.

(2) Each University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a com-  
mon seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The objects of each University shall be-

*(a)*to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons with-  
out distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of ac-  
quiring a higher education in agriculture;

*(b)*to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the  
award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate research and higher degrees  
which emphasise planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental  
and productive skills in agriculture, agricultural engineering and allied profes-  
sional disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature persons with ca-  
pacity to improve on those disciplines and develop new ones, but also to con-  
tribute to the scientific transformation of agriculture in Nigeria;

*(c)*to act as agents and catalysts, through postgraduate training, research and in-  
novation for the effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and conserva-  
tion of Nigeria's natural, agricultural, economic and human resources;

*(d)*to offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the results of  
training and research in agriculture and allied disciplines and to foster the  
practical application of those results;

*(e)*to establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved  
in training, research and development of agriculture;

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

*(g)*to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the  
development of agriculture and allied disciplines, taking into account indige-  
nous culture, the need to enhance national unity, the need to vastly increase the  
practical content of student training, and adequate preparation of graduates for  
self-employment in agriculture and allied professions;

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

      (i)         to offer academic programmes in relation to the training of manpower for agri-  
culture in Nigeria;

*(j)*to organise research relevant to training of agriculture with emphasis on small-  
scale farming;

*(k)*to organise extension services and out-reach programmes for technology trans-  
fer;

*(I)*to establish institutional linkages in order to foster collaboration and integra-  
tion of training, research, and extension activities; and

*(m)*to undertake any other activities appropriate for Universities of Agriculture.

**3.**  **Constitution and principal officers of each University**  
(1) Each University shall consist of-

*(a)*a Chancellor;

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

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

*(d)*a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

*(e)*a body to be called Congregation;

*(f)*a body to be called Convocation;

*(g)*campuses and colleges of the University;

*(h)*schools, institutes and other teaching and research units;

*(i)*persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Act other  
than those mentioned in paragraph *(a)*to *(d)*of this subsection;

*(j)*all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and

*(k)*all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

(2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the principal offi-  
cers of each University therein mentioned.

[First Schedule.]

(3) Subject to section 6 of this Act, provision shall be made by statute with respect to  
the constitution of the following bodies, namely the Council, the Senate, Congregation  
and Convocation.

1. **Powers of each University and their exercise**

(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 2 of this Act, each Uni-  
versity shall have power-

*(a)*to establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, extra-mural depart-  
ments and other teaching and research units within the University as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

*(b)*to establish agricultural and rural extension services in various parts of Nigeria;

*(c)*to institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, and other  
posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

*(d)*to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals,  
prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and other forms of assistance;

*(e)*to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;

*(f)*to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other dis-  
tinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Uni-  
versity and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay  
down;

*(g)*to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

*(h)*to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the Uni-  
versity for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may, from  
time to time, determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;

              (i)        subject to section 23 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise  
deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;

              (j)        to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the  
same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions at-  
taching thereto;

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

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

*(m)*to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book-selling;

*(n)*subject to any limitations on conditions imposed by statute, to invest any  
money appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being imme-  
diately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any money for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

*(P)*to do anything which it is authorised or required by this Act or by statute to do;  
and

*(q)*to do all such acts or things, incidental to the foregoing powers, as may ad-  
vance the objects of the University.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and without prejudice to  
section 9 (2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this  
section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Councilor by the Senate or  
in any other manner, which may be authorised by statute.

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

1. **Functions of the Chancellor**

(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to each University, take precedence before all  
other members of the University and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of  
Convocation held for conferring degrees.

(2) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to the confirmation  
of the Chancellor.

 (3) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as  
may be conferred or imposed on him by this Act or the statutes.

**6. Functions of the**Pro-Chancellor

(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to each University, take precedence before  
all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-  
Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-  
Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a pe-  
riod of five years beginning with the date of his appointment.

1. **Composition of the Council**

The Council of each University shall consist of-  
                                                              [1996 No.25.]

*(a)*the Pro-Chancellor;

*(b)*the Vice-Chancellor;

*(c)*the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

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

*(e)*nine persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of

the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;

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

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

*(h)*one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.

1. **Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purposes Committee**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be  
the governing body of each University and shall be charged with the general control and  
superintendence of the policy, finance and property of the University.

(2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and Gen-  
eral Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise  
control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other func-  
tions of the Council as the Council may, from time to time, delegate to it.

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

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

(5) Subject to this Act and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Pur-  
poses Committee may each make rules for regulating their own procedure.

