

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA ACT CAP. U2 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Sponsored by Hon. Zaphaniah B. Jisalo

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The University of Abuja Act Cap. U2, Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap. U2, LFN,
2004

4 2. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub
5 section 4- Amendment of
Section 4

6 "(4) The Chairman of the Council shall possess at least a university
7 degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity, vibrancy and
8 must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman".

9 3. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 20A- Insertion of a
new Section 20A
10 "20A. Pre- Action Notice:

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

14 (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall
15 be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the
16 notice shall explicitly state the:

17 (a) cause of action;

18 (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;

- 1 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;
2 and
3 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.
- 4 (3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any
5 summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
6 University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-
7 Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-
8 Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the
9 University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other
10 legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria.
- Amendment of Section 10 11 4. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub
12 section "(2A)"-
13 "(2A) The University shall make Intellectual property governance
14 codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership of
15 intellectual property within the university".
- Amendment of Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule 16 5. Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
17 by substituting for the words, "after which he may not be elected again until
18 two years have elapsed", the words, "and no more".
- Citation 19 6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Abuja (Amendment)
20 Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University of Abuja Act Cap. U2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to specify the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and to provide for pre-action notice to the University authority.