

MODIBBO ADAMA UNIVERSITY, YOLA (ESTABLISHMENT ETC) BILL, 2019

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A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MODIBBO ADAMA UNIVERSITY, YOLA AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Sponsored by Senator

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There is hereby established the Modibbo Adama University,
2 Yola, Adamawa State (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

Establishment
and objects of
the Modibbo
Adama University

3 (2) (a) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual
4 succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate
5 name and shall have power to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and
6 immovable properties;

7 (b) provide regular and liberal courses of instruction in
8 Humanities, the sciences and other spheres of learning of standard required
9 and expected of a University of the highest standing;

10 (3) The general objects of the University shall be to:

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

14 (b) provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the
15 pursuit of learning leading to award of diplomas, first degree, postgraduate
16 research and higher degrees in all its branches, and to make those facilities
17 available on proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from
18 them;

19 (c) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all
20 fields of learning and human endeavor;

21 (d) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of

1 the people of Nigeria; and
2 (e) undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of the
3 highest standard.

Composition of
the University

4 2.-(1) The University shall consist of:

- 5 (a) Chancellor;
6 (b) Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
7 (c) Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;
8 (d) Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
9 (e) a body to be called Congregation;
10 (f) a body to be called Convocation;
11 (g) Campus and colleges of the University;
12 (h) Schools, Institutes and other teaching and research units of the
13 University;
14 (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to
15 this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraph (a) to (d) of this subsection;
16 (j) all graduates and undergraduate of the University; and
17 (k) all other persons who are members of the University in
18 accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

19 (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the
20 principal officers of the University.

21 (3) Provision shall be made by statute to the constitution of the
22 following bodies, namely the Council, the Senate, Congregation and
23 Convocation.

Powers of the
University and
their exercise

24 3.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 2 of
25 this Bill, the University shall have power:

26 (a) to establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, extra-
27 mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University
28 as may from time to time, be deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the
29 approval of the National Universities Commission;

30 (b) to institute professorship, readerships or associate professorships,

1 lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointment thereto;

2 (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
3 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and other
4 forms of assistance;

5 (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the
6 University;

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

11 (f) to grant honorary degree, fellowships or academic titles;

12 (g) to demand and receive from any student or any other person
13 attending the University for the purpose of instructions such fees as the
14 university may from time to time, determine subject to the overall directives
15 of the Council;

16 (h) subject to section 22 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge
17 or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property
18 wherever situate;

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

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

24 (k) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,
25 lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields,
26 and other buildings, or things necessary or suitable or convenient for any of
27 the object of the University;

28 (l) to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and
29 book-selling;

30 (m) subject to any limitations on conditions imposed by statute, to

1 invest any money appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not
2 being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or
3 securities or the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to
4 time to vary any such investments and to deposit any money for the time being
5 not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

10 (o) to do anything which it is authorized or required by the Bill or by
11 statutes to do; and

12 (p) to do all such acts or things, incidental to the foregoing powers, as
13 may advance the object of the University.

14 (2) Subject to the provision of this Bill and of the statutes and without
15 prejudice to section 8(2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by
16 subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by
17 the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized
18 by statute;

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

Functions of
the Chancellor

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

26 (2) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform
27 such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Bill or the
28 statutes.

Functions of the
Pro-Chancellor

29 5.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
30 precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor

1 and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation
2 or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the
3 chairman at all meetings of the Council.

4 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall
5 hold office for period of four years beginning with the date of his
6 appointment.

7 6.-(1) The Council of each University shall consist of:

Composition of
the Council

8 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

9 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

10 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

11 (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for education;

12 (e) four person representing a variety of interests and broadly
13 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the President;

14 (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its
15 members;

16 (g) two persons appointed by the Congregation from among its
17 members;

18 (h) one person appointed from among its members.

19 (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of
20 proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition
21 of the University.

22 7.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor,
23 the Council shall be the governing body of each University and shall be
24 charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finance
25 and property of the University including its public relations.

Functions of the
Council and its
Finance and
General Purposes
Committee

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

1 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution
2 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

3 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the university
4 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an
5 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council, and that an annual
6 report shall be published by the University together with certified copies of the
7 said accounts as audited.

8 (5) Subject to the Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance
9 and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for regulating their
10 own procedure.

