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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MARITIME UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA,
OKERENKOKO AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THERETO

Sponsored by Senator James E. Manager

[1 Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF MARITIME
2 UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Maritime University of
4 Nigeria.

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 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the
10 opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology;

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

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

1 (d) to offer to the general population particularly the maritime
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 the maritime sector;

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

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

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

16 2.-(1) the University shall consist of-

17 (a) a Chancellor;

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

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

20 (d) a body to be called Congregation;

21 (e) a body to be called Convocation;

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

23 (g) the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
24 University;

25 (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
26 this bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;

27 (i) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and all other
28 persons who are members of the university in accordance with provisions
29 made by statute in that behalf.

30 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the

- 1 principal officers of each University therein mentioned.
- 2 (3) Subject to section 5 of this Act provision shall be made by statute with
3 respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and
4 Convocation.
- 5 3. - (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of this Act,
6 the University shall have power-
- 7 (a) to establish such campuses, institutes, schools, extra-mural
8 departments and other teaching and research units within the University as
9 may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the
10 approval of the National Universities Commission;
- 11 (b) to institute professorships, readerships or associate
12 professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make
13 appointments thereto;
- 14 (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
15 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
16 assistance;
- 17 (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the
18 University;
- 19 (e) to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates
20 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study
21 approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the
22 University may lay down;
- 23 (f) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
- 24 (g) to demand and receive from any student or any other person
25 attending the University for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the
26 University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives
27 of the Minister;
- 28 (h) subject to section 19 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge
29 or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property
30 wherever situate;

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

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

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

10 (l) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing
11 and book selling;

12 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to
13 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment it,
14 not being immediately required for current expenditure. in any
15 investments, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in
16 any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land,
17 with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any
18 moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current
19 account;

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

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

26 (p) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or
27 by statute to do; and

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

30 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and

1 without prejudice to section 7 (2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the
2 University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of
3 the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manner
4 which may be authorised by the statute.

5 (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and
6 colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not
7 otherwise.

8 4.-(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
9 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is
10 present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring
11 degrees.

12 (2) The Pro-Chancellor Shall, in relation to the University, take
13 precedence before all other members of the University, except the
14 Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of
15 Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is
16 present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council,

17 5. The Council of the University shall consist of-

18 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

19 (b) the Vice-Chancellor; University.

20 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

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

22 (e) nine persons representing a variety of interests, and broadly,
23 representatives of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;

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

25 (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its
26 members;

27 (h) one person appointed by convocation from among its members.

28 6.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor,
29 the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be
30 charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy,

1 finances and property of 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 of
5 the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council
6 may from time to time delegate to it.

7 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution
8 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 report
12 is published by the University together with certified copies of the said
13 accounts as audited.

14 (5) Subject to this Act 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 regulating their own
17 procedure.

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

24 (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the
25 Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other
26 committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other
27 reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the
28 Minister.

29 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the
30 performance of its functions under this Act and shall meet at least three times

1 in every year.

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

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

8 7.-(1) Subject to section 6 of this Act and subsections (3) and (4) of
9 this section and the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be
10 the general function of the Senate to organise and control the teaching by the
11 University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to
12 the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the
13 University.

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

17 (a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses,
18 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
19 University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of
20 learning;

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

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

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

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

1 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the university and the
2 regulation of their conduct;

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

5 (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for
6 the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress,

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

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

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

22 (6) Subject to a right or appeal to the Council from a decision of the
23 Senate under this sub-section, the Senate may deprive any person of any
24 degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred
25 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable
26 or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining
27 that award.

28 **8.-(1)** The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
29 precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor
30 and subject to section 4 of this Act except the Pro-Chancellor and any other

1 person for the time being acting as chairman of the Council.

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

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

8 9.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional council of
9 the University shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further
10 assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the
11 University,

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

16 PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

17 10.-(1) Subject to his Act, the University may make statutes for any
18 of the following purposes, that is to say-

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

21 (b) Specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any
22 authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with
23 the University or any of its authorities;

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

26 (d) Determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an
27 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any
28 statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the
20 Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by
21 either one of those bodies or the other.

22 (4) A statute which-

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

25 (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
26 the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is
27 established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
28 President.

29 (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation act, a statute
30 shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the

1 Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on
2 which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by
3 the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within
4 subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the
5 President.

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

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

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

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

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

22 **12.** A statute may be proved in any court by the
23 production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate
24 purporting to be signed by the Vice-chancellor or the secretary to the
25 Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.

26 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

27 **13.**-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University,

28 (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not
29 being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University
30 or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the

1 Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

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

6 **14.**-(1) It appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the
7 Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-chancellor) should be removed from office on the
8 ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or
9 employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through
10 the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such enquiries (if
11 any) as he may consider appropriate approves the recommendation, he may
12 direct the removal of the person in question from office.

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

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

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

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

26 (c) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
27 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect
28 to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the
29 investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be
30 removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in

1 writing signed on the directions of the Council.

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

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

9 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
10 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
11 functions of his office; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council

1 shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **16.**-(1) If on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-
23 Chancellor that person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the
24 University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in
25 such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-chancellor may, after affording the
26 examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to
27 the Vice-chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an
28 instrument in writing signed by the Vice-chancellor.

29 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of
30 section (5) of this Act, the Vice-chancellor may, on the recommendation of the

1 Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the
2 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

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

7 17.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to
8 the Vice-chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of
9 misconduct, the Vice-chancellor may, without prejudice to any other
10 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct -

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

14 (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may
15 be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so
16 specified, or

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

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

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

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

29 (4) The Vice-chancellor may delegate his powers under this
30 section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University

1 as he may nominate.

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

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

7 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

8 **18.**-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of
9 the following matters. that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex,
10 place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as
11 a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the university,
12 the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or
13 employment at the University, or a member of any body established by virtue
14 of this Act; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any
15 advantage relating to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

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

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

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

30 **20.** Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations,

1 the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Act
2 shall be as bodies determined by that body.

3 **21.-(I)** Any body of persons established by this Act shall, without
4 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint
5 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body
6 and to authorise, committee established by it-

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

9 (b) to co-opt members, and

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

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

20 (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this
21 section shall be construed as-

22 (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance
23 with section I of this Act; or

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

26 (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-chancellor shall be members
27 of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by
28 the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of
29 the officer in question); and the Vice-chancellor shall be a member of every

1 committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

2 **22.**-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act.
3 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of each University shall be 65
4 years.

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

8 **23.** A person who retires as a professor having served-
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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 and

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

19 **24.**-(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined
20 by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal,
21 shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-
22 Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by statute.

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

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

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

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

8 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides
9 for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental
10 provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this
11 Act.

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

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

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

24 **25.-(I)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

25 "Campus" means any campus which may be established by each University;

26 "College" means the Council established pursuant to section 2 (1) (b) of
27 this Act for the University;

28 "Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary
29 degree has been conferred by each University;

30 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters

- 1 relating to higher education;
- 2 "Notice" means notice in writing;
- 3 "Officer" does not include the Visitor;
- 4 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;
- 5 "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in
6 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations;
- 7 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;
- 8 "Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the
9 University;
- 10 "Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;
- 11 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section
12 2(1)(e) of this Act;
- 13 "School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;
- 14 "Statute" means a statute made by the University under section 10 of this Act
15 and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this Act, and "the
16 statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;
- 17 "Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the
18 teaching or research staff of the University;
- 19 "Undergraduate" means a person in status pupillari at the University other
20 than-
- 21 (a) a graduate; and
- 22 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose
23 of the definition;
- 24 "University" means Maritime University of Nigeria, Okerenkoko
25 established under section I of this Act.
- 26 (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Act it is
27 laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be
28 made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities,
29 it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any

1 proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision
2 to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it
3 thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.

4 **26.** This Bill may be cited as the Maritime University of Nigeria,
5 Okerenkoko Bill, 2016.

6 SCHEDULES

7 FIRST SCHEDULE

8 *Section 2 (2)*

9 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

10 *The Chancellor/or*

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

13 *The Pro-Chancellor*

14 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from
15 office by the President.

16 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall
17 hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his
18 appointment.

19 *The Vice-chancellor*

20 3.-(I) There shall be a Vice-chancellor of the University who shall
21 be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this
22 paragraph.

23 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-chancellor, the
24 Council shall-

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

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

28 (ii) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and
29 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for
30 consideration:

- 1 (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of-
- 2 (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as
- 3 chairman;
- 4 (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council,
- 5 one of
- 6 whom shall be a professor;
- 7 (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the
- 8 Council. one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for
- 9 consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post of their
- 10 own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.
- 11 (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of-
- 12 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman:
- 13 (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;
- 14 (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were not
- 15 members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and person in the
- 16 short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an
- 17 examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and
- 18 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.
- 19 (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the
- 20 candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and
- 21 may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward
- 22 the names to the President.
- 23 (5) The President may appoint as Vice-chancellor anyone of the
- 24 candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of
- 25 subparagraph (4) of this paragraph,
- 26 (6) The Vice-chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five
- 27 years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
- 28 appointment.
- 29 (7) The Vice-chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor
- 30 after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the

1 Minister of Education.

2 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

3 4.-(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy
4 Vice-Chancellors as Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the
5 proper administration of each University.

6 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-chancellor,
7 the Vice-chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for
8 each post of Deputy Vice-chancellor that is vacant.

