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No.1

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Zaphaniah B. Jisalo

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED BY THE National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FCT
2 UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established the FCT University of Science
4 and Technology, Abaji (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

Establishment and
objects of FCT
University of
Science and
Technology, Abaji

5 (2) The university shall be a body corporate with perpetual
6 succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

7 (3) The objects of the university shall be:

8 (a) To encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all
9 person without distinction of race, creed, sex, religion, physical ability or
10 political conviction~ the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in
11 science and technology;

12 (b) To develop and offer academic and professional programmes
13 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduates research and
14 higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical,
15 maintenance, development and productive skills in the engineering,
16 scientific, agricultural, medical, and allied professional disciplines with the
17 aim of producing socially mature men and women with high moral standard
18 and capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology, but
19 also to improve on it and develop new ones;

20 (c) To act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training,

1 research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation
2 and conservation of the country's natural, economic and human resources;

3 (d) To offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the
4 results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these
5 results;

6 (e) To establish appropriate relationship with other national or private
7 institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies;

8 (f) To identify the technological problems and needs of the society
9 and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national
10 development;

11 (g) To provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a
12 foundation for the development of technology and applied sciences, taking into
13 account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

14 (h) To undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of
15 technology of the highest standard.

Composition of
the Council of
the University

16 2. The Council of the university shall consist of:

17 (a) The Pro-Chancellor;

18 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

19 (c) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

20 (d) One person from the ministry responsible for education;

21 (e) Nine persons representing a variety of interests and broadly
22 representative of the whole federation to be appointed by the president;

23 (f) Four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;

24 (g) Two persons appointed by congregation from among its members;

25 (h) One person appointed by convocation from among its members;

26 (i) Three persons representing Area Councils to be appointed by the
27 Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA).

Functions of the
Council and its
finance and
General purpose
Committee

28 3.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the visitor, the
29 Council shall be the governing body of this university and shall be charged with
30 the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of

1 the university.

2 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the
3 finance and general purposes committee, which shall subject to the
4 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure
5 of the university and perform such other functions of the Council as the
6 Council may from time to time delegate to it.

7 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the
8 constitution of the finance and general purposes committee.

9 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the university
10 are kept and that the accounts of the university are audited annually by an
11 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual
12 report is published by the university together with certified copies of the said
13 accounts as audited.

14 (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the finance
15 and general purposes committee may each make rules for the purpose of
16 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulation their own
17 procedure.

18 (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the finance
19 and general purposes committee shall not come into force unless approved
20 by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that
21 committee conflict with any directions given by the Council, whether before
22 or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the
23 Council shall prevail.

24 (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council.
25 The finance and general purposes committee and of any other committee set
26 up by the Council, allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable
27 expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the minister.

28 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the
29 performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three
30 times in every year.

1 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the
2 chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of
3 the Council.

4 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall
5 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so
6 specified shall be transacted at that meeting.

Functions of the
Senate

7 4.-(1) Subject to section 3 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of
8 this section and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the visitor, it shall be the
9 general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the
10 university, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to the
11 contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the
12 university.

13 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section
14 and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the
15 Senate to make provision for:

16 (a) The establishment, organization and control of campuses,
17 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
18 university and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of
19 learning;

20 (b) The organization and control of courses of study at the university
21 and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the
22 appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

23 (c) The award of degrees and such other qualifications as may be
24 prescribed, In connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

25 (d) The making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the
26 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of
27 professor emeritus;

28 (e) The establishment, organization and control of halls of residence
29 and similar institutions at the university;

30 (f) The supervision of the welfare of students at the university and the

1 regulation of their conduct and mode of dressing;

2 (g) The granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar
3 awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the university;

4 (h) Determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress
5 for the purposes of the university, and regulating the use of academic dress.

6 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school,
7 department, institute or other teaching and research units of the university,
8 or any hall of residence or similar institution at the university without the
9 approval of the Council.

10 (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make
11 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either
12 by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of
13 making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is
14 authorized or required by this Bill or by statute.

15 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the person
16 appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in
17 conjunction with any course of study at the university is not a teacher at the
18 university but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course
19 relates at some other university of high repute or a person engaged in
20 practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.

21 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
22 Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any
23 degree, diploma or other award of the university which has been conferred
24 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to university or obtaining that
25 award.