 (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Pur-  
poses Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far  
and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any directions  
given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in ques-  
tion), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

(7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and General Pur-  
poses Committee respectively and of any other committee set up by the Council an al-  
lowance in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may, from  
time to time, be fixed by the Minister.

(8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its func-  
tions under this Act and shall meet at least three times in every year.

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

(10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall specify the business  
to be considered at the meeting and a business not so specified shall not be transacted at  
the meeting.

1. **Functions of the Senate**

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

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

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

*(b)*the organisation and control of courses of study in the University and of the  
examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appoint-  
ment of examiners, both internal and external;

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

*(d)*the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to  
any person of an honourary fellowship or degree or the title of professor  
emeritus;

*(e)*the establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence and similar  
institutions at the University;

              (f)       the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct;

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

*(h)*determining what description of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes  
of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

(3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, in-  
stitute or other teaching and research units of the University without the approval of the  
Council.

(4) Subject to this Act and statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose  
of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this sec-  
tion or otherwise or for the purpose of making provisions for any matter for which provi-  
sion by regulations is authorised or required by this Act or by statute.

(5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the exam-  
iners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of  
study at the University, as may be prescribed by the Senate from time to time, is not a  
teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course  
relates at some other university of high repute or a person engaged in practising the pro-  
fession in a reputable organisation or institution.

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

**10. Functions of the Vice-Chancellor**

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to each University, take precedence before  
all other members of the University, except the Chancellor, and any other person for the  
time being acting as chairman of the Council.

(2) Subject to sections 8, 9, and 15 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the  
general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Act or oth-  
erwise, of directing the activities of the University and shall be the chief executive and  
academic officer of the University and *ex-officio*chairman of the Senate.

*Transfers of property, etc., to each University*

**11. Transfer of property**

(1) All property (with the exception of the Federal Root Crops Research Institute,  
Umudike) held by or on behalf of each University shall, by virtue of this subsection and  
without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purposes of the  
University.

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

[Second Schedule.]

*Statutes of each University*

**12. Powers of each University to make statutes**

(1) Subject to this Act, each University may make statutes for any of the following  
purposes, that is to say-

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

*(b)*specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the Univer-  
sity and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;

*(c)*regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;

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

*(e)*making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is  
authorised or required by this Act.

(2) Subject to section 28 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation  
to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the  
meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

[Cap. I23.]

(3) The statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have  
come into force on the commencement of this section of this Act and shall be deemed to  
have been made under this section by each University.

[Second Schedule.]

(4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or  
limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the  
statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Act or any subsequent statute.

[Second Schedule.]

**13. Mode of exercising power to make statutes**

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

(2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved-

*(a)*at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the mem-  
bers present and voting; and

*(b)*at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the  
members present and voting.

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

(4) A statute which makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of  
the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University shall not come into op-  
eration unless it has been approved by the President.

(5) For the purposes of section 1 (2) of the Interpretation Act a statute shall be treated  
as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been  
approved by the Senate, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub-  
section (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.

[Cap. I23.]

(6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time-

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

*(b)*as to whether any matter is for the purpose of this Act an academic matter as  
they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such deci-  
sion therein as he shall think fit.

(7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under subsection (6) of  
(lis section shall be final and binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the Uni-  
versity and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been  
decided by the Visitor under that subsection, the question as to the meaning of that provi-  
sion shall not be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.

(8) Nothing in subsection (7) of this section shall affect any power of a court of com-  
petent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partially  
void as being *ultra vires*or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Re-  
public of Nigeria 1999.

[Cap. C23.]

**14. Proof of statutes**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereto bearing af-  
fixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the secretary to  
the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.

*Supervision and discipline*

**15. The Visitor**

(1) The President shall be the Visitor of each University.

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

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

**16. Removal of certain members of Council**

(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the Pro-  
Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on the ground of mis-  
conduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council  
shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President after  
making such enquiry, if any, as may be considered appropriate, and if the President ap-  
proves the recommendation he may direct the removal of the person in question from  
office.

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

**17. Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional** **staff**

(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person  
employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the Uni-  
versity, other than Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on  
the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or em-  
ployment, the Council shall-

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

*(b)*afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter;

*(c)*appoint a Staff Disciplinary Committee,

and if the Council, after considering the report of the Staff Disciplinary Committee, is  
satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so  
remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in case of misconduct by a member of staff which in  
the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interests of the University, sus-  
pend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

(3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties or his ap-  
pointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this subsection  
**"good cause"** means-

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

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

*(c)*conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council consid-  
ers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his  
office; or

*(d)*conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or in-  
ability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to  
comply with terms and conditions of his service; or

*(e)*conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to ren-  
der the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial  
or detrimental to the interest of the University.