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

12 (4) A Deputy Vice-chancellor shall-

13 (a) assist the Vice-chancellor in the performance of his functions;

14 (b) act in the place of the Vice-chancellor when the post of the Vice-
15 chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-chancellor is, for any reason, absent or
16 unable to perform his functions as Vice-chancellor; and

17 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-chancellor of the
18 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

19 (5) A Deputy vice-chancellor-

20 (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the
21 effective date his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
22 specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for one
23 further period of two years and no more.

24 *Office of the Registrar*

25 5.-(1) There shall be for each University, a Registrar, who shall be
26 the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to
27 the Vice-chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the
28 University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in
29 accordance with paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.

30 (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of

1 that office be (3) Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and
2 Convocation.

3 *Other Principal Officers of the University*

4 6.-(1) There shall be for each University the following principal
5 officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is-

6 (a) the Bursar; and

7 (b) the University Librarian,

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

10 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of each University
11 and he responsible to the Vice-chancellor for the day-to-day administration and
12 control of the financial affairs of the University.

13 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-
14 chancellor for the administration of the university library and the co-ordination
15 of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties,
16 schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.

17 (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the
18 aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-chancellor.

19 *Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

20 7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the
21 appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-chancellor or Deputy
22 Vice-chancellor, which shall consist of-

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

24 (b) the Vice-chancellor;

25 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate;

26 and (d) two members of the Senate.

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

30 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a term of

1 five years renewable for a further term of five years and no more.

2 Resignation and Reappointment

3 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
4 Schedule may resign his office-

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

7 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall,
8 in the case of the Vice-chancellor, immediately notify the Minister.

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

12 SECOND SCHEDULE

13 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, JUNCTIONS, ETC.

14 *Transfer of Property to University*

15 1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (I) of this Act-(a)
16 the reference in that subsection to property held by the Provisional Council
17 shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for
18 any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the
19 provisional council;

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

22 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to
23 which the provisional council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject
24 to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had been a
25 party thereto in place of the provisional council.

26 (2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1) of this
27 paragraph, including enactment" which refer, whether specially or
28 generally, to the provisional council, shall be construed in accordance with
29 that sub-paragraph so far as applicable.

1 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by
2 or against the provisional council may be continued by or against the
3 University.

4 *Registration of transfers*

5 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by
6 this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the
7 kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or
8 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
9 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply,
10 with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

11 (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred
12 by this Act to such the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer
13 of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer
14 accordingly.

15 *Transfer of Functions, etc.*

16 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-
17 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

18 (2) The persons who were members of the provisional council shall be
19 deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up
20 under the Third Schedule to this Act shall have been duly constituted.

21 (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Act shall be
22 convened by the Vice-chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may
23 determine.

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

28 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after
29 the date on which this Act is made, the schools, school boards and students of
30 the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall on

1 that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as
2 constituted by this Act.

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

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

12 THIRD SCHEDULE

13 *Section 9 (3)*

14 FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OR PETROLEUM RESOURCES

15 Statute No. 1

16 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

17 Articles:

- 18 1. The Council.
- 19 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee;
- 20 3. The Senate
- 21 4. The Congregation.
- 22 5. Convocation.
- 23 6. Division of schools.
- 24 7. School boards.
- 25 8. Dean of the school.
- 26 9. Selection of certain principal officers.
- 27 10. Creation of academic posts.
- 28 11. Appointment of academic staff.
- 29 12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff.
- 30 13. Interpretation.

1 14. Short Title.

2 *The Council*

3 1.-(1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5
4 of this Act.

5 (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
6 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act may, by notice to the
7 Council, resign his office.

8 (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
9 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act shall, unless he previously
10 vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years
11 beginning with effect from 1 August in the year which he was appointed.

12 (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
13 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Act vacates office before the
14 expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was
15 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of
16 his predecessor.

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

20 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall
21 be a member appointed pursuant to section 5 (d) or (e) of this Act.

22 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,
23 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may
24 appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and
25 subject to section 4 of this Act and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph,
26 the Council may regulate its own procedure.

27 (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any
28 particular matter may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and
29 the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any

1 meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

2 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

3 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the
4 Council shall consist of-

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

7 (b) the Vice-chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

8 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two
9 of whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council
10 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
11 Congregation;

12 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education,
13 or in his absence, Such member of his Ministry as he may designate to
14 represent him; and

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

18 (2) The quorum Of the Committee shall be five.

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

21 The Senate

22 3.-(I) The Senate shall consist of-

23 (I) The Vice-chancellor and Deputy Vice Chancellors;

24 (ii) The Deans of the several colleges;

25 (iii) The Directors of the several institutes;

26 (iv) The Professors;

27 (v) The Provosts of the several colleges;

28 (vi) The Librarian;

29 (vii) The persons for the time being holding such appointment on
30 the staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-chancellor;

1 (viii) Such teachers, not being more than one third of the ,total number
2 of non-elected members, elected by Congregation and at least one 6ft whom
3 shall come from each school; and

4 (ix) Two members representing a variety of interests of the
5 professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the
6 recommendation of the Vice-chancellor.