26 5.-(1) for carrying out the objects as specified in section 1 of this
27 Bill the university shall have power:

Powers of the
University

28 (a) To establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, extra-
29 mural departments and other teaching and research units within the
30 university as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable

1 subject to the approval of the National Universities commission;

2 (b) To institute professorships, readerships or associate
3 professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make
4 appointments thereto;

5 (c) To institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
6 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
7 assistance;

8 (d) To provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the
9 university;

10 (e) To hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates
11 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved
12 by the university and have satisfied such other requirements as the university
13 may lay down from time to time.

14 (f) To grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

15 (g) To demand and receive from any student or any other person
16 attending the university for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the
17 university may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives
18 and approval of the minister;

19 (h) Subject to section 9 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or
20 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever
21 situate;

22 (i) To accept gifts, legacies, and donations, but without obligation to
23 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and
24 conditions attaching thereto;

25 (j) To enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or
26 jointly with any other person and employ and act through agents;

27 (k) To erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,
28 lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and
29 other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the
30 objects of the university;

1 **(l) To hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing**
2 **and book selling;**

3 **(m) Subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to**
4 **invest any moneys appertaining to the university by way of endowment, not**
5 **being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or**
6 **securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time**
7 **to time, to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time**
8 **being not invested, with any bank on deposit or current account;**

9 **(n) To borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the**
10 **security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the**
11 **university, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its**
12 **discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan,**
13 **advances or credit facilities;**

14 **(o) To make gifts for any charitable purpose;**

15 **(p) To do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or**
16 **by statute to do;**

17 **(q) To do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the**
18 **foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the university.**

19 **(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and**
20 **without prejudice to section 4 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the**
21 **university by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of**
22 **the university by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which**
23 **may be authorized by the statute.**

24 **(4) The power of the university to establish further campuses and**
25 **colleges within the university shall be exercisable by statute and not**
26 **otherwise.**

27 **PART II - PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY**

28 **6.-(1) The university shall consist of:**

29 **(a) A chancellor;**

30 **(b) A Pro-Chancellor and a Council;**

Principal Officers
and Staff of the
University

1 (c) A Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

2 (d) A body to be called congregation;

3 (e) A body to be called convocation;

4 (f) The campuses and colleges of the university;

5 (g) The schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
6 university;

7 (h) The persons holding the offices constituted by the first schedule to
8 this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (o) to (c) of this subsection;

9 (i) All graduates and undergraduates of the university;

10 (j) All other persons who are members of the university in accordance
11 with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

12 (2) The first schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the
13 principal officers of the university therein mentioned.

14 *First Schedule*

15 (3) The first schedule to this Act provision shall be made by statute
16 with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, congregation and
17 convocation.

Functions of the
Chancellor and
Pro-chancellor

18 7-(1) The Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other members
19 of the university, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of
20 convocation held for conferring degrees.

21 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other
22 members of the university, except the chancellor and except the Vice-
23 Chancellor when acting as chairman of congregation or convocation and the
24 Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the
25 Council.

Functions of
Vice-Chancellor

26 8-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the university, take
27 precedence before all other members of the university except the chancellor
28 and, subject to section 4 of this Bill, except the Pro-Chancellor and any other
29 person for the time being acting as chairman of the Council.

Functions of
the Council

30 (2) Subject to sections 3, 4, and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor

1 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred
 2 on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the university
 3 and shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the university and
 4 ex-officio chairman of the Senate.

5 **9.-(1)** All property held by or on behalf of the Council of the
 6 university shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance,
 7 vest in the university and be held by it for the purpose of the university.

Transfer of
 property

8 **Second Schedule**

9 (2) The provisions of the second schedule to this act shall have
 10 effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by
 11 this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that schedule.

12 **PART III - POWER TO MAKE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

13 **10.-(1)** Subject to this act the university may make statutes for any
 14 of the following purposes, that is to say:

Power to make
 statute

15 (a) Making provision with respect to the composition and
 16 constitution of any authority of the university;

17 (b) Specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any
 18 authority of the university or any of its authorities;

19 (c) Regulating the admission of students [where no other
 20 enactment provides to the contrary] and their discipline mode of dressing
 21 and welfare;

22 (d) Determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an
 23 academic or a non-academic matter for the purposes of this act and of any
 24 statute, regulation or other instrument made there under;

25 (e) Making provision for any other matter for which provision by
 26 statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

27 (2) Subject to section 24 (6) of this Bill, the interpretation act shall
 28 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a
 29 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

30 (3) The university shall have powers to make statutes for matters

1 listed in the third schedules hereto.

