

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC GBOKO, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES ,TEACHING, INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE RECTOR AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE POLYTECHNIC TO CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon John Dyegh

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of

1 Nigeria as follows:

2 1.-(1) There is established the Federal Polytechnic Gboko, in
3 Benue State (Herein after referred to as "the Polytechnic".

Establishment of
Federal Polytechnic,
Gboko, Benue
State

4 (2) The Polytechnic shall be a body corporate with perpetual
5 succession and common seeds and shall take power to acquire and dispose
6 of interest in movable and immovable properties.

7 (3) The polytechnic may sue and be used in its corporate name.

8 2.-(1) The governance and direction of the Polytechnic affairs shall
9 rest in the Governing Council of the Polytechnic (in the Bill required to as
10 "the council").

Governing
Council of the
Polytechnic

11 (7) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and
12 approve-

13 (a) The Programme of studies to be undertaken in the Polytechnic;

14 (b) The annual estimates of the Polytechnic; and

15 (c) The investment plan of the Polytechnic.

16 (3) The provision of the schedule to this Bill shall have effect with
17 respect to the council to as mentioned herewith.

Membership of
the Council in
the Polytechnic

- 1 3.-{1} The Council of the Polytechnic shall consider of:
2 (a) A Chairman and other Members to be appointed by the President;
3 (b) A representative of the Federal Ministry of Education;
4 (c) Two representatives of the academic board of the Polytechnic;
5 (d) A representative of the National Board for Technical Education;
6 and
7 (e) The Rector of the Polytechnic.

Tenure of
Membership of
the Council

- 8 4.-(1) A member of the Council (other than the ex-official members)
9 shall hold office for a term of Five years and subject to the provision of sub-
10 section (2) of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further
11 period of four years and also move.
12 (2) the office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall
13 become vacant of:
14 (a) the member resigns in office by notice of writing under his hand
15 addressed to the Minister; or
16 (b) The Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the
17 Polytechnic for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies he
18 member in writing to that effect.

Functions of
the Polytechnic

- 19 5. The functions of the Polytechnic shall be-
20 (a) To provide full-time courses in technical, science and applied
21 science instruction, and training-
22 (i) In technology, applied sciences, and social sciences and
23 (ii) In such other fields of applied and vocational learning relevant to
24 the needs of development of Nigeria;
25 (b) To conduct courses in technical, science and applied science
26 instruction, and training- for qualified Local or State Government staff;
27 (c) To arrange conference, seminars and workshops relative to
28 functions of the Polytechnic; and
29 (d) To perform such other functions as in the opinion of the council
30 may serve to promote the objective of the Polytechnic.

1 6. The Council of the Polytechnic shall have power to-

2 (a) Hold examinations and grant National Diploma, Higher
3 National Diploma, Professional Certificates and other distinction to
4 persons, who have pursued courses of study approved and accredited by the
5 National Board for Technical Education;

6 (b) Hold trainings for qualified staffs;

7 (c) Recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;

8 (d) Demand and receive from any student or any other person
9 attending the for the purpose of construction such fees as the council may
10 with prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

11 (e) Hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and
12 bookselling;

13 (f) Award fellowship, medals, prizes and other titles;

14 (g) Establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units
15 with the Polytechnic or extra moral departments as the council may from
16 time to time determine;

17 (h) Erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational
18 recreational and residential facilities as the Polytechnic may require;

19 (i) Create lectureships and other academic post and offices and to
20 make appointment thereof;

21 (j) Receive and make gifts;

22 (k) Enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedients for
23 carrying into effects the objections of the Polytechnic;

24 (l) Provide amenities fro and make such other provisions for the
25 welfare of the staff and students of the Polytechnic;

26 (m) Encourage and make provision for research in the Polytechnic;

27 (n) Do such act and things whether or not incidental to the
28 foregoing power as may advance the objects of the Polytechnic.

29 7.-(1) The Minister responsible for education shall be the visitor of
30 the Polytechnic.

Power of the
Council

Visitation

1 (2) The visitor shall, not less than once in every five year, conduct a
2 visitation to the Polytechnic or appoint a visitation panel consist of not less than
3 five experts to conduct the visitation:

4 (a) For the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative
5 performance of the Polytechnic; or

6 (b) For such other purpose as the visitor may deem fit.

The Academic
Board and its
functions

7 8.-(1) There shall be established for the Polytechnic a board to be
8 known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:

9 (a) The Rector of the Polytechnic as the Chairman;

10 (b) All heads of departments;

11 (c) The bursar;

12 (d) The Librarian; and

13 (e) Not more than three members of Academic staff other than the
14 heads of departments to be appointed by the council.

15 The Academic board shall be responsible for

16 (a) The direction and the management of academic matters of the
17 Polytechnic including the regulation of admission of students, the award of
18 certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction;

19 (b) Discharge any other functions which the council may from time to
20 time delegate to it.

Power of the
Minister

21 9. The Minister may give to the council directions of the general
22 character of relating generally to matters with regards to the exercise by the
23 council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the council to comply with such
24 directions.

The Rector of
the Polytechnic

25 10.-(1) There shall be a Rector of the Polytechnic (herewith referred
26 to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President on the
27 recommendation of the Minister.

28 (2) where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Rector, the Council shall:

29 (a) Advertise the vacancy in reputable widely read newspaper in
30 Nigeria specifying:

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

2 (ii) The terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and
3 thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the
4 minister.

