

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS ACT CAP. U9 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. James Faleke

[. . .] Commencement

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

1 1. The University of Lagos Act Cap. U9 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. U9, LFN,
2004

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

8 3. Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new
9 sub section "(2A)"- Amendment of
Section 12

10 "(2A) The University shall make Intellectual Property Governance
11 Codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership
12 of intellectual property within the university."

13 4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "21A"- Insertion of a
new Section 21A
14 "21A. Pre-Action Notice:

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

18 (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall

1 be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice
2 shall explicitly state the:

- 3 (a) cause of action;
- 4 (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;
- 5 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;
- 6 and
- 7 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

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

Amendment of
Article 9 of the
Fourth Schedule

15 5. Article 9 of the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
16 by-

17 (a) substituting for the existing sub article (2), a new sub article "(2)"-

18 "(2) The Dean of a teaching unit shall be appointed by the Senate and
19 shall hold office for a term of two years after which he may be eligible for re-
20 appointment for another period of two years and no more."; and

21 (b) inserting a new sub article "(3A)"-

22 "(3A) Where there is no professor in a faculty, the office of the Dean
23 of the faculty shall be held in rotation by members of the faculty holding the
24 ranks of reader or senior lecturer on the basis of seniority as determined by the
25 Senate."

26 6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Lagos (Amendment)
27 Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University of Lagos Act Cap.U9 laws of the Federation of Nigeria by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority.