2 *Third Schedule*

3 (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be
4 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any
5 matter in or from the statute contained in the third schedule to this act or any
6 subsequent statute:

7 (i) Mode of exercising power to make statutes:

8 The power of the university to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance
9 with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

10 (ii) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been
11 approved:

12 (a) At a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds
13 of the members present and voting;

14 (b) At a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two third
15 of the members present and voting.

16 (iii) A propose statute may originate either in the Senate or in the
17 Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by
18 either one of those bodies before the other;

19 (iv) A statute which:

20 (a) Makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of
21 the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the university;

22 (b) Provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
23 the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is
24 established shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
25 president.

26 (v) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute
27 shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the
28 Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which
29 it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the
30 Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection

1 (4) of this section, on the dated on which its approved by the president;

2 (vi) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:

3 (a) As to the meaning of any provision of a statute;

4 (b) As to whether any matter is for the purposes of this act an
5 academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the
6 matter may be referred to the visitor, who shall take such advise and make
7 such decision thereon as he shall think fit.

8 (vii) The decision of the visitor on any matter referred to him under
9 subsection (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and
10 students of the university, and where any question as to the meaning of any
11 provision of a statute has been decided by the visitor under that subsection,
12 no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any
13 court of law in Nigeria;

14 (viii) Nothing in subsection (7) of this section shall affect any
15 power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any
16 provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being
17 inconsistent with the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

18 11. A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a
19 copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it as certificate purporting to be
20 signed by the Vice-Chancellor of the secretary to the Council to the effect
21 that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the university.

Proof of statutes

22 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

23 12.-(1) The president shall be the visitor of each university.

The Visitor

24 (2) The visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not
25 being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the university or
26 direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the
27 visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the university.

28 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the
29 university to make available to the visitor, and to any other person
30 conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and

Removal of
certain members
of Council

1 assistance as he or they may reasonably required for the purposes of a
2 visitation.

3 **13.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council.**
4 **(other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed**
5 **from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of**
6 **his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that**
7 **effect through the Minister to the president, and if the president, after making**
8 **such enquires (if any) as he may consider appropriate, approves the**
9 **recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from**
10 **office.**

11 **(2) It shall be the duty of the minister to use his best endeavours to**
12 **cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of**
13 **this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to**
14 **whom it relates.**

Removal and
discipline of
academic,
administrative
and professional
staff

15 **14.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing**
16 **that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or**
17 **professional staff of the university, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be**
18 **removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of**
19 **inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council**
20 **shall.**

21 **(a) Give notice of those reasons to the person in question;**

22 **(b) Afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on**
23 **the matter to the Council,**

24 **(c) If he so requests or any three members of the Council so request**
25 **within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make**
26 **arrangements:**

27 **(i) For a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to investigate**
28 **the matter and to report on it to the Council,**

29 **(ii) For the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of**
30 **appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect**

1 to the matter, and if Council, after considering the report of the investigating
2 committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as
3 aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing
4 signed on the directions of the Council.

5 (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member
6 of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the
7 interest of the university, suspend such member and any such suspension
8 shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

9 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended
10 from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and
11 for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

12 (a) Conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
13 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
14 functions of his office;

15 (b) Any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
16 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
17 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

18 (c) Conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the
19 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
20 continue to hold his office;

21 (d) Conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
22 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
23 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service;

24 (e) Conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such
25 nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person
26 concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the university.

27 (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this
28 section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a
29 period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case
30 against that person and come to a decision as to: (a) Whether to continue

1 such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of
2 his emoluments to be paid to him);

3 (b) Whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall
4 restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

5 (c) Whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in
6 which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his
7 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension;

8 (d) Whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such
9 person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that
10 might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

11 (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to
12 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action
13 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three
14 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case
15 concerning any such person.

16 (6) It shall be the duty of the person whom an instrument of removal is
17 signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavours
18 to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable
19 on the person to whom it relates.

