**FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY ACT**

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FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY ACT

**An Act to provide for the establishment of three Universities of Technology and for  
matters of administration and discipline of students connected therewith.**

[1986 No. 13. 1990 No. 37. 1993 No. 11.]

*[11th July, 1986]*

[Commencement.]

*Establishment, constitution and functions of Federal Universities of Technology*

1. **Establishment and objects of Federal Universities of Technology**

(1) There are hereby established the following universities of technology, that is-

*(a)*the Federal University of Technology, Akure;

*(b)*the Federal University of Technology, Minna;

*(c)*the Federal University of Technology, Owerri;

[1990 No. 37.]

*(d)*the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi; and

*(e)*Federal University of Technology, Yola.

(2) Each University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a com-  
mon seal and may sue or 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 technology;

*(b)*to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the  
award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and higher degrees  
which emphasise planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering, scientific, agricultural, medical, and  
allied professional disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature men  
and women with capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing  
technology, but also to improve on it and develop new ones;

*(c)*to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and conserva-  
tion of the country's natural, economic and human resources;

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

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

              (f)        to identify the technological problems and needs of the society and to find so-  
lutions 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 technology and applied sciences, taking into account indige-  
nous culture and the need to enhance national unity; and

*(h)*to undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of technology of  
the highest standard.

1. **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 body to be called Congregation;

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

      (f)        the campuses and colleges of the University;

*(g)*the schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;

*(h)*the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Act  
other than those mentioned in paragraphs *(a)*to *(c)*of this subsection;

         (i)        all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and

*(j)*all other persons who are members of the university in accordance with provi-  
sions 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 5 of this Act provision shall be made by statute with respect to  
the constitution of 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 1 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 National Universities Commission;

*(b)*to institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lecture-  
ships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

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

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

*(e)*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;

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

*(g)*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;

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

              (i)        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;

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

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

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

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

*(n)*to borrow, whether on interest or not and 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 expedi-  
ent to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;

*(0)*to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

*(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, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers,  
as may advance the objects of the University.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and without prejudice to  
section 7 (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 the statute.

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

**4. Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-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) 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.

1. **Composition of the Council of each University**  
   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 10 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, finances 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 is 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 the purpose of exercising any of their respec-  
tive functions or of 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 directions of the Council shall prevail.

(7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and  
General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allow-  
ances 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 no business not so specified shall be transacted at that  
meeting.

1. **Functions of the Senate**

(1) Subject to section 6 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 of students  
where no other enactment provides to the contrary 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, organisation and control of campuses, colleges, schools,  
institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and the allo-  
cation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

*(b)*the organisation and control of courses of study at 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 honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of profes-  
sor 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 descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the pur-  
poses 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, or any hall of residence or  
similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.

(4) Subject to this Act and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the pur-  
pose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this  
section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which pro-  
vision 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 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 profession 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 dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the  
University or obtaining that award.

**8. 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, subject to section 4 of this  
Act, except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as chair-  
man of the Council.

(2) Subject to sections 6, 7 and 14 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the  
general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Act or other-  
wise, of directing the activities of the University and shall be the chief executive and aca-  
demic officer of the University and *ex-officio*chairman of the Senate.

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

1. **Transfer of property**

(1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional council of each University  
shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the University  
and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect  
to, and 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*

10**. Power 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 a  
non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any statute, regulation  
or other instrument made thereunder; or

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

(2) Subject to section 24 (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 Third Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have  
come into force on the commencement of this Act and shall be deemed to have been  
made under this section by each University.

[Third 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  
statue contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any subsequent statute.

**11. 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-

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

*(b)*provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amend-  
ment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is established,

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

(5) For the purposes of section 2 (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 hav-  
ing been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the  
Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case  
of a statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is ap-  
proved 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 purposes of this Act an academic or non-  
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 thereon as he shall think fit.

(7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under subsection (6) of  
this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University, and  
where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by  
the Visitor under that subsection, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall 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 partly void  
as being *ultra vires*or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic  
of Nigeria 1999.

