

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES,  
EFFURUN, BILL, 2016

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# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES, EFFURUN AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO 2016

*Sponsored by Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro*

[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows-

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL  
2 UNIVERSITY PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Commencement

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Federal University of  
4 Petroleum Resources, Effurun.

Establishment and objectives of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources

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 (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
8 persons with out distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the  
9 opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology;

10 (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes  
11 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and  
12 higher degrees with emphasise on planning, adaptive, technical,  
13 maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering,  
14 scientific, and allied professional disciplines relating to Petroleum  
15 resources with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with  
16 capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology in  
17 petroleum industry, but also to improve on it and develop new ones;

18 (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training,  
19 research and innovation for the effective and economic utilisation,  
20 exploitation and conservation of the country's petroleum resources;

1 (d) to offer to the general population particularly the petroleum  
2 industry, as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to  
3 foster the practical applications of these results;

4 (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national  
5 institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in  
6 petroleum sector;

7 (f) to identify the technological problems and needs of the petroleum  
8 industry and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national  
9 development;

10 (g) to consider specially, the host community or communities and  
11 State as catchment areas in the conduct of its research and activities especially  
12 in the admission of students to all classes of degrees;

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

16 (i) to undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of  
17 petroleum resources, of the highest standard; and

18 (j) to create, develop and implement a programme for the  
19 development of the local community to enable the indigenes learn, participate  
20 and build capacity in every aspect of the University life to allow for local  
21 content in competence to manage and administrate the University in the future.

Constitution and  
Principal Officers  
of the University

22 2.-(1) the University shall consist of-

23 (a) a Chancellor;

24 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

25 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

26 (d) a body to be called Congregation;

27 (e) a body to be called Convocation;

28 (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;

29 (g) the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the

30 University;

1 (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule  
2 to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this  
3 subsection; (i) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and (j) all  
4 other persons who are members of the university in accordance with  
5 provisions made by statute in that behalf.

6 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to  
7 the principal officers of each University therein mentioned.

8 (3) Subject to section 5 of this Act provision shall be made by  
9 statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate,  
10 Congregation and Convocation.

11 3.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of  
12 this Act, the University shall have power-

Powers of the  
University and  
its exercise

13 (a) to establish such campuses, institutes, schools, extra-mural  
14 departments and other teaching and research units within the University as  
15 may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the  
16 approval of National Universities Commission;

17 (b) to institute professorships, readerships or associate  
18 professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make  
19 appointments thereto;

20 (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,  
21 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of  
22 assistance;

23 (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the  
24 University;

25 (e) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates  
26 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study  
27 approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the  
28 University may lay down;

29 (f) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

30 (g) to demand and receive from any student or any other person

1 attending the University for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the  
2 University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of  
3 the Minister;

4 (h) subject to section 19 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or  
5 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever  
6 situate;

7 (i) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
8 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and  
9 conditions attaching thereto;

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

12 (k) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,  
13 lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and  
14 other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the  
15 objects of the University;

16 (l) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and  
17 book selling;

18 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to  
19 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not  
20 being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments, not  
21 being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or  
22 securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to  
23 time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not  
24 invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

25 (n) to borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the  
26 security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University,  
27 such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it  
28 necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit  
29 facilities;

30 (o) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

1 (p) to do anything which it is authorised or required by this Act or  
2 by statute to do; and

3 (q) to do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the  
4 foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

5 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and  
6 without prejudice to section 7(2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the  
7 University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of  
8 the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manner  
9 which may be authorised by the statute.

10 (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and  
11 colleges shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise.

12 4.-(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
13 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is  
14 present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring  
15 degrees.

Functions of the  
Chancellor and  
Pro-Chancellor

16 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
17 precedence before all other members of the University, except the  
18 Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of  
19 Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is  
20 present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council.

21 5.-(1) The Council of the University shall consist of-

Composition of  
the Council of the  
University

22 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

23 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

24 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

25 (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for education;

26 (e) one person each representing the Oil and Gas producing States  
27 to be appointed by the President;

28 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;

29 (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its  
30 members;

Functions of the  
Council and its  
Finance and  
General Purpose  
Committee

1 (h) one person appointed by convocation from among its members;

2 (i) two persons representing the community appointed the president.

3 6.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the  
4 Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with  
5 the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of  
6 the University.

7 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the  
8 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the  
9 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of  
10 the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council  
11 may from time to time delegate to it.

12 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution  
13 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

14 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University  
15 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an  
16 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual  
17 report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said  
18 accounts as audited.