20 (7) Mothering in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:

21 (a) Apply to any directive given by the visitor in consequence of any
22 visitation;

23 (b) Prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of
24 other categories of workers of the university as may be prescribed.

Removal of
examiners

25 15.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the
26 Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as a examine for any examination of
27 the university ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except
28 in such cases as may be prescribed, he Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the
29 examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to
30 the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an

1 instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

2 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of
3 section 4 (5) of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation
4 of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the
5 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

6 (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an
7 instrument of removal in pursuance of this section, to use his best
8 endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as
9 reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

10 **16.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to
11 the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the university has been guilty of
12 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other
13 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct:

Discipline of
student

14 (a) That the student shall not, during such period as may be
15 specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the university, or
16 make use of such facilities of the university, as may be so specified;

17 (b) That the activities of the student shall, during such period as
18 may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so
19 specified;

20 (c) That the student be rusticated for such period as may be
21 specified in the direction; or (d) That the student be expelled from the
22 university.

23 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this
24 section in respect any student, that student may, within the prescribed
25 period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such
26 an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after using such inquiry to be made in
27 the matter as the Council considers just, either concern or set aside the
28 direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

29 (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance
30 of subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction

1 while the appeal is pending.

2 (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section
3 to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the university as he may
4 nominate.

5 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the
6 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the university otherwise
7 than on the ground of misconduct.

8 (6) A direction under subsection (1)(a) of this section may be
9 combined with a direction under subsection (1)(b) of this section

10 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Exclusion of
discrimination
of race, religion,
etc.

11 17.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of
12 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place
13 of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of
14 becoming or continuing to be a student at the university, the holder of any
15 degree of the university or of any appointment or employment at the university,
16 or a member of any body established by virtue of this Act; and no person shall
17 be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the
18 university, by reference to any of those matters.

19 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as
20 preventing the university from imposing any disability or restriction on any of
21 the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person willfully refuses,
22 or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty, having regard to its
23 nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the
24 university reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

Restriction on
disposal of land
by University

25 18. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Used Act, a
26 university shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land
27 (including any land transferred to the university by this Act) except with the
28 prior written consent, either general or special, or the President:

29 Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or
30 tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy

1 to a member of the university for residential purpose.

2 19. Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by
3 regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established
4 by this Act shall be as determined by that body.

Quorum and
procedure of
bodies established
by this Act

5 20.-(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without
6 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint
7 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body,
8 and to authorize a committee established by:

Appointment of
committee, etc.

9 (a) To exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may
10 determine;

11 (b) To co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted
12 members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

13 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of
14 joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees
15 consisting of members of those bodies for the purpose of considering any
16 matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of
17 dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

18 (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by
19 regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or
20 meeting held in pursuance of this section, shall such as may be determined
21 by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold
22 the meeting.

23 (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this
24 section shall be construed as:

25 (a) Enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance
26 with section II of this Act;

27 (b) Enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make
28 regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.

29 (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members
30 of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the

1 Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the
2 officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every
3 committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate

Retiring of
academic staff

4 21.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the pensions Act,
5 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of the university shall be 70
6 years.

7 (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service
8 after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of the university

Special provisions
relating to pension
of professors

9 22. A person who retires as a professor having served:

10 (a) A minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the university
11 or continuously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age;

12 (b) Who during the period of service was absent from the university
13 only on approved national or university assignments, shall be entitled to
14 pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances as the
15 Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for pension and
16 gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be
17 entitled.

Miscellaneous
administrative
provisions

18 23.-(1) The seal of each university shall be such as may be determined
19 by the Council and approved by the chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall
20 be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor,
21 secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by statute.

22 (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
23 seal of the university shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
24 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

25 (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a
26 person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may
27 be made or executed on behalf of the university by any person generally or
28 specially authorized to do so by the Council.

29 (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in
30 pursuance of this Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of

1 the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by
2 reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

3 (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in
4 any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclosed
5 his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that
6 matter.

7 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the interpretation Act (which provides
8 for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental
9 provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulation and statutes made in
10 pursuance of this Act

11 (7) The power conferred by this Act on any body to make statutes or
12 regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the
13 statute contained in the third schedule of this Act) or any regulation by
14 statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and
15 regulations may make different provisions in relation to different
16 circumstances.

17 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any
18 transfer of property to the university by virtue of this Act may, without
19 prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.

