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Governor,
Kano State of Nigeria

NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY LAW 2012 (1433 A.H)

No. 8

2012



No. 8 of 2012
Kano State of Nigeria

A Law to provide for the establishment of a University in the State and for other matters connected thereto.

BE IT ENACTED by the Kano State House of Assembly and by the authority of the same as follows:

PRELIMINARY

1. This LAW may be cited as the Northwest University Law 2012 and shall come into operation on the 25th day of March, 2012 (1433 A.H). Citation and commencement.

2. In this law unless the context otherwise requires: - Interpretation.

"**Academic Staff**" means those members of staff whose rôle or primary duty is teaching, research and community service;

"**Administrative Staff**" means those members of staff who are not members of academic staff;

"**Approved Day**" means the date on which this law shall come into operation;

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

"**The Commissioner**" means the Commissioner in the Government of Kano State charged with responsibility for Higher Education;

"**Chairman**" means Chairman of the Council;

"**Council**" means the Council of the University;

"**Congregation**" means an assembly of members of the University as defined in the Sixth Schedule;

"Convocation" means an assembly of members of the University as defined by the Seventh Schedule;

"Members of the University" means those persons or office holders described in the First Schedule;

"Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;

"Officers of the University" means those persons or office holders described in the Second Schedule;

"Visitor" means the visitor to the University;

"House of Assembly" means the Kano State House of Assembly;

"Lecturer" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the teaching and or research staff of the university;

"Professor" means a person designated as a professor by the University in accordance with this law or regulations made thereunder;

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

"Property" includes rights, liability and obligations;

"Regulations" means regulations made by the University under the provisions of this law;

"State" means Kano State of Nigeria;

"Student" means an undergraduate and any other person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose of this definition;

"The Senate" means the Senate of the University;

"The Statute" means the Statute of the University enacted in pursuance to this law;

"The University" means Northwest University;

ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS AND OBJECTS

Establishment
and Objects.

1. There is hereby established in the State a University to be known as **NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY**, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

2. The objects of the university shall be to:

a. provide gender sensitive opportunities for the community to have increased access to higher education;

b. uphold and promote the centuries-old historical symbiotic relationship between and among within the North-West in the sphere of scholarship, socio-economic and cultural fields;

- c. Serve as a means of producing graduates with entrepreneurial skills in all fields of human endeavour to cater for the manpower needs of the public and private sectors;
- d. Collaborate with other institutions of higher learning both locally and abroad for the exchange of staff, ideas and curriculum;
- e. Render community service and foster peace, unity and development;
- f. Provide the type of higher education that is morally oriented and responsive to the cultural heritage and needs of the society;
- g. Provide manpower capable of guiding the direction of public education at all levels;
- h. Provide quality manpower that can marshal the vast economic potentials of the community for sustainable development;
- i. To promote and conduct research in areas that will benefit the country and humanity;
- j. Dedicate itself to the challenges of solving societal problems by encouraging collaboration and innovative multidisciplinary research and seeking out old and new challenges that have been ignored;
- k. Orient itself and work with the community, drawing inspiration from and documenting the philosophies, ideas, achievements, academic outputs and examples of ancient states in the Western Sudan as part of a deliberate mental decolonization of the African mind;
- l. Establish and nurture relationships with community organizations, government agencies as well as the private sector to enhance the educational, economic, religious and socio-cultural vitality of the State;
- m. Encourage the exploration of local technologies as well as stimulate innovation, adaptation and application of intermediate and cost-effective technology solutions to societal problems of environmental degradation and desertification, low agricultural output, delivery of educational and health services to the rural populace, along with water supply and housing challenges, amongst others;
- o. Undertake any other activities appropriate for a University of the highest standing;

Powers of
the
University.

4. (1). For the carrying out of the objects as specified in Section 3, the University shall have power to:
- a) Establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, centres, extramural departments and other teaching and research units as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable;
 - b) Institute professorships, readerships, lectureships and any other relevant posts and offices and make appointments thereto;
 - c) Provide for the welfare and discipline of members of the University;
 - d) Hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied other requirements as the University may lay down;
 - e) Institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes, honorary degrees and other titles, distinctions, awards and other forms of honours;
 - f) Demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine;
 - g) Acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable or immovable property;
 - h) Accept gifts, legacies and donations, without obligation to accept same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached thereto;
 - i) Enter into contracts, establish trusts, constitute as trustees, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ or act through agents;
 - j) Erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls and theatres, halls of residence, refectories, sports ground, playing fields and other buildings or things (whether in the State or elsewhere) necessary and suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University law;
 - k) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, and publishing of books for academic or commercial purposes;
 - l) Subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by law, invest any money not immediately required for expenditure, in securities authorised by Law for the investment of public funds;
 - m) Borrow money, whether on interest or not upon such security as the Council may from time to time in its discretion determine, and may guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;

- n) Make gifts for any charitable purpose;
- o) Arrange for general welfare of children and spouses of members of staff;
- p) Make Statutes and rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this law for regulating the administration of the University; and
- q) Do all such acts or things, that are incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the University.

(2) Subject to this law, the powers of the University shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by Senate or in any other manner authorised by the Statute;

(3). The power of the University to establish campuses, colleges, institutes, centres and other instructional units shall be exercisable by Statute and not otherwise

5. Membership of the University shall be opened to persons and no discrimination shall be made or test imposed on the ground of gender, religious belief, political views, racial or tribal origin, and place of birth or residence.

Membership of the University.

6. The following shall be the principal officers of the University whose appointment, discipline, removal, and duties and powers are further specified in the Second Schedule:

Principal Officers.

- a) The Chancellor;
- b) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council;
- c) The Vice Chancellor;
- d) Deputy Vice-Chancellor
- e) The Registrar;
- f) The Bursar and;
- g) The University Librarian.

7. The Chancellor shall be the Head of the University and shall be appointed by the Visitor.

Chancellor.

8. There shall be a Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed in accordance with Statute and shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Convocation, and shall, when present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council.

Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council.

Vice
Chancellor.

9. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chief Executive and Academic Officer of the University and shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.

(2) The Vice- Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council subject to confirmation by the Visitor.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for one term of five years only.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments and otherwise as may be specified in the instrument of appointment.

Deputy
Vice –
Chancellors.

10. (1) There shall be such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellor as the Council may determine.

(2) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from a list of two forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor and forward the name to the Council for confirmation.

(3) Where: -

(a) The senate rejects the two candidates forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall submit another list.

(b) The Council rejects the name sent to it, the Senate shall send the name of other candidate on the list forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor.

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

(1) They shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, approved by the Senate and appointed by the Council of the University.

(2) The tenure of office shall be two years, renewable only once.

(3) They shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in the day to day administration of the University and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Vice-Chancellor.

Registrar.

11. (1) There shall be a Registrar to be appointed by the Council.

(2) The Registrar shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University, he shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and shall;

(i) Keep in safe custody, all records of the University;

(ii) Arrange for the conduct of examinations;

(iii) Act as Secretary to and be responsible for executive action arising from decisions of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

12. (1) There shall be a Bursar to be appointed by the Council. Bursar.

(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor.

13. (1) There shall be the University Librarian. University Librarian.

(2) The University Librarian shall be appointed by the Council and he is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the implementation of the policy of the University with respect to the development and administration of the university library and the coordination of library services in the university and its faculties, departments, and other teaching and research units.

14. The Officers aforesaid shall hold office for five years initially and renewable for another five years and shall be appointed according to the procedures below: Appointment of Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian.

1. Vacancies in the office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian shall be advertised for both internal and external candidates;

Where a vacancy exists in the office of the Registrar, Bursar and the University Librarian, such a vacancy shall be advertised in Newspapers for external and internal candidates to apply. Council shall make the appointment into any of the vacant offices on the recommendation of a selection board.

The composition of the Selection Board is as follows: -

- 1) The Pro-Chancellor and the Chairman of Council - Chairman;
- 2) Two representatives of Council - Members;
- 3) Two representative of Senate - Members.

15. The responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be as specified by the guidelines as adopted by Council. Scope of responsibilities.

16. Members of staff other than the principal officers enumerated in sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the procedure contained in the Eighth Schedule. Appointment of Members of Staff.

- Creation of Academic Posts. **17.** Creation of posts other than those mentioned in this statute shall be made by the Council on the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- Appointment of Academic Staff. **18.** The filling of vacancies in Academic Posts including newly created ones, shall be as prescribed by Laws in the Ninth Schedule.
- Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff. **19.** The Administrative and professional Staff of the University, other than those mentioned in this statute, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with stipulated conditions of service.
- Admission of Students. **20.** Admission of students into the University shall be governed by the provisions of the Ninth Schedule in addition to such other procedure as the senate may, from time to time determine.

THE COUNCIL

- Establishment of the Council. **21.** There shall be constituted for the University in accordance with the provisions of this law a body to be called "the Council of Northwest University".
- University Governing Body **22.** (1) The Council shall be the governing body of the University with powers of general control and superintendence over the policy, finances, and property of the University.
(2) Without derogation from the generality of the powers conferred upon the Council by subsection (1), it is hereby declared that the Council shall have the following powers to:
a) participate in the making, amendment or revocation of the Statutes of the University in accordance with the provisions of this law;
b) monitor and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University, and for that purpose:
i) approve opening of bank accounts and appoint external auditors or any other officers or agents whom it deems expedient to appoint;
ii) to cause proper books of accounts to be kept for all sums of monies received and expended by the University and for the assets and liabilities of the University so that such books give

true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the University and explain its transactions;

(iii) cause an annual report to be published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited,

c) borrow money on behalf of the University;

d) invest any money belonging to the University;

e) sell, buy, exchange, lease or accept lease of any real or personal property on behalf of the University;

f) provide the buildings, libraries, laboratories, premises, furniture, apparatus and other equipment needed to carry out the work of the University;

g) enter into, vary, perform and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;

h) enter into agreements for the incorporation in the University of any other institutions and for taking over its rights, property and liabilities, including members of staff;

i) provide for the welfare of all persons employed by the University the wives, widows and dependents of such persons including the payment of money, pensions or other payments due and to subscribe to benevolent and other funds for the benefits of such persons;

j) encourage and make provisions for research within the University and;

k) exercise all such powers as are or may be conferred on the Council by this law or Statutes and to carry this law and the Statutes into effect.

23. The Council may delegate any of its powers or duties except powers relating to the making, or amending of Statutes, to the Chairman of the Council, Vice-Chancellor, Board of Governors of an Institute, other unit of the University established under this law or to any committee appointed by the Council and consisting of:-

a) members of Council, or

b) one or more members of the Council and such other persons as the Council may appoint to the Committee.

Delegation of Powers by the Council.

24. The Visitor shall appoint a person, whether already a member of the Council or not, to be Chairman of the Council who shall hold office for a period of four years, but may be re-appointed for a further period of four years.

Appointment of Chairman of the Council.

- Composition and proceedings. **25.** (1) Subject to the provisions of Section 21, the composition of the Council shall be as provided for in the Third Schedule.
(2) The proceedings of the Council shall not be invalidated by reason of any vacancy or defect in the appointment of a member or a person not entitled to vote who has taken part in the proceedings.
- Removal of certain members of the Council. **26.** (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than Pro-Chancellor, or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform his functions as such, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the Visitor; the Visitor, after making such enquiries (if any) as he considers appropriate, may, by instrument in writing signed by him, remove the person.
(2) The Visitor shall on signing an instrument of removal, in pursuance of this section, use his best endeavour to cause a copy of the instrument to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- Visitation. **27.** (1) The Visitor of the University shall be the Governor of the State.
(2) The visitor shall as the circumstance may require, not being less than once every four years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit, and in respect of any affairs of the University
(3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to:-
a) make available to the Visitor and to any other person(s) conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of a visitation; and
b) give effect to any instruction consistent with the provisions of this law, which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of a visitation.

THE SENATE

28. (1) There shall be a Senate for the University, the composition of which shall be as provided for in the Fourth Schedule.