19 (5) Subject to this Act and the statutes, the Council and the Finance  
20 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of  
21 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own  
22 procedure.

23 (6) Rules made under sub-section (5) of this section by the Finance  
24 and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by  
25 the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that  
26 Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or  
27 after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council  
28 shall prevail.

29 (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the  
30 Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up



1 by the Council, allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable  
2 expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

3 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the  
4 performance of its functions under this Act and shall meet at least three times  
5 in every year.

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

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

12 7.-(1) Subject to section 6 of this Act and sub-section (3) and (4) of  
13 this section and the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be the  
14 general function of the Senate to organise and control the teaching by the  
15 University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to  
16 the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the  
17 University.

Functions of the  
Senate

18 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) of this  
19 section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function  
20 of the Senate to make provision for-

21 (a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses,  
22 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the  
23 University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of  
24 learning;

25 (b) the organisation and control of courses of study at the  
26 University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses,  
27 including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

28 (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be  
29 prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

30 (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to

1 the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the  
2 title of professor emeritus;

3 (e) the establishment, organisation and control of halls or residence  
4 and similar institutions at the University;

5 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the university and the  
6 regulation of their conduct;

7 (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar  
8 awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and

9 (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for  
10 the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

11 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school,  
12 department, institute or other teaching and research units of the university, or  
13 any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the  
14 approval of the Council.

15 (4) Subject to this Act and the statutes, the Senate may make  
16 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by  
17 the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of  
18 making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is  
19 authorised or required by this Act or by statute.

20 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed  
21 as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction  
22 with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the university but is  
23 a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other  
24 university of high repute or a person engaged in practising the profession in a  
25 reputable organisation or institution.

26 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the  
27 Senate under this sub-section, the Senate may deprive any person of any  
28 degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred  
29 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable

1 or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining  
2 that award.

3 8.-(1) The Vice-chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
4 precedence before all other members of the University except the  
5 Chancellor and subject to section 4 of this Act except the Pro-Chancellor and  
6 any other person for the time being acting as chairman of the Council.

Functions of the  
Vice-Chancellor

7 (2) Subject to sections 6, 7 and 14 of this Act, the Vice-chancellor  
8 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred  
9 on him by this Act or otherwise of directing the activities of the University  
10 and shall be the chief executive and accounting officer of the University and  
11 ex-officio chairman of the Senate.

12 PART II - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC, TO THE UNIVERSITY

13 9. -(1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional council  
14 of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further  
15 assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the  
16 University.

Transfer of  
Property

17 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
18 effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by  
19 this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

20 PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

21 *[Second Schedule]*

22 10.-(1) Subject to this Act, the University may make statutes for any  
23 of the following purposes, that is to say-

24 (a) Making provision with respect to the composition and  
25 constitution of any authority of the University;

26 (b) Specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any  
27 authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with  
28 the University or any of its authorities;

29 (c) Regulating the admission of students (where no other  
30 enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;

Statutes of  
the University

1 (d) Determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an  
2 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any  
3 statute, regulation or other instrument made there under; or

4 (e) Making provision for any other matter for which provision by  
5 statute is authorised or required by this Act.

6 (2) Subject to section 26 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall  
7 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a  
8 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

9 (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act shall be  
10 deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Act and shall be  
11 deemed to have been made under this section by each University.

12 *[Third Schedule]*

13 (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be  
14 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any  
15 matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any  
16 subsequent statute.

Mode of exercising  
power to make  
statutes

17 11.-(1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be  
18 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

19 (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been  
20 approved-

21 (a) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds  
22 of the members present and voting; and

23 (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds  
24 of the members present and voting.

25 (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the  
26 Council and may be approved as required by sub-section (2) of this section by  
27 either one of those bodies or the other.

28 (4) A statute which-

29 (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the  
30 Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

1 (b) provides for the establishment of li new campus or college or  
2 for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college  
3 is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by  
4 the President.

5 (5) For the purpose of section 2(2) of the Interpretation Act, a  
6 statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly  
7 approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or  
8 on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly  
9 approved by the Council, as the ease may be or, in the case of a statute falling  
10 within sub-section (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by  
11 the President.

12 (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time-

13 (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

14 (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Act an  
15 academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the  
16 matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice  
17 and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.

18 (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under  
19 sub-section (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and  
20 students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any  
21 provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-section,  
22 no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any  
23 court of law in Nigeria.

24 (8) Nothing in sub-section (7) of this section shall affect any power  
25 of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a  
26 statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent  
27 with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended).

