

UNIVERSITY OF AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICS OKA AKOKO BILL, 2020

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University of Aerospace and Aeronautics Oka Akoko Statute No.1

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICS OKA AKOKO AND FOR MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS CONNECTED THEREWITH

*Sponsored by Senator Boroffice, Robert Ajayi*

[ ] Commencement

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

1 *Establishment, constitution and functions of University of Aerospace*  
2 *and Aeronautics Oka Akoko*

3 1.-(1) There is hereby established a university of Aerospace and  
4 Aeronautics in Oka Akoko,

Establishment and objects of the University of Aerospace and Aeronautics, Oka Akoko

5 (2) the University shall be a body corporate with perpetual  
6 succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

7 (3) The objects of the University shall be-

8 (a) To develop centres of excellence and a critical mass of experts  
9 within the space, aerospace, and aeronautics education industry;

10 (b) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all  
11 persons with- out distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the  
12 opportunity of acquiring a higher education in Aerospace and Aeronautics  
13 science technology and engineering;

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

- 1 improve on it and develop new ones;
- 2 (d) 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 natural, economic and human resources;
- 5 (e) to offer to the general population, as a form of public service, the  
6 results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these  
7 results;
- 8 (f) to establish appropriate relationships with other national  
9 institutions involved in training, research and development of Space,  
10 Aerospace and Aeronautics technologies;
- 11 (g) To identify the technological problems and needs of the Space,  
12 aerospace and aeronautics industry and to find solutions to them within the  
13 context of overall national development;
- 14 (h) To provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a  
15 foundation for the development of space, aerospace and aeronautics  
16 technology and applied sciences, taking into account indigenous culture and  
17 the need to enhance national unity;
- 18 (i) To research and develop aerospace engines needed to launch  
19 Nigerian satellites and planetary robotic spacecraft to space according to The  
20 25 years' road map and beyond in the Nigerian Space industry.
- 21 (j) To develop scientific, engineering, and technological capabilities  
22 required in the aerospace industry to design and construct robust propulsion  
23 systems using the state-of-the-Art infrastructure;
- 24 (k) To acquire and domesticate technologies necessary to develop  
25 various thrust generating combustible materials and all other aerospace related  
26 systems;
- 27 (l) To undertake any other activities appropriate for a University of  
28 Aerospace and Aeronautics of the highest standard.
- 29 **2.-(1)** The University shall consist of-
- 30 (a) a Chancellor;

- 1 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
- 2 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;
- 3 (d) a body to be called Congregation;
- 4 (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;
- 5 (g) the schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of
- 6 the University;
- 7 (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule
- 8 to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this
- 9 subsection;
- 10 (i) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and
- 11 (j) all other persons who are members of the university in
- 12 accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.
- 13 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to
- 14 the principal officers of the University therein mentioned.
- 15 (3) Subject to section 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by
- 16 statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate,
- 17 Congregation and Convocation.
- 18 **3.-(1)** For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of
- 19 this Bill the University shall have the following powers-
- 20 (a) to establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, extra-
- 21 mural departments and other teaching and research units within the
- 22 University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable
- 23 subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
- 24 (b) to institute professorships, readerships or associate
- 25 professorships, lecture-ships, and other posts and offices and to make
- 26 appointments thereto;
- 27 (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
- 28 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
- 29 assistance;

First Schedule

Powers of the  
University and  
their exercise

1 (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the  
2 University;

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

7 (f) to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

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

12 (h) subject to section 19 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or  
13 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever  
14 situate;

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

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

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

24 (l) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and  
25 book selling;

26 (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to  
27 invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not  
28 being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or  
29 securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to  
30 time, to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time

1 being not invested, with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

7 (o) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;

8 (p) to do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or  
9 by statute to do; and

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

12 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and  
13 without prejudice to section 7 (2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the  
14 University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of  
15 the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which  
16 may be authorised by the statute.

17 (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and  
18 colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not  
19 otherwise.

20 4.-(1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take  
21 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is  
22 present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring  
23 degrees.