Establishment of the Senate.

(2) The proceedings of the Senate shall not be invalidated by reason of any vacancy or defect in the appointment of a member or because a person not entitled to vote has taken part in the proceedings.

29. (1) The Senate shall, subject to the provisions of this law and the Schedules and subject to control by the Council in all matters affecting the finance of the University, manage the academic affairs of the University, and shall, without derogation from the generality of the foregoing, have the following functions:

Functions and power of the Senate.

(a) direct and regulate the admission of students and the teaching and instruction within the University and the examinations held by the University; provided that in the case of examinations for University degrees the Senate shall appoint internal and external examiners of high academic standing for every course or group of courses forming part of the programme of studies for such degrees;

b) promote research within the University;

c) confer degrees (other than honorary degrees), diplomas, certificates, and other distinctions;

d) make, after receiving a report from the faculties concerned, all regulations for giving effect to the Statute of the University relating to courses/programmes of studies and examinations;

e) initiate and report to Council any amendment to Statutes and;

f) exercise and perform such other functions and powers as may be conferred upon it by the Statute.

30. Subject to a right of appeal from the decision of the Senate to the Council and from the decision of the Council to the Chancellor, the Senate shall have the power to deprive any person of any degree or diploma of the

Withdrawal of Certificates.

University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he shall be shown to be guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in the act of obtaining such a degree or diploma.

FACULTIES AND FACULTY BOARDS

Faculties and
Faculty
Boards

31. There shall be such Faculties and Faculty Boards for the University the composition of which shall be as provided in the Fifth schedule.

Faculty
Boards

32. (1) There shall be in each Faculty a Faculty Board which shall:-

a) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Statutes and the direction of the Senate, regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to such Faculty;

b) Deal with any other matter referred to it by the Senate.

(2) A Faculty Board may deliberate on any matter affecting the work of the Faculty, and may make a report to the Senate thereon.

Membership
of Faculty
Board.

33. (1) The composition of each Faculty Board shall be determined by a Statute; which may include provision for membership to any Faculty Board of persons who are non-academic staff but are specially qualified to assist in the work of the Board;

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every Faculty Board.

CONGREGATION AND CONVOCATION

Congregation

34. There shall be a body to be known as the Congregation, the constitution and function of which shall be as provided for in the Six Schedule.

Convocation

35. There shall be a body to be known as Convocation, the constitution and function of which shall be as provided for in the Eighth Schedule.

INSTITUTES, COLLEGES, CENTRES AND OTHER UNITS

Institute,
colleges etc
establishment
and
constitution

36. (1) There shall be such Institutes, Colleges, Schools, Centers and other Units as may be prescribed by Council.

(2) The functions and constitution of such Institutes, Colleges, Schools, Centres and other Units shall be prescribed by Council.

(3) For each Institute, College, School, Centre or Unit the Council shall provide for the constitutions and functions of a Board of Governors, Academic and Professional Boards.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may establish Special Units for special purposes within the University, other than Faculties, Institutes, Colleges or Schools, and the name, constitution and functions of any such units may be prescribed by Statute or by the Council

STATUTES

37. Statutes made under the provisions of Section 4 may, subject to the provisions of this law prescribe and regulate:

Statutes.

(a) the powers and duties of the principal officers and organs of the University, the composition and constitution of such organs, and all other related matters;

(b) the admission of students, their discipline and welfare and any other matter authorized or required by this Law.

38. (1) The making and amendment of Statutes shall be carried out only by the Council and Senate or with the authority of the Council or the Senate.

Making and amendment of Statutes

(2) Proposal for the making, amendment or revocation of Statutes may be initiated by either the Council or the Senate and shall require:

(a) approval at a meeting of the Senate by at least two thirds of members present and voting; and

(b) Approval at a meeting of the Council by the votes of at least two thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) Unless otherwise specified therein, a Statute shall come into force when approved jointly by the Council and the Senate in accordance with sub-section (2) and a Statute or an amendment thereto shall be published in the State Gazette.

39. Any Statute or the amendment or revocation of any Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof purporting to be signed and certified as true by the Registrar.

