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**FEDERAL COLLEGE OF CROP SCIENCE AND FOOD  
TECHNOLOGY, LERE, KADUNA STATE**

**(SB. 160)**

A BILL  
FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF CROP SCIENCE AND FOOD  
TECHNOLOGY, LERE, KADUNA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2022

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# FEDERAL COLLEGE OF CROP SCIENCE AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY, LERE, KADUNA STATE



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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF CROP SCIENCE AND FOOD TECHNOLOGY, LERE, KADUNA STATE AND FOR  
RELATED MATTERS, 2022 (SB.160)

{ } Commencement

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

(1) There is hereby established the Federal College of Crop Science and Food Technology Lere, Kaduna State (in this Bill referred to as the "College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are specified in this Bill. Establishment of the College

(2) The College:

(a) shall be a corporate body with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

(b) may acquire, hold or dispose of any property, moveable or immovable, for the purpose of carrying out its functions under this Bill.

(1) The objectives of the College shall be—

Objectives of the College

(a) to provide full-time or part-time courses of instruction and training in—

(i) Crop Science and Food Technology, Applied Science, Commerce, Management; and

(ii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the area of Crop Science and Food Technology, agricultural production, industrial distribution and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques/technologies as the Council may from time to time determine;

(b) to arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relative to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) of this section;

(c) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College.

(2) Nothing in this section shall preclude the government of a State or any of its agencies from setting up a College similar to any College established under this Bill.

(1) The Council shall consist of-

Establishment of the Council and its membership

(a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President;

(b) Provost of the College;

(c) one representative of the —

- i. College;
- ii. Federal Ministry charged with responsibility for matters relating to Agriculture;
- iii. Kaduna State Ministry of Agriculture;
- iv. Agricultural Society of Nigeria;
- v. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria; and
- vi. Academic Board of the College.

(2) The members of the council other than ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the president.

(3) The provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall apply in relation to the Constitution of the Council and the other matters therein specified.

(1) The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development shall be the Visitor to the College

Visitation

(2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the College or appoint a Visitation Panel, consisting of not less than five experts.

The Visitation shall be –

- (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College;
- (b) for such other purpose or in respect of any other affairs of the College as the Visitor may deem fit.

(1) There shall be a Registrar to the College who shall be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration of the College and shall perform such other duties as the Council or, as the case may be, the Provost may from time-to-time direct.

Registrar of the College

(2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and shall attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good reason by the Chairman of the Council.

(3) In the absence of the Registrar, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Provost, appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.

(4) The Secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under subsection (3) of this section shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum unless he is so entitled as a member of the Council.

(1) The Registrar –

Tenure of Office of the Registrar

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

(b) may be re-appointed for one further period of four years and no more.

(1) Subject to provision of this Bill, the Council shall be the governing body of the College and shall have responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the College, and in particular, the control of the property and finances of the College; and shall also have power to do anything which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of the activities of the College and promote its best interests.

Functions of the  
Council and its  
Finance and  
General  
Purposes  
Committee

(2) The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(3) The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.

(4) The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not any individual person or case) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with the directions.

(5) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the College and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

(6) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the Constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(7) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the College are kept and that the accounts of the College are audited annually by auditors appointed by the Council and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation; and that an annual report is published by the College together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.

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

(9) Rules made under subsection (8) of this Section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the directions of the Council shall prevail

(10) Allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses shall be paid to the members of the Council, its Finance and General Purposes Committee and any other committee set up by the Council, at such rates as may from time to time is fixed by the Council.

(11) The Council shall meet at least three times in a year, as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill,

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

(13) The request made under subsection (12) of this clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting.

(1) There shall be a Provost of the College ("the Provost") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this section.

The Provost of  
the College

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Provost, the Council shall —

(a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying —

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

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

(b) constitute a Search Team consisting of —

(i) a member of the Council, not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman;

(ii) two members of the Academic Board, not below the rank of Chief Lecturer;

(iii) two members of the Academic Community of the College not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, to be selected by the Council, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.

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

(a) the Chairman of the Council;

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

(c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend, through the Council, three candidates for consideration.

(4) The President shall appoint, as Provost, one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Provost shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with responsibility for matters relating to the day-to-day management and operations of the College.

(6) The Provost —

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

(b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four years and no more.

(1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Provost.

Office of the  
Deputy Provost

(2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in one of the following ways —

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

(b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board which shall consist of-

(i) the Chairman of the Council;

(ii) the Provost;

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

(iv) two members of the Academic Board; or

(c) on the nomination of the Provost subject to the approval of the Council

(3) The Selection Board referred to in (b) above shall make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the commendation required under this subsection (2).

of this section shall —

(a) consist of —

(i) the Chairman of the Council;

(ii) the Provost;

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

(iv) two members of the Academic Board; and

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

(4) The Deputy Provost—

(a) shall assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;

(b) act in the place of the Provost when the post of Provost is vacant or if the Provost is for any reason absent or unable to perform his functions as Provost; and

(5) The Deputy Provost —

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

(b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no more.

0. (1) There shall be for the College the following other Principal Officers, that is—

Other Principal  
Officers of the  
College

(a) the Registrar under Sections 5 and 6 of this Bill;

(b) the Bursar; and

(c) the College Librarian, who shall all be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under Section 9 (2)(b) of this Bill.

(2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.

(3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College library and the co-ordination of the library service in the teaching units of the College.

(4) The Bursar or Librarian —

(a) shall hold office for a period of five years in the first instance and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;

(b) may be re-appointed for a further period of five years and no more.

1. (1) A principal officer may resign his appointment —

Resignation of  
Appointment of  
Principal Officers

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

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

2. (1) There shall be, for the College, a Selection Board which shall consist of —

Selection Board  
for Other  
Principal Officers

(a) the Chairman of the Council;

(b) the Provost;

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

(d) two members of the Academic Board.

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



Other Employees  
of the College

3. (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill

(2) The power to appoint all other employees of the College shall be exercised—

(a) in the case of senior employees, by the Council on the recommendation of the Appointment and Promotions Committee set up under the provisions of paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill;

(b) in the case of junior employees, by the Provost on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee constituted under paragraph 3 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

Application of  
the Pensions Act

4. (1) The Federal Civil Service Commission may by order published in the Federal Gazette declare the office of the Provost or any other principal officer employed in the College to be a pensionable office for the purposes of the Pensions Reform Act.

(2) The officers and other persons employed in the College shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the Civil Service of the Federation.

(3) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1) and (2) of this Section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension or gratuity in respect of service in that office.

The Academic  
Board

5. (1) There shall be established for the College a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of: (a) the Provost of the College, as the Chairman;

(b) the Deputy-Provost of the College;

(c) all Heads of Departments;

(d) the College Librarian; and

(e) not more than two members of the Academic Staff, other than Heads of Departments, who may be appointed by the Academic Board. f the following members—

(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for—

(a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and diplomas, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

(b) providing the Council with such periodic reports on such academic matters as the Academic Board may deem fit or as the Council may from time-to-time direct; and

(c) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may delegate to it.

6. (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) or the Provost should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the President, and if the President, after making such inquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the President, shall, in writing, declare the office of such member vacant.

Removal from  
Office of  
Members of the  
Council and the  
Provost

(2) The President may remove any member of the Council if he is satisfied that it is not in the public interest or in the interest of the College that such member should continue as a member of the Council.

7. (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Provost, should be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall—

Removal and  
Discipline of  
Academic,  
Administrative  
and Technical  
Staff

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

(b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Council; and

(c) if he or any three members of the Council so request within the period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements—

(i) if he is an academic staff, for a joint committee of the Council and the Academic Board to investigate the matter and to report on it to the Council; or

(ii) for a committee of the Council to investigate the matter, where it relates to any other member of the staff of the College and to report on it to the Council; and

(iii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

(2) The Provost may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Provost is prejudicial to the interests of the College, suspend such staff and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

(3) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from office or his appointment may be

terminated by the Council, and for the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means—

(a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

(b) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

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

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

(4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section, shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of the period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to—

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

(b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

(c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person in question, in which case such a person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

(d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine, and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

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

(6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of staff and workers of the College as it may deem fit.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Provost that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations made hereunder direct—

Discipline of  
Students

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

(b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or

(c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the directions; or

(d) that the student be expelled from the College.

(2) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council, either directly or through some other staff, may apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (1) of this section to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.

(3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal against the direction of the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.

(4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

(5) The Provost may delegate his power under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.

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

(7) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

(8) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final

9. (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Provost may suspend him for not more than three months and forthwith shall direct the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee—

Discipline of  
Junior Staff

(a) to consider the case; and

(b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Provost.

(2) In all cases under this section, the officer shall be informed of the charge against him and shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself.

(3) The Provost may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of this section, dismiss, terminate, retire or down-grade the officer concerned.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the Provost's decision under subsection (3) of this section, may within a period of 21 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, address a petition to the Council to reconsider his case and the Council's decision thereon shall be final.

(5) In any case of gross misconduct on the part of a Junior Staff, the Provost shall forthwith suspend him and thereafter refer the matter to the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee to be dealt with according to the foregoing provision of this section.

0. (1) Each Council shall keep proper accounts and records in relation thereto and shall cause to be prepared, not later than 1st October in each financial year, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and when prepared, the estimate shall be submitted to the National Board for Technical Education for approval. Audits of Accounts
- (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30th June the Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure during the previous financial year.
- (3) The statement of accounts referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall, when certified by the Provost, be audited by a firm of auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual report of the College.
1. The funds of the Council shall include— Funds of the College
- (a) fees charged by and payable to the Council in respect of students;
- (b) any other amounts due to or recoverable by the Council;
- (c) revenue from time to time accruing to the Council from the Federal Government by way of subvention, Appropriation Act, Supplementary Appropriation Act, grant-in-aid, endowment or otherwise howsoever;
- (d) donations and legacies accruing to the Council from any source for the special purpose of the Council.
22. (1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the Council until such time as they may be expended in fulfillment of such purpose. Donations for Particular Purposes
- (2) No Council shall be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attached to such donation.
23. All sums of money received on account of the College shall be paid into the bank for the credit of the College as may be approved by the Council. Payment into Bank

4. The Council shall on or before 31 December in each year prepare and submit to the President through the Minister, a report of the activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the College in respect of that financial year and the auditors' comments on the account. Annual Report
5. (1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Schedule to this Bill. Miscellaneous and Supplementary Power to make Bye-laws
- (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for their commencement is prescribed therein.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this Section shall make it obligatory for the Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Federal Gazette but the Council shall bring such bye-laws to the notice of all affected thereby.
16. No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of the family origin or religious or political persuasion or as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the College or as a holder of any certificate of the College, or of any appointment or employment at the College, or a member of any body established by virtue of this Bill, and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the College by reference to any of those matters: Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion, etc.
- Provided that, nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the College from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons where such a person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regards to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto is, in the opinion of the College, reasonably justifiable in the national interest.
17. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 (2) of the Second Schedule to this Bill and any standing orders or bye-law made under this Bill, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body. Quorum and Procedure of Bodies Established under this Bill.
18. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
- “The Academic Board” means the board established under Section 15 of this Bill;
- “The Appointments and Promotions Committee” means a body by that name established under paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill;
- “College” means the respective College set up under Section 1 of this Bill;
- “The Junior Staff Appointments and Promotion Committee” means a body by that name set up under paragraph 3 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill;

“The Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Agriculture;

“The Registrar” means the Registrar of the College appointed under Section 5 of this Bill.

“President” means President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

9. This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Crop Science and Food Technology Lere, Kaduna State (Establishment) Bill, 2022

Citation

## SCHEDULE

Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Council

[Section 7]

### PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

#### Terms of Office of Members

1.— (1) A member of the Council other than an ex-officio member shall hold office for a period of three years beginning with the date on which he was appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of three years and thereafter he shall no longer be eligible for re- appointment.

2) Members of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1 (1) of this Schedule, shall be paid remuneration or allowance in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Council, of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council.

3) A member of the Council holding office as specified in paragraph 1 (1) of this Schedule may by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.

4.— (1) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council, that vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor; so however that the successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.

2) The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so take part in its proceedings.

#### Committees

3.— (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.

2) Without prejudice to the generality to sub-paragraph (1) of this Schedule, the Council shall appoint the following committees, that is—

(a) the Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall without prejudice to Section 13 (2) (a) of this Bill—

(i) consist of a Chairman to be appointed by the Provost from members of the Senior Staff of the College and four other members who shall be appointed by the Council;

- i) be charged with the responsibility for making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the Academic and Senior Staff of the College and have a quorum of three members;
- ii) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a Chairman and four other members to be appointed by the Council and shall have the powers set out in Sections 13 (2) (b) of this Bill;
- iii) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members—
  - a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Provost from among the senior employees of the College;
  - b) one member of the Council;
  - c) two members of the Academic Staff of the College; and
  - d) four students of the College, and the Committee on Students' Affairs shall be charged with the duty of—
    - i) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students;
    - ii) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or students of the College;
    - iii) any matter which the students wish to refer to the Council shall be referred to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
- iv) No decision of a Committee shall have effect unless it is confirmed by the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

- 1.— (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but shall meet not less than twice in a year.
- 2) The Chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council.
- 3) Particulars of the business to be transacted shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
- 4.— Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or shall count towards quorum.
- 5.— (1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
- 2) One third (1/3) of the members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.

6.— Subject as aforesaid, the Council may make standing orders with respect to the holding of meetings, the nature of notices to be given, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for



inspection of such minutes.

— If the Chairman of the Council is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman for the purposes of that meeting.

#### Miscellaneous

— Any contract or instrument which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may in like manner be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorised by it for that purpose.

0.— (1) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.

2) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council and some other member authorised generally or specifically by the Council to act for that purpose.

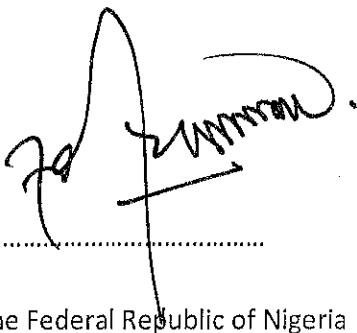
3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

1.— Any member of the Council or a Committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a Committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.

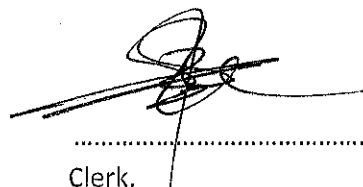
#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Crop Science and Food Technology in Lere, Kaduna State, Nigeria. To be charged with the institutional framework for educating students on breeding, genetics, production and management of local and other world major turf and fibre crops, in relation to development and application of recent technological know-how in food /feed production to get the full value chain from their produce.

**THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**



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President,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



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Clerk,  
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria