

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause:

1. Amendment of Cap. F22, LFN, 2004
2. Amendment of section 7
3. Amendment of section 12
4. Insertion of a new section 22A
5. Amendment of Article 9 of the Second Schedule
5. Amendment of Article 10(2) of the Second Schedule
6. Citation

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT
CAP. F22 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. Muhammed Tahir Munguno

[] Commencement

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

1 1. The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act Cap. F22 Laws of
2 the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act")
3 is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
Cap. F22, LFN,
2004

4 2. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the
5 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 7

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

Amendment of
Section 12

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

13 4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "22A"-
14 "22A. Pre-Action Notice:

Insertion of a
new Section 22A

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.

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

4 (a) cause of action;

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

6 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;

7 and

8 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

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

Amendment of
Article 9 of the
Second Schedule

16 5. Article 9 of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended
17 by-

18 (a) deleting the words, "until two years have elapsed" in line 3; and

19 (b) inserting a new sub article "(2A)"-

20 "(2A) Where there is no professor in a faculty, the office of the Dean
21 of the faculty shall be held in rotation by members of the faculty holding the
22 ranks of reader or senior lecturer on the basis of seniority as determined by the
23 Appointments and Promotions Committee."

Amendment of
Article 10(2) of
the Second
Schedule

24 6. Article 10(2) of the Second Schedule to the Principal Act is
25 amended by deleting the words, "after which he shall not be entitled to re-
26 appointment until after two years" in lines 2 and 3, and inserting the words,
27 "and no more".

Citation

28 7. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Universities of Agriculture
29 (Amendment) Bill, 2017.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 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 from an aggrieved staff or student.