Functions of the  
Chancellor and  
Pro-Chancellor

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

29 5. The Council of each University shall consist of-

30 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

Composition of  
the Council of  
each University

Functions of the  
Council and its  
Finance and  
General Purposes  
Committee

- 1 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- 2 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
- 3 (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for education;
- 4 (e) nine persons representing a variety of interests and broadly
- 5 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;
- 6 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
- 7 (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;
- 8 (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members.
- 9 **6.-(1)** Subject to section 10 the provisions of this Bill relating to the
- 10 Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be
- 11 charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances
- 12 and property of the University.
- 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 University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council
- 17 may from time to time delegate to it.
- 18 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution
- 19 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 20 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University
- 21 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an
- 22 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report
- 23 is published by the University together with certified copies of the said
- 24 accounts 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 in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that  
2 Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council, whether  
3 before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of  
4 the Council shall prevail.

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

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

13 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the  
14 chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting  
15 of the Council.

16 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall  
17 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so  
18 specified shall be transacted at that meeting.

19 7.-(1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of  
20 this section and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be  
21 the general function of the Senate to organise and control the teaching by the  
22 University, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to  
23 the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the  
24 University.

Functions of  
the Senate

25 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this  
26 section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function  
27 of the Senate to make provision for-

28 (a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses,  
29 colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the

1 University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of  
2 learning;

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

6 (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be  
7 prescribed, in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;

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

11 (e) the establishment, organisation and control of halls of residence  
12 and similar institutions at the University;

13 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the  
14 regulation of their conduct;

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

17 (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for  
18 the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

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

23 (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make  
24 regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by  
25 the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of  
26 making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is  
27 authorised or required by this Bill or by statute.

28 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed  
29 as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction  
30 with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but

1 is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some  
 2 other university of high repute or a person engaged in practising the  
 3 profession in a reputable organisation or institution.

4 (6) 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 upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of  
 8 dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the  
 9 University or obtaining that award.

10 8.-(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 4 of this Bill, except the Pro-Chancellor  
 13 and any other person for the time being acting as chair-man of the Council.

Functions of the  
Vice-Chancellor

14 (2) Subject to sections 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor  
 15 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred  
 16 on him by this Bill or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University  
 17 and shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and  
 18 ex-officio chairman of the Senate.

19 *Transfer of property, etc., to the University*

20 9.-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional council of  
 21 the University shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further  
 22 assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the  
 23 University.

Transfer of  
property

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

Second Schedule

28 10.-(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make statutes for  
 29 any of the following purposes, that is to say-

Power of the  
University to  
make statutes

30 (a) making provision with respect to the composition and

1 constitution of any authority of the University;

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

5 (c) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment  
6 provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;

7 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an  
8 academic or a non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any  
9 statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; or

10 (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by  
11 statute is authorised or required by this Bill.

12 (2) Subject to section 24 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall  
13 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a  
14 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

15 *[Cap. 123.]*

Third Schedule

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 Bill once it  
18 becomes an Act of National Assembly and shall be deemed to have been made  
19 under this section by the University.

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

Mode of  
exercising power  
to make statutes

24 **11.**-(1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be  
25 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.

26 (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been  
27 approved-

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

30 (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds

1 of the members present and voting.

2 (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the  
3 Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section  
4 by either one of those bodies before the other.

5 (4) A statute which-

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

8 (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for  
9 the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is  
10 established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the  
11 President.

12 (5) For the purposes of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a  
13 statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly  
14 approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or  
15 on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly  
16 approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling  
17 within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by  
18 the President.

19 (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time-

20 (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

21 (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an  
22 academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the  
23 matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make  
24 such decision thereon as he shall think fit.

25 (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under  
26 subsection (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and  
27 students of the University, and where any question as to the meaning of any  
28 provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that subsection,  
29 no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any  
30 court of law in Nigeria.

1 (8) Nothing in subsection (7) of this section shall affect any power of a  
2 court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute  
3 is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the  
4 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

Proof of statutes

5 12. A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy  
6 thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by  
7 the Vice-Chancellor or the secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is  
8 a true copy of a statute of the University.

9 *Supervision and discipline*

The Visitor

10 13.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

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

15 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the  
16 University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person conducting  
17 a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or  
18 they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.

