

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY BILL, 2021

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SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Principal Officers of each University

SECOND SCHEDULE

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF LAND RESOURCES
TECHNOLOGY OFOROLLA, IMO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There is herein established the Federal University of land
2 Resources Technology, Oforolla, Imo State (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 University") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as
4 are conferred on them by this Bill.

Establishment of
Federal University
of Land Resources
Technology Oforolla,
Imo State

5 (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual
6 succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose
7 of interest in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in
8 its corporate name;

9 (3) The objectives of the University shall be:

10 (a) To train and develop skilled professionals in the areas of
11 land/soil resources conservation and environmental management, food
12 security and climate change management services;

13 (b) To develop and offer academic and professional programmes
14 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate research and

1 higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical and productive
2 skills in Land Resource Technology development with the aim of producing
3 persons with capacity to improve on the disciplines and develop new ones and
4 to contribute to the optimal utilization of land resources in Nigeria;

5 (c) To act as agents and catalysts, through graduate and post graduate,
6 research and development for the effective and economic utilization,
7 exploitation and conservation of Nigeria's land and human resources;

8 (d) To offer to the general population as a form of public service, the
9 results of training and research in land resources utilization and allied
10 disciplines and to foster the practical application of these results;

11 (e) To establish appropriate relationship with other national
12 institutions involved in training, research and development of land resources
13 and the corresponding technology;

14 (f) To provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a
15 foundation for the development and improvement of land resources
16 development technology and allied disciplines, taking into account indigenous
17 technologies and the need to vastly increase the practical content of student
18 training and adequate preparation of graduates for self-employment in land
19 resource management and technology applications;

20 (g) To promote and emphasize teaching, research and extension of
21 land resources development, agricultural knowledge, including agriculture
22 extension services and outreach programmes, in service training, continuing
23 education, and other related services;

24 (h) To offer academic programmes in relation to the training of
25 manpower for land resources development and related disciplines;

26 (i) To offer through her entrepreneurship development centre training
27 for students in different areas of agriculture to make them self-sustaining and
28 wealth creators after school;

29 (j) To organize extension services and outreach programmes for
30 technology transfer;

1 (k) To establish institutional linkages in order to foster
2 collaboration and integration of training, research and extension services;
3 and

4 (l) To undertake any other activities appropriate for a University
5 saddled with the responsibility of producing manpower and technology for
6 the utilization and development of Land Resources;

7 2.-(1) The University shall consist of:

8 (a) A Chancellor;

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

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

11 (d) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

12 (e) A body to be called Congregation;

13 (f) A body to be called Convocation;

14 (g) Campuses and Colleges of the University;

15 (h) Schools and other teaching and research units;

16 (i) Persons holding the offices constituted by the First schedule to
17 this Act other than those mentioned in paragraph (a) to (d) of this subsection;

18 (j) All graduates and undergraduates of the University; and

19 (k) All other persons who are members of the University in
20 accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf;

21 (1) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to
22 the principal officers of the University therein mentioned; First Schedule

23 (2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, provision shall be made by
24 statute with respect to the constitution of the following bodies, namely the
25 Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation;

26 3.-(1) for carrying out of its objectives as specified in section 1 of
27 this Bill, the University shall have power;

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

Constitution and
Principal Officers
of the University

Powers of each
University and
their exercise

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

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

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

9 (n) to borrow, whether on interest or not 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 do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or
15 by statute to do; and

16 (p) to do all such acts or things, incidental to the foregoing powers,
17 as may advance the objects of the University;

18 (4) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and
19 without prejudice to section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the
20 University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of
21 the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner, which
22 may be authorised by statute;

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

26 4.-(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to each University, take
27 precedence before all other members of the University and when he is
28 present shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring
29 degrees.

30 (2) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to

The functions of
the Chancellor

1 the confirmation of the Chancellor.

2 (3) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such
3 other duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Act or the statutes.

Functions of the
Pro-Chancellor

4 5.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to each University, take
5 precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor
6 and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or
7 Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman
8 at all meetings of the Council;

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

Composition of
the Council

11 6.-(1) The Council of each University shall consist of:

12 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

13 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

14 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

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

16 (e) nine persons representing a variety of interests and broadly
17 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;

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

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

20 (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.

Functions of
the Council and
its Finance and
General Purposes
Committee

21 7.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the
22 Council shall be the governing body of each University and shall be charged
23 with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finance and
24 property of the University.

25 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the
26 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the
27 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of
28 the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council
29 may, from time to time, delegate to it.

