

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, OMOKU AND TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR ITS DUE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Prince Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi

[] Commencement

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

1 PART 1- ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
2 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, OMOKU

3 1.-(1) There is established the Federal University, Omoku Establishment
4 (hereinafter referred to as "the University").

5 (2) The University:

6 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
7 common seal; and

8 (b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

9 2. The objectives of the University shall be to:

Objectives of
the University

10 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all
11 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the
12 opportunity of acquiring higher and liberal education;

13 (b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit
14 of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on
15 proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them;

16 (c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in
17 diverse fields of learning and human endeavour;

18 (d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of
19 the people of Nigeria; and

20 (e) undertake other activities appropriate for a University of the

	1	highest standard.
Constitution of Members of Council	2	3. -(1) The University shall consist of:
	3	(a) a Chancellor;
	4	(b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
	5	(c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;
	6	(d) a Deputy Vice Chancellor;
	7	(e) a body to be known as the Congregation;
	8	(f) a body to be known as the Convocation;
	9	(g) the campuses and colleges;
	10	(h) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research
	11	units;
	12	(i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
13	this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;	
14	(j) all graduates and undergraduates; and	
15	(k) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance	
16	with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.	
17	(2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the	
18	Principal Officers of the University mentioned therein.	
19	(3) Provisions shall be made by Statute with respect to the	
20	constitution of the following bodies, namely:	
21	(a) the Council;	
22	(b) the Senate;	
23	(c) the Congregation; and	
24	(d) the Convocation.	
Powers of the University	25	4. The University shall have power to:
	26	(a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools,
	27	extra-mural departments and other teaching or research units as may, from time
	28	to time, seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National
	29	Universities Commission;
30	(b) institute professorships, readerships and associate professorships,	

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

1 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement,
2 whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be
3 immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities
4 or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary
5 any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested
6 with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

12 (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

13 (p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or by any
14 other Statute to do; and

15 (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the
16 foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

17 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made there
18 under and without prejudice to Section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred
19 on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercised on behalf
20 of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which
21 may be authorized by this Bill.

Functions of the
Chancellor and
Pro-Chancellor

22 5.-(1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take
23 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present
24 shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.

25 (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
26 precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor,
27 and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation
28 or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall when he is present, be the
29 Chairman at all meetings of the Council.

- 1 **6.**-(1) There shall be a Council for the University which shall
2 consist of: Establishment and Composition
3 (a) the Pro-Chancellor; of Council
4 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
5 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
6 (d) one person from the Federal Ministry responsible for
7 Education;
8 (e) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly
9 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;
10 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
11 (g) two persons appointed by the Congregation from among its
12 members; and
13 (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members
14 (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of
15 proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition
16 of the University
- 17 **7.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, Functions of the
18 the Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be Council and its
19 charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances Finance and
20 and property of the University, including its public relations. General Purposes
- 21 (2) There shall be a Committee of the Council to be known as the
22 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the
23 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure
24 of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- 25 (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the
26 constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 27 (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are
28 kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors
29 appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines
30 supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report

1 is published by the University together with certified copies of the said
2 accounts as audited.

3 (5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance
4 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of
5 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own
6 procedure.

7 (6) Rules made under subsection (S) of this section by the Finance and
8 General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the
9 Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any
10 directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force
11 of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

12 (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and
13 General Purposes Committee and of any other Committee set up by the
14 Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at
15 such rates as may from time to time be fixed by extant government circulars.

16 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance
17 of its functions under this Bill, and shall meet at least four times every year.

18 (9) If required in writing by any five members of the Council, the
19 Chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such request call a
20 meeting of the Council:

21 PROVIDED that if after 28 days of the receipt or delivering to him of
22 such request, the chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall
23 within 14 days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that
24 purpose. The request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting
25 and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting.

26 **8.-(1)** Subject to section 5 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of
27 this section and other provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the
28 general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the
29 University, admission to Post-graduate courses and other admission of
30 students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.

1 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of
2 subsection (1) of this section, it shall in particular be the function of the
3 Senate to make provision for the:

4 (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,
5 faculties, departments, schools, Institutes and other teaching and research
6 units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different
7 branches of learning;

8 (b) organization and control of courses of study in the University
9 and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including
10 the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

11 (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be
12 prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;

13 (d) making or recommendations to the Council with respect to the
14 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title
15 of professor emeritus;

16 (e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence
17 and similar institutions in the University;

18 (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the
19 regulation of their conduct;

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

22 (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic
23 dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic
24 dress.