Removal of  
certain members  
of Council

19 14.-(1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other  
20 than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from  
21 office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his  
22 office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect  
23 through the Minister to the President, and if the President, after making such  
24 enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate, approves the  
25 recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from  
26 office.

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

1                   **15.**-(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for  
2 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,  
3 administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-  
4 Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the  
5 ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or  
6 employment, the Council shall-

Removal and  
discipline of  
academic,  
administrative  
and professional  
staff

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

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

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

13                  (i) for a joint committee of the Council and the Senate to  
14 investigate the matter and to report on it to the Council; and

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

21                  (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member  
22 of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice Chancellor is prejudicial to the  
23 interests of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension  
24 shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

25                  (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended  
26 from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and  
27 for the purposes of this subsection;

28                  "Good cause" means-

29                  (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be  
30 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the

1 functions of his office; or

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

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

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

11 (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such  
12 nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person  
13 concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.

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

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

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

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

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

28 (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to  
29 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action  
30 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three



1 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the  
2 case concerning any such person.

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

7 (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall-

8 (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of  
9 any visitation; or

10 (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline  
11 of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

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

Removal of  
examiners

19 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of  
20 section 7 (5) of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation  
21 of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the  
22 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

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

27 **17.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to  
28 the Vice Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of  
29 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other  
30 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct-

Discipline of  
students

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

4 (b) that the 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) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in  
7 the direction; or

8 (d) that the student be expelled from the University.

9 (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this  
10 section in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period  
11 and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal  
12 is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the  
13 matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or  
14 modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

15 (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of  
16 subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while  
17 the appeal is pending.

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

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

24 (6) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be  
25 combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.

26 *Miscellaneous and general*

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

27 **18.**-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of  
28 the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place  
29 of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of  
30 becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any

1 degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the  
 2 University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Act; and no  
 3 person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in  
 4 relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

5 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as  
 6 preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any  
 7 of the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person wilfully  
 8 refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty  
 9 generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them  
 10 which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances  
 11 pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable  
 12 in the national interest.

13 **19.** Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, a  
 14 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land  
 15 (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the  
 16 prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:

Restriction on  
disposal of land  
by University

17 Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any  
 18 lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease  
 19 or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose.

20 **20.** Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill  
 21 Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the  
 22 quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall  
 23 be as determined by that body.

Quorum

24 **21.**-(1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall, without  
 25 prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint  
 26 committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body,  
 27 and to authorise a committee established by it-

Appointment of  
committees, etc.

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

30 (b) to co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted

1 members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

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

7 (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations,  
8 the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in  
9 pursuance of this section, shall be such as may be determined by the body or  
10 bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.

11 (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this  
12 section shall be construed as-

13 (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with  
14 section 11 of this Bill; or

15 (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make  
16 regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.

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

Retiring age of  
academic staff

22 **22.**-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act,  
23 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of each University shall be 65  
24 years.

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

Special provisions  
relating to pension  
of professors

27 **23.** A person who retires as a professor having served-

28 (a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the University  
29 or continuously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age;  
30 and

1 (b) who during the period of service was absent from the  
2 University only on approved national or University assignments, shall be  
3 entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such  
4 allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying  
5 for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which  
6 he may be entitled.

7 24.-(1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be  
8 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing  
9 of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the  
10 Vice-Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by  
11 statute.

Miscellaneous  
administrative  
provisions

12 (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the  
13 seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the  
14 contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.

15 (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a  
16 person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal,  
17 may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person  
18 generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council.

19 (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in  
20 pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the  
21 membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of  
22 the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the  
23 proceedings.

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

28 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides  
29 for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental

1 provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Bill.

2 *[Cap. 123.]*

3 (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or  
4 regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the  
5 statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill) or any regulation by a  
6 subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and  
7 statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different  
8 circumstances.

9 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer  
10 of property to the University by virtue of section 8 or section 18 of this Bill or  
11 the Second Schedule to this Bill.

12 (9) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served by virtue of  
13 this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.

