

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, OBA-OFEMILI, ANAMBRA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2020

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[ ] Commencement

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

1 PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL  
2 UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, OBA-OFEMILI, ANAMBRA STATE

3 1.-(1) There is here by upgraded the College of Agriculture, Oba-  
4 Ofemili, Anambra State (in this Bill referred to as "the University") to be  
5 known as the Federal University of Agriculture Oba-Ofemili, Anambra  
6 State.

Establishment and Objects of the Federal University of Agriculture Oba-Ofemili, Anambra State

7 (2) The University:

8 (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a  
9 common seal; and

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

11 2. The objects of the University shall be to:

Objects of the University

12 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
13 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the  
14 opportunity of acquiring tertiary education in Agriculture;

15 (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes  
16 leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and  
17 higher degrees with emphasis on Agricultural research, planning, adaptive,  
18 technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the  
19 engineering, scientific, and allied professional disciplines with the aim of  
20 producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to  
21 understand, use and adapt existing technologies in the Agriculture, but also

1 to improve on them and develop new ones;

2 (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training,  
3 research and innovation for the effective and economic utilization, exploitation  
4 and conservation of the country's Agriculture resources;

5 (d) to offer to the general population particularly in the area  
6 Agriculture as a form of public service, the results of training and research and  
7 to foster the practical applications of these results;

8 (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national  
9 institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in  
10 the Agriculture sector;

11 (f) to identify the problems and needs of the Agriculture sector in  
12 Nigeria and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national  
13 development;

14 (g) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
15 foundation for the development of Agriculture in Nigeria, taking into account  
16 indigenous cultures and the need to enhance national unity;

17 (h) to encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in  
18 restricted fields of learning and human endeavor;

19 (i) to relate its activities to the technological, social, cultural and  
20 economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and

21 (j) to undertake any other activities appropriate for an Agriculture  
22 university of the highest standard.

Constitution of  
the University  
and its  
Constituents  
Bodies, etc.

23 3.-(1) The University shall consist of:

24 (a) a Chancellor;

25 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

26 (c) a Vice Chancellor and a Senate;

27 (d) a Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

28 (e) a body to be called Congregation;

29 (f) a body to be called Convocation;

30 (g) the campuses and colleges of the University;

1 (h) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research  
2 units of the University;

3 (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule  
4 to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this  
5 subsection;

6 (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and

7 (k) all other persons who are members of the University in  
8 accordance with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.

9 (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to  
10 the principal officers of the University mentioned therein.

11 (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the  
12 constitution of the following bodies, namely:

13 (a) the Council;

14 (b) the Senate;

15 (c) the Congregation; and

16 (d) the Convocation.

17 4.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 2 of  
18 this Act, the University shall have power to:

Powers of the  
University

19 (a) establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools,  
20 extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the  
21 University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to  
22 the approval of the National Universities Commission;

23 (b) institute professorships, readerships and associate  
24 professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make  
25 appointments thereto;

26 (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,  
27 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of  
28 assistance;

29 (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of  
30 the University;

1 (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and  
2 other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by  
3 the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University  
4 may lay down;

5 (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

6 (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person  
7 attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the  
8 University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of  
9 the appropriate authority;

10 (h) subject to section 22 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or  
11 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever  
12 situate;

13 (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to  
14 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and  
15 conditions attaching thereto;

16 (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly  
17 with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

18 (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture  
19 halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other  
20 buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of  
21 the University;

22 (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and book  
23 selling;

24 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by Statute, to  
25 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement,  
26 whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be  
27 immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities  
28 or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to  
29 vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-  
30 invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

6 (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

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

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

11 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the Statutes made  
12 thereunder and without prejudice to section 9 (2) of this Bill, the powers  
13 conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be  
14 exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in  
15 any other manner which may be authorized by this Bill.

16 5.-(1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take  
17 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is  
18 present shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring  
19 degrees.

Functions of the  
Chancellor and  
Pro-Chancellor

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

25 6.-(1) There shall be a Council for the University consisting of:

26 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

27 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

28 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

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

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

Establishment  
and Composition  
of Council

- 1 representative of the whole Federation;
- 2 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
- 3 (g) two persons appointed by the congregation from among its
- 4 members; and
- 5 (h) one persons appointed by Convocation from among its members.

6 (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of proven

7 integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the

8 University.

Functions of the  
Council and its  
Finance and  
General Purpose

9 7.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the

10 Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be charged

11 with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and

12 property of the University, including its public relations.

13 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the

14 Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the

15 directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of

16 the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

17 (3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution

18 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

19 (4) The Council shall ensure proper accounts of the University are

20 kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors

21 appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines

22 supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is

23 published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts

24 as audited.

25 (5) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Council and the Finance

26 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of

27 exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own

28 procedure.

29 (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and

30 General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the

1 Council, and where any rule so made by the Committee conflict with any  
2 directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into  
3 force of the rules in question), the direction of the Council shall prevail.

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

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

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

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

21 8.-(1) Subject to section 5 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of  
22 this section and to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be  
23 the general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the  
24 University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of  
25 students, the discipline of students and to promote research in the  
26 University.

Functions of the  
Senate

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

30 (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,

1 faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units  
2 of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of  
3 learning;

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

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

9 (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the  
10 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of  
11 professor emeritus;

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

14 (f) supervision of the welfare of students in the University and the  
15 regulation of their conduct;

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

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

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

24 (4) (a) Subject to this Bill and the Statutes, the Senate may make  
25 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by  
26 the provisions of this section or for the purpose of providing for any matter for  
27 which a provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by  
28 Statute;

29 (b) The Senate shall, by regulation, provide that at least one of the  
30 persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held



1 in conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at  
2 the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course  
3 relates in some other University of high repute.

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

10 9.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
11 precedence before all other members of the University except the  
12 Chancellor and, subject to section 5 of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor and any  
13 other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

Functions of the  
Vice-Chancellor

14 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall  
15 have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him  
16 by this Act or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and  
17 shall to the exclusion of any other person or authority be the Chief Executive  
18 and Academic Officer of the University and Ex-officio Chairman of the  
19 Senate.

#### 20 PART II - TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

21 10.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council  
22 shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the  
23 University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

Transfer of  
Property to the  
University

24 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have  
25 effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters  
26 arising there from and with respect to other matters mentioned in that  
27 Schedule.

#### 28 PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

29 11.-(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for  
30 any of the following purposes:

Power of the  
University to  
make Statutes

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

3 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority  
4 of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the  
5 University or any of its authorities;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mode of  
exercising the  
power to make  
Statutes

23 12.-(1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be  
24 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.

25 (2) A proposed Statute shall not have the force of law until it has been  
26 approved at a meeting of the-

27 (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members  
28 present and voting; and

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

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

4 (4) A Statute which:

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

7 (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for  
8 the amendment or revocation of any Statute whereby a campus or college is  
9 established:

10 shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

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

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

20 14.-(1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to Power to decide  
the meaning of  
Statute  
21 the meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the  
22 Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he  
23 deems fit.

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

30 PROVIDED that nothing in this subsection shall affect the power

1 of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a  
2 statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with  
3 the Constitution.

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

11 PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

The Visitor

12 15.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

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

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

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

22 (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of  
23 this Act which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the  
24 visitation.

Removal of  
certain Members  
of the Council

25 16.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member (other than the Pro-  
26 Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds  
27 of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council  
28 shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federal  
29 Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council after making such  
30 enquiries (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the

1 recommendation it may direct the removal of the member from office.

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

6 17.-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for  
7 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,  
8 administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-  
9 Chancellor, should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or  
10 inability to perform the functions of his office the Council shall:

Removal and  
discipline of  
Academic,  
Administrative  
and Professional  
Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a  
27 member of staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to  
28 the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such  
29 suspension shall immediately be reported to the Council.

30 (4) Any member of staff may be suspended from duty or his

1 appointment may be terminated by Council for a good cause and for the  
2 purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

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

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

9 (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council  
10 considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold  
11 office; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a  
30 person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against the

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

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

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

11 18.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it  
12 appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any  
13 examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or  
14 appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an  
15 opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, direct the  
16 Vice-Chancellor to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed  
17 by the Registrar.

Removal of  
Examiners

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

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

26 19.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where after due  
27 process it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student is guilty of  
28 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other  
29 disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that  
30 the:

Discipline of  
Students

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

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

6 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the  
7 direction.

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

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

16 (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to  
17 subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
18 the appeal is pending.

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

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

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

28 PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

29 20.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of  
30 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place



1 of birth, family origin, religious or political persuasion, as a condition for  
2 becoming or continuing to be a:

3 (a) student in the University;

4 (b) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the  
5 University; or

6 (c) member of anybody established by virtue of this Act.

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

10 21.-(1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act (which provides for the  
11 compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) any purpose of the  
12 University shall be the same as that of the Federation.

Transfer of land  
to the University

13 (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the  
14 Government pursuant to this section, the Government may, by a certificate  
15 under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person  
16 authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University.

17 22. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the  
18 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land  
19 (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the  
20 prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor:

Restriction on  
disposal of land  
by University

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

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

Quorum and  
procedure of  
bodies established  
by this Bill

28 24.-(1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without  
29 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint  
30 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body

Appointment of  
Committees, etc.

1 and authorize a committee established by it to:

2 (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;

3 and

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

6 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint  
7 meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees consisting of  
8 members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the  
9 competence of those bodies or any of them and either dealing with it or of  
10 reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

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

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

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

22 (a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of  
23 this Act; or

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

26 25.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act,  
27 the compulsory retiring age of the following categories of staff shall be as  
28 follows:

29 (a) Academic staff of the University in the non-Professorial cadre  
30 shall be 65 years;

Retiring age of  
Academic Staff

1 (b) Academic staff of the University in the Professorial Cadre shall  
2 be 70 years;

3 (c) Non-Academic staff of the University shall be 65 years.

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

7 26. An Academic staff of the University who retires as a Professor  
8 in the University shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual  
9 salary provided that the Professor has served continuously in the University  
10 up to the retirement age.

Special provisions  
relating to pension  
of Professors

11 27.-(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be  
12 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor and the affixing  
13 of the seal shall:

Miscellaneous  
administrative  
provisions

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

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

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

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

26 (4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established  
27 pursuant to this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership  
28 of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or  
29 by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.

30 (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in

1 any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to  
2 the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interpretation

20 23.--(1) In this Bill-

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 "misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of  
2 the University and or discipline and the proper administration of the  
3 business of the University;

4 "notice" means notice in writing;

5 "officer" does not include the Visitor;

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

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

11 "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

12 "the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the  
13 University by the President with effect from September 2016;

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

15 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established by the Bill;

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

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

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

21 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

22 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

23 "undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari in the University, other  
24 than-

25 (a) a graduate; and

26 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the  
27 purposes of this definition.

28 "the University" the Federal University of Agriculture Oba-ofemili,  
29 Anambra State incorporated and constituted by this Act; and

30 "the Bill" means the Federal University Of Agriculture Oba-Ofemili,

1 Anambra State Bill.

2 (2) Where in any provision of this Bill, it is laid down that proposals  
3 are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to  
4 another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of  
5 every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or  
6 recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate  
7 authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward  
8 therewith its own comments thereon.

Short title

9 29. This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Agriculture  
10 Oba-Ofemili, Anambra State, (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020.

11 SCHEDULES

12 FIRST SCHEDULE

13 *Section 3 (2)*

14 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

15 *The Chancellor*

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

18 *The Pro-Chancellor*

19 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office  
20 by the President.

21 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold  
22 office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment.

23 *The Vice-Chancellor*

24 3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-  
25 Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University  
26 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.

27 *Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

28 4.-(1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors  
29 or such number of Deputy Vice Chancellors as the Council may, from time to  
30 time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.

1 (2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy  
2 Vice Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the  
3 Universities {Miscellaneous Provisions} Act 1993 as amended.

4 (3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

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

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

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

11 *Office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian*

12 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be  
13 the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible  
14 to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University  
15 except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance  
16 with paragraph 6 (2) below.

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

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

23 6.-(1) There shall be for the University, the following Principal  
24 Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:

25 (a) the Bursar; and

26 (b) the University Librarian.

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

30 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-

1 Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-  
2 ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges,  
3 faculties, schools, departments and institutes and other teaching or research  
4 units.

5 (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian shall each hold office for  
6 such period and on such terms and conditions as to emoluments as may be  
7 specified in his letter of appointment.

8 *Other Officers of the University.*

9 7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be  
10 responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works  
11 Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of  
12 University facilities.

13 8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services,  
14 who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the  
15 Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and  
16 shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

17 *Resignation and re-appointment.*

18 9.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this  
19 schedule may resign his office in-

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

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

24 (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise  
25 than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment to that  
26 office.



1 SECOND SCHEDULE

2 *Section 10 (2)*

3 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

4 *Transfer of Property to the University*

5 1. Without prejudice to the generality of Section 10 (1) of this  
6 Bill-

7 (a) the reference in the subsection to property held by the  
8 provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right  
9 to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which  
10 may have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the  
11 University; and

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

14 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to  
15 which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and  
16 subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University  
17 established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional  
18 Council.

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

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

26 *Registration of Transfers*

27 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred  
28 by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of  
29 the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or  
30 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but

1 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply,  
2 with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.

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

7 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-  
8 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

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

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

15 (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before  
16 the coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the  
17 University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule of  
18 this Act must have been duly constituted.

19 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after  
20 the date on which this Bill is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of  
21 the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on  
22 that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as  
23 established by this Bill.

24 (6) Persons who were deans or associate deans of faculties or  
25 members of faculty boards shall continue to be deans or associate deans or  
26 become members of the corresponding faculty boards, until new appointment  
27 are made in pursuance of the Statutes under this Bill.

28 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as  
29 established or was otherwise employed by the provisional Council shall be  
30 employed at the University on such designation, status and functions which

1 correspond as nearly as possible to those which pertained to him as a  
2 member of that staff or as such an employee.

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

5 THIRD SCHEDULE

6 *Section 11 (3)*

7 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE OBA-OFEMILI, ANAMBRA STATE

8 STATUTE NO. I

9 *Articles:*

- 10 1. The Council  
11 2. Finance and General Purpose Committee  
12 3. The Senate  
13 4. The Congregation  
14 5. Convocation  
15 6. Organization of Faculties and the Branches  
16 7. Faculty Board  
17 8. The Dean of the Faculty  
18 9. Selection of Certain Principal and other key officers  
19 10. Creation of Academic Post  
20 11. Appointment of Academic Staff  
21 12. Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff

22 *The Council*

23 (1) Any member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e)  
24 (f) (g) or (h) of this Act may, by notice to the Council resign his office.

25 (2) A member of Council holding office pursuant to section 6 (e) (f)  
26 (g) or (h) of this Act shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office  
27 on the expiration of a period of four years starting from 1st August in the year  
28 in which he was appointed.

29 (3) Where a member of Council holding office pursuant to section  
30 6 (e) (f) (g) or (h) of this Act vacates office before the expiration of his

1 tenure, the body that appointed him may appoint a successor to hold office for  
2 the residue of his unexpired term.

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

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

8 (6) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, the  
9 members present at the meeting may appoint one of them to be the Chairman at  
10 that meeting, and subject to section 5 of this Bill and the provisions of this  
11 paragraph the Council may regulate its own procedure.

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

16 (8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four year tenure  
17 from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is found to be  
18 incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor and a new Council  
19 shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.