28 **12.** A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a  
29 copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be  
30 signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the secretary to the Council to the effect

1 that the copy is a true copy of a statue of the University.

2 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

The Visitor

3 13.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

4 (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not  
5 being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or  
6 direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the  
7 Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

8 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the  
9 University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person conducting  
10 a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or  
11 they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.

Removal of  
certain members  
of Council

12 14.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other  
13 than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from  
14 office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his  
15 office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect  
16 through the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such  
17 enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate approve the  
18 recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from  
19 office.

20 (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to  
21 cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of  
22 this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to  
23 whom it relates.

Removal and  
discipline of  
academic,  
administrative  
and professional  
staff

24 15.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing  
25 that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or  
26 professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be  
27 removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of  
28 inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council  
29 shall-

30 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

1 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person  
2 on the matter by the Council; and

3 (c) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of  
4 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with  
5 respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the  
6 investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be  
7 removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in  
8 writing signed on the directions of the Council.

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

13 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended  
14 from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and  
15 for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means-

16 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be  
17 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the  
18 functions of his office;

19 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after  
20 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person  
21 concerned unfit to continue to hold his office;

22 (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the  
23 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to  
24 continue to hold his office;

25 (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute  
26 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his  
27 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or

28 (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such  
29 nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person  
30 concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.

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

5 (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what  
6 terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);

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

9 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in  
10 which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his  
11 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

12 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person  
13 (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might  
14 have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

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

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

24 (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall-

25 (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any  
26 visitation; or

27 (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of  
28 other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

29 **16.-(1)** If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the  
30 Vice-Chancellor that person appointed as an examiner for any examination of



1 the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then,  
2 except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after  
3 affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person  
4 on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the  
5 appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

6 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of  
7 section 7 (5) of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation  
8 of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the  
9 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

10 (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an  
11 instrument of removal pursuance of this section, to use his best endeavours  
12 to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably  
13 practicable on the person to whom it related.

14 17.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to  
15 the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of  
16 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other  
17 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct-

Discipline of  
students

18 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified  
19 in the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use  
20 of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified;

21 (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may  
22 be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so  
23 specified;

24 (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified  
25 in the direction; or

26 (d) that the student be expelled from the University.

27 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this  
28 section in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed  
29 period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such  
30 an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made

1 in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the  
2 direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

3 (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
4 subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
5 the appeal is pending.

6 (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section  
7 to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may  
8 nominate.

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

12 (6) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
13 combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

#### 14 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Exclusion of  
discretion on  
account of race,  
religion, etc.

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

23 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above,  
24 indigenes of the host Community and neighbouring Communities shall be  
25 accorded preference as provided for in this Act.

26 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as  
27 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of  
28 the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person wilfully refuses or  
29 fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and  
30 uniformly imposed on all such person or any group of them which duty, having

1 regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the  
2 opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

3 **19.** Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the  
4 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land  
5 (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the  
6 prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:

Restriction on  
disposal of land  
by University

7 Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or  
8 tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or  
9 tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose.

10 **20.** Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by  
11 regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established  
12 by this Act shall be as determined by that body.

Quorum and  
procedure of  
bodies established  
by this Act

13 **21.**-(1) Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without  
14 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint  
15 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body,  
16 and to authorise a committee established by it-

Appointment of  
committees, etc.

17 (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may  
18 determine;

19 (b) to co-opt members, and

20 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of  
21 joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees  
22 consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any  
23 matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of  
24 dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

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

30 (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this

1 section shall be construed as-

2 (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with  
3 section 1 of this Act; or

4 (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make  
5 regulations of the award degrees or other qualifications.

6 (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of  
7 every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the  
8 Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the  
9 officer in question); and the Vice-chancellor shall be a member of every  
10 committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

Retiring age of  
academic staff

11 22.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act,  
12 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of each University shall be 65  
13 years.

14 (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service  
15 after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of any  
16 University.

Special provisions  
relating to pension  
of professors

17 23. A person who retires as a professor having served-

18 (a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the University  
19 or continuously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age;  
20 and

21 (b) who during the period of service was absent from the University  
22 only on approved national or University assignments, shall be entitled to  
23 pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances as the  
24 Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for pension and  
25 gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be  
26 entitled.

Miscellaneous  
administrative  
provisions

27 24.-(1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be  
28 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of  
29 the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-  
30 Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by statute.

1           (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the  
2           seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the  
3           contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

4           (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a  
5           person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal,  
6           may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person  
7           generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council.

8           (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in  
9           pursuance of this Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership  
10          of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or  
11          by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the preceding.

12          (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in  
13          any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose  
14          his interest to the body and shall vote on any question relating to that matter.

15          (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides  
16          for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental  
17          provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this  
18          Act.

19          (7) The power conferred by this Act on any body to make statutes or  
20          regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the  
21          statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by a  
22          subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and  
23          statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to  
24          different circumstances.

25          (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any  
26          transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 8 or section 18 of  
27          this Act or the Second Schedule to this Act.

28          (9) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served by virtue  
29          of this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by  
30          post.

Interpretation

- 1                   25. -(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:-
- 2     "Campus" means any campus which may be established by each University;
- 3     "College" means the Council established pursuant to section 2 (1) (b) of this
- 4     Act for the University;
- 5     "Host Community or Communities" means Uvwie, Udu, Orerokpe, Okpara
- 6     Inland, and Sapele Communities;
- 7     "Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree
- 8     has been conferred by each University;
- 9     "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating
- 10    to higher education;
- 11    "Notice" means notice in writing;
- 12    "Officer" does not include the Visitor;
- 13    "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;
- 14    "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in
- 15    accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations;
- 16    "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;
- 17    "Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the
- 18    University;
- 19    "Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;
- 20    "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section 2
- 21    (1)(c) of this Act;
- 22    "School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;
- 23    "Statute" means a statute made by each University under section 10 of this Act
- 24    and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this Act, and "the
- 25    statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;
- 26    "Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the
- 27    teaching or research staff of the University;
- 28    "Undergraduate" means a person in *statu pupillari* at each University other
- 29    than-
- 30                   (a) a graduate; and

1 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the  
2 purpose of the definition;

3 "University" means Federal University of Petroleum Resources,  
4 Effurun established under section 1 of this Act.

5 (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Act it is  
6 laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to  
7 be made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate  
8 authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to  
9 forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of  
10 that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate  
11 authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.

12 26. This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Petroleum  
13 Resources, Effurun Act, 2016.

Short title

14 SCHEDULES

15 FIRST SCHEDULE

16 [Section 2 (2)]

17 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

18 *The Chancellor*

19 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the  
20 pleasure of the President.

21 *The Pro-Chancellor*

22 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from  
23 office by the President.

24 (3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall  
25 hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his  
26 appointment.

27 *The Vice-Chancellor*

28 3.-(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall  
29 be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this  
30 paragraph.

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

3           (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read  
4 newspaper in Nigeria, specifying-

5           (i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post; and

6           (ii) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and  
7 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for  
8 consideration;

9           (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of-

10          (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as  
11 chairman;

12          (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council,  
13 one of whom shall be a professor;

14          (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the  
15 Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for  
16 consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post of their  
17 own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.

18          (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of-

19          (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

20          (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

21          (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were not  
22 members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and person in the  
23 short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an  
24 examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and  
25 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

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

30          (5) The President may appoint as Vice-chancellor anyone of the



1 candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of  
2 subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

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

6 (7) The Vice-chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor  
7 after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the  
8 Minister of Education.

9 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

10 4.-(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy  
11 Vice-Chancellors as Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the  
12 proper administration of each University.

13 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor,  
14 the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for  
15 each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant

16 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from  
17 each list forward to it under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and forward  
18 his name to the Council for confirmation.

19 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

20 (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;

21 (b) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the  
22 Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent  
23 or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

24 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor of the  
25 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

26 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor-

27 (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the  
28 effective date his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be  
29 specified in his letter of appointment; and

1 (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no  
2 more.

3 *Office of the Registrar*

4 (1) There shall be for each University, a Registrar, who shall be the  
5 chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the  
6 Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University  
7 except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance  
8 with paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.

9 (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of  
10 that office be (3) Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and  
11 Convocation.

12 *Other Principal Officers of the University*

13 6.-(1) There shall be for each University the following principal  
14 officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is-

15 (a) the Bursar; and

16 (b) the University Librarian,

17 who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection  
18 Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.

19 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of each University  
20 and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration  
21 and control of the financial affairs of the University.

22 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-  
23 Chancellor for the administration of the university library and the co-  
24 ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges,  
25 faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.

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

28 *Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

29 7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the  
30 appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy

1 Vice-chancellor, which shall consist of-

2 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;

3 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

4 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate;  
5 and (d) two members of the Senate.

6 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
7 Selection Board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall  
8 be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

9 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a term  
10 of five years renewable for a further term of five years and no more.

11 *Resignation and Re-appointment*

12 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this  
13 Schedule may resign his office-

14 (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the  
15 President;

16 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall,  
17 in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Minister.

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

21 **SECOND SCHEDULE**

22 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.**

23 *Transfer of Property to University*

24 1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (1) of this Act: -

25 (a) the reference in that subsection to property held by the  
26 Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give  
27 a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted  
28 or promised to the provisional council;

29 (b) all debts and liabilities of the provisional council outstanding  
30 shall become debts or liabilities of the University.



1 convened by the Vice-chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may  
2 determine.

3 (4) The person who were members of the Senate immediately  
4 before the coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to constitute the  
5 Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the  
6 Third Schedule to this Act shall have been duly constituted.

7 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate  
8 after the date on which this Act is made, the schools, school boards and  
9 students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this  
10 Act shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the  
11 University as constituted by this Act.

12 (6) Persons who were Deans or associate Deans of schools or  
13 members of school boards shall continue to be Deans or associate Deans or  
14 become members of the corresponding school boards, until new  
15 appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.

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

21 THIRD SCHEDULE

22 [Section 9(3)]

23 FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES

24 Statute No.1

25 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

26 Articles

- 27 1. The Council.  
28 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee;  
29 3. The Senate  
30 4. The Congregation.

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

*The Council*

- 11
- 12           (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5 of
- 13 this Act.
- 14           (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
- 15 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act may, by notice to the
- 16 Council resign his office.
- 17           (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
- 18 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act shall, unless he previously
- 19 vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years
- 20 beginning with effect from 1 August in the year which he was appointed.
- 21           (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
- 22 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Act vacates office before the
- 23 expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was
- 24 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of
- 25 his predecessor.
- 26           (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council
- 27 otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment
- 28 for only one further period of four years.
- 29           (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall
- 30 be a member appointed pursuant to section 5 (d) or (e) of this Act.

1 (7) if the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,  
2 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may  
3 appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and  
4 subject to section 4 of this Act and the foregoing provisions of this  
5 paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

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

10 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

11 2. -(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the  
12 Council shall consist of-

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

15 (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

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

20 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education,  
21 or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to  
22 represent him; and

23 (e) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Energy, or in  
24 his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent  
25 him.

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

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

29 *The Senate*

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

- 1 (i) The Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;  
2 (ii) The Deans of the several colleges;  
3 (iii) The Directors of the several institutes;  
4 (iv) The Professors;  
5 (v) The Provosts of the several colleges;  
6 (vi) The Librarian;  
7 (vii) 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 (viii) 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; and  
12 (ix) Two members representing a variety of interests of the  
13 professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the  
14 recommendation of the Vice-chancellor.
- 15 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at a meeting of the  
16 Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-  
17 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting  
18 shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- 19 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole  
20 number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2) of this article, the  
21 Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- 22 (4) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- 23 (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, there shall be elections for  
24 the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner  
25 on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor  
26 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 office expires, so however that no person shall be such a



1 candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office  
2 as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so  
3 held office if he had not resigned it.

4 (7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year  
5 if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of paragraph  
6 (10) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is  
7 thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the  
8 certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of  
9 paragraph (6) of this article.

10 (8) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person  
11 shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member  
12 by reason only of reduction in the number of non-elected members  
13 occurring on or after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take  
14 office as an elected member.

15 (9) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate,  
16 the vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors  
17 duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not  
18 later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

19 (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect  
20 any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30  
21 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of  
22 the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

23 *Congregation*

24 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of-

25 (i) Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

26 (ii) The full-time members of the academic staff;

27 (iii) The Registrar;

28 (iv) The Bursar;

29 (v) The Librarian

30 (vi) The Director of Works;

1 (vii) The Director of Health Services; and  
2 (viii) Every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree,  
3 other than honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of  
4 this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

5 (2) Subject to section 4 of this Act, the Vice-chancellor shall be the  
6 chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his  
7 absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as  
8 Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the  
9 meeting.

10 (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole  
11 number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation of  
12 fifty, whichever is less.

13 (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:-

14 (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of  
15 any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

16 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation  
17 during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as  
18 the case may be, of the names of those persons.

19 (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation  
20 may regulate its own procedure.

21 (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or  
22 otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the  
23 University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of  
24 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

25 *Convocation*

26 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of-

27 (i) The officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to  
28 this Act;

29 (ii) All teachers within the meaning of this Act;

30 (iii) All other persons whose names are registered in accordance with

1 paragraph (2) of this article.