Proof of Statute in Court

40. In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time regarding the meaning of any provisions of the Statutes, the

Interpretation of Statute

matter may be referred to the Council and the Council may seek such advice and make such decision thereon as it shall think fit and such decision shall be binding upon all organs, staff and students of the University.

FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

Sources of
fund

41. The funds and resources of the University shall consist of:

(1) Such sums as may be appropriated by the State Government. As a matter of utmost importance and without prejudice to other commitments of Government, proper funding and investments be appropriated by Government for the University as a means of sustenance for meeting its objectives;

(2) Any grant that may be given to the University from approved sources including but not limited to States, Local Governments and the Government of the Federation, or national and international agencies, companies or individuals;

(3) Such sums as may be paid to the University by way of grants in aid, subsidies, donations, gifts, fees for services rendered, subscriptions, rents, interests and royalties;

(4) Such sum as may be derived from the sale of any property sold by or on behalf of the University.

Bank accounts

42. (1) All monies received on account of the University shall be paid into such accounts as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the accounts of the University in accordance with the direction of the Council.

(2). The monies or any portion thereof standing to the credit of any of the accounts of the University may, if the Council deems fit, be invested in such securities as the Council may direct or be placed on deposit in such bank or banks as the Council may determine.

43. (1) The accounts of the University shall be audited and reported upon by a qualified public Auditor to be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Tenth schedule. Audit.

(2) As soon as the accounts of the University are audited, the Council shall forward to the Visitor a copy of the statement of accounts together with a copy of any report or comments made by the Auditor.

(3) The Council shall submit to the Visitor not later than 31st December, in each financial year an estimate of its expenditure and income during the next succeeding financial year.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS II

44. Provision may be made by the Council to authorize the University to contribute to any pension fund or other similar scheme for the benefit of members of the staff. Contribution to Pension fund etc.

45. (1) The Registrar shall have custody of the common Seal of the University and shall be responsible for affixing the same to Documents. Custody and use of common seal

(2) The Common Seal of the University shall not be used except upon the direction of the Council and shall be authenticated in the manner prescribed by the Statutes and shall be officially noticed.

46. The Schedules to this Law shall, for all intent and purposes, constitute the first set of Statutes for the general administration of the University and shall not be amended, altered or repealed save in accordance with provisions of this Law. First Statutes

47. In any suit involving the University before a court of law it shall be represented by a legal practitioner to be appointed for that purpose or for general purposes by the Council. Representation in court.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

48. (1) The site shall comprise of all that parcel of Land situate at Kofar Kansakali, in the Gwale District of Gwale Vesting of assets and liabilities

Local Government Area of Kano State consisting of 137.9 hectares with the boundaries more particularly described as starting from property beacon KA 4620 the boundary runs for a distance of 416.22mtrs on a bearing of 201° 33^m to KL 3514 thence for 220.16 meters on a Bearing of 180° 10^m to KL 3515 tenths for 243.86 metres on a bearing of 203° 05^m to KL 3516 tenths for 69.68 meters on a bearing of 277° 52^m to KA 4623 tenths for 222.13 metres on a bearing of 273° 01^m to KA 4624 tenths for 362.67 meters on a bearing of 273° 01^m to KA 4625 tenths for 364.04 meters on a bearing of 268° 10^m to KA 4626 tenths for 332.48 meters on a bearing of 266° 59^m to KA 4627 tenths for 206.4 meters vested in the Commissioner for Land is hereby without further assurance transferred to and vested in the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing sub-section (1) all right and liabilities or obligation now vest in the University and as from the enactment of this Law all persons shall have the same rights, powers and remedies for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had been a right, liability or obligation of the University Implementation Committee.

Transfer of
property and
function.

49. (1) All property held by or on behalf of the implementation Committee shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further assurance, vest in the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Law:-

(a) The reference in that subsection to the property held by the Implementation Committee shall include as reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions, which have been voted or promised to the Implementation Committee,

(b) All debts and liabilities of the committee shall be transferred to the University.

(3) (a) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the Implementation Committee 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 Implementation Committee.