11 (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance
12 and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by
13 the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that
14 Committee conflict with any directions given by the Council (whether before
15 or after the coming into force of the rules in question), the directions of the
16 Council shall prevail.

17 (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and
18 General Purposes Committee respectively and of any other committee set up
19 by the Council an allowance in respect of travelling and other reasonable
20 expenses, at such rates as may, from time to time, be fixed by extant
21 government circulars.

22 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the
23 performance of its under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every
24 year.

25 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council the
26 Chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of
27 the Council:

28 PROVIDED that after 28 days of the receipt or delivery to him of such
29 request, the Chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall

1 within 14 days thereafter cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for
2 that purpose.

3 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall
4 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and a business not so
5 specified shall not be transacted at the meeting.

6 8.-(1) Subject to section 7 of this Bill and subsections (3) and (4) of
7 this section and to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be
8 the general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the
9 University, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to
10 the contrary and the discipline of students, and to promote research at the
11 University.

Functions of
the Senate

12 (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this
13 section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function
14 of the Senate to make provision for:

15 (a) the establishment and organization and control of campuses,
16 colleges, schools, institute and other teaching and research units of the
17 University and allocation of responsibility for different branches of
18 learning;

19 (b) The organization and control of courses of study in the
20 University and of the examination held in conjunction with those courses,
21 including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

22 (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be
23 prescribed, in connection with examination held as aforesaid;

24 (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to
25 the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or degree or the title of
26 professor emeritus;

27 (e) the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence
28 and similar institutions at the University;

29 (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and
30 the regulation of their conduct;

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

3 (h) determining what description of dress shall be academic dress for
 4 the purpose of the university and regulating the use of academic dress.

5 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school,
 6 department, institute or other teaching and research units of this university
 7 without the approval of the Council.

8 (4) Subject to this Bill and statutes, the Senate may make regulations
 9 for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the
 10 foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making
 11 provisions for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or
 12 required by this Bill or by statute.

13 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the person appointed
 14 as the examiner at each final or professional examination held in conjunction
 15 with any course of study at the University, as may be prescribed by the Senate
 16 from time to time, is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch
 17 of learning to which the course relates at some other university of high repute or
 18 a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or
 19 institution.

20 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
 21 Senate under this subsection the Senate may deprive any person of any degree,
 22 diploma or other award of the university which has been conferred upon him if
 23 after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonorable or scandalous
 24 conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award.

Functions of the
 Vice-Chancellor

25 9.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
 26 precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor,
 27 and any other person for the time being acting as chairman of the Council.

28 (2) Subject to sections 7, 8 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor
 29 shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on
 30 him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and

1 shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and ex-
2 officio chairman of the Senate

3 10.-(1) All statutory functions, rights, interests, obligations,
4 liabilities and properties of the Modibbo Adama University of Technology,
5 Yola existing before the commencement of this Bill under any contract, or
6 instrument, or in law or in equity, shall by virtue of this Bill be deemed to
7 have been assigned to and vested in the Modibbo Adama University, Yola
8 established under this Bill.

Transfer of
Property to the
Modibbo Adama
University

9 (2) The provision of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have
10 effect with respect to the other matters arising from the transfer of property by
11 this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that schedule.

12 11.-(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make statutes for
13 any of the following purpose, that is to say:

Powers of the
University to make
Statutes

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

16 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any
17 authority of the University and regulating any other matter connected with
18 the University or any of its authorities;

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

21 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an
22 academic or non-academic matter for the purpose of this Bill and of any
23 statute, regulation or other instrument made there-under; and

24 (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by
25 statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

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

29 (3) The statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Bill shall
30 be deemed to have been into force on the commencement of this section of

1 this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by the
2 University.

3 (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be
4 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any
5 matter in or from the statute contained in the Second Schedule to this Bill or any
6 subsequent statute.

Mode of exercising
power to make
Statutes

7 12.--(1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be
8 exercised in accordance with the provisions of the section and not otherwise.

9 (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been
10 approved:

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

13 (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds
14 of the members present and voting.

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

18 (4) A statute which makes provision for or alters the composition or
19 constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University
20 shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the President in
21 consultation with the National Universities Commission.

22 (5) For the purpose of section 1 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute
23 shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the
24 Council after having been approved by the Senate, as the case may be or, in the
25 case of a statute falling within sub-section (4) of this section, on the date on
26 which it is approved by the Visitor.

