

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN ACT CAP. U6 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ACTION NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan

[] Commencement

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

- 1 **1.** The University of Ibadan Act Cap. U6 Laws of the Federation of
2 Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set
3 out in this Bill. Amendment of
Cap. U6, LFN,
2004
- 4 **2.** Section 4(a) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
5 the word, "Pro-Chancellor", the words, "who shall possess a minimum of a
6 university degree or its equivalent with cognate experience, integrity,
7 vibrancy and must be healthy and fit to perform the function of a chairman;" Amendment of
Section 4 (a)
- 8 **3.** Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub
9 section "(4A)": Amendment of
Section 6
- 10 "(4A) The Senate shall make Intellectual Property Governance
11 Codes that comply with international best practice to govern the ownership
12 of intellectual property within the university".
- 13 **4.** The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section "12A": Insertion of a
new section 12A
- 14 "12A" Pre-Action Notice:
- 15 (1) An aggrieved staff or student shall not commence a suit in Court
16 against the University except the staff or student gives the University one
17 month written notice of intention to commence the suit.
- (2) The written notice of under subsection (1) of this section shall

1 be served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent and the notice
2 shall explicitly state the:

3 (a) cause of action;

4 (b) particulars of claim or the grievance sought to be redressed;

5 (c) name, particulars and official address of the intending plaintiff;

6 and

7 (d) relief which the intending plaintiff claims.

8 (3) The written notice under subsection (1) of this section and any
9 summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the
10 University under this Act or any other law shall be addressed to the Vice-
11 Chancellor of the University and may be served by delivering same to the Vice-
12 Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or any other Principal Officer of the
13 University or by sending it by registered post, electronic mail or any other
14 legally recognized digital form of communication in Nigeria."

Amendment of
Article 3 of the
Third Schedule

15 5. Article 3 of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by:

16 (a) deleting the existing sub article (1) and inserting a new sub article
17 "(1)"-

18 "(1) The board shall appoint one of the professors assigned to the
19 faculty to be Dean of a faculty subject to confirmation by the Senate and he
20 shall hold office for a term of two years and may be eligible for re-appointment
21 for another term of two years and no more; and

22 (b) inserting a new sub article "(2A)":

23 "(2A) Where there is no professor in a faculty, the office of the Dean
24 of the faculty shall be held by members of the faculty holding the ranks of
25 reader or senior lecturer on the basis of seniority as determined by the board
26 subject to confirmation by the Senate."

Citation

27 6. This Bill may be cited as the University of Ibadan (Amendment)
28 Bill, 2020.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the University of Ibadan Act Cap. U6 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and to provide for pre-action notice to the University authority.