20 24.-(1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

21 "Campus" means any campus which may be established by the university;

22 "College" means any college which may be established by the university;

23 "Council" means the Council established pursuant to section 2(1) (b) of this
24 Bill for the university;

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

27 "Minister" means the minister charged with responsibility for matters
28 relating to higher education;

29 "Notice" means notice in writing;

30 "Officer" does not include the visitor;

- 1 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;
- 2 "Professor" means a person designed as a professor of the university in
3 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations;
- 4 "Property" including rights, liabilities and obligations;
- 5 "Provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the
6 university by the president with effect from 1 August, 1980;
- 7 "Regulations" means the regulations made by the Senate or the Council;
- 8 "Senate" means the Senate of the university established pursuant to this Bill;
- 9 "School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;
- 10 "Statute" means a statute made by the university under section 10 of this Bill
11 and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Bill, and "the
12 statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;
- 13 "Teacher" means person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the
14 teaching or research staff of each university;
- 15 "Undergraduate" means a person in statute pupillari at the university other
16 than:
- 17 (a) A graduate;
- 18 (b) A person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose
19 of the definition. "University" means the Federal Capital University of Science
20 and technology established under section I of this Bill.
- 21 (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is
22 laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made
23 by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it
24 shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals
25 or recommendations, received by it in pursuance of that provision to the
26 appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit,
27 forward therewith its own comments thereon.
- 28 **25.** This Bill may be cited as the FCT University of Science and
29 Technology, Abaji, Bill, 2015.

1 SCHEDULES

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Section 6 (2)*

4 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5 *The chancellor*

6 1. The chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the
7 pleasure of the president. The Pro-Chancellor

8 2.-(1) the Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from
9 office by the president.

10 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall
11 hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his
12 appointment.

13 *The Vice-Chancellor*

14 3.-(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the university who shall
15 be appointed by the president in accordance with the provisions of this
16 paragraph. .

17 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the
18 Council shall:

19 (a) Advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read
20 newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:

21 (i) The qualifies of the person who may apply for the post;

22 (ii) The terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and
23 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for
24 consideration;

25 (b) Constitute a search term consisting of:

26 (i) A member of the Council, who is not a member of the senate, as
27 chairman;

28 (ii) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the
29 Council, one of whom shall be a professor;

30 (iii) Two members of congregation who are not members of the

1 Council, one of whom shall be a professor;
2 To identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely
3 to apply for the post of their own volition because they feel that it is not proper
4 to do so.

5 (3) A joint Council and Senate selection board consisting of:

6 (a) The Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

7 (b) Two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

8 (c) Two members of the Senate who are professors. But who were not
9 members of the search team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the
10 short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an
11 examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and
12 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

13 (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the
14 candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and
15 may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward
16 the names to the President.

17 (5) The president may appoint as Vice-Chancellor anyone of the
18 candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of
19 subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

20 (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five
21 years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
22 appointment.

23 (7) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the visitor
24 after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the
25 minister of Education.

26 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

27 4.-(1) There shall be for the university such number of Deputy Vice-
28 Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the
29 proper administration of the university.

30 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor,

1 the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates fro
2 each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.

3 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from
4 each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and
5 forward his name to the Council for confirmation.

6 (4) A deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

7 (a) Assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;

8 (b) Act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the
9 Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent
10 or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor;

11 (c) Perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the
12 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

13 (5) A deputy Vice-Chancellor:

14 (a) Shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the
15 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may
16 be specified in his letter of appointment;

17 (b) May be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no
18 more.

19 5.-(1) There shall be for each university, a Registrar, who shall be
20 the chief administrative officer of the university and shall be responsible to
21 the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the
22 university except as regards matters for which the bursar is responsible in
23 accordance with paragraph 6 (2) of this schedule.

24 (2) The person holding the office of the registrar shall by virtue of
25 that office be secretary to the Council, the Senate, congregation and
26 convocation.

27 *Other principal Officers of the university*

28 6.-(1). There shall be for the university the following principal
29 officers, in addition to the registrar, that is:

30 (a) The bursar

1 (b) The university librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on
2 the recommendation of the selection Board constituted under paragraph 8 of
3 this schedule. (2) the bursar shall be the chief financial officer of each
4 university and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day
5 administration and control of the financial affairs of the university.

6 (3) The university librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-
7 Chancellor for the administration of the university library and the co-
8 ordination of the library services in the university and its campuses, colleges,
9 faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.

10 (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid
11 officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

12 Selection Board for other principal officers

13 7.-(1) There shall be, for each university, a selection board for the
14 appointment of principal officers, other than Vice-Chancellor or deputy Vice-
15 Chancellor, which shall consist of:

16 (a) The Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

17 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

18 (c) Four members of the Council not being members of the Senate;

19 (d) Two members of the Senate.

20 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
21 selection board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as
22 the Council may, from time to time determine.

23 (3) The registrar, bursar and librarian shall hold office for such period
24 and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as may be
25 specified in their letters of appointment.

Resignation and
re-appointment

26 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
27 schedule may resign his office:

28 (a) In the case of the chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the
29 president;

30 (b) In any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in

1 the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the minister.

2 (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of the schedule, a person who
3 has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for
4 misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

5 SECOND SCHEDULE

6 *Section 9 (2)*

7 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

8 *Transfer of property to the university.*

9 1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9(1) of this Bill:

10 (a) The reference in that subsection to property held by the
11 provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give
12 a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted
13 or promised to the provisional Council;

14 (b) All debts and liabilities of the provisional Council outstanding
15 shall become debts or liabilities to the university.

16 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to
17 which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and
18 subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the university had
19 been a party thereto in place of the provisional Council.

20 (2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1) of this
21 paragraph, including enactments, which refer, whether specially or
22 generally, to the provisional Council, shall be construed in accordance with
23 that sub-paragraph.

24 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending
25 by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the
26 university.

27 *Registration of transfers*

28 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred
29 by this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of
30 the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or

1 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
2 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply,
3 with the necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

4 (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this
5 Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of
6 the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

7 Transfer of functions, etc

8 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor
9 on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

10 (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall be deemed
11 to constitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up under the
12 third schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.

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

15 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the university as established or
16 was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall become the holder of
17 an appointment at the university with the status, designation and functions
18 which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as
19 member of that staff or as such an employee.

20 THIRD SCHEDULE

21 *Section 10 (3)*

22 FCT UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI STATUTE No.1

23 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

24 *Articles:*

25 1. The Council

26 2. The finance and general purposes committee

27 3. The Senate

28 4. Congregation

29 5. Convocation

30 6. Division of schools

- 1 7. School boards
- 2 8. Dean of the school
- 3 9. Selection of certain principal officers
- 4 10. Creation of academic post
- 5 11. Appointment of academic staff
- 6 12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff
- 7 13. Interpretation
- 8 14. Short title

The Council

10 1.-(1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in
11 section 5 of this Bill.

12 (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
13 pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the
14 Council, resign his office.

15 (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
16 pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he
17 previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of
18 four years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year in which he was
19 appointed.

20 (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than
21 in pursuance of section 2 (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before
22 the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was
23 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term
24 of this predecessor.

25 (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council
26 otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-
27 appointment for only one further period of four years.

28 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom
29 shall be a member appointed pursuant to section 2(d) or (e) of this Bill.

30 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,

1 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may
2 appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and
3 subject to section 7 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph,
4 the Council may regulate its own meeting.

5 (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any
6 particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and
7 the person co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any
8 meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

9 *The finance and general purposes committee*

10 2.-(1) The finance and general purposes committee of the Council
11 shall consist of:

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

14 (b) The Vice-Chancellor and deputy Vice-Chancellors;

15 (c) Six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of
16 whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council
17 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
18 congregation;

19 (d) The permanent secretary of the Federal Minister of Education, or
20 in his absence, such member of his ministry as he may designate to represent
21 him;

22 (e) The permanent secretary of the Federal Ministry of Science and
23 Technology or, in his absence, such member of his ministry as he may
24 designate to represent him;

25 (f) A representative of the Federal Capital Territory Administration.

26 (2) The quorum of the committee shall be five.

27 (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee may
28 regulate its own procedure.

