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FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AKOKO EDO TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR ITS DUE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS Sponsored by Hon. Peter O. Akpatason

Commencement ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows: 1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF 2 Federal University Of Agriculture, akoko edo 3 1.-(1) There is establish the Federal University of Agriculture Establishment Akoko Edo in this Bill referred to as "the University"). 4 and Objects of the Federal 5 University of (2) The University: Agriculture б (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a Anambra 7 common seal; and 8 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name. Objects of the 9 2. The objects of the University shall be to: University 10 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the Π 12 opportunity of acquiring tertiary education in Agriculture; 13 (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and 14 higher degrees with emphasis on Agricultural research, planning, adaptive, 15 technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the 16 engineering, scientific, and allied professional disciplines with the aim of 17 producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to 18 understand, use and adapt existing technologies in the Agriculture, but also 19

to improve on them and develop new ones;

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| | 2 | (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training, |
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| | 3 | research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation |
| | 4 | and conservation of the country's Agriculture resources; |
| | 5 | (d) to offer to the general population particularly in the area |
| | 6 | Agriculture as a form of public service, the results of training and research and |
| | 7 | to foster the practical applications of these results; |
| | 8 | (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national |
| | 9 . | institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in |
| | 10 | the Agriculture sector: |
| | 11 | (f) to identify the problems and needs of the Agriculture sector in |
| | 12 | Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national |
| | 13 | development; |
| | 14 | (g) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a |
| | 15 | foundation for the development of Agriculture in Nigeria, taking into account |
| 1. | 16 | indigenous cultures and the need to enhance national unity; |
| | 17 | (h) to encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in |
| | 18 | restricted fields of learning and human endeavor; |
| | 19 | (i) to relate its activities to the technological, social, cultural and |
| | 20 | economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and |
| | 21 | (j) to undertake any other activities appropriate for an Agriculture |
| - | 22 | university of the highest standard. |
| Constitution | 23 | 3(1) The University shall consist of: |
| of the University and its Constituen Bodies, etc. | it 24 | (a) a Chancellor; |
| -Boules, cic. | 25 | (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council; |
| | 26 | (c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate; |
| 4 | 2 | 7 (d) a Deputy Vice-Chancellor; |
| | 2 | 8 (e) a body to be called Congregation; |
| | 2 | 9 (f) a body to be called Convocation; |
| | 3 | 0 (g) the Campuses and Colleges of the University; |
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| 1 . | (h) the Faculties, Schools, Institutes and other teaching and |
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| 2 | research units of the University; |
| 3 | (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule |
| 4 | to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this |
| 5 | subsection; |
| 6 | (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and |
| 7 | (k) all other persons who are members of the University in |
| 8 | accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf. |
| 9 | (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to |
| 10 | the Principal Officers of the University mentioned therein. |
| 11 | (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the |
| 12 | constitution of the following bodies, namely: |
| 13 | (a) the Council; |
| 14 | (b) the Senate; |
| 15 | (c) the Congregation; and |
| 16 | (d) the Convocation. |
| 17 | 4(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 2 of Powers of the |
| 18 | this Act, the University shall have power to: |
| 19 | (a) establish such Campuses, Colleges, Faculties, Institutes, |
| 20 | Schools, Extra-mural Departments and other teaching and research units |
| 21 | within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, |
| 22 | subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission; |
| 23 | (b) institute professorships, readerships and associate |
| 24 | professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make |
| 25 | appointments thereto; |
| 26 | (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, |
| 27 | bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of |
| 28 | assistance; |
| 29 | (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of |
| 30 | the University; |

| 1 | (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and | | |
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| 2 | other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by | | |
| 3 | the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University | | |
| 4 | may lay down; | | |
| 5 | (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles; | | |
| 6 | (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person | | |
| 7 | attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the | | |
| 8 | University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of | | |
| 9 | the appropriate authority; | | |
| 10 | (h) subject to section 22 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or | | |
| 11 | otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever | | |
| 12 | situate; | | |
| 13 | (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to | | |
| 14 | accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and | | |
| 15 | conditions attaching thereto; | | |
| 16 | (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly | | |
| 17 | with any other person, and employ and act through agents; | | |
| 18 | (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, taboratories, lecture | | |
| 19 | halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other | | |
| 20 | buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of | | |
| 21 | the University; | | |
| 22 | (I) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book | | |
| 23 | selling; | | |
| 24 | (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to | | |
| 25 | invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement, | | |
| 26 | whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be | | |
| 27 | immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities | | |
| 28 | or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary | | |
| 29 | any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested | | |
| 30 | with any hank on deposit or current account: | | |

(d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;

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(e) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly

Functions of the Council and

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representative of the whole Federation; 1 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members; 2 (g) two persons appointed by the congregation from among its 3 4 members; and (h) one persons appointed by Convocation from among its members. 5 (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven 6 integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the 7 8 University. 7.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the 9 Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be charged 10 with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and 11 property of the University, including its public relations. 12 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the 13 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the 4 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of 15 the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it. 16 (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution 17 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. 18 (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are 19 kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors 20 appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines 21 supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is 22 published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts 23 as audited. 24 (5) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance 25 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of 26 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own 27 28 procedure. (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and 29 General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the

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| 2 | Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any |
| 3 | in server by the Council (whether before or after the care in |
| 4 | of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail |
| 5 | (1) There shall be paid to the members of the Council the D: |
| 6 | and General Furposes Committee and of any other committee act with a |
| 7 | obtains, anowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable |
| 8 | as may from time to time be fixed by extant government |
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| 9 | (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the |
| | performance of its functions under this Act, and shall meet at least four times |
| | overy year. |
| 12 | (9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council, the |
| 13 | Chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting |
| 14 | or the Comicin |
| 15 | PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him |
| 16 | or such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting the Projection |
| 17 | shan within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be conversed |
| 18 | to that purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at |
| 19 | the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that |
| 20 | meeting. |
| 21 | 8(1) Subject to section 5 of this Act and subsections (3) and (4) of Functions of the |
| 22 | Senate Senate |
| 23 | the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the |
| 24 | University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of |
| 25 | students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the |
| 26 | University. |
| 27 | (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of |
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(a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,

subsection (I) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the

Senate to make provision for the:

| | faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units |
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| 2 | of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of |
| 3 | learning; |
| 1 | (b) organization and control of courses of study in the University and |
| 5 | of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the |
| 5 | appointment of examiners, both internal and external; |
| 7 | (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be |
| 3 | prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University; |
|) | (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the |
| 10 | award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of |
|]] | professor emeritus; |
| 12 | (e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and |
| 13 | similar institutions in the University; |
| 14 | (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the |
| 15 | regulation of their conduct; |
| 16 | (g) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in |
| 17 | so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and |
| 18 | (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic dress |
| 19 | for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress. |
| 20 | (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, |
| 21 | department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the |
| 22 | University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University |
| 23 | without the approval of the Council. |
| 24 | (4) (a) Subject to this Act and the Statutes, the Senate may make |
| 25 | regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by |
| 26 | the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for |
| 27 | which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by |
| 28 | Statute; |
| 29 | (b) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the |
| 30 | persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held |

PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

11.-(1) Subject to this Act, the University may make Statutes for

Power of the University to

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any of the following purposes:

| 1 | (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution |
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| 2 | of any authority of the University; |
| 3 | (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority |
| 4 | of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the |
| 5 | University or any of its authorities; |
| 6 | (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the |
| 7 | University, and their discipline and welfare; |
| 8 | (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an |
| 9 | academic or non- academic matter for the purposes of this Act and of any |
| 10 | Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and |
| 11 | (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by Statute |
| 12 | is authorized or required by this Act. |
| 13 | (2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall |
| 14 | apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a |
| ·15 | subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27(1) of that Act. |
| 16 | (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act shall be |
| 17 | deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Act and shall be |
| 18 | deemed to have been made under this section by the University. |
| 19 | (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be |
| 20 | prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any |
| 21 | matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any |
| 22 | subsequent Statute. |
| 23 | 12(1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be |
| 24 | exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section. |
| 25 | (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been |
| 26 | approved at a meeting of the- |
| 27 | (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members |
| 28 | present and voting; and |
| 29 | (b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members |
| 30 | present and voting. |