Interpretation

14 **25.-(1)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

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

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

17 "Council" means the Council established pursuant to section 2 (1) (b) of this  
18 Bill for the University;

19 "Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree,  
20 has been conferred by the University;

21 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating  
22 to higher education; "Notice" means notice in writing;

23 "Officer" does not include the Visitor;

24 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;

25 "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in  
26 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations;

27 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

28 "Provisional council" means the provisional council appointed for the  
29 University by the President from inception;

30 "Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;

1 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section  
2 2 (1) (c) of this Bill;

3 "School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;

4 "Statute" means a statute made by the University under section 10 of this  
5 Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this Bill, and

6 "the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;

7 "Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of  
8 the teaching or research staff of the University;

9 "Undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari at the University other  
10 than-

11 (a) a graduate; and

12 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the  
13 purpose of the definition;

14 (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is  
15 laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be  
16 made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate  
17 authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to  
18 forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of  
19 that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate  
20 authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.

21 **26.** This Bill may be cited as the University of Aerospace and Short title  
22 Aeronautics Oka Akoko Bill, 2020.

## 1 SCHEDULES

## 2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 [Section 2 (2).]

## 4 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5 *The Chancellor*6 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure  
7 of the President.8 *The Pro-Chancellor*9 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office  
10 by the President.11 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall  
12 hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his  
13 appointment.14 *The Vice-Chancellor*15 3.-(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be  
16 appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.17 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the  
18 Council shall-19 (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read  
20 newspaper in Nigeria, specifying-

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

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

25 (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of-

26 (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as  
27 chairman;28 (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council,  
29 one of whom shall be a professor;

30 (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the



1 Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for  
2 consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post of  
3 their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.

4 (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of-

5 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

6 (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;

7 (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were

8 not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons

9 on the short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through

10 an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and

11 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

12 (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the

13 candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and

14 may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and

15 forward the names to the President.

16 (5) The President may appoint as Vice-Chancellor anyone of the

17 candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of

18 subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.

19 (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five

20 years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of

21 appointment.

22 (7) For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of subparagraph (6)

23 of this paragraph shall- (a) only be applicable to those appointed to the

24 office of Vice-Chancellor after 1 January, 1993; (b) not confer on a person

25 serving a first term of office as Vice-Chancellor before 1 January, 1993 any

26 right to renewal of the appointment for a further term of four years.

27 (8) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the

28 Visitor after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through

29 the Minister of Education.

1 *Deputy Vice-Chancellors*

2 4. -(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice  
3 Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the  
4 proper administration of each University.

5 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor,  
6 the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each  
7 post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.

8 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from  
9 each list forwarded to it under subparagraph

10 (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for  
11 confirmation.

12 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

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

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

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

19 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor-

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

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

25 *Office of the Registrar*

26 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the  
27 chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the  
28 Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University  
29 except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance  
30 with paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.

1                   (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of  
2                   that office be secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and  
3                   Convocation.

4                   *Other principal officers of the University*

5                   6.-(1) There shall be for the University the following principal  
6                   officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is-

7                   (a) the Bursar; and

8                   (b) the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council  
9                   on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph  
10                  8 of this Schedule.

11                  (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the University  
12                  and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration  
13                  and control of the financial affairs of the University.

14                  (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-  
15                  Chancellor for the administration of the university library and the  
16                  coordination of the library services in the University and its campuses,  
17                  colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or  
18                  research units.

19                  (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the  
20                  aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice Chancellor.

21                  *Selection Board for other principal officers*

22                  7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the  
23                  appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy  
24                  Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of-

25                  (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;

26                  (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

27                  (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate;

28                  and (d) two members of the Senate.

29                  (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the  
30                  Selection Board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall

1 be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

2 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for such  
3 period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as  
4 may be specified in their letters of appointment.

5 *Resignation and re-appointment*

6 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this  
7 Schedule may resign his office-

8 (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the  
9 President;

10 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in  
11 the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Minister.

12 (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who  
13 has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for  
14 misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

15 SECOND SCHEDULE

16 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

17 *Transfer of property to University*

18 1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (1) of this Bill-

19 (a) the reference in that subsection to property held by the provisional  
20 council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good  
21 discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or  
22 promised to the provisional council;

23 (b) all debts and liabilities of the provisional council outstanding shall  
24 become debts or liabilities of the University.

