

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) GBOKO TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PROVOST AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE TO CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon John Dyegh

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 1.-(1) There is established the Federal College of Education Establishment
- 2 Gboko, in Benue State (Herein after referred to as “the College”. of Federal College
- 3 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual of Education
- 4 succession and common seeds and shall take power to acquire and dispose Technical, Gboko
- 5 of interest in movable and immovable properties.
- 6 (3) The College may sue and be used in its corporate name.
- 7 2.-(1) The governance and direction of the college affairs shall rest Governing
- 8 in the governing council of the college (in the Bill required to as “the Council of the
- 9 council”). College
- 10 (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and
- 11 approve:
- 12 (a) The Programme of studies to be undertaken in the college;
- 13 (b) The annual estimates of the college; and
- 14 (c) The investment plan of the college.
- 15 (3) The provision of the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with
- 16 respect to the council to as mentioned herewith.

Membership of the Council in the College	1	3. -(1) The council of the college shall consider of:
	2	(a) A chairman and other Members to be appointed by the President;
	3	(b) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;
	4	(c) A representative of the University of which the College is
	5	affiliated to for the purpose of moderation;
	6	(d) Two representatives of the academic board of the College;
	7	(e) A representative of the National Commission for the College of
	8	education; and
	9	(f) The Provost of the College.
Tenure of Membership of the Council	10	4. -(1) A member of the council (other than the ex-official members)
	11	shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of sub-
	12	section (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further
	13	period of four years and also move.
	14	(2) the office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall
	15	become vacant of:
	16	(a) the member resigns in office by notice of writing under his hand
	17	addressed to the Minister; or
	18	(b) The Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the college
	19	for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies he member in writing
	20	to that effect.
Functions of the College	21	5. The functions of the college shall be:
	22	(a) To provide full-time courses in teaching instruction and training:
	23	(i) In technology, applied sciences, and social sciences; and
	24	(ii) In such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of
	25	development of Nigeria;
	26	(b) To conduct courses in Technical Education for qualified teachers;
	27	(c) To arrange conference, seminars and workshops relative to
	28	functions of the college; and
	29	(d) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council
	30	may serve to promote the objective of the college.

- 1 **6.** The council of the college shall have power to: Power of the
Council
- 2 (a) Hold examinations and grant NCE, Diplomas, Professional
- 3 Certificates and other distinction to persons, who have pursued of study
- 4 approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of
- 5 Education;
- 6 (b) Hold examinations in Education for qualified teachers;
- 7 (c) Recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;
- 8 (d) Demand and receive from any student or any other person
- 9 attending the college for the purpose of construction such fees as the council
- 10 may with prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
- 11 (e) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
- 12 bookselling;
- 13 (f) Award fellowship, medals, prizes and other titles;
- 14 (g) Establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
- 15 with the college or extra moral departments as the council may from time to
- 16 time determine;
- 17 (h) Erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational
- 18 recreational and residential facilities as the college may require;
- 19 (i) Create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to
- 20 make appointment thereof;
- 21 (j) Receive and make gifts;
- 22 (k) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for
- 23 carrying into effects the objections of the college;
- 24 (l) Provide amenities fro and make such other provisions for the
- 25 welfare of the staff and students of the college;
- 26 (m) Encourage and make provision for research in the college;
- 27 (n) Do such act and things whether or not incidental to the
- 28 foregoing power as may advance the objects of the college.
- 29 **7.-(1)** The minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of Visitation
- 30 the college.

	1	(2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five year, conduct a
	2	visitation to the college or appoint a visitation panel consist of not less than five
	3	experts to conduct the visitation:
	4	(a) For the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
	5	performance of the college; or
	6	(b) For such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit.
The Academic Board and its functions	7	8. -(1) There shall be established for the college a board to be known as
	8	the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:
	9	(a) The provost of the college as the Chairman;
	10	(b) All heads of departments;
	11	(c) The college bursar;
	12	(d) The college Librarian; and
	13	(e) Not more than three members of Academic staff other than the
	14	heads of departments to be appointed by the council.
	15	(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
	16	(a) The direction and management of academic matters of the college
	17	including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates,
	18	scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;
	19	(b) Discharge any other functions which the council may from time to
	20	time delegate to it.
Power of the Minister	21	9. The Minister may give to the council directions of the general
	22	character of relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by the
	23	council of it functions and it shall be the duty of the council t comply with such
	24	directions.
The Provost of the College	25	10. -(1) There shall be a Provost for the college (herewith referred to as
	26	“the Provost”) who shall be appointed by the president on the recommendation
	27	of the minister.
	28	(2) where a vacancy occurs in the post of the provost, the council
	29	shall:
	30	(a) Advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read newspaper in

1 Nigeria specifying:

2 (i) The qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

3 (ii) The terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and
4 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the
5 minister.