[Cap. C23.]

**12. Proof of statutes**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or  
having affixed 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*

**13. 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 the 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.

**14. 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, and if  
the President, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate, 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 endeavours 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.

**15. 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 the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employ-  
ment on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or  
employment, 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 to  
the Council; and

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

                                                 (i)     for a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to investigate the  
matter and to report on it to the Council; and

                                               (ii)     for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing  
before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter,

                                                        and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating 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 a case of misconduct by a member of the staff  
which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interests of the Univer-  
sity, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the  
Council.

(3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his  
appointment 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 the 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);

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

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

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

(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 endeavours 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 categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

**16. 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  
appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 7 (5) of this  
Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appro-  
priate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of subsec-  
tion (1) of this section.

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

**17. 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, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or  
regulations, direct-

*(a)*that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direc-  
tion, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facili-  
ties of the University, as may be so specified; or

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

*(c)*that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direc-  
tion; or

                                (d)        that 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, either con-  
firm 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  
board 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) A direction under subsection (1) *(a)*of this section may be combined with a di-  
rection under subsection (1) *(b)*of this section.

*Miscellaneous and general*

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

(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following  
matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of 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 persons mentioned in that  
subsection 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 circumstances pertaining  
thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

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

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, a 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 with the prior written consent, either general or special, 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 any lease or tenancy to a member of  
the University for residential purpose.

**20. 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.

**21. Appointment of committees, etc.**

(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without prejudice to the  
generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist 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 bod-  
ies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence 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 provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
construed as-

*(a)*enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11  
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 the officer in question); and the Vice-  
Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or  
partly appointed by the Senate.

**22. Retiring age of academic staff**

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory re-  
tiring age of an academic staff of each 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 each University.

**23. 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.

**24. 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 specially 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 Third  
Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by a subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by  
a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in  
relation to different circumstances.

[Third Schedule.]

(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to  
the University by virtue of section 8 or section 18 of this Act or the Second Schedule to  
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.

**25. 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 pursuant to section 2 (1) *(b)*of 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 matters relating to  
higher education;

**"notice"** means notice in writing;

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

**"prescribed"** means prescribed by statute 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 by regulations;

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

**"provisional council"** means the provisional council appointed for each University  
by the President with effect from 1 August, 1980;

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

**"Senate"** means the Senate of each University established pursuant to sec-  
tion 2 (1) *(c)*of this Act;

**"school"** means a unit of closely related academic programmes;

**"statute"** means a statute made by each University under section 10 of this Act and in  
accordance with the provisions of section 11 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 purpose of the defi-  
nition;

**"University"** means any of the Federal Universities of Technology established under  
section 1 of this Act.

(2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision 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.

**26. Short title**

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE  
[Section 2 (2).]

*Principal officers of the University*

*The Chancellor*

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

*The Pro-Chancellor*

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

(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 each University who shall be appointed by the  
President in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

[1993 No. 11.]

(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 Nigeria, 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 of 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 ersons on  
the short Hst 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 can-  
didates 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 each 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.

*Other principal officers of the University*

**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-  
tuted under paragraph 8 of this Schedule.

(2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of each 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 Boardfor other principal officers*

**7.** (1) There shall be, for each 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 subparagraph (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 or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the President;

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

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 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

*Transitional provisions as to property. functions. etc.*

*Transfer of property to University*

**1.** Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (1) of this Act-

*(a)*the reference in that subsection to property held by the provisional council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional council;

*(b)*all debts and liabilities of the provisional council outstanding shall become

debts or liabilities of the University.

**2**. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional coun-  
cil was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect  
as if the University had been a party thereto in place of the provisional council.

(2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, including enact-  
ments, which refer, whether specially or generally, to the provisional council, shall be con-  
strued in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as applicable.

(3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the pro-  
visional council may be continued by or against the University.

*Registration of transfers*

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

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

*Transfer of functions. etc.*

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

(2) The persons who were members of the provisional council shall be deemed to con-  
stitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up under the Third Schedule to this  
Act shall have been duly constituted.

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

(4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before the coming into  
force of this Act shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Act shall have been duly constituted.

(5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which  
this Act is made, the schools, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Act.

(6) Persons who were Deans or associate Deans of schools or members of school boards  
shall continue to be Deans or associate Deans or become members of the corresponding  
school boards, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.

**5.** Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was other-  
wise employed by the provisional council shall become the holder of an appointment at the  
University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee.

THIRD SCHEDULE  
[Section 9 (3).]

*Federal Universities of Technology*

*Statute No. 1*

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

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*The Council*

**1.**  (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5 of this Act.

          (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of sec-  
tion 5 *(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 5 *(a), (b), (c)*or (d) of this Act 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 in pursuance of sec-  
tion 5 *(a), (b), (g)*or *(h)*of this Act vacates office before the expiration of the period afore-  
said, 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 four  
years.

(6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member ap-  
pointed pursuant to section 5 (d) or *(e)*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 section 4 of this Act and the foregoing  
provisions of this paragraph, 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 Education, or, in his ab-  
sence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him; and

*(e)*the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology 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)*the Deans of the several schools;

*(c)*the Directors of the several institutes;  
(d)      the professors;

*(e)*the Provosts of the several colleges;  
(f)       the Librarian;

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

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

(i)       two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies out-  
side the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the  
Vice-Chancellor.

 (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 the chairman at the meeting.

(3) The quorum 01" 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 held 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 have held 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 shall be 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 bymore 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 reduction in the total of non-elected members occurring on or after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue 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 request 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 or-

*(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 Health Services; and

*(h)*every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than an honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to section 4 of this 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 number of members 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 purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

*(b)*the names of the 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 provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its  
own procedure.

(6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions 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 this Act;  
*(b)*all teachers within the meaning of this 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 purpose 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 the removal from the register of the name of 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 the 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 person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of Convocation; 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 or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.

(8) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

*Division of schools*

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

*School boards*

**7.** (1) There shall be established in respect of each school a board of studies which, subject to the 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 school;

*(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 school board of studies shall consist of-

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor;

*(b)*the Dean;

*(c)*the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;

                        (d)    such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and

*(e)*such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

         (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight 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 provision made by regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

*Dean of the school*

**8.** (1) The board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year in which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school.

(2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as Dean of the  
school and chairman at all meetings of the school board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the school.

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

(4) The Dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school.

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

(6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several schools and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.

(7) The Dean of school may be removed from office for good cause by the school board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice- Chancellor:

Provided that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.  
(8) In this article **"good cause"** has the same meaning as in section 14 (3) of the Act.

*Selection of Director of Works*

**9.** (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Works, a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of-

*(a)*the Pro-Chancellor;

*(b)*the Vice-Chancellor;

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

(2) The selection board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the rec-  
ommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

*Creation of academic posts*

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

*Appointment of academic staff*

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

(2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and  
make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.

 (3) For appointments to professorships, associate professorship or readerships or

equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of-

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor;

*(b)*two members appointed by the Council;

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

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

*(e)*if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University,  
the Dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and

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

(4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to appoint, shall consist of-

*(a)*the Vice-Chancellor;

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

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

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

*(d)*if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University,  
the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and

*(e)*such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping  
the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.

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

(6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of spe-  
cialists interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of professorships, associate pro-  
fessorships, readerships or equivalent posts, consider the reports of external assessors relevant  
to the area in which the appointment is being considered.

*Appointment of administrative and professional staff*

**12.**(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal offi-  
cers, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar  
in accordance with delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalF.

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

*Interpretation*

**13**. In this Statute, the expression **"the Act"** means the Federal Universities of Technology  
Act and any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

*Short title*

**14.**This Statute may be cited as the Federal Universities of Technology Statute No.1.

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*No Subsidiary Legislation*