25 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to  
26 which the provisional council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to  
27 any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had been a party  
28 thereto in place of the provisional council.

29 (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph,  
30 including enactments, which refer, whether specially or generally, to the

1 provisional council, shall be construed in accordance with that sub-  
2 paragraph so far as applicable.

3 (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending  
4 by or against the provisional council may be continued by or against the  
5 University.

6 *Registration of transfers*

7 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property  
8 transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of  
9 property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of  
10 transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a  
11 register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other  
12 matter) apply, with the necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.

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

17 *Transfer of functions. etc.*

18 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the  
19 Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

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

23 (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall  
24 be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he  
25 may determine.

26 (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately  
27 before the coming into force of this Legislation shall be deemed to constitute  
28 the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the  
29 Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.

30 (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate

1 after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school boards and  
2 students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this  
3 Legislation shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the  
4 University as constituted by this Bill.

5 (6) Persons who were Deans or associate Deans of schools or  
6 members of school boards shall continue to be Deans or associate Deans or  
7 become members of the corresponding school boards, until new appointments  
8 are made in pursuance of the statutes.

9 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as  
10 established or was otherwise employed by the provisional council shall  
11 become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status,  
12 designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which  
13 appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee.

14 THIRD SCHEDULE

15 *[Section 9 (3).]*

16 UNIVERSITY OF AEROSPACE AND AERONAUTICS OKA AKOKO

17 STATUTE NO. 1

18 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

19 ARTICLES

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- 30 11. Appointment of academic staff.

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4 *The Council*

5 1.- (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in  
6 section 5 of this Bill.

7 (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in  
8 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the  
9 Council, resign his office.

10 (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in  
11 pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he  
12 previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of  
13 four years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year in which he was  
14 appointed.

15 (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than  
16 in pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (g) or (h) of this Bill vacates office before  
17 the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was  
18 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term  
19 of his predecessor.

20 (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council  
21 otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-  
22 appointment for only one further period of four years.

23 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom  
24 shall be a member appointed pursuant to section 5 (d) or (e) of this Bill.

25 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,  
26 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may  
27 appoint as respects that meeting, shall be the chairman at that meeting, and  
28 subject to section 4 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this  
29 paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

30 (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any

1 particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and  
2 the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any  
3 meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

4 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

5 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council  
6 shall consist of-

7 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at  
8 any meeting at which he is present;

9 (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

10 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of  
11 whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council  
12 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by  
13 Congregation;

14 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, or,  
15 in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent  
16 him; and

17 (e) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Science and  
18 Technology or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may  
19 designate to represent him.

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

21 (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee  
22 may regulate its own procedure.

23 *The Senate*

24 3.-(1) The Senate shall consist of-

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

26 (b) the Deans of the several schools;

27 (c) the Directors of the several institutes;

28 (d) the professors;

29 (e) the Provosts of the several colleges;

30 (f) the Librarian;



1 (g) the persons for the time being holding such appointment on the  
2 staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor;

3 (h) such teachers, not being more than one third of the total number  
4 of non-elected members, elected by Congregation and at least one of whom  
5 shall come from each school; and

6 (i) two members representing a variety of interests of the  
7 professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the  
8 recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

9 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the  
10 Senate when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-  
11 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that  
12 meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.

13 (3) The quorum for the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest  
14 whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2) of this  
15 article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

16 (4) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his  
17 office.

18 (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, there shall be elections  
19 for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed  
20 manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-  
21 Chancellor may from time to time determine.

22 (6) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years  
23 beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at  
24 any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in  
25 which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a  
26 candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office  
27 as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so  
28 held office if he had not resigned it.

29 (7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year  
30 if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of paragraph

1 (10) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which  
2 is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the  
3 certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph  
4 (6) of this article.

5 (8) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person  
6 shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by  
7 reason only of reduction in the total of non-elected members occurring on or  
8 after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as an  
9 elected member.