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

*(a)*whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (in-  
cluding the proportion. of his emoluments to be paid to him); or

*(b)*whether to re-instate such person in which case the Council shall restore his  
full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension; or

*(c)*whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case  
such person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld  
during the period of suspension; or

*(e)*whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including  
the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments as might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: Numbering as per *Gazette.* )

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

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

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

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

*(b)*prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other catego-  
ries of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

**18**. **Procedures for staff discipline**

(1) The Vice-Chancellor or Senate shall constitute an Investigation Panel to deter-  
mine whether or not a *prima facie*case has been established against any member of staff.

(2) The Investigation Panel shall include the President or the chairman of the union to  
which the staff being investigated belongs.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Staff Disciplinary Committee which shall  
consist of such members of the Senate as he may determine, to consider the report of the  
Investigating Panel.

(4) The report and recommendation of the Staff Disciplinary Committee shall be  
forwarded to the Council for consideration and decision.

**19. Appointment of external examiners**

External examiners shall be appointed by the Senate.

**20. Removal of examiners**

(1) If on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a  
person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be re-  
moved from his office or appointment, then except in such cases as may be prescribed,  
the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making repre-  
sentations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the  
office or appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 9 (5) of this  
Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appro-  
priate person as examiner in place of the examiner removed in pursuance of subsection  
(1) of this section.

(3) It shall be duty of the Vice-Chancellor to sign an instrument of removal in pursu-  
ance of this section, to use his best endeavour to cause a copy of this instrument to be  
served as soon as is reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

**21. Discipline of students**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor  
that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor  
may, in consultation with the Senate and, without prejudice to any other disciplinary  
power conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct that-

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

*(b)*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; or

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

                              (d)        the student be expelled from the University.

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

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

(4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a Disciplinary  
Committee consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termina-  
tion of a student's activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of miscon-  
duct.

 (6) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1) of this section, nothing shall  
prevent the Vice-Chancellor from taking an immediate disciplinary action against a stu-  
dent where he deems fit, and report thereafter to the Senate.

(7) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) *(a)*of this section may  
be combined with a direction under subsection (1) *(b)*of this section.

(8) No staff or student shall resort to a law court without proof of having exhausted  
the integral avenues for settling disputes or grievances or for seeking redress.

(9) The Visitor shall be the final arbiter on staff and student discipline, and his deci-  
sion shall not be contestable in any court of law in Nigeria.

(10) Nothing in this subsection shall affect any power of a court of competent juris-  
diction to enforce the fundamental right of any aggrieved citizen as enshrined in the Con-  
stitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

[Cap. C23.]

*Miscellaneous and general*

**22. Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc**.

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

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as preventing the Uni-  
versity from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons  
where such person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any  
duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which  
duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstance pertaining thereto, is in the  
opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

**23. Restriction on disposal of land by University**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dis-  
pose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the  
University by this Act) except either with the prior written consent either general or spe-  
cial, of the President:

[Cap. L5.]

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 lease or tenancy to a member of the  
University for residential purposes.

**24. Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Act**

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

**25. Appointment of committees, etc**.

(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without prejudice to the gener-  
ality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not con-  
sist exclusively of members of that body and to authorise a committee established by it-

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

*(b)*to co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted members (if any)  
shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

(2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of  
those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies  
or any of them and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of  
them.

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

(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be construed as-

*(a)*enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 13 of  
this Act; or

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

(5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every commit-  
tee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a  
committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of any officer in question); and the Vice-  
Chancellor shall be a member of the Council and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member  
of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

**26. Retiring age of academic staff of the University**

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory re-  
tiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be 65 years.

[Cap. P4.]

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

**27. Special provisions relating to pension of professors**

A person who retires as a professor having served-  
[1993 No. 11.]

*(a)*a minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the University or continu-  
ously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age; and

*(b)*who during the period of service was absent from the University only on ap-

proved national or University assignments,

shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allow-  
ances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for pension and  
gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled.

**28. Miscellaneous administrative provisions**

(1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be determined by the Council  
and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any  
member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, secretary to the Councilor any other  
person authorised by statute.

(2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the Uni-  
versity shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed  
to be so executed.

(3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a  
body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on be-  
half of the University by any person generally or specifically authorised to do so by the  
Council.

