

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA ACT CAP. U11, 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. Patrick Asadu

Commencement

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

1 **1. The University of Nigeria Act Cap. U11 Laws of the Federation**
2 **of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as**
3 **set out in this Bill.**

Amendment of
Cap. U11, 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 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new**
9 **sub section "(2A)"-**

Amendment of
Section 10

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 "19A"-**
14 **"19A. Pre-Action Notice:**

Insertion of a
new section 19A

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 8(1) of
the Third Schedule

15 5. Article 8(1) of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
16 by deleting the words, "after which he shall not be eligible for re-election until
17 four years have elapsed" in line 2 and 3, and inserting the words, "and no
18 more".

Citation

19 6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Nigeria (Amendment)
20 Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University of Nigeria Act Cap. U11 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 from an aggrieved staff or student.