Mode of exercising the power to make Statutes

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of a

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court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute

| | 2 | is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the |
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| | 3 | Constitution. |
| · | 4 | (3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to |
| | ٠5 | any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this Act, |
| | 6 | academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt |
| | 7 | or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and accordingly the |
| | 8 | reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of |
| | 9 | any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether |
| • | 10 | any matter is for the said purposes an academic or non-academic matter. |
| | 11 | PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE |
| The Visitor | 12 | 15(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University. |
| | 13 | (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not |
| | 14 | being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or |
| | 15 | direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may |
| | 16 | deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University. |
| | 17 | (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the |
| | 18 | University to: |
| | 19 | (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting |
| | 20 | a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or |
| | 21 | they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and |
| | 22 | (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of |
| | 23 | this Act which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation. |
| Removal of | 24 | 16(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro- |
| certain Members of the Council | 25 | Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds |
| | 26 | of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council |
| | 27 | shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federa |
| in the second | 28 | Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council after making such |
| - inggradu | 29 | enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves th |
| | 30 | recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office. |
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Removal and

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Staff

| 1 | appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the |
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| 2 | purposes of this subsection "good cause" means: |
| 3 | (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such |
| 4 | as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his |
| 5 | office; |
| 6 | (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after |
| 7 | obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person |
| 8 | concerned unfit to continue to hold office; |
| 9 | (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council |
| 10 | considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold |
| 11 | office; or |
| 12 | (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute |
| 13 | failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his |
| 14 | office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service. |
| 15 | (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) of this section |
| 16 | shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of |
| 17 | three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that |
| 18 | person and come to a decision as to whether to: |
| 19 | (a) continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms |
| 20 | (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); |
| 21 | (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his |
| 22 | full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension; |
| 23 | (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case |
| 24 | such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld |
| 25 | during the period of suspension; or |
| 26 | (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including |
| 27 | the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been |
| 28 | withheld) as the Council may determine. |
| 29 | (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a |
| 30 | person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the |

disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that

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| 1 | (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the |
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| 2 | direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such |
| 3 | facilities of the University as may be so specified; : |
| 4 | (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be |
| 5 | specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; |
| 6 | (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the |
| 7 | direction; |
| 8 | (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) paragraphs (a) to |
| 9 | (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the |
| 10 | prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to |
| : I | the Senate. |
| 12 | (3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this |
| 13 | section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as |
| 14 | the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it |
| 15 | in such manner as the Senate thinks fit. |
| 16 | (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to |
| 17 | subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while |
| 18 | the appeal is pending. |
| 19 | (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section |
| 20 | to a disciplinary Board consisting of such members of the University as he may |
| 21 | nominate. |
| 22 | (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the |
| 23 | restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for conduct |
| 24 | which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or |
| 25 | to its corporate objective or image. |
| 26 | (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be |
| 27 | combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section. |
| 28 | PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS |
| 29 | 20(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of |
| 30 | the following matters, that is to say race (including ethnic grouping) say, place |

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

| 1 | and authorize a Committee established by it to: |
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| 2 | (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; |
| 3 | and |
| 4 | (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members shall |
| 5 | be entitled to vote in that Committee. |
| 6 | (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint |
| 7 | meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of Committees consisting of |
| 8 | members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the |
| 9 | competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of |
| 10 | reporting on it to those bodies or any of them. |
| 11 | (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations, |
| 12 | the quorum and procedure of a Committee established or meeting held |
| 13 | pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or |
| 14 | bodies which have decided to establish the Committee or hold the meeting. |
| 15 | (4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of |
| 16 | every Committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the |
| 17 | Council, (other than a Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the |
| 18 | officer in question) and the Vice- Chancellor shall be a member of every |
| 19 | Committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate. |
| 20 | (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be |
| 21 | construed as enabling: |
| 22 | (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of |
| 23 | this Act; or |
| 24 | (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or to |
| 25 | award degrees or other qualifications. |
| 26 | 25(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined |
| 27 | by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal |
| 28 | shall: |
| 29 | (a) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated |
| 30 | by the Vice- Chancellor and the Registrar; and |

Miscellaneous Administrative provisions person authorized by Statute.

(2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the

contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

- (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.
- (4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established pursuant to this Act shall not be affected by;
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made pursuant to this Act.
- (7) The power conferred by this Act on anybody to make Statute or Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any:
- (a) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act; or
- (b) regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case may be:

PROVIDED that the Statutes and Regulations may have different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

(8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of sections 10, 21 and the Second Schedule to this Act.

| | 1 | (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of |
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| • | 2 | this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post. |
| nterpretation | 3 | 26 (1) In this Act: |
| | 4 | "appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by law |
| | 5 | to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter; |
| • | 6 | "campus" means any campus which may be established by the University; |
| | 7. | "college" means any college which may be established by the University; |
| | 8 | "graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) |
| • | 9 | has been conferred by the University; |
| | 10 | "gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior that |
| | 11 | may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation made, |
| | 12 | pursuant to this Act; |
| | 13 | "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education; |
| | 14 | "misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the |
| | 15 | University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of |
| | 16 | the University; |
| | 17 | "notice" means notice in writing; |
| | 18 | "officer" does not include the Visitor; |
| | 19 | "prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this Act; |
| | 20 | "professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in |
| | 21 | accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations; |
| | 22 | "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations; |
| | 23 | "the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the |
| | 24 | University by the President with effect from September 2016; |
| | 25 | "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council; |
| | 26 | "Senate" means the Senate of the University established by the Act; |
| | 27 | "Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 11 of this Act |
| | 28 | and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Act; |
| | 29 | "the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time; |
| | 30 | "teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the |

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| 1 | teaching or research staff of the University; | |
| 2 | "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; | |
| 3 | "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; | |
| 4 | "undergraduate" means a person in statu pupilariin the University, other | |
| 5 | than: | |
| 6 | (a) a graduate; and | |
| 7 | (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the | |
| 8 | purposes of this definition. | |
| 9 | "the University" the Federal University of Agriculture Akoko Edo | |
| 10 | incorporated and constituted by this Act; and | |
| 11 | "the Act" means the Federal University of Agriculture Akoko Edo | |
| 12 | (Establishment) Act. | |
| 13 | (2) Where in any provision of this Act, it is laid down that proposals | |
| 14 | are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to | |
| 15 | another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of | |
| 16 | every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or | |
| 17 | recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate | |
| 18 | authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward | |
| 19 | therewith its own comments thereon. | |
| 20 | 27. This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Agriculture, Citation | |
| 21 | Akoko Edo (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021. | on |
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| | SCHEDULES |
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| 2 | FIRST SCHEDULE |
| , | Section 3 (2) |
| | PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY |
| 5 | . The Chancellor |
| , | 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure |
| 7 | of the President. |
| } | The Pro-Chancellor |
|) | 2(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office |
| 0 | by the President. |
| 1 | (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold |
| 2 | office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment. |
| 13 | The Vice-Chancellor |
| 4 | 3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice- |
| 15 | Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University |
| 16 | (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended. |
| 17 | Deputy Vice-Chancellor |
| 8 | 4(1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors |
| 19 | or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may, from time to |
| 20 | time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University. |
| 15 | (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy |
| 22 | Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities |
| 23 | (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended. |
| 24 | (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall: |
| 25 | (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions; |
| 26 | (b) act in 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. |

| i | (4) ce of the Registrar, Bursar and University Literian |
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| 2 | 5(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be |
| 3 . | the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and sholl be responsible |
| 4 | to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University |
| 5 | except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsable in accordance |
| . 6 | with paragraph 6 (2) below. |
| 7 | (2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that |
| 8 | office be Secreta to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and |
| 9 | Convocation. |
| 10 | (7) the control hole article for such period and on such |
| 11 | terms and conditions and late, aments as may be specified in his letter of |
| 12 | appointmen. |
| 13 | 6(1) There, shall be for the University, the following Principal |
| !4 | Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is: |
| 15 | (a) the Bursur; and |
| 16 | (b) the University Lucrarian. |
| 17 | (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Bloancial Officer of the |
| 18 | University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to- |
| 19 | day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University. |
| 20 | (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice- |
| 21 | Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co- |
| 22 | ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, |
| 23 | colleges, faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or |
| 24 | research units. |
| 25 | (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian: |
| 26 | (a) shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and |
| 27 | conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of |
| 28 | appointment. |
| 29 | Other Officers of the University |
| 30 | 7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall |
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| ŀ | be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works |
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| 2 | Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of |
| 3 | University facilities. |
| 4 | 8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, |
| 5 | who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the |
| 6 | Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and |
| 7 | shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students. |
| 8 | Resignation and re-appointment |
| 9 | 9(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this |
| 10 | schedule may resign his office in: |
| 11 | (a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the |
| 12 | Visitor; |
| 13 | (b) the case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Council which |
| 14 | shall immediately notify the Minister; and |
| 15 | (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise |
| 16 | than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that |
| ł7 | office. |
| 18 | SECOND SCHEDULE |
| 19 | Section 10 (2) |
| 20 | Transitional Provisions as to Property, Functions, Etc. |
| 21 | Transfer of Property to the University |
| 22 | 1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 10 (1) of this Act: |
| 23 | (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional |
| 24 | Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and |
| 25 | give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been |
| 26 | voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and |
| 27 | (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council |
| 28 | shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Act. |
| 29 | 2(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to |
| 30 | which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject |

| 1 | service the contains and force of this Act shan be decided to constitute the Senate |
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| 2 | of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third |
| 3 | Schedule of this Act must have been duly constituted |
| 4 | (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after |
| 5 | the date on which this Act is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of |
| 6 | the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall on |
| 7 | that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as |
| 8 | established by this Act. |
| 9 | (6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or |
| 10 | members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or |
| 11 | become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointment |
| 12 | are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Act. |
| 13 | 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as |
| 14 | established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall be |
| 15 | employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which |
| 16 | correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a member |
| 17 | of that staffor as such an employee. |
| 18 | 6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid |
| 19 | officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. |
| 20 | THIRD SCHEDULE |
| 21 | Section 11 (3) |
| 22 | FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AKOKO EDO STATUTE NO. 1 |
| 23 | Articles: |
| 24 | 1. The Council |
| 25 | 2. Finance and General Purpose Committee |
| 26 | 3. The Senate |
| 27 | 4. The Congregation |
| 28 | 5. Convocation |
| 29 | 6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches thereof |
| 30 | 7. Faculty Board |

| I | 8. The Dean of the Faculty |
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| 2 | 9. Selection of Certain Principal and other key officers. |
| 3 | 10. Creation of Academic Post |
| 4 | 11. Appointment of Academic Staff |
| 5 | 12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff. |
| 6 | The Council |
| 7 | 1(1) Any member of Council holding of the parsuant to section 6 |
| 8 | (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act may, by notice to the Council resign his office. |
| 9 | (2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e) (f) |
| 10 | (g) or (h) of this Act shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office |
| 11 | on the expiration of a period of few years starting from 1st August in the year |
| 12 | in which he was appointed. |
| 13 | (3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section |
| 14 | 6 (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act vacates office before the expiration of his |
| 15 | tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office |
| 16 | for the residue of his unexpired term. |
| 17 | (4) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of Council |
| 18 | otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for |
| 19 | reappointment for only one further period of four years. |
| 20 | (5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom |
| 21 | shall be a member pursuant to Section 6 (d) and (e) of this Act. |
| 22 | (6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, |
| 23 | the members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the |
| 24 | Chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Act and the |
| 25 | provisions of this paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure. |
| 26 | (7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any |
| 27 | particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; |
| 28 | and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at |
| 29 | any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote. |
| 30 | (8) The Council constituted by this Act shall have a four year tenure |

| ŀ | from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be |
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| 2 | incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council |
| 3 | shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University. |
| 4 | (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with |
| 5 | the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment |
| 6 | circulars that are inconsistent with the lower and the extent, establishment |
| 7 | circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University shall not apply to the University. |
| 8 | The Finance and General Purpose Committee |
| 9 | 2,-(1) The Finance and Consults |
| 10 | 2(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council shall consist of: |
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| 12 | (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the committee at any meeting at which he is present; |
| 13 | (b) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor; |
| 14 | (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of |
| . 15 | whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council |
| 16 | appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among |
| 17 | members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and |
| 18 | (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his |
| 19 | absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him. |
| 20 | (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six. |
| 21 | . (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee may |
| 22 | regulate its own procedure. |
| 23 | The Senate |
| 24 | 3(1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of: |
| 25 | (a) the Vice-Chancellor; |
| 26 | (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor; |
| 27 | (c) all Professors of the University; |
| 28 | (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the |
| 29 | University; |
| 30 | (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research Institutes |