6 (3) The President shall appoint as provost one of the candidates
7 recommended by the Minister.

8 (4) Subject to the general control of the council the provost shall be
9 the chief executive of the college and shall be charged with general
10 responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and
11 operations of the college.

12 (5) The provost shall hold office for a period of five years only and
13 on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
14 appointment.

15 **11.**-(1) There shall be for the college two deputy Provosts namely: Deputy Provost
16 Deputy Provost (Academics) and the Deputy Provost (Administration).

17 (2) The council shall appoint the deputy provosts from among the
18 chief lecturers in the college in any of the following ways, that is:

19 (a) From a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted
20 by the provost;

21 (b) On the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for
22 their purpose; or

23 (c) on the nomination of the provost.

24 (3) The selection Board referred- Subsection 2(b) of this section
25 shall:

26 (a) Consist of:

27 (i) The chairman of the council;

28 (ii) The Provost of the college;

29 (iii) Two members of the Academic Board; and

30 (iv) Two members of the council not being members of the

1 Academic Board.

2 (4)(a) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall:

3 (i) Assist the provost in the performance of his function in academic
4 matters of the college;

5 (ii) Act as the provost when the post of the provost is vacant or if the
6 provost is for any reason, absent or unable to perform his function.

7 (b) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall:

8 (i) Assist the provost in administrative matters of the college; and

9 (ii) Perform such other functions as the provost or the council may
10 from time to time assign him.

11 (5) Each of the deputy provosts shall hold office for a period of two
12 years no more.

The Registrar
and other Staff
of the College

13 **12.**-(1) There shall be a registrar for the college to be the Registrar and
14 appointed by the council.

15 (2) The registrar shall keep records and conduct the correspondence
16 of the council.

17 (3) The registrar shall be the secretary to:

18 (a) The Council;

19 (b) The Academic Board; and

20 (c) Any Committee of the Council.

21 (4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by
22 the Council or the Provost.

23 (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no
24 more

Other Principal
Officers of the
College

25 **13.**-(1) There shall be for the college in addition to the registrar:

26 (a) The Bursar; and

27 (b) The College Librarian.

28 Who shall be appointed by the council.

29 (2) The bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the college and be
30 responsible to the provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the

1 financial affairs of the college.

2 (3) The college Librarian shall be responsible to the provost for the
3 administration of the college library and the coordination of the library
4 services in the teaching units of the college.

5 (4) The Bursar and the college Librarian shall each hold office for a
6 period of five years and no more.

7 **14.** A principal officer of the college may resign his appointment:

Resignation of
appointment of
principal officer

8 (a) In case of the provost by notice to the visitor for; and

9 (b) In any other case by advise to the council.

10 **15.**-(1) The council may appoint other persons to be employees of
11 the college as the council may deem to assist the Provost and the Principal
12 officers in the performance of their function

Other Employees
of the College

13 (2) The remuneration tenure of office and condition of service of
14 the employee of the college shall be determined by the council-consultation
15 with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

16 **16.** Service in the college shall be approved service for the purpose
17 of the pension's reform and accordingly, officers and other persons
18 employed in the college shall be entitled to pension's gratuity and other
19 retirement benefit as may be prescribed in their respective letters of
20 appointment.

Pensions

21 **17.**-(1) There shall be a Selection Board for:

Selection Board
for other Principal
Officers

22 The college which consist of:

23 (a) The Chairman of the Council;

24 (b) The Provost;

25 (c) Four members of the council not being members of the
26 Academics Board; and

27 (d) Two members of Academic Board.

28 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
29 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be
30 determined from time to time by the council.

Fund of the College	1	18. -(1) The College shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be
	2	applied towards the promotion of the objection of this Bill.
	3	(2) There shall be paid and credited to fund established under
	4	subsection (1) of this section:
	5	(a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal
	6	Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;
	7	(b) All monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants in aid or
	8	test monetary disposition; and
	9	(c) All subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the
	10	council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any source.
	11	(3) The council shall submit to the minister, through the National
	12	Commission for Colleges of Education not later than three months before the
	13	end of each financial year or at such other times as he may direct an estimate of
	14	its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.
Power to accept gifts	15	19. -(1) The College may accept gifts of loan, money or of other
	16	property upon such terms and conditions, of any as may be specified by the
	17	person making the gifts.
	18	(2) The college shall not any gift of the conditions attached to the gifts
	19	are inconsistent with the functions of the college.
Account and Audit	20	20. The college shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments,
	21	assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cease the account to be
	22	audited.
Annual Reports	23	21. The council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each
	24	financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report of its activities during
	25	the immediate proceeding financial year and shall include in the report a copy
	26	of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's report of
	27	the accounts.
Interpretation	28	22. In this Bill:
	29	"Chairman" means the chairman of the council;
	30	"College" means Federal College of Education (Technical) Gboko established