27 (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising anytime:

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

29 (b) as to whether any matter is for the purpose of this Bill an academic
30 matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the

1 Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision therein as he
2 shall think fit.

3 (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under
4 sub-section (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and
5 students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any
6 provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-section,
7 no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any
8 court of law in Nigeria.

9 (8) Nothing in sub-section (7) of this section shall affect any power
10 of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a
11 statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent
12 with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended)

13 13. A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a
14 copy thereto bearing affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the
15 Vice-Chancellor or the Secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is
16 a true copy of a statute of the University.

Proof of Statutes

17 14.-(1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

The Visitor

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

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

27 15.-(1) If It appears to the Council that a member of the Council
28 (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed
29 from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the
30 functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a

Removal of certain
Members of
Council

1 recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, after
2 making such enquiries (if any) as may be considered appropriate, and if the
3 President approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the
4 person in question from office.

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

Removal and
Discipline of
Academic,
Administrative
and Professional
Staff

9 16.-(1) It if appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing
10 that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or
11 professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be
12 removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of
13 inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council
14 shall:

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

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

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

21 (i) For a joint committee of the Council and Senate to investigate the
22 matter and to report on it to the Council; and

23 (ii) For the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of
24 appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect
25 to the matter,

26 (d) and if the Council, after considering the report of the Staff
27 Disciplinary Committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be
28 removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in
29 writing signed on the directions of the Council.

30 (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in case of misconduct by a member of

1 the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the
2 interest of the university, suspend such member and any such suspension
3 shall forthwith be reported to the Council.

4 (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended
5 from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and
6 for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:

7 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be
8 such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the
9 functions of his office; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to
8 continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action
9 against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three
10 months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case
11 concerning any such person.

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

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

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

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

Procedure for
Staff Discipline

21 17.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor or Senate shall constitute an
22 Investigation Panel to determine whether or not a prima facie case has been
23 established against any member of staff.

24 (2) The Investigation Panel shall include the President or the
25 chairman of the union to which the staff being investigated belongs;

26 (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Staff Disciplinary
27 Committee, which shall consist of such members of the Senate as he may
28 determine, to consider the report of the Investigation Panel.

29 (4) The report and recommendation of the Staff Disciplinary
30 Committee shall be forwarded to the Council for consideration and decision.

1 18. Subject to the provision of regulations made in pursuance to
 2 this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may on the recommendation of Senate,
 3 appoint an appropriate person as external examiner.

Appointment of
 External
 Examiners

4 19.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the
 5 Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any
 6 examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or
 7 appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-
 8 Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making
 9 representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the
 10 examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the
 11 Vice-Chancellor.

Removal of
 Examiners

12 (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of
 13 section 9 (5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation
 14 of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the
 15 examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.

16 (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, to sign an instrument
 17 of removal pursuant to this section, to use his best endeavors to cause a copy
 18 of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the
 19 person to whom it relates.

20 20.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to
 21 the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of
 22 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other
 23 disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct that:

Discipline of
 Students

24 (a) the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in
 25 the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of
 26 such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or

27 (b) the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
 28 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so
 29 specified, or

30 (c) the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in

1 the direction; or

2 (d) the student be expelled from the University.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) No staff or student shall resort to a law court without proof of
21 having exhausted the internal avenues for settling disputes or grievances or for
22 seeking redress.

23 (8) The Visitor shall be the final arbiter on staff and student discipline
24 and his decision shall not be contestable in any court of law on Nigeria.

25 (9) Nothing in this section shall affect any power of a court of
26 competent jurisdiction to enforce the fundamental rights of any aggrieved
27 citizen as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999
28 (as amended).

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30
Exclusion of
Discrimination
on Account of
Race, Religion, etc.

29 21.-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any
30 of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex,

1 place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a
2 condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the university, the
3 holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment
4 at the University, or a member of any body established by virtue of this Act;
5 and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any
6 advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

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

15 22.-(1) Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
16 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land
17 (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the
18 prior written consent, either general or special, of President.

Restriction on
disposal of Land
by University

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

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

Quorum and
Procedure of
Bodies established
by this Bill

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

Appointment of
Committees, etc.

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

30 (d) co-opt members, and may direct that 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 or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of
5 reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

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

10 (4) Nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed as
11 enabling:

12 (a) the statute to be made otherwise than in accordance with section
13 12 of this Bill; or

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

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

Retiring age of
Academic Staff
of the University

21 25.-(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act,
22 the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of the University shall be 65
23 years except for those in the professorial cadre which is 70 years.

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

Special Provisions
relating to Pension
of Professors

27 26.-(1) A person who retires as a professor having served:

28 (a) an academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized
29 university shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent his annual salary
30 provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized university

1 up to retirement age

2 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (1) where the professors has not
3 served up to retirement age he shall be entitled to the rate of pension
4 mentioned under subsection (1) provided that he has served a minimum of
5 20 years as a professor in a recognized university;

6 (e) Where an academics joins a Nigerian university as a professor,
7 such a professor shall have served continuously for at least (20) years in a
8 recognized university.

9 27.-(1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be
10 determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing
11 of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the
12 Vice-Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorized by
13 statute.

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

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

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

26 (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in
27 any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose
28 his interest to the body and shall vote on any question relating to that matter.

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

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

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

8 (8) No stamp duty or other duty shall be payable in respect of any
9 transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 10 or section 22 of this
10 Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.

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

Interpretation

13 28.-(1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

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

15 "College" means the College which may be established by the University;

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

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

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

21 "Notice" means notice in writing;

22 "Officer" does not include the Visitor;

23 "Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;

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

26 "Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

27 "Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the
28 University;

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

30 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section 2

1 (1)(c) of this Bill;

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

3 "Statute" means a statute made by each University under section 11 of this
4 Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 12 of this Bill, and "the
5 statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;

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

8 "Undergraduate" means a person in statutopupillariat each University other
9 than:

10 (a) a graduate; and

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

13 "University" means Modibbo Adama University, Yola

14 "Visitor" means the President of the federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

22 29. This Bill may be cited as the Modibbo Adama University, Yola Short title
23 (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2019.

24 SCHEDULES

25 FIRST SCHEDULE

26 [Section 2 (2)].

27 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

28 *The Chancellor*

29 1.-(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President of
30 Nigeria.

1 (2) The Chancellor shall hold office at the pleasure of the President.

2 (3) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor should be removed
3 from his/her office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the
4 function of his office, the Visitor may by notice in the Federal Gazette remove
5 the Chancellor from office.

6 *The Pro-Chancellor*

7 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed by the
8 President.

9 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold
10 office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his/her appointment.

11 *The Vice-Chancellor*

12 3.-(1) The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the
13 Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

14 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the
15 Council shall:

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

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

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

22 (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:

23 (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as
24 chairman;

25 (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council,
26 one of whom shall be a professor;

27 (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the
28 Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for
29 consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post of their
30 own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so.

1 (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:

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

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

4 (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were
5 not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons
6 in the short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through
7 an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and
8 recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.

9 (4) The Council shall select and appoint as Vice-Chancellor one
10 from among the three candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3)
11 and thereafter inform the Visitor.

12 (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five
13 years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
14 appointment.

15 (6) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the
16 Governing Council on the ground of gross misconduct or inability to
17 discharge the functions of his office as result of the infirmity of the body or
18 mind at the time at the initiative of the Council, Senate or Congregation after
19 due process.

20 (7) When the proposal for the removal of Vice-Chancellor is made,
21 the Council shall constitute a joint committee of Council and Senate
22 consisting of:

23 (i) three members of Council of whom one shall be Chairman of the
24 Committee; and

25 (ii) two members of Senate, provided that where the ground for
26 removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate
27 medical opinion.

28 (8) The Committee shall conduct investigation made into the
29 allegation made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to
30 the Council.

1 (9) The Council may where the allegations are proved, remove the Vice-
2 Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the
3 Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have
4 a right of appeal to the Visitor.

5 *Deputy Vice-Chancellor*

6 4.-(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-
7 Chancellors as Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper
8 administration of the University.

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

12 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from
13 each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and forward
14 his name to the Council for confirmation.

15 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

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

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

20 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor of the
21 Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

22 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

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

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

28 (6) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) may be removed from office for
29 good cause by the Council, acting on the recommendation of the Vice-
30 Chancellor and Senate.

1 (7) Good cause for the purpose of this subparagraph means gross
2 misconduct or the inability to discharge the function of his office arising
3 from infirmity of the body or mind.

4 *Office of the Registrar*

5 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be
6 the chief administrative

7 officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-
8 Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except
9 as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
10 paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.

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

14 *Other Principal Officers of the University*

15 6.-(1) There shall be for the University the following principal
16 officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:

17 (a) the Bursar; and

18 (b) the University Librarian,

19 who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of
20 the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.

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

24 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-
25 Chancellor for the administration of the university library and the co-
26 ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses,
27 colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or
28 research units.

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

1 (5) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single
2 term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his appointment
3 and on such terms and condition as may be specified in his letter of
4 appointment.

5 (6) Notwithstanding subparagraph (5) of this paragraph, the Council
6 may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar
7 and Librarian for a further period of one year only thereafter the Registrar,
8 Bursar or Librarian shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in
9 the University.

10 *Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

11 7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the
12 appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy
13 Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:

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

15 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

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

17 (d) two members of the Senate.

18 (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the
19 Selection Board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be
20 as the Council may, from time to time, determine.

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

24 *Resignation and Re-appointment*

25 8.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
26 Schedule may resign his office:

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

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

1 the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or
2 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
3 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply,
4 with necessary modifications, to the property in question.

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

9 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-
10 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

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

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

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

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

26 (6) Persons who were Deans or associate Deans of faculties or
27 members of faculty boards, shall continue to be Deans or associate Deans or
28 become members of the corresponding school boards, until new appointments
29 are made in pursuance of the statues under this Bill.

30 5. Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as

1 established or was otherwise employed by the provisional council shall
2 become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status,
3 designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those
4 which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee.

5 THIRD SCHEDULE

6 [Section 9(2)]

7 MODIBBO ADAMA UNIVERSITY STATUTE NO. 1

8 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

9 *Articles*

- 10
- 11 1. The Council.
 - 12 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee;
 - 13 3. The Senate
 - 14 4. The Congregation.
 - 15 5. Convocation.
 - 16 6. Organization of School thereof
 - 17 7. School Boards.
 - 18 8. Dean of the School
 - 19 9. Head of Department
 - 20 10. Selection of Director of Works.
 - 21 11. Creation of academic posts.
 - 22 12. Appointment of academic staff.
 - 23 13. Appointment of Administrative and professional staff.
 - 24 14. Interpretation.
 - 25 15. Citation

26 *The Council*

27 1.-(1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in
28 section 6 of this Bill.

29 (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
30 pursuance of section 6(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the

1 Council, resign his office.

2 (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
3 pursuance of section 6(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously
4 vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years
5 beginning with effect from the date of inauguration of the Council.

6 (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in
7 pursuance of section 6(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill vacates office before the
8 expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was
9 appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of
10 his predecessor.

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

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

16 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,
17 such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may
18 appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and
19 subject to section 4 and 5 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this
20 paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

21 (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any
22 particular matter may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and
23 the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any
24 meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

25 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

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

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

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

1 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two
2 of whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council
3 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
4 Congregation;

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

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

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

11 *The Senate*

12 3.-(1) The Senate shall consist of:

13 (a) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the chairman;

14 (b) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s)

15 (c) all Professor of the university;

16 (d) all Deans, Provost and Directors of academic units of the
17 university;

18 (e) all Heads of academic Department, Units and Research
19 Institutes of the university, and;

20 (f) University Librarian; and

21 (g) Academic members of Congregation who are not Professors as
22 specified in the Bill

23 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meeting of the
24 Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-
25 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that
26 meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.

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

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

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

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

13 (7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if
14 the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of paragraph (10) of
15 this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the
16 number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate
17 who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (6) of this
18 article.

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

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

28 (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect
29 any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30 April
30 of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the

1 Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

2 *Congregation*

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

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

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

6 (c) the Registrar;

7 (d) the Bursar;

8 (e) the Librarian

9 (f) the Director of Works;

10 (g) the Director of Academic Planning

11 (h) the Director of Physical Planning

12 (i) the Director of Health Services; and

13 (j) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree,
14 other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of
15 this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

16 (2) Subject to section 4 and 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall
17 be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in
18 his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as
19 Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the
20 meeting.

21 (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third (or the whole
22 number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation
23 of fifty, whichever is less.

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

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

27 (b) the names of the persons who are members for the congregation
28 during a particular meeting shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as
29 the case may be, of the names of those persons.

30 (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation

1 may regulate its own procedure.

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

6 *Convocation*

7 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of:

8 (i) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to
9 this Bill;

10 (ii) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;

11 (iii) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
12 paragraph (2) of this article.

13 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member
14 of Convocation if:

15 (a) he/she is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying
16 such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

17 (b) he/she applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed
18 manner and pay the prescribed fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 *Division of Schools*

16 6.-(1) Each School shall be divided into such number of branches
17 as may be prescribed.

18 *School Boards*

19 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each School, a School
20 Board which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the
21 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

22 (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of
23 examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the School;

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

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

28 (2) Each School Board shall consist of:

29 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

30 (b) the Dean;

- 1 (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
- 2 (d) such of the teachers assigned to the school and having the
- 3 prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and
- 4 (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the
- 5 Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

6 (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter,

7 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the Board; and

8 subject to the provisions of this statute and any provision made by regulations

9 in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

10 *The Dean of School*

11 8.-(1) The Dean of a school shall be a professor elected by the School

12 Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years, and shall be

13 eligible for re-appointment for another term two years after which he may not

14 be re-appointed again until two years have elapsed.

15 (2) The Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the School

16 Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committee and other

17 boards appointed by the School.

18 (3) The Dean of a School shall exercise general superintendence over

19 the academic and administrative affairs of the school and it shall be the function

20 of Dean to present to Convocation or for the conferment of degrees on persons

21 of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which

22 responsibility is allocated to that school.

23 (4) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee of

24 Deans, consisting of all Deans of the Schools and that committee shall advise

25 the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred

26 to it by the University Council.

27 (5) The Dean of School may be removed from office for good cause

28 by the School Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the

29 board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean,

30 an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the

1 next School Board meeting, an election shall be held for a new Dean.

2 (6) In this article 'good cause' has the same meaning as in section 14
3 (3) of this Bill.

4 *Head of Department*

5 9.-(1) The Head of Department shall be appointed by the Vice-
6 Chancellor and such head shall hold office for a period of two years and shall
7 be eligible for re-appointment for another term of two years after which he
8 may not be appointed again until two years have elapsed.

9 (2) The Head of a Department shall exercise general
10 superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the
11 department.

12 *Selection of Director of Works*

13 10.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of
14 Works, a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall
15 consist of:

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

17 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

18 (c) two members appointed by the Council not being members of
19 the Senate; and

20 (d) two members appointed by the Senate.

21 (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquires as it thinks fit,
22 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
23 office; and after considering the recommendation of the Board, the council
24 may make an appointment to that office.

25 *Creation of Academic posts*

26 11. Recommendations for the creation of posts shall be made by
27 Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes
28 Committee.

29 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

30 12.-(1) Subject to the Bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in

1 academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the
2 Senate.

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

5 (3) For appointment to professorships, associate professorship or
6 readerships or equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint,
7 shall consist of:

8 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

9 (b) two members appointed by the Council;

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

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

14 (e) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit of the
15 university, the Dean of the School or the teaching unit, or the Director of the
16 institute, as the case may be; and

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

21 (4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to
22 appoint, shall consist of:

23 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

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

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

28 (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit of the
29 university, the Dean of the School or the teaching unit, or the Director of the
30 institute, as the case may be; and

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

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

9 (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or
10 consider the reports of assessors or specialist interviewing panels and shall
11 in addition, in case of professorships, associate professorships, readerships
12 or equivalent posts, consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the
13 area in which the appointment is being considered.

14 *Appointment of Administrative and professional Staff*

15 13.-(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University,
16 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its
17 behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with
18 delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

19 (2) In the case of administrative or professional staff who have
20 close and important contract with the academic staff, there shall be Senate or
21 (in case of a college) academic board participation in the process of
22 selection.

23 *Interpretation*

24 14. In this Statute, the expression "the Bill" means the Modibbo
25 Adama University Bill and any expression defined in the Bill has the same
26 meaning in this Statute.

27 *Short Title*

28 15. This Statute may be cited as the Modibbo Adama University
29 Statute No. 1

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Modibbo Adama University, Yola to ensure equity and access to tertiary education in the country.