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Commencement

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

PART I- ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF MINES AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES

There is established a body to be known as The Federal College of Mines and Geological Studies Guyuk,
 Adamawa State and shall have such powers and exercise such functions as is conferred on it by this Bill.

Establishment of School of Mines and Geology Studies Objects of The College

- 2. The functions of the College shall be:
 - [a] to provide full-time courses in Mining and Geological Studies:
 - [i] To serve as a home for research activities in all fields of Geology, Survey and Exploration, in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria,
 - [ii] research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the council may from time to time determine,
 - [iii] to train manpower for the mineral exploration, mining, processing and extraction industries;
 - [b] to conduct courses in Mining and Geological Studies for miners;
 - [c] to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops in relevant fields of learning; and
 - [d] to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College.
- 3. [1] There is established for the College a Governing Council [in this Bill referred to as ["the Council"] which shall be responsible for the consideration and approval of:

Establishment of the Governing Council

- [a] the plan of activities of the College;
- [b] the programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken by the College;
- [c] the annual budget estimates of the College; and
- [d] the investment plans of the College.
- [2] The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein.
- 4. [1] The College shall consist of: -

Constitution and Principal Officers of the College

- [a] A Provost;
- [b] Deputy provost
- [c] Academic Board;

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- [d] the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs [a] to [c] of this subclause;
- [e] all graduates and undergraduates of the College; and
- [f] all other persons who are members of the College in accordance with provisions made by Regulation in that behalf.
- [2] The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the College.
- [3] Subject to Clause 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by Regulation with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Academic Board.
- 5. [1] The Council of the College shall consist of: -
 - [a] the Provost;
 - [c] the Deputy Provost[s];
 - [d] one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;
 - [e] four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from:
 - [i] the Teacher's Registration Council;
 - [ii] Tertiary Education Trust Fund; and
 - [iii] Two other persons, one of whom shall be a representative of the College host community.
 - [f] four persons appointed by the Academic Board from among its members;
 - [g] One person appointed by Academic Board from among its members.
 - [h] Two persons representing the community appointed by the President.
 - [2] Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the College.
 - [3] The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the College.
 - [4] The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the College.

Composition,

Tenure and

Powers of the

Council of the

College

- [5] The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the College.
- [6] The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the College complies with the approved budgetary ratio for –
- [a] personnel cost;
- [b] overhead cost;
- [c] research and development;
- [d] library developments; and
- [e] The balance in expenditure between academic vis-à-vis non-academic Activities.
- 6. [1] Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the College and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the College.

Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee

- [2] 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.
- [3] Provision shall be made by Regulation with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- [4] The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the College are kept and that the accounts of the College are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the College together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- [5] Subject to this Bill and the Regulations, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.

- [6] Rules made under sub-Clause [5] of this Clause 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 direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- [7] There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.
- [8] The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- [9] If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- [10] Any request made under sub-Clause [9] of this Clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be Considered at that meeting.
- 7. [1] A member of the Council [other than an ex-officio member] shall hold office for a term of three years and be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years.

Term of Office of Membership of the Council

- [2] The office of a member appointed under Clause 3 of this Bill shall become vacant if:
- [a] the member resigns his/her appointment by notice in writing under his/her hand, addressed to the Minister; or
- [b] the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.
- 8. The Council shall have powers to:

Powers of the Council

- [a] hold examination and grant NCE, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of Education [NCCE];
- [b] demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of

instruction such fees as the council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;

- [c] hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling;
- [d] provide amenities for the welfare of the staff of the College;
- [e] invest the surplus funds of the College on programmes that by law as may be approved by the Council; enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College;
- [f] recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;
- [g] establish and maintain such College and other units within the College or extra-mural departments as the Council may, from time to time decide;
- [h] institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
- [i] mount exhibitions and display designs to foster appreciation of techniques and technology; erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;
- [j] create lectureships and other academic posts and offices to make appointments thereto;
- [k] Encourage and make provision for research in the College and; do such things incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College.
- 9. [1] The Minister of Education shall be the visitor of the College.

Visitation

- [2] The Visitor shall, not less than once in every two years, conduct a visitation of the college or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:
- [a] for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or
- [b] For such other purpose the Visitor may deem fit.
- 10. [1] There shall be established for the College a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:

The Academic Boards and Its

- [a] the Provost of the College who shall be the Chairman;
- [b] the Deputy Provost, Deans of Departments, Professors Reader/ Chief- Readers and the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
- [c] the College Librarian; and
- [d] Not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads of departments to be elected

by the Congregation.