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| . 1 | of the University; |
| 2 | (f) the University Librarian; and |
| . 3 | (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors |
| 4 | as specified in the Laws of the University. |
| 5 | (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the |
| 6 | Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice- |
| 7 | Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting. |
| 8 | (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest |
| 9 | whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the |
| 10 | Senate may regulate its own procedure. |
| 11 | (4) If so requested in writing by any tan more |
| 12 | Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall |
| 13 | convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day |
| 14 | following that on which the request was received. |
| 15 | Congregation |
| 16 | 4(1) Congregation shall consist of: |
| 17 | (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor; |
| 18 | (b) the full time members of the academic staff; |
| 19 | (c) the Registrar; |
| 20 | (d) the Bursar; and |
| 21 | (e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who |
| 22 | holds a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute |
| 23 | by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree. |
| 24 | (2) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the |
| 25 | Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his |
| 26 | absence one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the |
| 27 | chairman at the meeting. |
| 28 | (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest |
| 29 | whole number to one-third) of the total number of members of congregation |
| 30 | or fifty, whichever is less. |

| I | (4) A ven ficate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying: |
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| 2 | (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of |
| 3 | any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or |
| 4 | (i) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation |
| 5 | during a particular period; shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the |
| 6 | case may be of the names of those persons. |
| 7 | (5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may |
| 8 | regulate its own procedure. |
| 9 | (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or |
| 10 | otherwise he opinion on all matters after this first interest and welfare of the |
| H | University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of |
| 10 | electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or |
| 13 | Fegulations. |
| 14 | Convocation |
| 15 | 5(1) Convocation shall consist of: |
| 16 | (1) the Officers of the University mentioned it Schools I to this Act; |
| 17 | (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Act; and |
| 18 | (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with |
| 19 | paragraph (2) below. |
| 20 | (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member |
| 21 | of convocation if he: |
| 22 | (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such |
| 23 | requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and |
| 24 | (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner |
| 25 | and pays the prescribed fee. |
| 26 | (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance |
| 27 | of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3) |
| 8. | below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by |
| 9 | persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register |
| 0 | of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees. |
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1 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, 2 without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) 3 or (b) of this paragraph are entered and retained on the register. 4 5 (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a 6 copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable 7 8 times 9 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named 10 therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining 11 whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any 12 entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be 13 14 disregarded. 15 (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of 16 17 convocation whichever is less. 18 (8) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his 19 absence the Vice Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting. 20 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the 21 function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by 22 23 statute. 24 Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof 6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as 25 26 may be prescribed. 27 7.-(1) There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Act, and subject to the 28 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall: 29 30 (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of

| I | examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty; |
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| 2 | (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice |
| 3 | Chancellor or by the Senate; and |
| 4 | (c) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to |
| 5 | by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate. |
| 6 | (2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of: |
| 7 | (a) the Vice-Chancellor; |
| 8 | (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty; |
| 9 | (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the |
| 10 | prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and |
| 11 | (d) such persons whether or not members of the University as the |
| 12 | Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate. |
| 13 | (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter or |
| 14 | the members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater. |
| 15 | (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made |
| 16 | by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate it own procedure. |
| 17 | The Dean of the Faculty |
| 18 | 8(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty |
| 19 | Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be |
| 20 | eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be |
| 21 | elected again until two years have elapsed. |
| 22 | (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall |
| 23 | appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for |
| 24 | the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance, renewable |
| 25 | for another one year only. |
| 26 | (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the |
| 27 | chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be |
| 28 | a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty. |
| 29 | (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over |
| 30 | the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the |

may make an appointment to that office.

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| l | (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director |
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| 2 | of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such terms and |
| 3 | conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment. |
| 4 | Creation of Academic Post |
| 5 | 10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those |
| 6 | mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the |
| 7 | Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee. |
| 8 | Appointment of Academic Staff |
| 9 | 11. Subject to this Act and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of |
| 10 | vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as |
| 1: | prescribed from time to time by Statutes. |
| 12 | Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff |
| 13 | 12(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other |
| 14 | than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be appointed by the |
| 15 | Councilor on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance |
| 16 | with any delegation of powers made by the Council in that behalf. |
| 17 | (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and |
| 18 | important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation |
| 19 | in the process of selection. |
| ī | EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM |
| | This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Agriculture Akoko Edo to |

 $make\ comprehensive\ provisions\ for\ its\ due\ Management\ and\ Administration.$