30 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution

1 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

2 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University
3 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an
4 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual
5 report shall be published by the University together with certified copies of
6 the said accounts as audited.

7 (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance
8 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for regulating their
9 own procedure.

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

16 (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance
17 and General Purposes Committee respectively and of any other committee
18 set up by the Council an allowance in respect of travelling and other
19 reasonable expenses, at such rates as may, from time to time, be fixed by the
20 Minister.

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

24 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council the
25 chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting
26 of the Council.

27 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall
28 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and a business not so
29 specified shall not be transacted at the meeting.

Functions of
the Senate

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

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

10 (a) the establishment and organisation and control of campuses,
11 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the
12 University and allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

13 (b) the organisation and control of courses of study in the University
14 and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the
15 appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

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

18 (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the
19 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or degree or the title of professor
20 emeritus;

21 (e) the establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence
22 and similar institutions at the University;

23 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the
24 regulation of their conduct;

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

27 (h) determining what description of dress shall be academic dress for
28 the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

29 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school,
30 department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University

1 without the approval of the Council.

2 (4) Subject to this Bill, the Senate may make regulations for the
3 purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing
4 provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making
5 provisions for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorised or
6 required by this Act or by statute.

7 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons
8 appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in
9 conjunction with any course of study at the University, as may be prescribed
10 by the Senate from time to time, is not a teacher at the University but is a
11 teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other
12 university of high repute or a person engaged in practising the profession in
13 a reputable organisation or institution.

14 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
15 Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any
16 degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred
17 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of
18 dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the
19 University or obtaining that award.

20 9.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to each University,
21 take precedence before all other members of the University, except the
22 Chancellor, and any other person for the time being acting as chairman of the
23 Council.

Functions of the
Vice-Chancellor

24 (2) Subject to sections 7, 8, and 14 of this bill, the Vice-Chancellor
25 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred
26 on him by this bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University
27 and shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and
28 ex-officio chairman of the Senate.

29 *Transfers of property, etc., to each University*

30 10.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of each University shall,

Transfer of
property

1 by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the
2 University and be held by it for the purposes of the University.

Second Schedule

3 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect
4 with respect to matters arising from the transfer of property by this section and
5 with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

6 *Statutes of each University*

Powers of each
University to
make statutes

7 11.-(1) Subject to this Bill, each University may make statutes for any
8 of the following purposes, that is to say:

9 (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution
10 of any authority of the University;

11 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority
12 of the University and regulating any other matter connected with the
13 University or any of its authorities;

14 (c) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment
15 provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;

16 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an
17 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this bill and of any
18 statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder;

19 (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by
20 statute is authorised or required by this bill.

21 (2) Subject to section 28 (6) of this bill, the Interpretation Act shall
22 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a
23 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that bill.

24 *[Cap. 123.]*

Second Schedule

25 (3) The statute contained in the Second Schedule to this bill shall be
26 deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this section of this
27 Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by each
28 University.

Second Schedule

29 (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be
30 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any

1 matter in or from the statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Act or
2 any subsequent statute.

3 12.-(1) The power of each University to make statutes shall be
4 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not
5 otherwise.

Mode of exercising
power to make
statutes

6 (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been
7 approved:

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

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

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

15 (4) A statute which makes provision for or alters the composition or
16 constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the
17 University shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
18 President.

19 (5) For the purposes of section 1 (2) of the Interpretation Act a
20 statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly
21 approved by the Council after having been approved by the Senate, as the
22 case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub-section {4} of this
23 section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.

24 [Cap. 123.]

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

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

27 (b) as to whether any matter is for the purpose of this Act an
28 academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be
29 referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision
30 therein as he shall think fit.

1 (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under
2 subsection {6} of this section shall be final and binding upon the authorities,
3 staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of
4 any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that subsection,
5 the question as to the meaning of that provision shall not be entertained by any
6 court of law in Nigeria.

7 (8) Nothing in subsection (7) of this section shall affect any power of a
8 court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute
9 is wholly or partially void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the
10 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

11 *[Cap. C23.]*

Proof of statutes t

12 13. A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy
13 thereto bearing affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-
14 Chancellor or the secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true
15 copy of a statute of the University.

16 Supervision and discipline

The Visitor

17 14.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of each University.

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

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

Removal of
certain members
of Council

26 15.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other
27 than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from
28 office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his
29 office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect
30 through the Minister to the President after making such enquiry, if any, as may

1 be considered appropriate, and if the President approves the
2 recommendation he may direct the removal of the person in question from
3 office.

4 {2}It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavour to
5 cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1)
6 of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to
7 whom it relates.

8 16.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
9 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,
10 administrative or professional staff of the University, other than Vice-
11 Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the
12 ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or
13 employment, the Council shall:

Removal and
discipline of
academic,
administrative
and professional
staff

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

15 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person
16 on the matter;

17 (c) appoint a Staff Disciplinary Committee, and if the Council,
18 after considering the report of the Staff Disciplinary Committee, is satisfied
19 that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may
20 so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the
21 Council.

22 (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in case of misconduct by a member
23 of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the
24 interests of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension
25 shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

26 (3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from
27 his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the
28 purposes of this subsection 16(b) "Good cause" means:

29 (a) Conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be

1 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions
2 of his office;

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) whether to re-instate such person in which case the Council shall
22 restore his full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension; or

23 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned in
24 which case such person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his
25 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

26 (e) Whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person
27 (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments as might have
28 been withheld) as the Council may determine.

29 (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to
30 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action

1 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three
2 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the
3 case concerning any such person.

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

8 (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:

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

11 (b) Prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline
12 of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

13 17.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor or Senate shall constitute an
14 Investigation Panel to determine whether or not a prima facie case has been
15 established against any member of staff.

Procedures for
staff discipline

16 (2) The Investigation Panel shall include the President or the
17 chairman of the union to which the staff being investigated belongs.

18 (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Staff Disciplinary
19 Committee which shall consist of such members of the Senate as he may
20 determine, to consider the report of the Investigating Panel.

21 (4) The report and recommendation of the Staff Disciplinary
22 Committee shall be forwarded to the Council for consideration and decision.

23 18. External examiners shall be appointed by the Senate.

Appointment of
external examiners

24 19.-(1) If on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the
25 Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any
26 examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or
27 appointment, then except in such cases as may be prescribed, the Vice-
28 Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making
29 representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the
30 examiner from the office or appointment by an instrument in writing signed

Removal of
examiners

1 by the Vice-Chancellor.

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

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

Discipline of
students

10 20.-(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, in consultation with the Senate and,
13 without prejudice to any other disciplinary power conferred on him by statute
14 or regulations, direct that:

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

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

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

22 (d) 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 of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period
25 and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal
26 is brought, the Council shall after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter
27 as the Council considers just, confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in
28 such manner as the Council thinks fit.

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

1 the appeal is pending.

2 (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this
3 section to a Disciplinary Committee consisting of such members of the
4 University as he may 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) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1) of this
9 section, nothing shall prevent the Vice-Chancellor from taking an
10 immediate disciplinary action against a student where he deems fit, and
11 report thereafter to the Senate.

12 (7) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of
13 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of
14 this section.

15 (8) No staff or student shall resort to a law court without proof of
16 having exhausted the integral avenues for settling disputes or grievances or
17 for seeking redress.

18 (9) The Visitor shall be the final arbiter on staff and student
19 discipline, and his decision shall not be contestable in any court of law in
20 Nigeria.

21 (10) Nothing in this subsection shall affect any power of a court of
22 competent jurisdiction to enforce the fundamental right of any aggrieved
23 citizen as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
24 1999.

25 *Miscellaneous and general*

26 21.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy the requirements as to
27 any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic
28 grounding), sex, place of birth or family origin, or religious or political
29 persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the
30 University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment

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

1 or employment at the University or a member of anybody established by virtue
2 of this Act; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded
3 any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of those
4 matters.

5 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as
6 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of
7 the aforementioned persons where such person wilfully refuses or fails on
8 grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly
9 imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to
10 its nature and the special circumstance pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of
11 the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

Restriction on
disposal of land
by University

12 22. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
13 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land
14 (including any land transferred to the University by this bill) except either with
15 the prior written consent either general or special, of the President:

16 Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any
17 lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or lease or
18 tenancy to a member of the University for residential purposes.

Quorum and
procedure of bodies
established by
this Bill.

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

Appointment
of committees,
etc.

22 24.-(1) Anybody of persons established by this Act shall, without
23 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint
24 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body and to
25 authorise a committee established by it:

26 (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;
27 (b) to co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted
28 members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

29 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint
30 meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of

1 members of those bodies or any of them and either of dealing with it or of
2 reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

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

8 (4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be
9 construed as:

10 (a) enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with
11 section 13 of this Bill; or

12 (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make
13 regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.

14 (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members
15 of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by
16 the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of
17 any officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of the
18 Council and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of
19 which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

20 25.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions
21 Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be
22 65 years.

Retiring age of
academic staff
of the University

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

26 26. A person who retires as a professor having served:

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

Special provisions
relating to pension
of professors

30 (b) who during the period of service was absent from the

1 University only on approved national or University assignments, shall be
2 entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such
3 allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for
4 pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he
5 may be entitled.

Miscellaneous
administrative
provisions

6 27.-(1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be
7 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of
8 the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-
9 Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by statute.

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

13 (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person
14 not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made
15 or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specifically
16 authorised to do so by the Council.

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

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

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

27 (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or
28 regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the
29 statute contained in the Second Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by a
30 subsequent statute, or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and

1 statute and regulations may make different provisions in reaction to
2 different circumstances.

3 *[Second Schedule.]*

4 (8) No stamp duty or other duty shall be payable in respect of any
5 transfer of property to the University by virtue of any provision of this Bill.

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

9 28.-(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

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

11 "College" means any college which may be established by each University;

12 "Council" means the Council established by this Bill for each University;

13 "Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, (other than an honorary
14 degree) has been conferred by each University;

15 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for agriculture;

16 "Notice" means notice in writing;

17 "Office" does not include the Visitor;

18 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statutes or regulations;

19 "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of each University in
20 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or regulations;

21 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

22 "Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;

23 "Senate" means the Senate of the University;

24 "Statute" means a statute made by each University under section 11 of this
25 Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of this Bill, and

26 "the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;

27 "Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of
28 the teaching or research staff of each University;

29 "Undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari at each University other
30 than:

1 (a) a graduate; and
2 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes
3 of this definition;

4 "University" means the University of Land Resources Technology, Oforolla
5 established under section 2 of this Act.

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

Short title

13 29. This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Land Resources
14 Technology Bill, 2021.

15 SCHEDULES

16 FIRST SCHEDULE

17 [Section 2 (2).]

18 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

19 *The Chancellor*

20 1.-(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President of Nigeria.

21 (2) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.

22 (3) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor should be removed
23 from his office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the
24 functions of his office, the Visitor may by notice in the Federal Gazette remove
25 the Chancellor from office.

26 *The Pro-Chancellor*

27 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed by the
28 President on the recommendation of the Minister.

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

1 *The Vice-Chancellor*

2 3.-(1) there shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall
3 be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this
4 paragraph.

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

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

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

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

13 (b) Constitute a search team consisting of:

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

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

18 (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the
19 Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for
20 consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on
21 their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.

22 (3) A joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:

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

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

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

30 (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the

1 candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and
2 may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward
3 the names to the President.

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

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

10 (7) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor
11 after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the
12 Minister of Education.

13 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

14 4.-(1) There shall be for each University such number of Deputy Vice-
15 Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the
16 proper administration of the University.

17 [1996 No. 25.]

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

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

24 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

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

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

29 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the
30 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

1 *A Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

2 5.-(a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the
3 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may
4 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

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

6 *Office of the Registrar*

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

12 (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of
13 that office be secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and
14 Convocation.

15 *Other principal officers of the University*

16 7.-(1) There shall be for each University the following principal
17 officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:

18 (a) the Bursar; and

19 (b) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council
20 on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph
21 8 of this Schedule.

22 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the University
23 and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration
24 and control of the financial affairs of the University.

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

30 (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the

1 aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

2 *Selection Board for other principal officers*

3 8.-(1) there shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the
4 appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy
5 Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:

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

7 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

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

9 (d) two members of the Senate.

10 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
11 Selection Board constituted under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be
12 as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

13 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for such
14 period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as
15 may be specified in their letters of appointment.

16 *Resignation and re-appointment*

17 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
18 Schedule may resign his office:

19 (a) in the case of the Chancellor, by notice to the President; and

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

22 (2) Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Schedule, a person who has
23 ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for
24 misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

25 SECOND SCHEDULE

26 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

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16 *The Council*

17 1.- (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in
18 section 7 of this Act.

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

22 (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
23 pursuance of section 7 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he
24 previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of five
25 years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year in which he was
26 appointed.

27 (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than
28 in pursuance of section 7 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill vacates before the
29 expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was

1 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of
2 his predecessor.

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

6 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall
7 be a member appointed pursuant to section 7 (d), (e), or (h) of this Act.

8 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,
9 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may
10 appoint as respects that meeting, shall be the chairman at that meeting, and
11 subject to sections 5 and 6 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions, the Council
12 may regulate its own procedure.

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

17 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

18 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council
19 shall consist of:

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

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

23 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of
24 whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council
25 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
26 Congregation;

27 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture
28 and Rural Development or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he
29 may designate to represent him.