25 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college,
26 faculty, department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of
27 the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University
28 without the approval of the Council.

29 (4) (a) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may make
30 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either

1 by the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter
2 for which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Bill or by
3 Statute;

4 (b) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the
5 persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held
6 in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the
7 University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates
8 in some other University of high repute.

9 (5) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
10 Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree,
11 diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if
12 after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or
13 scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that
14 award.

Functions of the
Vice-Chancellor

15 **9.**-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take
16 precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor
17 and, subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor and any other person
18 for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

19 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall
20 have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by
21 this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall to
22 the exclusion of any other person or authority be the chief executive and
23 academic officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.

24 PART II - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Transfer of
Property

25 **10.**-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council
26 shall, by Transfer virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest
27 in the University Property.

28 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect
29 with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising
30 therefrom and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

1 PART III- STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

2 11.-(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for Power of the
University to make
Statutes
3 any of the following purposes:

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

6 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any
7 authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with
8 the University or any of its authorities;

9 (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the
10 University, and their discipline and welfare;

11 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an
12 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any
13 Statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and

14 (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by
15 Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

16 (2) Subject to section 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall
17 apply in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a
18 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 27 (1) of that Act.

19 (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be
20 deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall
21 be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.

22 (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this section shall not be
23 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of
24 any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill
25 or any subsequent Statute.

26 12.-(1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be Mode of exercising
the Power to make
Statutes
27 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

28 (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has
29 been approved at a meeting of the:

30 (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members

1 present and voting; and

2 (b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
3 present and voting.

4 (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council,
5 and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by both
6 bodies in no particular order.

7 (4) A Statute which:

8 (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the
9 Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or

10 (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
11 the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is
12 established; Shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the
13 Visitor.

14 (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute
15 shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the
16 Council and the Senate in accordance with subsection (3) of this section or in
17 the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on
18 which it is approved by the President.

Proof of Statute

19 **13.** A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy
20 thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice-
21 Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of
22 that University.

Power to decide
meaning of
Statute

23 **14.-(1)** In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the
24 meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor,
25 who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he deems fit.

26 (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this
27 section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the
28 University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a
29 statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the

1 meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in
2 Nigeria:

3 PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of
4 a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a
5 statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent
6 with the Constitution.

7 (3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation
8 to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is, for the purposes of this
9 Bill, academic or non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such
10 doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and
11 accordingly the reference in subsection (2) of this section to any question as
12 to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any
13 question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or
14 non-academic matter.

15 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

16 15.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

Supervision and
Discipline

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

21 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the
22 University to:

23 (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons
24 conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and
25 assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the
26 visitation; and

27 (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of
28 this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.

29 16.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the
30 Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on

Removal of certain
Members of the
Council

1 grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the
2 Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the
3 Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making
4 such enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the
5 recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office.

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

Removal and
Discipline of
Academic,
administrative
and Professional
Staff

10 17.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing
11 that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or
12 professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be
13 removed from office or on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the
14 functions of his office Council shall:

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

16 (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation in
17 person on the matter to the Council; and

18 (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment.

19 (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so request
20 within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of the
21 Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for:

22 (a) a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to review the
23 matter and to report on it to the Council;

24 (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear
25 before and be heard by an investigating committee with respect to the matter;
26 and if the Council after considering the report of the investigating committee, is
27 satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so
28 remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

29 (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a
30 member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to

1 the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such
2 suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.

3 (4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his
4 appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the
5 purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

6 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
7 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
8 functions of his office;

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

12 (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the
13 Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
14 continue to hold office; and

15 (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
16 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
17 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.

18 (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (3) of this section
19 shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of
20 three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that
21 person and come to a decision as to whether to:

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

24 (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his
25 full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;

26 (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which
27 case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments
28 withheld during the period of suspension; or

29 (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person
30 (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might

1 have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

2 (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a
3 person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the
4 person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such
5 decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning such a
6 person.

7 (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of
8 removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best
9 endeavors' to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably
10 practicable on the person to whom it relates.

11 (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent
12 the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of
13 the University as may be appropriate.

Removal of
Examiners

14 **18.**-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it appears
15 to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the
16 University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, the
17 Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making
18 representations in person on the matter, direct the Vice-Chancellor to remove
19 the examiner by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar.

20 (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made pursuant to
21 section 8 (4) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of
22 Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner
23 removed.

24 (3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of
25 removal pursuant to this section, to use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the
26 instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to
27 whom it relates.

Discipline of
Students

28 **19.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to
29 the Vice-Chancellor that any student has committed an act of misconduct, the
30 Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers

1 conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the:

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

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

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

10 (d) student be expelled from the University.

11 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) paragraphs (c)
12 or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within the
13 prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal against the direction
14 to the Senate.

15 (3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to subsection (2) of this
16 section, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter
17 as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or
18 modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit.

19 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to
20 subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction
21 while the appeal is pending.

22 (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this
23 section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University
24 as he may nominate.

25 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the
26 restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for
27 conduct which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the
28 University or to its corporate objective or image.

29 (7) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be
30 combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

1 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

2 **20.**-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of
3 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place
4 of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for
5 becoming or continuing to be a:

6 (a) student in the University;

7 (b) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the
8 University; or

9 (c) member of anybody established under this Bill.

10 (2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any
11 advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters
12 referred to in subsection (1) of this section.

13 (3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as
14 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of
15 the persons specified in subsection (1) of this section where such persons
16 willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty
17 generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them
18 which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances, is in the
19 opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

Transfer of Land
to the University t

20 **21.**-(1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the
21 compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the
22 University shall be the same as that of the Federation.

23 (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government
24 pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand
25 and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer or any other person authorized in
26 that behalf transfer it to the University.

Restriction on
disposal of land
by University

27 **22.** Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
28 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land
29 (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the
30 prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:

1 PROVIDED that such consent shall not be required in the case of
2 any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years
3 of any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential
4 purpose.

5 **23.** Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by
6 Regulation, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established
7 by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body.

Quorum and
procedure of
bodies established
by this Act

8 **24.**-(1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without
9 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint
10 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body
11 and authorize a committee established by it to:

Appointment of
Committees, etc.

12 (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine,
13 and

14 (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members
15 shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

16 (2) any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of
17 joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees
18 consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any
19 matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them and either
20 dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

21 (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations,
22 the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held
23 pursuant to this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or
24 bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.

25 (4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members
26 of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by
27 the Council, (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of
28 the officer in question) and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every
29 committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the
30 Senate.

1 (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be
2 construed as enabling:

3 (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 or
4 this Bill; or

5 (b) the Senate to empower any other body to make Regulations or to
6 award degrees or other qualifications.

Miscellaneous
administrative
provisions

7 **25.**-(1) The seal of the university shall be such as may be determined
8 by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing of the seal
9 shall:

10 (a) in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated
11 by the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar; and

12 (b) in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any
13 member or Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar or any other person
14 authorized by Statute.

15 (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
16 seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
17 contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

18 (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
19 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
20 made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or
21 specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.

22 (4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established under this
23 Bill shall not be affected by:

24 (a) any vacancy in the membership of the body;

25 (b) any defect with appointment of a member of the body; or

26 (c) by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the
27 proceedings.

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

1 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides
2 for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain
3 incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made under this
4 Bill.

5 (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statute or
6 Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any:

7 (a) Statute (including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to
8 this Bill; or

9 (b) regulation by a subsequent Statute or Regulation as the case
10 may be:

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

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

16 (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue
17 of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by
18 post.

19 **26.-(1)** In this Bill:

Interpretation

20 "appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority authorized by
21 law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter;

22 "campus" means any campus which may be established by the University;

23 "college" means any college which may be established by the University;

24 "graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary
25 degree) has been conferred by the University;

26 "gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behavior
27 that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation
28 made, pursuant to this Bill.

29 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education;

30 "misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of e

1 the University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business
2 of the University;

3 "notice" means notice in writing;

4 "officer" does not include the Visitor;

5 "prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this Bill;

6 "professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in
7 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations;

8 "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

9 "the Provisional Council" means the Provisional Council appointed for the
10 University by the President during any transition period;

11 "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council;

12 "Senate" means the Senate of the University establish by the Bill;

13 "Statute" means a Statute made by the University under section 11 of this Bill
14 and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Bill;

15 "the Statutes" means all such Statutes as are in force from time to time;

16 "teacher" means a person holding a full time appointment as a member of the
17 teaching or research staff of the University;

18 "Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria;

19 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
20 1999;

21 "undergraduate" means a person in statupupilari in the University, other than:
22 (a) a graduate; and
23 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes
24 of this definition.

25 "the University" means the Federal University, Omoku, Rivers State as
26 incorporated and constituted by this Bill; and

27 "the Bill" means the Federal University, Omoku, River States Bill;

28 (2)Where in any provisions of this Bill, it is laid down that proposals
29 are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to
30 another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of

1 every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or
2 recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate
3 authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward
4 therewith its own comments thereon.

5 27. This Bill may be cited as the Federal University, Omoku, Citation
6 (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019.

7 SCHEDULES

8 *Section 3(2)*

9 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

10 *The Chancellor*

11 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the
12 pleasure of the President.

13 *The Pro-Chancellor*

14 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from
15 office by the President.

16 *The Vice Chancellor*

17 3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-
18 Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University
19 (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Amendment) Act, No 1 of 2007.

20 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

21 4.-(1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-
22 Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may,
23 from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the
24 University.

25 (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy
26 Vice-Chancellors shall be in accordance with the provision of the University
27 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

28 (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

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

30 (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-t

1 Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or
2 unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

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

5 *Office of the Registrar*

6 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the
7 Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the
8 Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as
9 regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
10 paragraph 6 (2) below.

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

13 (3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such terms
14 and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of
15 appointment.

16 *Other Principal Officers, Bursar, the University Librarian*

17 6.-(1) There shall be for the University, the following Principal
18 Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:

19 (a) the Bursar; and

20 (b) the University Librarian.

21 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University
22 and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day
23 administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

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

29 (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian:

30 (a) shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and conditions as to

1 emoluments as may be specified in each person's letter of appointment.

2 *Other Officers of the University*

3 7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall
4 be responsible:

5 (a) to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Department
6 of Works;

7 (b) for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities.

8 *Health Centre*

9 8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services
10 who shall be:

11 (a) responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the
12 Health Centre;

13 (b) the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall
14 coordinate all matters relating to the health of staff and students.

15 *Resignation and Re-Appointment*

16 9.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
17 schedule may resign his office in:

18 (a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the
19 Visitor;

20 (b) the case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Council which
21 shall immediately notify the Minister; and

22 (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned
23 otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-
24 appointment to that office.

25 SECOND SCHEDULE

26 *Section 10(2)*

27 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

28 *Transfer of Property to the University*

29 1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 10(1) of this Bill:

30 (a) reference in the subsection to property held by the provisional

1 Council and the University shall include a reference to the right to receive and
2 give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been
3 voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University; and

4 (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council
5 shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.

6 *The Provisional Council*

7 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to
8 which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject
9 to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by
10 this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.

11 (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including
12 enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional
13 Council shall be construed in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as
14 applicable.

15 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by
16 or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the
17 University established by this Bill.

18 *Registration of Transfers*

19 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by
20 this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the
21 kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or
22 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
23 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply,
24 with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.

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

29 *Meeting*

30 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-

1 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

2 (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council
3 shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set
4 up under the Third Schedule to this Bill must have been duly constituted.

5 (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall
6 be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he
7 may determine.

8 (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately
9 before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the
10 Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the
11 Third Schedule of this Bill must have been duly constituted.

12 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate
13 after the date on which this Bill is made, the facilities, faculty boards and
14 students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this
15 Bill shall on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the
16 University as established by this Bill.

17 (6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or
18 members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or
19 become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new
20 appointments are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Bill.

21 *The Staff*

22 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as
23 established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall be
24 employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which
25 correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a
26 member of that staff or as such an employee.

27 *The Scope*

28 6. Questions as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid
29 officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

1 THIRD SCHEDULE

2 *Section 11 (3)*

3 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, OMOKU

4 STATUTE NO.1

5 *The Council*

6 1.-(1) Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e)
7 (f) (g) or (h) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council, resign the office.

8 (2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6(e) (f) (g)
9 or (h) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the
10 expiration of a period of four years starting from the date he was appointed.

11 (3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section
12 6(e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of his tenure,
13 the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for the
14 residue of his unexpired term.

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

18 (5) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall
19 be a member pursuant to Section 6(d) and (e) of this Bill.

20 (6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the
21 members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at
22 that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Act and the provisions of this
23 paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.

24 (7) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any
25 particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and
26 the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any
27 meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

28 (8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four year tenure
29 from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be
30 incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council

1 shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the
2 University.

3 (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance
4 with the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment
5 circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University
6 shall not apply to the University

7 *The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

8 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council
9 shall consist of:

10 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the
11 Committee at any meeting at which he is present;

12 (b) the Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

13 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two
14 of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the council
15 appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among
16 members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and

17 (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in
18 his absence, such officer of the Ministry as he may designate to represent
19 him.

20 (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.

21 (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee
22 shall 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 y;

1 Institutes of the University;
2 (f) the University Librarian; and
3 (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors as
4 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 ten members of the Senate, the
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) The Congregation shall consist of:

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

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 holds
22 a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the
23 Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

24 (2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, 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 or
30 fifty, whichever is less.

- 1 (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
- 2 (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes
- 3 of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
- 4 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation
- 5 during a particular period; shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as
- 6 the 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 its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the
- 11 University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of
- 12 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or
- 13 Regulations.

14 *Convocation*

- 15 5.-(1) The Convocation shall consist of:
- 16 (a) the Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this
- 17 Bill;
- 18 (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Act; and
- 19 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
- 20 paragraph (2) below.
- 21 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a
- 22 member of convocation if he:
- 23 (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such
- 24 requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
- 25 (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner
- 26 and pays the prescribed fee.
- 27 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and
- 28 maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to
- 29 paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of
- 30 further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal

1 from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

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

10 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient
11 evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named
12 therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining
13 whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries
14 in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be
15 disregarded.

16 (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the
17 whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of
18 convocation which ever is less.

19 (8) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be Chairman
20 at all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice
21 Chancellor shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

22 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function
23 of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute.

24 *Organization of Faculties and Branches thereof*

25 6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may
26 be prescribed.

27 *The Faculty Board*

28 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty
29 Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions
30 of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

1 (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of
2 examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;

3 (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-
4 Chancellor or by the Senate; and

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

7 (2) Each Faculty Board shall consist of:

8 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

9 (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the Faculty;

10 (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the Faculty and having
11 the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

12 (d) such persons whether or not members of the University as the
13 Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.

14 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter
15 of the members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater.

16 (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision
17 made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own
18 procedure.

19 *The Dean of the Faculty*

20 8.-(1) The Dean of a Faculty shall be a professor elected by the
21 Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He
22 will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he
23 may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.

24 (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall
25 appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer
26 for the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance,
27 renewable for another one year only.

28 (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the
29 Chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he .

1 shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.

2 (4) The Dean of a Faculty shall exercise general superintendence over
3 the academic and administrative affairs of the Faculty and it shall be the
4 function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of
5 Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at
6 examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is
7 allocated to that Faculty.

8 (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
9 Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several Faculties and that
10 committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on
11 particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.

12 (6) The Dean of a Faculty may be removed from office for a good
13 cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of
14 the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the
15 Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that
16 at the next Faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

17 (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 17
18 (4) of this Bill.

19 *Selection of Certain Principal and other Key Officers*

20 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,
21 the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a
22 Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of:

23 (i) the Pro-Chancellor;

24 (ii) the Vice-Chancellor;

25 (iii) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
26 Senate; and

27 (iv) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of
28 Council.

29 (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,
30 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant

1 office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council
2 may make an appointment to that office.

3 (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or
4 Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such
5 terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

6 *Creation of Academic Post*

7 10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those
8 mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the
9 Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

10 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

11 11. Subject to this Bill and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of
12 vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as
13 prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

14 *Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

15 12.-(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University,
16 other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be
17 appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the
18 Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council
19 in that behalf.

20 (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and
21 important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate
22 participation in the process of selection.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University, Omoku to ensure equity and access to tertiary education in the country. The University is a conventional University with restricted programmes and limited and focused faculties.