- [2] The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
- [a] the direction and management of academic matters to the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes, and other academic distinctions;
- [b] making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council as the Council may from time to time direct;
- [c] Discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- 11. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions.

Power of Minister to Give Direction to the Council

.2. [1] There shall be a Provost of the College [in this Bill referred to as ["the Provost"] who shall be appointed by the Minister of Education, in accordance with the provisions of this Clause.

The Provost of the College

- [2] where a vacancy exists in the post of Provost, the Council shall:
- [a] advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying:
- [i] the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post;
- [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 person who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever.
- 3. [1] There shall be for the College a Deputy Provost.

Deputy Provost

- [2] The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in the following ways, that is:
- [a] from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Provost;

- [b] on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted under this Clause for that purpose; or [c] on the nomination of the Provost.
- [3] The selection Board referred to in this sub Clause [2] of this Clause 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, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the Minister;
- [iv] two members of the Academic Board; and
- [b] Make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under that sub Clause.
- [4] The Deputy Provost shall:
- [a] be in charge of academic activities and assist the Provost in the performance of his/her functions;
- [b] act in the place of Provost when the post of Provost is vacant or if, for any reason, the Provost is unable to perform his/her functions as Provost, and
- [c] Perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may assign to him.
- [5] The Deputy Provost:
- [a] shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment; and [b] May be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more.
- 14. [1] The Provost shall hold office for a period of 5 years only beginning with the effective date of his/her appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.

Tenure and Procedure for the removal of Provost

- [2] Where on the commencement of this Bill a Provost appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office-
- [a] for less than five years, he/she shall be deemed to be serving his/her 5 years' single tenure and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
- [b] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may

allow him/her to serve as Provost for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College;

[c] for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as Provost to complete his/her second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College.

[3] [a] The Provost may be removed from office by the Visitor on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his/her office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind after due consultation with the Council and the Academic Board Billing through the Minister of Education.

[b] When the proposal for the removal of the Provost is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Academic Board consisting of-

[i] three members of the Council one of whom shall be the chairman of the Committee; and

[ii] Two members of Academic Board, provided that where the ground for the removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

[c] The Committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Provost and shall report its findings to the Council.

[d] The Council shall where the allegations are proved inform the Visitor who shall remove the Provost.

[e] There shall be no sole administrator in any Nigerian College of Education.

[f] In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Provost, the Council shall appoint a Billing Provost on the recommendation of the Academic Board.

[g] A Billing Provost in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

15. [1] The Council of the College shall appoint a Registrar to the College [hereinafter referred to as the Registrar] who shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.

The Registrar or other Staff of the College

[2] The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be the Secretary of the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his/her absence, the Councilor of any such Committee may appoint some other person to act as Secretary, and he/she shall not vote on any question before the Councilor count towards a quorum.

[3] A Registrar:

- [a] shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment; and
- [b] May be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- [4] where on the commencement of this Clause a Registrar appointed before the commencement of the Clause has held office:
- [a] for five years or less he/she shall be deemed to be serving his/her first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
- [b] for more than five years but less than ten years, he/she shall complete the maximum period often years and thereafter relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College;
- [c] For ten years or more, the Council may allow him/her serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College.
- 16. [1] There shall be for the College the following principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:

Other Principal Officers of the College

- [a] the Bursar; and
- [b] The College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the selection Board constituted under Clause 10 this Bill.
- 17. [1] The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.

Functions of Registrar and Tenure

- [2] The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Secretary to Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his/her absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.
- [3] A Registrar shall
- [a] hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:
- [i] for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her

appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;

[ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College;

[lii] for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College.

18. [1] 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 financial affairs of the College.

Functions of the Bursar and Tenure.

- [2] [a] A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office-
- [i] for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
- [ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College;
- [iii] for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College.

19. [1] The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.

Functions of the College Librarian and Tenure

- [2] A College Librarian shall;
- [a] hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a College Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office-
- [i] for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
- [ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as College Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College;
- [iii] for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as College Librarian to complete his/her second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the College.
- 20. A principal officer may resign his/her appointment:
 - [a] in the case of the provost, by notice to the Visitor; and of
 - [b] in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Resignation of Appointment of Principal Officer

- 21. [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.
 - Other Employee
 - [2] Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.

- 22. [1] There shall be for the College, a selection Board which shall consist of:
 - [a] the Chairman of the Council;
 - [b] the Provost;
 - [c] four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
 - [d] Two members of the Academic Board.
 - [2] The functions, procedures and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under sub Clause [1] of this Clause shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.
- 23. The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the Provost and other employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council, in consultation with the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation/Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission, National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.

Remuneration of Provost and other employees

Selection Board for other Principal

Officer

24. [1] It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, however, that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.

Pension

[2] For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the pension Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minster or other authority of the Government of the Federation [other than the power to make regulations] shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority.

PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

25. [I] The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.

General Fund

- [2] There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under sub Clause [1] of this Clause:
- [a] such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Minister of Education or as may be renamed at any point in time;
- [b] all moneys raised for the purposes of the college by way of gifts, grants-in-aids or testamentary

disposition; and all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the college and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.

- [3] The Council shall submit to the Minister not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he/she may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.
- 26. The Council may accept gifts of land, money, or other property upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift provided such conditions do not conflict with or undermined the objectives of the College as provided in this Bill.

Power to Accept

27. The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited.

Account and audit.

28. [1] All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the College shall, by virtue of this sub-Clause and without further assurance, vest in the College and be held by it for the purpose of the College.

Transfer of Property

- [2] The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this Clause and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.
- 29. The Council shall soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts.

Annual Report

PART III - MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

30. [1] for the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may:

Office Premises

- [a] purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and
- [b] Build, equip and maintain offices and premises.

- [2] The Council may with the approval of the Minister sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its function.
- 31. [1] The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline, dereliction of duties and gross misconduct [including lack of diligence] by students or staff, and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.

Discipline of Staff and Students.

- [2] The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this Clause.
- [3] Subject to the provisions of sub Clause [1] of this Clause, where it is proved during the enquiry that any staff or student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him/her by this Bill or any regulations made hereunder direct:
- [a] that the staff or 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 may be so specify;
- [b] specified on the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or that the staff or student may be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
- [c] That the staff or student be expelled from the College.
- [4] Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub Clause [a] of this Clause to any staff or student of the College who is guilty of misconduct.
- [5] where a direction is given under sub Clause [3][a] or [d] of this Clause in respect of any staff or student, the staff or student may, within twenty-one days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to 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.

- [6] The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of sub Clause of this Clause shall not affect the operation while the appeal is pending.
- [7] The Provost may delegate his/her powers under this Clause to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he/she may nominate.
- [8] Nothing in this Clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a staff's appointment or student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- [9] It is hereby declared that the direction under sub Clause [3] [a] of this Clause may be combined with a direction under sub Clause [3] [b] of this Clause.
- [10] In all cases under this Clause, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the staff or student.
- 32. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

Interpretation

- "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;
- "College" means the Federal College of Mines and Geological Studies established by Clause 1 of this Bill and "Colleges" shall be construed accordingly;
- "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by Clause 2 of this Bill;
- "Congregation" means academic and non-academic staff of the College with first degree or Higher National Diploma [HND];
- "Functions" includes powers and duties;
- "Member" means a member of Council including the Chairman;
- "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development;
- "Provost" means the Provost of the College appointed under Clause 12 of this Bill;
- "The person responsible for the advancement and development of Mining and Geological Studies" means the person appointed by the Minister to oversee the Federal College in Guyuk, Adamawa State.
- 33. This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Mines and Geological Studies [Establishment] Bill, 2022

Short Title

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

1. Remuneration of Council Members

- [1] There may be paid to the members of the council any committee, other than ex-officio members, such remunerations and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.
- [2] Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in Clause 3 [1] [d], it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his/her predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his/her predecessor.
- [3] The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

2. Proceedings

- [1] The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.
- [2] The Chairman may at any time at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.
- [3] At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in his/her absence, member present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
- [4] Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting.

3. Vacancy of Council Seats

- [1] where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified it shall be filled by the appointment of s successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his/her predecessor in office shall represent the same interest at his/her predecessor.
- [2] The validity of proceedings of the council shall not be adversely affected, notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or

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any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

4. Miscellaneous

- [1] The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.
- [2] Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- [3] Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Core objective of the Bill is to provide for a legislative framework to support the establishment of the Federal College of Mines and Geological Studies, Guyuk, Adamawa State to Provide a world class Mining technology to enhance Technical and Managerial Skill, of the Nigeria populace while providing the much needed capacity, capability and talents to sustainably manage Nigerian Mining Sector. Also, the envisaged Federal College is to ease problems bedeviling the Mining Sector and to nurture carrier Miners and Geological surveyors to identify the nation's natural endowments via exploration while ensuring sustainable development and to meet learning and research needs of the prospective students of the host communities in particular and Nigeria as a whole. The legislative framework designed for the College, is to among other things is to offer Nigeria Certificate in Education [NCE] and other certification in the areas of its core objects of interest on both full-time and part-time basis.

THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2022.

President.

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Clerk.

Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria