

FCT UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BILL, 2015

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Establishment and objects of FCT University of Science and Technology, Abaji
 2. Composition of the Council of the university
 3. Functions of the Council and its finance and general purposes committee
 4. Functions of the Senate
 5. Power of the university and their exercise
 6. Constitution of principal officers
 7. Functions of the chancellor and Pro-chancellor
 8. Functions of the Vice-Chancellor
 9. Transfer of property
 10. Power of the university to make statutes
 11. Mode of exercising power to make statutes
 12. Proof of statutes
 13. The visitor
 14. Removal of certain members of the Council
 15. Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional staff
 16. Removal of examiner
 17. Discipline of students
 18. Exclusion of discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.
 19. Restriction on disposal of land by university
 20. Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Act
 21. Appointment of committees, etc.
 22. Retiring age of academic staff
 23. Special provisions relating to pensions of professors
 24. Miscellaneous administrative provisions
-

25. Interpretation

26. Short Title

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE - PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

SECOND SCHEDULE - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY,

FUNCTIONS, ETC.

THIRD SCHEDULE - FCT UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI

STATUTE

A BILL

FOR

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

Sponsored by Senator Phillip Aduda

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FCT

2 UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI

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

Establishment
and objects of
FCT of Science
and Technology,
Abaji

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Composition of
the Council of
the University

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

17 (a) The Pro-Chancellor;

18 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

19 (c) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Functions of the
Council and its
finance and
General purposes
Committee

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

1 the university.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Functions of
the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 regulation of their conduct and mode of dressing;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Powers of the
University

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

- 1 subject to the approval of the National Universities commission;
- 2 (b) To institute professorships, readerships or associate
3 professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make
4 appointments thereto;
- 5 (c) To institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
6 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
7 assistance;
- 8 (d) To provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the
9 university;
- 10 (e) To hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates
11 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved
12 by the university and have satisfied such other requirements as the university
13 may lay down from time to time.(f) To grant honorary degrees, fellowships or
14 academic titles;
- 15 (g) To demand and receive from any student or any other person
16 attending the university for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the
17 university may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives
18 and approval of the minister;
- 19 (h) Subject to section 9 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or
20 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever
21 situate;
- 22 (i) To accept gifts, legacies, and donations, but without obligation to
23 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and
24 conditions attaching thereto;
- 25 (j) To enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or
26 jointly with any other person and employ and act through agents;
- 27 (k) To erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,
28 lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and
29 other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the
30 objects of the university;
-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 PART II - PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

29 (a) A chancellor;

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

Principal Officers
and Staff of the
University

- 1 (c) A Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;
- 2 (d) A body to be called congregation;
- 3 (e) A body to be called convocation;
- 4 (f) The campuses and colleges of the university;
- 5 (g) The schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
- 6 university;
- 7 (h) The persons holding the offices constituted by the first schedule to
- 8 this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (o) to (c) of this subsection;
- 9 (i) All graduates and undergraduates of the university;
- 10 (j) All other persons who are members of the university in accordance
- 11 with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

12 (2) The first schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the

13 principal officers of the university therein mentioned.

14 *First Schedule*

15 (3) The first schedule to this Act provision shall be made by statute

16 with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, congregation and

17 convocation.

Functions of the
Chancellor and
Pro-chancellor

18 7.-(1) The Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other members

19 of the university, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of

20 convocation held for conferring degrees.

21 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, take precedence before all other

22 members of the university, except the chancellor and except the Vice-

23 Chancellor when acting as chairman of congregation or convocation and the

24 Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the

25 Council.

Functions of
Vice-Chancellor

26 8.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the university, take

27 precedence before all other members of the university except the chancellor

28 and, subject to section 4 of this Bill, except the Pro-Chancellor and any other

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

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

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

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

Transfer of
property

8 *Second Schedule*

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

12 PART III - POWER TO MAKE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

Power to make
statute

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 listed in the third schedules hereto.

2 *Third Schedule*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (iv) A statute which:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 **PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE**

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

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

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

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

Removal of
certain members
of Council

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

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

Removal and
discipline of
academic,
administrative
and professional
staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.

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

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

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

Discipline of
student

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

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

20 (c) That the student be rusticated for such period as may be
21 specified in the direction; or

22 (d) That the student be expelled from the university.

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

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

1 while the appeal is pending.

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

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

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

10 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Exclusion of
discrimination
of race, religion,
etc.

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

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

Restriction on
disposal of land
by University

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

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

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

Retiring age of
academic staff

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

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

Special provisions
relating to pension
of Professors

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

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

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

Miscellaneous
administrative
provisions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interpretation

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

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

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

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

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

29 "Notice" means notice in writing;

30 "Officer" does not include the visitor;

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

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 6 (2)

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The chancellor

1. The chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the president.

The Pro-Chancellor

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

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

The Vice-Chancellor

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Constitute a search term consisting of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

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

1 (a) The bursar;

2 (b) The university librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on
3 the recommendation of the selection Board constituted under paragraph 8 of
4 this schedule.

5 (2) the bursar shall be the chief financial officer of each university and
6 be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day administration and
7 control of the financial affairs of the university.

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

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

14 *Selection Board for other principal officers*

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

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

19 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

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

21 (d) Two members of the Senate.

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

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

28 *Resignation and re-appointment*

29 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
30 schedule may resign his office:

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

3 (b) In any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall,
4 in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the minister.

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

8 SECOND SCHEDULE

9 *Section 9 (2)*

10 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

11 *Transfer of property to the university*

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

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

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

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

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

27 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending
28 by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the
29 university.

Registration of transfers

1

2 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by
3 this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the
4 kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or
5 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
6 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply,
7 with the necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

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

12

Transfer of functions, etc

13 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-
14 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

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

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

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 10 (3)

FCT UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ABAJI STATUTE NO.1

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

Articles:

1. The Council
2. The finance and general purposes committee
3. The Senate
4. Congregation
5. Convocation
6. Division of schools
7. School boards
8. Dean of the school
9. Selection of certain principal officers
10. Creation of academic post
11. Appointment of academic staff
12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff
13. Interpretation
14. Short title

The Council

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,
12 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may
13 appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and
14 subject to section 7 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph,
15 the Council may regulate its own meeting.

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

20 *The finance and general purposes committee*

21 2.-(1) The finance and general purposes committee of the Council
22 shall consist of:

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

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

26 (c) Six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of
27 whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council
28 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
29 congregation;

30 (d) The permanent secretary of the Federal Minister of Education, or

1 in his absence, such member of his ministry as he may designate to represent
2 him;

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

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

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

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

11 *The Senate*

12 3. -(1) The Senate shall consist of:

13 (a) The Vice-Chancellor and deputy Vice-Chancellor;

14 (b) The deans of the several schools;

15 (c) The directors of the several institutes;

16 (d) The professors;

17 (e) The provosts of the several colleges;

18 (f) The librarian;

19 (g) The persons for the time being holding such appointment on the
20 staff of the university as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor;

21 (h) Such teachers, not being more than one third of the total number
22 of non-elected members, elected by congregation and at least one of whom
23 shall come from each school;

24 (i) Two members representing a variety of interest of the
25 professional bodies, outside the university appointed by the Senate on the
26 recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

27 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the
28 Senate when he is present; and in his absence any of the deputy Vice-
29 Chancellor present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting
30 shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

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

5 (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, there shall be elections for
6 the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner
7 on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor
8 may from time to time determine.

9 (6) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years
10 beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at
11 any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in
12 which his period of the office expires, so however, that no person shall be such
13 a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as
14 an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held
15 office if he had not resigned it.

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

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

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

1 (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, congregation
2 may regulate its own procedure.

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

7 *Convocation*

8 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of:

9 (a) The officers of the university mentioned in the first schedule to this
10 Bill;

11 (b) All teachers within the meaning of this Bill;

12 (c) All other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
13 paragraph (2) of this article (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name
14 registered as a member of convocation if:

15 (a) He is either a graduate of the university or a person satisfying such
16 requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph;

17 (b) He applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed
18 manner and pays the prescribed fees.

19 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance
20 of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (4) of
21 this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by
22 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register
23 of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

28 (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his
29 name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy
30 of the register at the principal offices of the university at all reasonable times.

- 1 (b) The dean;
- 2 (c) The persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
- 3 (d) Such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the
- 4 prescribed qualifications as the board may determine;
- 5 (e) Such persons, whether or not members of the university, as the
- 6 board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

7 (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter,

8 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and

9 subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by

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

11 *Dean of the school*

12 8.-(1) The board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of

13 any academic year in which the term of office of the dean expires, nominate one

14 of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for

15 appointment by the Senate as dean of the school

16 (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as

17 dean of the school and chairman at all meetings of the school board when he is

18 present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by

19 the school.

20 (3) The dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-

21 appointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be

22 eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed

23 (4) The Dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over

24 the academic and administration affairs of the school.

25 (5) It shall be the function of the dean to present to convocation for the

26 conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the

27 university at examinations held in the branches of learning for which

28 responsibility is allocated to that school.

29 (6) There shall be a committee to be known as the committee of deans

30 consisting of all the deans of the several schools and that committee shall

1 advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular
2 matters referred to the university by the Senate.

3 (7) The dean of school may be removed from office for good cause
4 by the school board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the
5 board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a
6 dean, an acting dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor; provided
7 that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a new dean.

8 (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section
9 14(3) of the Bill.

10 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of works,
11 a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:

12 (a) The Pro-Chancellor;

13 (b) The Vice-Chancellor;

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

16 (d) Two members appointed by the Senate

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

21 *Creation of academic posts*

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

25 *Appointment of academic staff*

26 11.-(1) Subject to the bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in
27 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of
28 the Senate.

29 (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection

1 boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set
2 up.

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

6 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;

7 (b) Two members appointed by the Council;

8 (c) Four members appointed by the Senate; at least two of whom shall
9 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional
10 peers in the professional area in, which an appointment is to be considered;

11 (d) If the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college.

12 (e) If the post is within a school, other teaching unit in the university
13 the dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the
14 case may be; and

15 (f) Such other person, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable
16 of helping the board in assessing both professional and academic suitability of
17 a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.

18 (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to
19 appoint, shall consist of:

20 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;

21 (b) Four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall
22 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional
23 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;

24 (c) If the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college;

25 (d) If the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the
26 university the dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the
27 institute, as the case may be; and

28 (e) Such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable
29 of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability
30 of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint

1 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the
2 same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such
3 posts other than that of the librarian, the librarian shall be a member of the
4 selection board.

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

10 *Appointment of administrative and professional staff*

11 **12.-(1)** The administrative and professional staff of the university
12 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its
13 behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the registrar in accordance with delegation
14 of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

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

18 *Interpretation*

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

22 *Citation*

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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