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

                                                                                                                                             so took part in the proceedings.          .

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

(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application  
in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to stat-  
utes or regulations made in pursuance of this Act.

[Cap. I23.]

(7) The power conferred by this Act on any body to make statutes or regulations shall  
include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Second  
Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by a subsequent statute, or, as the case may be, by  
a subsequent regulation and statute and regulations may make different provisions in re-  
action to different circumstances.

[Second Schedule.]

(8) No stamp duty or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property  
to the University by virtue of any provision of this Act.

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

**9. Interpretation**

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

**"campus"** means any campus which may be established by each University;

"**college"** means any college which may be established by each University;

**"Council"** means the Council established by this Act for each University;

**"graduate"** means a person on whom a degree, (other than an honorary degree) has  
been conferred by each University;

**"Minister"** means the Minister charged with responsibility for agriculture;

**"notice"** means notice in writing;

**"office"** does not include the Visitor;

**"prescribed"** means prescribed by statutes or regulations;

**"professor"** means a person designated as a professor of each University in accor-  
dance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or regulations;

**"property"** includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

**"regulations"** means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;

**"Senate"** means the Senate of each University established pursuant to sec-  
tion 3 (1) *(c)*of this Act;

**"statute"** means a statute made by each University under section 12 of this Act and in  
accordance with the provisions of section 13 of this Act, and "the statutes" means all  
such statutes as are in force from time to time;

**"teacher"** means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teach-  
ing or research staff of each University;

**"undergraduate"** means a person in *statu pupillari*at each University other than-

*(a)*a graduate; and

*(b)*a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition;

**"University"** means any of the Universities of Agriculture established under section 2  
of this Act.

(2) It is hereby declared that where in any provisions of this Act it is laid down that  
proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to  
another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such  
intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in

pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority, but any such intermediate  
authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.

30. **Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE  
[Section 2 (2).]

*Principal officers of the University*

*The Chancellor*

**1.**(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President of Nigeria.  
(2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.

(3) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor should be removed from his office on  
the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office, the Visitor may  
by notice in the Federal *Gazette*remove the Chancellor from office.

*The Pro-Chancellor*

**2**. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed by the President on the recommen-  
dation of the Minister.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a pe-  
riod of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

*The Vice-Chancellor*

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

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

*(a)*advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Ni-  
geria, specifying-

        (i)    the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post; and

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

*(b)*constitute a search team consisting of-

           (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman;  
           (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of  
      whom shall be a professor;

           (iii)  two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.

       (3) A joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of-

*(a)*the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

*(b)*two members of the Council, not being members of the  Senate;  
*(c)*two members of the Senate who are professors,

but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an examination of their *curriculum vitae*and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

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

[1996 No. 25.]

(5) The President may appoint as Vice-Chancellor anyone of the candidates recom-  
mended to him in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

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

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of subparagraph (6) of this paragraph  
shall-

*(a)*only be applicable to those appointed to the office of Vice-Chancellor after  
1 January, 1993;

*(b)*not confer on a person serving a first term of office as Vice-Chancellor before  
1 January, 1993 any right to renewal of the appointment for a further term of four years.

(8) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor after due consulta-  
tion with the Council and the Senate acting through the Minister of Education.

*Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

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

[1996 No. 25.]

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

(3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded  
to it under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confir-  
mation.

(4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

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

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

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

 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor-

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

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

*Office of the Registrar*

**5.**(1) There shall be for each 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  
administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is re-  
sponsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.

[1993 No. 55.]

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

*Othe*r *principal officers of the U ni ve rs ity*

**6.**(1) There shall be for each University the following principal officers, in addition to the  
Registrar, that is-

[1993 No. 55.]

*(a)*the Bursar; and

*(b)*the University Librarian,

who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board consti-  
rated under paragraph 8 of this Schedule.

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the University and 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 admini-  
stration of the university library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University  
and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or  
research units.

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

*Selection Board for other principal officers*

**7.**(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal  
officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of-

*(a)*the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

*(b)*the Vice-Chancellor;

*(c)*four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and  
(d)    two members of the Senate.

(2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board consti-  
tuted under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may, from time to  
time, determine.

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

*Resignation and re-appointment*

**8.** (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his  
office-

*(a)*in the case of the Chancellor, by notice to the President; and

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

(2) Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an  
office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-  
appointment to that office.

SECOND SCHEDULE  
    [Section 9 (2).]

*University of Agriculture*

*Statute No.1*

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

ARTICLES

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*The Council*

**1.** (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 7 of this Act.

(2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sec-  
tion 7 *(a), (b), (c)*or (d) of this Act may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.

(3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sec-  
tion 7 *(a), (b), (c)*or (d) of this Act shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on  
the expiration of the period of five 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 in pursuance of sec-  
tion 7 *(a), (b), (c)*or (d) of this Act vacates before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the  
body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the  
residue of the term of his predecessor.

(5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by re-  
moval for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of five  
years.

(6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member ap-  
pointed pursuant to section 7 *(d), (e),*or *(h)*of this Act.

(7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member  
of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting,  
shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to sections 5 and 6 of this Act and the fore-  
going provisions, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(8) 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.

*The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

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

*(a)*the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meet-  
ing at which he is present;

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

*(c)*six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall  
be selected from among the three members of the Council appointed by the  
Senate and one member appointed to the Council by Congregation;

                                (d)    the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural De-  
velopment or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.

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

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

*The Senate*

**3.** (1) The Senate shall consist of-

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;  
*(b)*Deans of colleges;

*(c)*the Directors of institutes and research centres;

*(d)*the Heads of academic departments;  
*(e)*the Librarian;

(f)    one member of not less than the rank of senior lecturer of each college;  
*(g)*four persons representing the Congregation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respects any year, such  
number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number  
of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected  
members.

*Congregation*

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

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;  
*(b)*the full-time members of the academic staff;

*(c)*the Registrar;

*(d)*the Bursar;

*(e)*the Librarian;

(f)    the Director of Works;

*(g)*the Director of Physical Planning;

*(h)*the Director of Academic Planning;  
(i)     the Director of Health Services; and

*(j)*every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree other than an  
honourary degree of any university recognised for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to sections 5 and 6 of the Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at  
all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-  
Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

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

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

*(b)*the names ofthe persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period,

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

(5) Subject to the foregoing provision of this article, Congregation may regulate its own  
procedure.

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

*Convocation*

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

*(a)*the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to the Act;  
*(b)*all teachers within the meaning of the Act;

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

(2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of Convocation if-

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

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

(3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the  
purposes of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the  
payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

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

(6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any per-  
sons named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of Convoca-  
tion; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

(7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third (or the whole number nearest  
to one third) of the total number of members of Convocation, whichever is less.

(8) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings  
of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chair-  
man at the meeting.

(9) Convocation shall have such other functions, in addition to the functions of ap-  
pointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

*Division of colleges*

**6.** Each college shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

*College Board*

**7.** (1) There shall be established in respect of each college a College Board, which, subject  
to provisions of this statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

*(a)*regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the college;

*(b)*deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and

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

(2) Each College Board shall consist of-

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor;

*(b)*the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;  
*(c)*the Dean;

*(d)*the persons severally in charge of the departments of the college;

*(e)*such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifi-  
cations as the Board may determine; and

(f)    such persons whether or not members of the University as the Board may de-  
termine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

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

*Appointments and Promotions Committee*

**8.** (1) There shall be an Appointments and Promotions Committee of the Council which  
shall ultimately be responsible for all appointments, promotions and discipline of all catego-  
ries of senior staff in the University, under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor.

 (2) The Committee shall operate where necessary through the Senate or Selection Board or *ad-hoc*Committees and its recommendations shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

*Dean of college*

**9**. (1) The Dean of a college shall be a professor appointed by the Appointments and Pro-  
motions Committee and such Dean shall hold office for a term of three years, and shall be  
eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years after which he may not be re-  
appointed again until two years have elapsed.

(2) The Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the College Board when he is pre-  
sent and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.

(3) The Dean of a college shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and  
administrative affairs of the college and it shall be the function of the Dean to present to Con-  
vocation or for the conferment of degrees on persons of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that college.

(4) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all  
Deans of the colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic  
matters and on particular matters referred to the University Council.

*Deputy Dean of college*

**10.** (1) There shall be a Deputy Dean of college who shall be appointed by the Senate on the  
recommendation of the Dean.

(2) The Deputy Dean shall be appointed for two years in the first instance and may be  
re-appointed for a further period of two years after which he shall not be entitled to re-  
appointment until after two years.

*Director of institute or centre*

**11.** (1) The Director of an institute or of a centre shall be appointed by the Appointments  
and Promotions Committee for academic staff, and such Director shall hold office for a period  
of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years after  
which he may not be appointed again until two years have elapsed.

(2) The Director of an institute or centre shall exercise general superintendence over the  
affairs of the institute or centre.

*Head of department*

**12.** (1) The Head of a department shall be appointment by the Vice-Chancellor and such  
Head shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for  
another term of three years after which he may not be appointed again until two years have  
elapsed.

(2) The Head of a department shall exercise general superintendence over the academic  
and administrative affairs of the department.

*Creation of academic posts*

**13.** Recommendations for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in article 10 of  
this statute shall be made by Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes  
Committee.

*Appointment of academic staff*

**14.**Subject to this Act and statutes deriving therefrom, the filling of vacancies in academic  
posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Appointments and Pro-  
motions Committee, notwithstanding the fact that the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to make temporary appointments to academic and non-academic positions for a period not exceeding twelve calendar months.

*Funding of the University*

**15.**(1) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development shall have responsibility  
for agricultural education in the University similar to the responsibility of the Federal Ministry  
of Education in general universities.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the National Universities Commissions Act, the  
University shall receive funds directly from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural  
Development and from other national and international agencies.

*Agricultural Universities Co-ordination Agency*

**16.**The Agricultural Universities Co-ordination Agency established in the Federal Ministry  
of Agriculture and Rural Development shall have the responsibility for monitoring and co-  
ordinating the academic and physical development of the Universities of Agriculture.

*Functions of the Agency*

**17.**Subject to sections 12 (3) and 20 (1) of the Act, the Agricultural Universities Co-  
ordination Agency shall have responsibility for monitoring and co-ordinating the academic  
and physical development and have responsibility-

*(a)*to advise the President and Visitor to the Universities of Agriculture, through  
the Minister, on matters relating to agricultural education, adaptive research and out-reach extension services programme development in keeping with national priorities;

*(b)*to advise on the conditions of service and related establishments matters;

                       (c)    to advise on the establishment and location of Agricultural Universities and related agricultural institutions;

                       (d)   to advise on the accreditation of academic programmes of Universities of Agriculture and schools/colleges of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Soil Conservation, Animal Health, Wildlife Conservation, etc.; and

*(e)*for other specific functions as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

**18.**There shall be for the Agency a Board charged with the superintendence of the Agency,  
subject to section 20 (1) of the Act and shall consist of-

*(a)*a chairman and the following other members, that is-

*(b)*the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

(c)    the Vice-Chancellor of each University of Agriculture;

(d)    the Permanent Secretaries of the following Federal Ministries, that is-

(i) Science and Technology;

(ii) Education;

 (iii) National Planning Commission;  
(iv) Finance;

*(e)*a representative of the National Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (NAClMA);

*(f)*a representative of Farmer's Organisations;

*(g)*three members appointed by the President on individual merit and a nation-  
wide basis to represent commercial, agricultural, industrial and professional interests and such other national interests as are not otherwise represented;

*(h)*the Executive Secretary as an *ex-officio*member.

*Statutory Committees of the Board*

**19**. (1) The Board constituted under article 18 of this statute shall be assisted in the perform-  
ance of its functions by two Statutory Committees, the Finance Committee and the Develop-  
ment Committee.

(2) The Finance Committee shall assist the Board in maintaining an agency fund for  
running the Agency and in the allocation of funds to the Universities of Agriculture and con-  
stituent affiliates.'

(3) The Development Committee shall assist the Board in the academic and physical de-  
velopment of the Universities of Agriculture and constituent affiliates.

(4) The Board shall have power to appoint such committee as will assist it in performing  
its statutory functions.

*Tenure of office of members of the Board*

**20.** Subject to the provisions of this statute, a person appointed to be a members of the  
Board, not being a public officer, shall hold office for a period of five years from the date of  
his appointment or for such other period as may be specified in his instrument of appointment.

*The Executive Secretary of the Agency*

**21**. (1) There shall be for the Agency established under article 17 of this statute an Executive  
Secretary, to be appointed by the President and Visitor to the Universities of Agriculture, on  
the advice of the Minister.

(2) The Executive Secretary shall be the chief executive of the Agency and shall be re-  
sponsible for the execution of the policy of the Agency and the day-to-day running of the af-  
fairs of the Agency.

(3) The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a period of five years and shall be eli-  
gible for re-appointment for another term of five years as the President may determine.

(4) The Executive Secretary shall be assisted in the management of the Agency by an  
Agency Secretariat as may be determined by the Agency.

**22.** In this statute, the expression "the Act" means the Universities of Agriculture Act and  
any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this statute.

**23.** This statute may be cited as the Universities of Agriculture Statute No. 1.

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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