7 (2) The Vice-chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the
8 Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy V ice-
9 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting
10 shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

11 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole
12 number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2), of this article, the
13 Senate may regulate its own procedure.

14 (4) All elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.

15 (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, ,there shall be elections for
16 the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner
17 on such day in the month of Mayor June in each year as the Vice-chancellor
18 may from time to time determine.

19 (6) All elected member shall bold office for the period of two years
20 beginning with I August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at
21 any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in
22 which his period of office expires so however that no person shall be such a
23 candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as
24 all elected member for a Continuous period of six years or would have so held
25 office if he had not resigned it.

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

1 article.

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

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

11 (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as
12 respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on
13 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members
14 of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

15 *Congregation*

16 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of-

- 17 (i) Vice-chancellor and the Deputy Vice Chancellors;
18 (ii) The full -time members of the academic staff;
19 (iii) The Registrar;
20 (iv) The Bursar;
21 (v) The Librarian
22 (vi) The Director of Works;
23 (vii) The Director of Health Services; and
24 (viii) Every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree,
25 other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of
26 this statute by the Vice-chancellor.

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

1 meeting.

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

5 (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-chancellor specifying-

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

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

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

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

17 *Convocation*

18 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of- (i) The officers of the University
19 mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act; (ii) All teachers within the meaning
20 of this Act; (iii) All other persons whose names are registered in accordance
21 with paragraph (2) of this article. (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name
22 registered as a member of convocation if-

23 (a) he is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such
24 requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

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

27 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance
28 of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of
29 this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by
30 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register

1 of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

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

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

15 (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the
16 whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of
17 Convocation whichever is less.

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

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

24 *Division of colleges*

25 6. Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as
26 may be prescribed.

27 *College Boards*

28 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each school, a board
29 of studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the
30 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

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

3 (b) Deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-
4 chancellor or by the Senate; and

5 (c) Advise the Vice-chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to
6 it by the Vice-chancellor or the Senate.

7 (2) Each college board of studies shall consist of:

8 (a) the Vice-chancellor;

9 (b) the Dean;

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

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

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

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

19 *Deans of the Colleges*

20 8.-(1) The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of
21 any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one
22 of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for
23 appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school.

24 (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as
25 Dean of the college and chairman of all meetings of the college board when he
26 is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed
27 by the college.

28 (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for
29 reappointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be
30 eligible for reappointment until two years have elapsed.

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

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

7 (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
8 Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several colleges and that Committee
9 shall advise the Vice-chancellor on all academic matters and on particular
10 matters referred to the University by the Senate.

11 (7) The Dean of college may be removed from office for good
12 cause by the 'college board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting
13 of the board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal
14 of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-chancellor: .
15 Provided that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a

16 (8) In this article good cause" has the same meaning as in section
17 14(3)of the Act.

18 *Selection of Director of Works*

19 (9) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Works, a
20 selection board shall be constituted by the council which shall consist of-

- 21 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
22 (b) the Vice-chancellor;
23 (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
24 the Senate; (d) Two members appointed by the Senate.

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

29 *Creation of Academic Posts*

30 **10.** Recommendations for tile creation of academic posts other

1 than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the council through the
2 Finance and General purposes Committee.

3 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

4 11.-(1) Subject to the Act and statutes, the filling of vacancies in
5 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the
6 Senate.

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

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

13 (a) the Vice-chancellor;

14 (b) two members appointed by the Council;

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

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

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

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

26 (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to
27 appoint, shall consist of-

28 (a) the Vice-chancellor;

29 (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall
30 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional

1 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
2 (e) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;
3 (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in
4 the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of
5 the institute, as the case may be; and
6 (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed
7 capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic
8 suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time
9 to time appoint.

10 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the
11 same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such
12 posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the
13 selection board.

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

19 *Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

20 12.-(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University
21 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf
22 by the vice-chancellors or the Registrar in accordance with delegation of any
23 powers made by the Council in that behalf.

24 (2) In the case of administrative or professional staff who have
25 close and important connection with the academic staff, there shall be
26 Senate participation in the process of selection.

27 *Interpretation*

28 In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of
29 Petroleum Resources Act and any word or expression defined in the Act has
30 the same meaning in this Statute

1 *Short Title*

2 **15.** This Statute may be cited as the Maritime University of Nigeria,
Okerenkoko Statute No. I.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Maritime University of Nigeria, of Okerenkoko,
Delta State.