2 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a  
3 member of Convocation if-

4 (a) he is either a graduate of the University or a persons satisfying  
5 such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph;  
6 and

7 (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed  
8 manner and pay the prescribed fees.

9 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and  
10 maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to  
11 paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time,  
12 of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the  
13 removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those  
14 fees.

15 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall,  
16 without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who  
17 are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph  
18 (1)(a) or (b) of this article are entered and retained on the register.

19 (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his  
20 name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a  
21 copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable  
22 times.

23 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient  
24 evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation;  
25 but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a  
26 member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register  
27 made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

28 (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the  
29 whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of  
30 Convocation whichever is less.

1 (8) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at  
2 all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-  
3 Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

4 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function  
5 of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or  
6 regulations.

7 *Division of colleges*

8 6.-(1) Each college shall be divided into such number of branches as  
9 may be prescribed.

10 *College boards*

11 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each school, a board of  
12 studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the  
13 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

14 (a) Regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of  
15 examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;

16 (b) Deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-  
17 Chancellor or by the Senate; and

18 (c) Advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to  
19 it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.

20 (2) Each college board of studies shall consist of-

21 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

22 (b) the Dean;

23 (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;

24 (d) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the  
25 prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and

26 (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the  
27 Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

28 (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter,  
29 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and  
30 subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by

1 regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

2 *Deans of the Colleges*

3 8.-(1) the board of each college shall, at a meeting in the last term of  
4 any academic year which the term of office of the Dean express, nominate  
5 one of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching  
6 unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school

7 (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act  
8 as Dean of the college and chairman of all meetings of the College Board  
9 when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards  
10 appointed by the college.

11 (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for  
12 re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be  
13 eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.

14 (4) The Dean of a college shall exercise general superintendence  
15 over the academic and administrative affairs of the college.

16 (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for  
17 the conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the  
18 University at examination held in the branches of learning for which  
19 responsibility is allocated to that college.

20 (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of  
21 Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several colleges and that Committee  
22 shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular  
23 matters referred to the University by the Senate.

24 (7) The Dean of college may be removed from office for good  
25 cause by the college board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of  
26 the board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a  
27 Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor:

28 Provided that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a  
29 new Dean.

30 (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section

1 14(3) of the Act.

2 *Selection of Director or Works*

3 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Works, a  
4 selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of-

5 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

6 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

7 (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the  
8 Senate; and

9 (d) two members appointed by the Senate.

10 (2) The selection board after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,  
11 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant  
12 office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may  
13 make an appointment to that office.

14 *Creation of Academic Posts*

15 10. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than  
16 principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the council through the  
17 Finance and General purposes Committee.

18 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

19 11.-(1) Subject to the Act and statutes, the filling of vacancies in  
20 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the  
21 Senate.

22 (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards  
23 to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up  
24 provided 20% of such consideration of staff strength shall be sourced from the  
25 host community or communities as catchment areas.

26 (3) For appointment to professorships, associate professorship or  
27 readerships or equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint,  
28 shall consist of-

29 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

30 (b) two members appointed by the Council;

1 (c) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom  
2 shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be  
3 professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be  
4 considered;

5 (d) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;

6 (e) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in  
7 the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of  
8 the institute, as the case may be; and

9 (f) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed  
10 capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic  
11 suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time  
12 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  
17 shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be  
18 professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be  
19 considered;

20 (c) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;

21 (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in  
22 the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of  
23 the institute, as the case may be; and

24 (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed  
25 capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic  
26 suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time  
27 to time appoint.

28 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the  
29 same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such  
30 posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the

1 selection board.

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

7 *Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

8 **12.-(1)** The administrative and professional staff of the University  
9 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf  
10 by the vice-chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with delegation of any  
11 powers made by the Council in that behalf.

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

15 (3) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act the Council shall  
16 implement the 2m'o catchment area for the host community or Communities in  
17 the recruitment or promotion of Administrative Staff generally, while 80% of  
18 its junior non academic staff shall be sourced from the Host Community or  
19 Communities.

20 *Interpretation*

21 **13.** In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal  
22 University of Petroleum Resources Act and any word or expression defined in  
23 the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

24 *Short Title*

25 **14.** This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Petroleum  
Resources, Effurun Act, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to give statutory backing to the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun, Delta State as a University established to provide special and high level personnel needed to drive the Federal Government's Local Content Policy in Oil and Gas.