5 (3) The President shall appoint as Rector one of the candidates
6 recommended by the Minister.

7 (4) Subject to the general control of the council the Rector shall be
8 the Chief executive of the Polytechnic and shall be charged with general
9 responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and
10 operations of the Polytechnic.

11 (5) The Rector shall hold office for a period of five years only and
12 on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
13 appointment.

14 11.-(1) There shall be for the Polytechnic two deputy Rectors
15 namely: Deputy Rector (Academics) and the Deputy Rector
16 (Administration).

Deputy Rector

17 (2) The council shall appoint the deputy Rectors from among the
18 chief lecturers in the Polytechnic in any of the following ways, that is:

19 (a) From a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted
20 by the Rector;

21 (b) On the recommendation of a selection Board constituted for
22 their purpose; or

23 (c) on the nomination of the Rector.

24 (3) The selection Board referred, Subsection 2(b) of this section
25 shall-

26 (a) Consist of:

27 (i) The chairman of the council;

28 (ii) The Rector of the Polytechnic;

29 (iii) Two members of the Academic Board; and

30 (iv) Two members of the council not being members of the

1 Academic Board.

2 (4)(a) The Deputy Rector(Academic) shall:

3 (i) Assist the Rector in the performance of his function in academic
4 matters of the Polytechnic.

5 (ii) Act as the Rector when the post of the Rector is vacant or if the
6 Rector is for any reason absent or unable to perform his function-

7 (b) The Deputy Rector (Administration) shall:

8 (i) Assist the Rector in administrative matters of the college; and

9 (ii) Perform such other functions as the Rector or the council may
10 from time to time assign him.

11 (5) Each of the Deputies Rector shall hold office for a period of two
12 years renewable based on recommendation.

Registrar and
other Staff of
the Polytechnic

13 12.-(1) There shall be a registrar for the Polytechnic to be appointed
14 by the council.

15 (2) The Registrar shall keep records and conduct the correspondence
16 of the council

17 (3) The Registrar shall be the secretary to:

18 (a) The Council;

19 (b) The Academic Board; and

20 (c) Any Committee of the Council.

21 (4) The Registrar may perform any duty as may be assigned to him by
22 the Council or the Provost.

23 (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a period of five years and no
24 more.

Other Principal
Officers of the
Polytechnic

25 13.-(1) There shall be for the Polytechnic in addition to the registrar:

26 (a) The Bursar; and

27 (b) The Librarian.

28 Who shall be appointed by the Council.

29 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the Polytechnic
30 and be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control

1 of the financial affairs of the college.

2 (3) The Polytechnic Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for
3 the administration of the Polytechnic library and the coordination of the
4 library services in the teaching units of the college.

5 (4) The Bursar and the Polytechnic Librarian shall each hold office
6 for a period of five years and no more.

7 14. A principal officer of the Polytechnic may resign his
8 appointment-

Resignation of
appointment of
principal officer

9 (a) In case of the Polytechnic by notice to the visitor for; and

10 (b) In any other case by advise to the council.

11 15.-(1) The Council may appoint other persons to be employees of
12 the Polytechnic as the council may deem to assist the Rector and the
13 Principal officers in the performance of their function.

Other employees
of the Polytechnic

14 (2) The remuneration tenure of office and condition of service of
15 the employee of the Polytechnic shall be determined by the council-
16 consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

17 16. Service in the Polytechnic shall be approved service for the
18 purpose of the pension's reform and accordingly, officers and other persons
19 employed in the Polytechnic shall be entitled to pension's gratuity and other
20 retirement benefit as may be prescribed in their respective letters of
21 appointment.

Pensions

22 17.-(1) There shall be a Selection Board for: The Polytechnic
23 which consist of:

Selection Board
for other Principal
Officers

24 (a) The Chairman of the Council;

25 (b) The Rector;

26 (c) Four member the council not being members of the Academics
27 Board; and

28 (d) Two members of Academic Board.

29 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
30 Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be

1 determined from time to time council.

Fund of the
Polytechnic

2 **18.**-(1) The shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied
3 towards the promotion of the objection of this Bill.

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

6 (a) Such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal
7 Government through the National Board for Technical Education.

8 (b) All monies raised by the council by way of gifts, grants in aid or
9 test monetary disposition; and

10 (c) All subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the
11 council and all other sums that may accrue to the council from any source.

12 (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National
13 Board for Technical Education not later than three months before the end of
14 each financial year or at such other times as he may direct an estimate of its
15 revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.

Power to accept
gifts

16 **19.**-(1) The Polytechnic may accept gifts of loan, money or of other
17 property upon such terms and conditions, of any as may be specified by the
18 person making the gifts.

19 (2) The Polytechnic shall not any gift of the conditions attached to the
20 gifts are inconsistent with the functions of the Polytechnic.

Account and
Audit

21 **20.** The shall keep proper accounts of its receipt, payments, assets
22 and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cease the account to be audited.

Annual Reports

23 **21.** The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each
24 financial year, prepare and submit to the minister a report of its activities during
25 the immediate proceeding financial year and shall include in the report a copy
26 of the audited accounts gifts of the Polytechnic for that year and of the auditor's
27 report of the accounts.

Interpretation

28 **22.** In this Bill-

29 "Chairman" means the chairman of the council;

30 "Polytechnic" means Federal Polytechnic Gboko established under section 1