10 (9) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the  
11 Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice Chancellors duly  
12 appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later  
13 than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

14 (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respects  
15 any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30 April  
16 of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the  
17 Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

18 *Congregation*

19 4. -(1) Congregation shall consist or-

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

21 (b) the full-time members of the academic staff;

22 (c) the Registrar;

23 (d) the Bursar;

24 (e) the Librarian;

25 (f) the Director of Works;

26 (g) the Director of Health Services; and

27 (h) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree,  
28 other than an honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of  
29 this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

30 (2) Subject to section 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the

1 chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in  
2 his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as  
3 Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the  
4 meeting.

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

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

9 (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of  
10 any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

11 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation  
12 during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as  
13 the case may be, of the names of those persons.

14 (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation  
15 may regulate its own procedure.

16 (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or  
17 otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the  
18 University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of  
19 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or  
20 regulations.

21 *Convocation*

22 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of-

23 (a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to  
24 this Bill;

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

26 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with  
27 paragraph (2) of this article.

28 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a  
29 member of Convocation if-

30 (a) he is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying

1 such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

2 (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner  
3 and pays the prescribed fees.

4 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance  
5 of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (4) of  
6 this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by  
7 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register  
8 of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

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

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

16 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient  
17 evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named  
18 therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining  
19 whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries  
20 in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be  
21 disregarded.

22 (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole  
23 number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation  
24 whichever is less.

25 (8) Subject to section 4 of the Bill, the Chancellor shall be chairman at  
26 all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-  
27 Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

28 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function  
29 of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or  
30 regulations.

1 *Division of schools*

2 6. Each school shall be divided into such number of branches as  
3 may be prescribed.

4 *School boards*

5 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each school a board  
6 of studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the  
7 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

8 (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of  
9 examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the school;

10 (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice  
11 Chancellor or by the Senate; and

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

14 (2) Each school board of studies shall consist of-

15 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

16 (b) the Dean;

17 (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;

18 (d) such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the  
19 prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and

20 (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the  
21 Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

22 (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter,  
23 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and  
24 subject to the provisions of this Statute and to any provision made by  
25 regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

26 *Dean of the school*

27 8.-(1) The board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of  
28 any academic year in which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate  
29 one of its members, being one of the Teachers assigned to that teaching unit,  
30 for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school.



1 (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of  
2 the Senate; and

3 (d) two members appointed by the Senate.

4 (2) The selection board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,  
5 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant  
6 office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council  
7 may make an appointment to that office.

8 *Creation of academic posts*

9 10. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other  
10 than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through  
11 the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

12 *Appointment of academic staff*

13 11.-(1) Subject to the Bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in  
14 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of  
15 the Senate.

16 (2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection  
17 boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set  
18 up.

19 (3) For appointments to professorships, associate professorship or  
20 readerships or equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint,  
21 shall consist of-

22 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

23 (b) two members appointed by the Council;

24 (c) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom  
25 shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be  
26 professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be  
27 considered;

28 (d) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;

29 (e) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in  
30 the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of

1 the institute, as the case may be; and

2 (f) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable  
3 of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability  
4 of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time  
5 appoint.

6 (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to  
7 appoint, shall consist of-

8 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

9 (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall  
10 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional  
11 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;

12 (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall  
13 be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional  
14 peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;

15 (c) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;

16 (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the  
17 University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the  
18 institute, as the case may be; and

19 (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable  
20 of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability  
21 of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time  
22 appoint.

23 (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same  
24 way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts  
25 other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the selection  
26 board.

27 (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or consider  
28 the reports of specialists interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of  
29 professorships, associate professorships, readerships or equivalent posts,  
30 consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the area in which the



1 appointment is being considered.

2 *Appointment of administrative and professional staff*

3 12.-(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University  
4 other than principal officers, shall be appointed by the Council or on its  
5 behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with  
6 delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

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

10 Interpretation

11 13. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Universities  
12 of Aerospace and Aeronautics Bill 2020 and any word or expression defined  
13 in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute.

14 *Short title*

15 14. This Statute may be cited as the Universities of Aerospace and  
16 Aeronautics Statute No.1.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the Establishment of University of Aerospace and Aeronautics Oka Akoko and for matters of administration and discipline of students.