

NIGERIAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC ESTABLISHMENT LAGOS BILL, 2021

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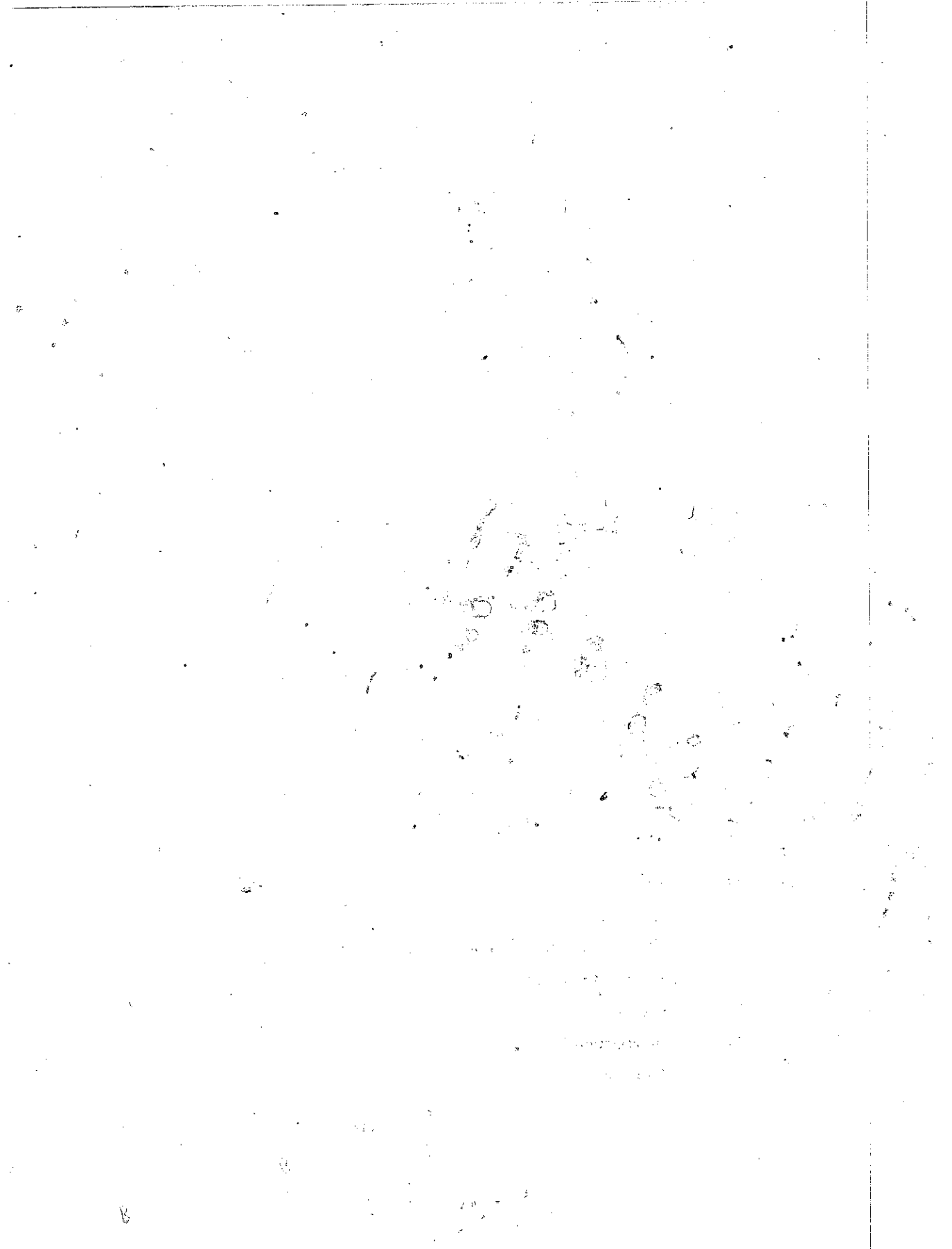
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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NIGERIAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC LAGOS STATE;
PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Olufemi Bandele Adebajo

[] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF NIGERIAN
2 OF SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, LAGOS STATE

3 1. -(1) There is hereby established Nigerian School of Economic
4 ,Lagos State which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as
5 are conferred on them by this Act.

Establishment
of Nigerian School
of Economic Lagos
State

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

10 2.-(1) The governance of the School and the management of its
11 affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the School concerned (in this
12 Act referred to as "the Council").

Governing Council
of the School

13 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this
14 section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve:

- 15 (a) the day to day and plan of activities of the School;
- 16 (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be
- 17 undertaken by the School;
- 18 (c) the yearly estimates of the School; and
- 19 (d) the structure and investment plans of the School.

20 (3) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have
21 effect with respect to the Council as specified therein.

Membership of
the Council of
the School

- 1 3.-(1) The Council of the School ,shall consist of a chairman and the
2 following other members, to be appointed by the President:
3 (a) a representative of the Federal Ministry of education;
4 (b) a representative of the alumni association of the School;
5 (c) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis
6 who should have wide experience in the area of Journalism
7 (d) two representatives of the Academic Board of the School;
8 (e) one representative of the general public; and
9 (f) the Provost of the School.

