

ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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LAW

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**ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LAW**

**A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT,  
INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS  
OF ONDO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AND FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO OR CONNECTED THEREWITH**

**COMMENCEMENT**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Ondo State House of Assembly in this Legislative  
Session convened as follows:

# PART I

## ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES, ETC.

### 1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Ondo State University of Science and Technology Law

### 2. Establishment and Incorporation of the University:

(1) There is hereby established in Ondo State a University at Okitipupa to be known as "Ondo State University of Science and Technology"

(2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property for the purposes of its functions under this Law.

### 3. Objects (Vision and Mission) of the University:

#### (1) Vision:

The vision of the University is to be a leading internationally recognised institution, raising a corps of technologically competent individuals able to respond to the needs of their environment in a technology-driven economy.

(2)

#### Mission:

The Mission of the University is to provide sound scientific, technological and professional training, identify technological needs and problems, solve them within the context of community and national needs and sustainable development. This is achieved through the following:

(a) the provision of an institutional base for the acquisition of academic, professional and technological knowledge needed for manpower development in technology, basic and applied sciences;

(a) advancing the frontiers of technological developments, in particular, in the energy, oil and gas sectors and in the processing of agricultural products, conservation, and exploitation of forest and marine resources and other natural endowments;

(c) offering to the general population as a form of public service the results of research and foster the practical applications of these results;

(d) maintaining linkages with relevant institutions with similar vision within and outside Nigeria.

### 4. Powers of the University

(1) For the purpose of carrying out of its objects as specified in Section 3 of this Law the University shall have power to:

(a) establish such campuses, colleges, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of Council, on the recommendation of Senate and as may be determined by State policy;

(b) institute academic, administrative, technical, professional and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

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

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

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

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

(g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Council and the Ondo State Government;

(h) acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situated;

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

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

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

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

(m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investment and to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;

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

**(o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;**

(p) arrange for the general welfare of staff, or the children and spouses of members of staff;

(q) do anything which it is authorised or required by Law or by any statute to do; and

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

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Law and of statutes and without prejudice to section 8 (2) of this Law, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be

exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by Senate or in any other manner which may be authorised by statute.

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

#### **5. Constitution and Principal Officers of the University:**

(1.) The University shall consist of:

- (a) a Chancellor;
- (b) a Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council;
- (c) a body to be called Council;
- (d) a Vice-Chancellor;
- (e) a body to be called Senate;
- (f) a body to be called Congregation;
- (g) a body to be called Convocation;
- (h) campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units;
- (i) persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Law.
- (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and all other persons who are members of the

University in accordance with provisions made by \_\_\_\_\_ statute in that behalf.

(2.) The First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers and other officers of the University therein mentioned.

(3.) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the Constitution of the following bodies, namely, the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

#### **6. Functions of the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council:**

- (1) **The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of congregation or convocation held for the purpose of conferring degrees.**
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation or Convocation.
- (3) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall, when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of Council.

#### **7. Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purposes Committee:**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, and in any matter concerning the University not provided for by or under this Law, the Council shall have power to act in such a manner which in its opinion is calculated to promote the interests, objects and purposes of the University.
- (2) There shall be a committee of Council, to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.

- (3) There shall be a committee of Council to be known as the Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the appointment, promotion and discipline of all the staff of the University.
- (4) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and the Appointments and Promotions Committee.
- (5) The Council shall constitute other committees or bodies for the purposes of making recommendations to the Council in respect of any of its functions and provisions shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of statutory committees of Council.
- (6) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Council to:
  - (a) establish, after considering the recommendation of Senate in that regard, campuses, colleges, schools, institutes, departments and other units of learning and research and prescribe their organization, constitution and functions and to modify the organization, constitution and functions as may be expedient;
  - (b) make appointments authorized by this Law;
  - (c) exercise the power of removal from office and disciplinary control over all staff in the University;
  - (d) provide for the welfare of all persons employed by the University;
  - (e) perform all such other functions as are or may be conferred or imposed on Council by this Law;
- (7) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (8) Subject to this Law and the statutes, the Council and its committees may make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (9) Rules made under subsection (8) of this section by any committee of Council shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and in so far as and to the extent that any rules so made by that committee conflict with any directions given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.

(10) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council and of any committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Council.

(11) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Law, not less than three times in every year.

(12) If requested in writing by not less than one third of the members of the Council, the Chairman shall within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of Council.

(13) Any request made under sub-section (12) of this section shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at the meeting.