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

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

3 *The Senate*

4 3.-(1) The Senate shall consist of:

5 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

6 (b) Deans of colleges;

7 (c) the Directors of institutes and research centres;

8 (d) the Heads of academic departments;

9 (e) the Librarian;

10 (f) one member of not less than the rank of senior lecturer of each
11 college;

12 (g) four persons representing the Congregation.

13 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the
14 Senate when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-
15 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that
16 meeting shall be chairman at the meeting.

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

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

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

26 (6) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years
27 beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at
28 any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in
29 which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a
30 candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will hold office as an

1 elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held
2 office if he had not resigned it.

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

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

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

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

21 *Congregation*

22 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of:

23 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

24 (b) the full-time members of the academic staff;

25 (c) the Registrar;

26 (d) the Bursar;

27 (e) the Librarian;

28 (f) the Director of Works;

29 (g) the Director of Physical Planning;

30 (h) the Director of Academic Planning;

1 (i) the Director of Health Services; and
2 (j) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree
3 other than an honorary degree of any university recognised for the purposes
4 of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 *Convocation*

27 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of:

28 (a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to
29 the Bill;

30 (b) all teachers within the meaning of the Bill;

1 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
2 paragraph (2) of this article.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (8) Subject to section 4 of this Act, the Chancellor shall be the

1 chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his
2 absence the Vice- Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

6 *Division of colleges*

7 6. Each college shall be divided into such number of branches as
8 may be prescribed.

9 *College Board*

10 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each college a
11 College Board, which, subject to provisions of this statute, and subject to the
12 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

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

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

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

19 (2) Each College Board shall consist of:

20 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

21 (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

22 (c) the Dean;

23 (d) the persons severally in charge of the departments of the
24 college;

25 (e) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the
26 prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

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

29 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be six members or one quarter,
30 (whichever is greater), of the members for the time being of the Board; and

1 subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provisions of this article and
2 to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its
3 own procedure.

4 *Appointments and Promotions Committee*

5 8.-(1) There shall be an Appointments and Promotions Committee of
6 the Council which shall ultimately be responsible for all appointments,
7 promotions and discipline of all categories of senior staff in the University,
8 under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor.

9 (2) The Committee shall operate where necessary through the Senate
10 or Selection Board or ad-hoc Committees and its recommendations shall be
11 subject to the approval of the Council.

12 *Dean of college*

13 9.-(1) The Dean of a college shall be a professor appointed by the
14 Appointments and Promotions Committee and such Dean shall hold office for
15 a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term
16 of three years after which he may not be re-appointed again until two years
17 have elapsed.

18 (2) The Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the College
19 Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other
20 boards appointed by the College.

21 (3) The Dean of a college shall exercise general superintendence over
22 the academic and administrative affairs of the college and it shall be the
23 function of the Dean to present to Convocation or for the conferment of degrees
24 on persons of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning
25 for which responsibility is allocated to that college.

26 (4) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
27 Deans consisting of all Deans of the colleges and that Committee shall advise
28 the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred
29 to the University Council.

Deputy Dean of college

10.-(1) There shall be a Deputy Dean of college who shall be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Dean.

(2) The Deputy Dean shall be appointed for two years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further period of two years after which he shall not be entitled to re-appointment until after two years.

Director of institute or centre

11.-(1) The Director of an institute or of a centre shall be appointed by the Appointments and Promotions Committee for academic staff, and such Director shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years after which he may not be appointed again until two years have elapsed.

(2) The Director of an institute or centre shall exercise general superintendence over the affairs of the institute or centre.

Head of department

12.-(1) The Head of a department shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor and such Head shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years after which he may not be appointed again until two years have elapsed.

(2) The Head of a department shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the department.

Creation of academic posts

13. Recommendations for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in article 10 of this statute shall be made by Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Appointment of academic staff

14. Subject to this Act and statutes deriving therefrom, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Appointments and Promotions Committee,

1 notwithstanding the fact that the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to make
2 temporary appointments to academic and non-academic positions for a period
3 not exceeding twelve calendar months.

4 *Funding of the University*

5 15.-(1) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
6 shall have responsibility for agricultural or land resources related education in
7 the University similar to the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Education
8 in general universities.

9 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the National Universities
10 Commissions Act, the University shall receive funds directly from the Federal
11 Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and from other national and
12 international agencies.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Land Resources Technology in Oforolla, Imo State to serve as a special purpose vehicle in the development and optimal utilization of land resources in the country through indigenously developed manpower and technologies.