Tenure of office
of members of
the Council

- 10 4.-(1) Each member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member)
11 shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment
12 for a further period of four years.

- 13 (2) The office of a member appointed under sections 3 (1) (d) and 3 (2)
14 (d) of this Act shall become vacant if:

- 15 (a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand,
16 addressed to the president through the Minister;
17 (b) the member is convicted of any offence by any court;
18 (c) the member becomes a person of unsound mind;
19 (d) The member abuses his office.

Functions of
the School

- 20 5. The functions of the school shall be:

Functions and
powers of the
School

- 21 6. The functions and powers of the School shall be:

- 22 (a) to provide for instruction and training in:
23 (i) economics, finance and business administration; and,
24 (ii) such other branches of learning as the Board of Governors may
25 determine with the approval of the Patron given on the recommendation of a
26 committee constituted by the Education Department;
27 (b) to provide for research, demonstration and other services, and for
28 the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
29 (c) to hold examinations and confer on or award degrees, diplomas,

1 certificates and other academic distinctions to persons who have passed its
2 examinations;

3 (d) to select and promote faculties;

4 (e) to prescribe courses of studies;

5 (f) to establish and support other facilities for education, training
6 and research; and

7 (g) to decide teaching methods and strategies in order to ensure the
8 most effective educational and training programmes

9 7.-(1) For the carrying out of the functions of School, the Council
10 shall have power to:

Powers of the
Council

11 (a) undertake examinations and award diplomas, professional
12 certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of
13 study approved and accredited by the National university Commission;

14 (b) collect from any student or any other person attending the
15 School for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the
16 prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

17 (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
18 bookselling;

19 (d) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

20 (e) hold examinations for student or teachers;

21 (f) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the
22 welfare of the staff of the School;

23 (g) invest the funds of the School in securities specified by law or in
24 such other securities in Nigeria as may be approved by the Minister;

25 (h) borrow money within Nigeria in such manner and upon such
26 security as the Minister may from time to time authorise;

27 (i) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
28 carrying into effect the objectives of the School;

29 (j) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career
30 structure of such staff;

1 (k) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
2 within the School; or extramural departments as the Council may, from time to
3 time, decide;

4 (l) school and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;

Visitation

5 8.-(1) The Minister of Education shall be the Visitor of the School.

6 (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a
7 visitation of the School; or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than
8 five experts to conduct the visitation:

9 (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
10 performance of the School; or

11 (b) for such other purpose or in respect of any other affairs of the
12 School; as the Visitor may deem fit

The Academic
Board and its
functions

13 9.-(1) The School Shall have a board to be known as the Academic
14 Board which shall consist of the following members:

15 (a) the Provost of the School; who shall be the chairman;

16 (b) all heads of departments;

17 (c) the School Librarian; and

18 (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads
19 of departments to be appointed by the Council.

20 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

21 (a) overseeing the management of academic matters of the School and
22 among others the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates,
23 scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

24 (b) providing reports from time to time on such academic matters to
25 the Council as the Council may from time to time direct;

26 (c) carrying out any other functions which the Council may assign or
27 delegate to it.

Power of Minister
to give directions
to the Council

28 10. The Minister may give directive to the council with regard to the
29 exercise by the Council of its functions under this Act and it shall be the duty of
30 the Council to comply with such directions.

1 11.-(1) There shall be a Provost of the School (in this Act referred to The Provost of
2 as "the Provost) who shall be appointed by the President, in accordance with the School
3 the provisions of this section.

4 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council
5 shall:

6 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read
7 newspaper in Nigeria specifying:

8 (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post;

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

11 (b) constitute a search team consisting of:

12 (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic
13 Board, as chairman;

14 (ii) two members of the academic Board not below the rank of chief
15 lecturer;

16 (iii) two members of the academic community of the School not
17 below the rank of chief lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and
18 draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post
19 for any reason whatsoever.

20 (3) A Joint Council and Academic Selection Board consisting of:

21 (a) the chairman of the Council;

22 (b) two members of the Council not being members of the
23 Academic Board;

24 (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of
25 chief lecturer, who were not members of the search team, shall consider the
26 candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under subsection

27 (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae
28 and interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the
29 President, three candidates for his consideration.

30 (4) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates.

1 recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

2 (5) Subject to this Act and the general control of the Council, the
3 Provost shall be the chief executive of the School; and shall be charged with
4 general responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management
5 operations of the School;

6 (6) The Provost:

7 (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the
8 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
9 specified in his letter of appointment; and

10 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no
11 more.

Deputy Provosts

12 12.-(1) There shall be for the School a Deputy Provost

13 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the
14 chief lecturers in the School in one of the following ways, that is:

15 (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by
16 the Provost; or

17 (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted under
18 this section for that purpose; or

19 (c) on the nomination of the Provost.

20 (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section
21 shall:

22 (a) consist of:

23 (i) the chairman of the Council;

24 (ii) the Provost;

25 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic
26 Board;

27 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and

28 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the
29 recommendation required under that subsection.

30 (4) The Deputy Provost shall:

- 1 (a) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;
2 (b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of Provost is vacant
3 or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions
4 as Provost; and
5 (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may,
6 from time to time, assign to him.