20 (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance with  
21 the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment  
22 circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University, shall  
23 not apply to the University.

24 *The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

25 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purpose Committee of the Council  
26 shall consist of:

27 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the committee at  
28 any meeting at which he is present;

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

30 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of

1 whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council  
2 appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among  
3 members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and

4 (d) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in  
5 his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent  
6 him.

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

8 (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee  
9 may regulate its own procedure.

10 *The Senate*

11 3.-(1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of:

12 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

13 (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

14 (c) all Professors of the University;

15 (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the  
16 University;

17 (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research  
18 Institutes of the University;

19 (f) the University Librarian; and

20 (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors  
21 as specified in the Laws of the University.

22 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of  
23 the Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-  
24 Chancellors appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

25 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest  
26 whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the  
27 Senate may regulate its own procedure.

28 (4) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the  
29 Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall  
30 convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day

1 following that on which the request was received.

2 *Congregation*

3 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of:

4 (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

5 (b) the full time members of the academic staff;

6 (c) the Registrar;

7 (d) the Bursar; and

8 (e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds  
9 a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the  
10 Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

11 (2) Subject to section 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the  
12 Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his  
13 absence one of the Deputy Vice Chancellors appointed by him shall be the  
14 Chairman at the meeting.

15 (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest  
16 whole number to one-third) of the total number of members of congregation or  
17 fifty, whichever is less.

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

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

21 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation  
22 during a particular period;

23 shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names  
24 of those persons.

25 (5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may  
26 regulate its own procedure.

27 (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or  
28 otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the  
29 University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of

1 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or  
2 Regulations.

3 *Convocation*

4 5.--(1) Convocation shall consist of:

5 (a) the Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this  
6 Bill;

7 (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and

8 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with  
9 paragraph (2) below.

10 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a  
11 member of convocation if he:

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

14 (b) applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner  
15 and pays the prescribed fee.

16 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and  
17 maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to  
18 paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of  
19 further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal  
20 from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

21 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall,  
22 without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who  
23 are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a)  
24 or (b) of this paragraph are entered and Retained as in the Bill on the register.

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

29 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient  
30 evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named

1       therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining  
2       whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries  
3       in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be  
4       disregarded.

5               (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the  
6       whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of  
7       convocation whichever is less.

8               (8) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at  
9       all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice  
10      Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

13                              *Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof*

14              6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may  
15      be prescribed.

16              7.-(1) There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty  
17      Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions  
18      of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

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

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

23              (c) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it  
24      by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.

25              (2) Each Faculty Board shall consists of:

26              (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

27              (b) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;

28              (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the  
29      prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

30              (d) such persons whether or not members of the University as the



1 Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.

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

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

6 *The Dean of the Faculty*

7 8.-(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the  
8 Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He  
9 will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he  
10 may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.

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

15 (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the  
16 chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall  
17 be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.

18 (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence  
19 over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the  
20 function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of  
21 Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at  
22 examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is  
23 allocated to that faculty.

24 (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of  
25 Deans which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that  
26 committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on  
27 particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.

28 (6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from office for a good  
29 cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting  
30 of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal

1 of the Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor  
2 provided that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a  
3 new Dean.

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

6 *Selection of Certain Principal and other key Officers*

7 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,  
8 the University Librarian, Director of Works or Director of Health Services, a  
9 Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of:

10 (i) the Pro-Chancellor;  
11 (ii) the Vice-chancellor;  
12 (iii) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of  
13 Senate; and

14 (iv) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of  
15 Council.

16 (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,  
17 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant  
18 office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council  
19 may make an appointment to that office.

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

23 *Creation of Academic Post*

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

27 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

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

1                                    *Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

2                                    12.-(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University,  
3                                    other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule shall be  
4                                    appointed by the Council on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the  
5                                    Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council  
6                                    in that behalf.

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

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Agriculture Oba-Ofemili, Anambra State to make comprehensive provisions for its due Management and Administration.