29 *The Senate*

30 3.-(1) The Senate shall consist of:

- 1 (a) The Vice-Chancellor and deputy Vice-Chancellor;
2 (b) The deans of the several schools;
3 (c) The directors of the several institutes;
4 (d) The professors;
5 (e) The provosts of the several colleges;
6 (f) The librarian;
7 (g) The persons for the time being holding such appointment on the
8 staff of the university as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor;
9 (h) Such teachers, not being more than one third of the total number
10 of non-elected members, elected by congregation and at least one of whom
11 shall come from each school; (i) Two members representing a variety of
12 interest of the professional bodies, outside the university appointed by the
13 Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 14 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the
15 Senate when he is present; and in his absence any of the deputy Vice-
16 Chancellor present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting
17 shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- 18 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest
19 whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2) of this
20 article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- 21 (4) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his
22 office.
- 23 (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, there shall be elections
24 for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed
25 manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-
26 Chancellor may from time to time determine.
- 27 (6) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years
28 beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at
29 any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in
30 which his period of the office.

1 prescribed qualifications as the board may determine;

2 (e) Such persons, whether or not members of the university, as the
3 board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

4 (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter,
5 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and
6 subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by
7 regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

8 *Dean of the school*

9 8.-(1) The board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of
10 any academic year in which the term of office of the dean expires, nominate one
11 of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for
12 appointment by the Senate as dean of the school

13 (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as
14 dean of the school and chairman at all meetings of the school board when he is
15 present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by
16 the school.

17 (3) The dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-
18 appointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be
19 eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed

20 (4) The Dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over
21 the academic and administration affairs of the school.

22 (5) It shall be the function of the dean to present to convocation for the
23 conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the
24 university at examinations held in the branches of learning for which
25 responsibility is allocated to that school.

26 (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the committee of deans
27 consisting of all the deans of the several schools and that committee shall
28 advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters
29 referred to the university by the Senate.

30 (7) The dean of school may be removed from office for good cause by

1 the school board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the
2 board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a
3 dean, an acting dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor; provided
4 that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a new dean.

5 (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section
6 14(3) of the Bill.

7 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of works,
8 a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:

9 (a) The Pro-Chancellor;

10 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

11 (c) Two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
12 the Senate; and

13 (d) Two members appointed by the Senate

14 (2) The selection board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,
15 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
16 office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council
17 may confirm an appointment to that office. Creation of academic posts

18 10. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other
19 than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through
20 the finance and general purposes committee.

21 *Appointment of academic staff*

22 11.-(1) Subject to the bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in
23 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of
24 the Senate.

25 (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection
26 boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set
27 up.

28 (3) For appointments to professorship, associate professorship or
29 readerships or equipment posts, a board of selection with power to appoint,
30 shall consist of:

- 1 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;
- 2 (b) Two members appointed by the Council
- 3 (c) Four members appointed by the Senate; at least two of whom shall
- 4 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional
- 5 peers in the professional area in, which an appointment is to be considered;
- 6 (d) If the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college
- 7 (e) If the post is within a school, other teaching unit in the university
- 8 the dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the
- 9 case may be; and
- 10 (f) Such other person, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable
- 11 of helping the board in assessing both professional and academic suitability of
- 12 a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
- 13 (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to
- 14 appoint, shall consist of:
- 15 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;
- 16 (b) Four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall
- 17 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional
- 18 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
- 19 (c) If the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college;
- 20 (d) If the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the
- 21 university the dean of the school of the teaching unit or the director of the
- 22 institute, as the case may be; and
- 23 (e) Such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable
- 24 of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability
- 25 of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time
- 26 appoint.
- 27 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same
- 28 way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts
- 29 other than that of the librarian, the librarian shall be a member of the selection
- 30 board.

1 (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or
2 consider the reports of specialists interviewing panels and shall in addition,
3 in the case of professorships, associate professorships, readerships or
4 equivalent posts, consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the
5 area in which the appointment is being considered.

6 *Appointment of administrative and professional staff*

7 **12.** -(1) The administrative and professional staff of the university
8 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Councilor on its
9 behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the registrar in accordance with delegation
10 of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

11 (2) In the case of administrative or professional staff who have
12 close and important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate
13 participation in the process of selection.

14 *Interpretation*

15 **13.** In this statute, the expression "the Bill" means the FCT
16 University of Science and Technology, Abaji Bill and any word or
17 expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this statute.

18 *Citation*

19 **14.** This statute may be cited as the FCT University of Science and
20 Technology Abaji Statute No.1

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory University of Science and Technology to develop and offer academic and professional training particularly in the field of sciences and to act as a catalyst for the technological advancement of the Country.