7 (5) The Deputy Provost:

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

11 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no
12 more.

13 13.-(1) The Council of the School shall appoint a Registrar to the
14 School (hereinafter referred to as the Registrar") who shall keep the records
15 and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other
16 duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from time to
17 time direct.

The Registrar and
other staff of the
School

18 (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him
19 by or under this Act, be the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and
20 any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Councilor any such
21 committee may appoint some other person to act as secretary, and he shall
22 not vote on any question before the Councilor count towards a quorum.

23 (3) A Registrar:

24 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the
25 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may
26 be specified in his letter of appointment; and

27 (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no
28 more.

29 (4) Where, on the commencement of this section, a Registrar
30 appointed before the commencement of this section has held office:

1 (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term
2 of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

3 (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete
4 the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be
5 assigned other duties in the School;

6 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as
7 Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish
8 his post and be assigned other duties in the School.

Other principal
officers of the
School

9 14.-(1) There shall be for the School the following principal officers
10 in addition to the Registrar, that is:

11 (a) the Bursar; and

12 (b) the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the
13 recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under this Act

14 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the School; and be
15 responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the
16 financial affairs of the School.

17 (3) The School Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the
18 administration of the School Library and the coordination of the library
19 services in the teaching units of the School.

20 (4) A Bursar or Librarian:

21 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the
22 effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
23 specified in his letter of appointment; and

24 (b) may be reappointed for a further period of five years and no more.

25 (5) Where, on the commencement of this section, a Bursar or
26 Librarian has held office:

27 (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term
28 of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;

29 (b) for more than five but less than ten years, he shall complete the
30 maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned

1 other duties in the School;

2 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that
3 capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall
4 relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the School;

5 15. A principal officer may resign his appointment:

6 (a) in the case of the Provost, by notice to the Visitor; and

7 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Resignation of
appointment of
principal officers

8 16.-(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be
9 employees of the School as the Council may determine to assist the Provost
10 and the principal officers of the School in the performance of their functions
11 under this Act.

Other employees
of the School

12 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the remuneration, tenure of
13 office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be
14 determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service
15 Commission.

16 17.-(1) There shall be, for the School, a selection Board which shall
17 consist of:

Selection Board
for other principal
officers

18 (a) the chairman of the Council;

19 (b) the Provost;

20 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the
21 Academic Board; and

22 (d) two members of the Academic Board.

23 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
24 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as
25 the Council may, from time to time, determine.

26 18.-(1) It is hereby declared that service in the School shall be in
27 accordance with the pension Act.

Pensions

28 PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

29 19.-(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall
30 be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act.

Establishment
of fund of the
School

1 (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under
2 subsection (1) of this section:

3 (a) such sums as may be made to the School through Annual budget;

4 (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts,
5 grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition; and

6 (c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the
7 Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

8 (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the University
9 commission not later than three months before the end of each financial year or
10 at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure
11 for the next succeeding financial year.

Power to accept
gifts

12 20.-(1) The Council may accept gifts.

13 (2) The Council shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by
14 the person making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of the Council.

Accounts and
audit

15 21. The Council shall keep proper accounts and shall in respect of
16 each year cause the accounts to be audited.

Annual reports

17 22. The Council shall prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its
18 activities during the immediately preceding financial year.

19 PART III - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENT

Offices and
premises

20 23.-(1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary
21 for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

22 (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and

23 (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

24 (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, sell any
25 interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer
26 required for the performance of its functions.

Discipline of
students

27 24.-(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to
28 conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of
29 diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for
30 different circumstances.

1 (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence
2 to be followed at enquiries under this section.

3 (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where
4 it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the School has been guilty
5 of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary
6 powers conferred on him by this Act or any regulations made there under,
7 direct:

8 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified
9 in the direction, participate in such activities of the School, or make use of
10 such facilities of the School, as he may specify; or

11 (b) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be
12 specified in the direction; or

13 (c) that the student expelled from the School

14 (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost
15 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may either directly
16 or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified
17 in subsection (3) of this section to any student of the School who is guilty of
18 misconduct.

19 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) of this
20 section in respect of any student, the student may, within 21 days from the
21 date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the
22 direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council
23 shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council
24 considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such
25 manner as the Council may think fit.

26 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance
27 of subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction
28 while the appeal is pending.

29 (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a

1 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the School as he may
2 nominate.

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

6 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of
7 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this
8 section.

9 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be
10 final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.

Interpretation

11 25. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

12 "School" means Nigerian School of Journalism Lagos established under
13 section 1 of this Act chairman" means the chairman of the Council;

14 "Council" means the Governing Council of the School established by or
15 pursuant to section 2 of this Act;

16 "Provost" means the Provost of an school appointed under section 9 of this Act;

17 "functions" includes powers and duties;

18 "Minister" means the Minister of Education;

19 "member" means a member of the Council including the chairman.

Citation

20 26. This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria School of Economics Lagos
21 Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish Nigerian School of Economic Lagos; provide for the functions and to decide teaching methods and strategies in order to ensure the most effective educational and training programmes.