(b) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (c) of this paragraph, including enactment, which refer whether specially or generally to the Implementation Committee shall

be construed in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as applicable.

(c) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the Implementation Committee may be continued by or against the university.

Registration of Transfers

(4) If the Law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Law 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.

(5) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Law 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.

Meetings:

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

(b) The persons who were members of the Implementation Committee shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up under the Third Schedule of this Law shall have been duly constituted.

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

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

(e) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Law is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of the University immediately

before the coming into force of this Law shall on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as constituted by this Law.

(f) Persons who were Deans or Associate staff of the University as established or were otherwise employed by the Implementation Committee shall become the holders of appointment at the University with the status, designations and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to them as members of staff or as such employees.

FIRST SCHEDULE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The following persons shall be members of the University:

The Principal Officers of the University

The Members of the Council

The Members of Senate

The Members of Congregation

The Graduates

The Students

Such other Persons as the Council may after consultation with the Senate grant the status of members.

SECOND SCHEDULE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. The Principal Officers of the University shall be:

- (a) The Chancellor;
- (b) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council;
- (c) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) Deputy Vice-Chancellors
- (e) The Registrar;
- (f) The Bursar;
- (g) The University Librarian.

2. THE CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor shall be an eminent person of proven integrity and high repute to be appointed by the visitor, by an instrument published in the State Gazette.

3. THE PRO - CHANCELLOR

(1) The Pro - Chancellor shall be a knowledgeable person versed in the administration of Universities or similar institutions and capable of inspiring confidence, and he shall

be appointed by the Visitor, by an instrument published in the Gazette.

(1)The Pro - Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five (5) years.

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

4. THE VICE CHANCELLOR

(1)The Vice - Chancellor shall be a respected Senior Academic staff.

(2) The first Vice - Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor.

(3) All subsequent Vice - Chancellors shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

a) The Council shall by notice in the State Gazette and Journals of the University and other mass circulating media as may be determined, declare the position vacant and call for nominations and applications.

b) A search panel of five persons comprising;

i. One representative of Council, not being a member of Senate as Chairman;

ii. Two members of Senate;

iii. Two members of Congregation who shall be senior academic staff.

The search panel shall carry out consultation and obtain a list of qualified persons who may not otherwise apply for the post.

c) The lists of candidates obtained in (a) and (b) above, shall be submitted to a Selection Board of the Council for deliberations.

d) The Board of Selection shall thereafter consider, deliberate and short list three (3) candidates and submit its report to the Council.

e) The selection Board shall be constituted as follows;-

i. Two (2) members nominated by Council;

ii. Two (2) members nominated by Senate;

iii. The Pro-Chancellor shall serve as the Chairman of the Board of selection.

A member of the search panel shall not be appointed to the Selection Board.

f) The Council shall after due consideration of the report of the Board of Selection appoint the Vice-Chancellor subject to confirmation by the Visitor.

g) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years.

h) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments and otherwise as may be determined by the Council.

5. DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLORS:

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

(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 sub-section (2) of this section and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.

(4) Where:-

i. The Senate rejects the two candidates forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (2) of this section, the Vice-Chancellor shall submit another list.

ii. The Council rejects the name sent to it under sub-section (3) of this section, the Senate shall send the name of another candidate on the list forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor under section (2) of this section.

(5) The 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.

d. 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 may be re-appointed for a further period of two years.

e. a person who has held office as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for a continuous period of four years shall not be eligible for appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor during the two years immediately following the end of that period.

THIRD SCHEDULE THE COUNCIL

1. The following persons shall be members of the Council, namely:

- (a) Pro-Chancellor and Chairman;
- (b) Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
- (d) Four members elected by Senate from among members of that body;
- (e) Two members elected by the Congregation from among members of that body;
- (f) One member elected by the Northwest University Alumni Association from among members of that body;
- (g) Four members representing a variety of interests appointed by the visitor;
- (h) Representative of Ministry of Higher Education (not below the rank of Director);
- (i) Representative of NUC and;
- (j) the Registrar should serve as the secretary to the Council.

2. All members of the Council other than the ex-officio members shall hold office for four years or for such shorter period as the appointing person or bodies shall determine; except where otherwise provided all retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

3. In addition to the powers conferred upon it by the Law, the Council shall have the following powers to:-

- (a) select a seal, Arms and Mace for the University, and to have the sole use and custody of the Seal, and
- (b) do all such acts, or thing, that are incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

4. Any nominated member of Council may at any time resign his membership by sending his resignation in writing to the Secretary to the Council.

5. The Council shall meet four times but not more than seven times during each year including special meetings.

6. If requested in writing by at least half the members of the Council, the Chairman shall within fourteen days after such request call a meeting of the Council. The request shall specify the business which the said members wish to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at the meeting.

7. The Registrar as Secretary to the Council shall send a notice to each member of the Council with statement of the business to be transacted at any meeting of the Council so as to reach him at least seven days before the day fixed for the meeting except for emergency meeting.

8. (i) Each member of the Council shall have one vote. In the event of any equality of votes, the Chairman may exercise in addition, a casting vote.

(ii) The quorum of the meeting of the Council should be one-third of its members including at least 2 external members.

(iii) In the absence of the Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council such other member of the Council as the Council may appoint shall chair the meeting.

(iv) Subject to the provisions of these Schedules and the Law, the Council shall make, and may from time to time, alter such standing orders as it shall think fit with respect to its meetings and the meetings of any committee of the Council and the procedure thereof.

(v) Minutes of the meeting of the Council shall be kept and shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Council.

(vi) The Council shall have the following statutory committees: -

1. Appointments and Promotions Committee
2. Finance and General Purpose Committee
3. Tenders Board
4. Disciplinary Committee and
5. Honorary Degrees Committee.

9. The Council shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal of the University.

10. (i) There shall be a Committee of the Council known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman of the Council, the Vice-Chancellor and not more than six members of the Council elected by the Council not less than two of whom shall be members of the Academic staff.

(ii) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of:- (1)

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

(b) The Vice-Chancellor; Deputy Vice-Chancellors, One External member, One member representing the Senate on Council, representative of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Registrar to serve as secretary while Bursar, Librarian, Director of Works, Director of Physical Planning and Director Academic Planning shall be in attendance with no vote.

(c) 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 person co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote

(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.

(iii) The Chairman of a Council or a member of the committee nominated by the Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor, representative of Senate on Council or any two external members shall form a quorum of the Committee.

11. The Finance and General Purposes Committee shall make recommendations to the Council on the following: -

(a) The collection and receipt of all dues for the University;

(b) Supervise the collection and receipt of all debts, and monies due to the University;

(c) Placement of deposit and investment of all donations, subscription and other monies paid to the University;

- (d) Keeping and Auditing proper accounts to be kept and audited;
- (e) Urgent matter requiring decision during the intervals between meetings of the Council and shall report any such decision to the Council at its next meeting;
- (f) Draft annual estimates of revenue and expenditure of the University and make recommendations to the Council;
- (g) Consider and make recommendations to the Council on proposals for capital expenditure
- (h) Make recommendations to the Council concerning fees and other monies payable to the University and
- (i) Perform such other duties as the Council may delegate to it.

12. The Chairman of the Council shall be Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

13. (i) The Council may appoint such Committees as it thinks fit, and may delegate to any such Committees any powers or function which it is itself competent to perform other than its power to make Statutes.

(ii) The Council may establish joint Committees of the Council and the Senate to which the Council may appoint members of the Council and Senate. The Council may delegate to any such joint Committees any powers or functions which it is itself competent to perform, other than the power to make Statutes.

(iii) The Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chancellor shall be ex-officio members of all Committees of the Council and all joint Committees of the Council and the Senate.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

THE SENATE

1. The Senate shall consist of the following persons:

- (i) (a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
- (b) The Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
- (c) All Deans of Faculties, Postgraduate School and Students Affairs;
- (d) All Professors;
- (e) The Directors of the various Institutes, Colleges and Centres;
- (f) The University Librarian;
- (g) Heads of the Academic Departments and;
- (h) Such lecturers, not being less than one tenth of the total