#### **8. Functions of the Senate:**

(1) Subject to Section 7 of this Law and sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section and to the provisions of this Law relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organise and control the teaching by the University, the admission of students where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.

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

(a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes, departments and other teaching and research units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;

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

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

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

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

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

(g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards insofar as the awards are within the control of the University; and

(h) determining what prescription of dress shall be academic dress for the purpose of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, institute, department or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- (4) Subject to this Law and statutes, the Senate may make regulations (or the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorised or required by this Law or by statute.
- (5) Regulations made under sub-section (2) shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at another University of high repute or a person engaged in the practice of the profession in a reputable organisation or institution.
- (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found guilty of any conduct which in the opinion of the Senate is dishonourable or scandalous in gaining admission into the University or in obtaining that award.

### **9. Functions of the Vice-Chancellor**

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and subject to section 6 of this Law, except the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to sections 7, 8 and 13 of this Law, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Law or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall be the chief executive and academic officer of the University and the *ex officio* Chairman of Senate.

## PART II

### **STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **10. Power of the University to make Statutes**

(1) Subject to this Law, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes:

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

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

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

(d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter or other instrument made thereunder; or

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

(2) Subject to Section 23(6) of this Law, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of Section 29 of that Act.

(3) The statutes contained in the Third Schedule to this Law shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Law and shall be deemed to have been made under this section.

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

#### **11. Mode of Exercising Power to Make Statutes**

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

(2) A proposed statute shall not take effect unless it has been approved:

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

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

- (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by sub-section (2) of this section by either one of those bodies before the other.
- (4) A statute which:
- (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
  - (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is established shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Governor of Ondo State.
- (5) For the purposes of Section 4 of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub-section (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the Governor of Ondo State.

## 12. **Proof of Statutes**

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar and Secretary to Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.

## 13. **The Visitor**

- (1) The Governor of Ondo State shall be the Visitor of the University in respect of the whole affairs of the University or any part thereof;
- (2) The Visitor shall as the circumstance may require not being less than once every five years conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit for the purposes of:
- (a) conducting a programme evaluation in relation to the philosophy and targets of the University;
  - (b) ensuring that the academic currency originally envisaged is not devalued; and
  - (c) any of the affairs of the University.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University:
- (a) to make available to the Visitor or to any other Persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purpose of the visitation; and
  - (b) to give effect to any instructions, consistent with the **provisions of this Law in consequence of a visitation.**

#### **14. Power of Visitor to Decide Meaning of Statutes**

- (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:
- (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or
  - (b) as to whether any matter is for the purpose of this Law an academic or non academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute,
- the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who may take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.
- (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-section (1) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University, and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of Law in Nigeria;
- (3) Nothing in sub-section (2) of this section shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being *ultra vires* or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

### **PART III**

#### ***SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE***

#### **15. Removal of Certain Members of Council, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Officers**

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council or the Vice Chancellor be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the Visitor and if the Visitor, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider. Appropriate, approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.
- (2) If it appears to the Council that there is a reason or reasons for believing that a Principal Officer of the University be removed from office on the grounds of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:
- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

(b) set up a committee of Council to investigate the matter and report on it to the Council after having given the officer in question the opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee.;

(c) accept and consider the report and recommendations of the investigating committee, and if the Council is satisfied that the Principal Officer should be removed from office, the Council may so remove the officer by an instrument in writing signed on the direction of the Council.

(3) No recommendation for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor shall be made to the Visitor until the provisions of sub-section (2) (a) and (b) of this section have been complied with.

#### **16. Discipline and Removal of Academic, Administrative and Professional Staff**

(1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on

the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:

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

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

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

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

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

The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interests of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forth-with be reported to the Council.

For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this sub-section "good cause" means:

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

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

- (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers as such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
- (d) conduct which the Council considers constitutes *faimre* or inability *of* the person concerned to discharge the functions *of* his office *or* to comply with the terms and conditions *of* his service; or
- (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally *of* such nature as to render the continued appointment *or* service. *of* the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest *of* the University.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:

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

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

## **17. Removal of Examiners**

- (1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed, the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representation in person or in writing on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment *by* an instrument in writing signed *by* the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 8 (5) of this Law, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person C:\S examiners in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of sub-section (1) of this section.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an instrument of removal in pursuance of this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

## **18. Discipline of Students**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him *by* this Law or statute direct:
  - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or
  - (b) that the activities of the student shall~ during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
  - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; *or*
  - (d) that the student be expelled from the University.
- (2) Where a direction is given under sub-section (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner appeal to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.
- (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to the last foregoing sub-section shall not affect the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (6) It is hereby declared that a direction under sub-section (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under sub section (1) (b) of this section.

## PART IV

### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### (19) **Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion etc.**

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

place of birth or of family origin, or religion or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the

University, the holder of any degree of the university or of any appointment or employment at the University or a member of any body established by virtue of this Law; and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.

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

#### 20. **Restriction on disposal of land by University**

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act 1978, the Council shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Law) except with the prior written consent either general or special, of the Visitor. Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack rent for a term not exceeding thirty-five years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purposes.

#### 21. **Quorum and Procedure of Bodies Established by this Law**

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

#### 22. **Appointment of Committee, etc.**

(1) Any body of persons established by this Law shall without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorise a committee established by it:

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

(b) to co-opt members and may direct whether or not that co-opted members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee.

- (2) Any two or more of such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.
- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) Nothing in the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be construed as:
  - (a) enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of this Law or
  - (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications.
- (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every Committee wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

### **23. Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions**

- (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor; and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, or any other person authorized by Statute.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in pursuance of the Law shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

- (6) Nothing in Section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to Statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Law.
- (7) The power conferred by this Law on any body to make statute or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Law) or any regulation, by a subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation, and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.
- (8) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served by virtue of this Law may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.
- (9) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Law shall have effect with respect to the matters mentioned in that Schedule.

#### **24. Notice of Action against the University**

No suit shall be instituted against the University or any member or any servant of the University or any person acting under the direction of the University in respect of any act purported to be done or any neglect of duty under this Law until the expiration of three months next after a written notice has been delivered at the office of the Registrar or at the place of abode of such member, servant or other person stating the cause of action, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

#### **25. Retiring age of Academic Staff**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of the University shall be 65 years.
- (2) A Law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of the University.

#### **26. Special provision relating to Pension of Professors**

A person who retires as a professor having served:

- (a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the University or continuously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age; and
- (b) who during the period of service was absent from the University only on approved national, state or University assignment, shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as equivalent for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled.

## 27. Interpretation

(1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires: "Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University ;

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

"the Council" means the Council established pursuant to section 5 (1) (c) of this Law for the University;

"graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the University; "misconduct" means unlawful, improper and or unacceptable behaviour including but not limited to membership of unlawful organisation, wilful damage to property, affray, examination malpractice or any other unruly conduct which in the opinion of the University authority is unbecoming of a member of a University community;

"notice" means notice in writing;

"officer" does not include the Visitor;

"prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;

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

"property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

"regulation" means regulations made by the Senate or Council; "the Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to Section 5(1) (e) of this Law;

"Statute" means a statute made by the University under Section 10 of this Law.

"teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University and may include Assistant Lecturers, Research' Fellows and other teaching and research staff as the University may determine;

"undergraduate" means a person in *statu pupillari* at the University, other than:

(a) a graduate; and

(b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition;

"the University" means Ondo State University of Science and Technology, established under section 2 of this Law.

(2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Law, it is laid

down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments therein.

**SCHEDULES FIRST SCHEDULE**  
*(Sections 5 (2))*

**PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OTHER OFFICERS  
OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**1. THE CHANCELLOR**

- (1) The first Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor and subsequent Chancellors shall be appointed by the Visitor in consultation with the Council.
- (2) In appointing the Chancellor, preference should be given to eminent persons who can provide social support and play effective role in the fund-raising efforts of the University.
- (3) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.
- (4) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor be removed from his office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office, the Visitor may, on the recommendations of Council, remove the Chancellor from office.
- (5) The Chancellor of the University shall be the Head of the University and shall in relation to the University take precedence before all other members thereof, and when he is present he shall preside at all meetings of Convocation and other assemblies of the University.

**2. PRO-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

- (1) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall be appointed by the Visitor.
- (2) The person to be appointed a Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall be a knowledgeable person of integrity, stature and experience, able to guide the institution towards full and continued development
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of the University shall in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Convocation or the Deputy Vice-Chancellor when so acting, and the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council shall when he is present be the Chairman of all the meetings of the Council.

(5) If it appears to the Visitor that the Pro-Chancellor be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office, the Visitor may, on the recommendation of Council, remove the Pro-Chancellor from office.

### **3. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the first Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor and subsequent Vice-Chancellors shall be appointed by the Visitor on the recommendation of the Council in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed by the Visitor after consultation with the Council.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years beginning with the effective date of his appointment.

(4) Subject to the provision of this paragraph the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his instrument of appointment.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal Academic and Executive Officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of Senate and shall in the absence of the Chancellor confer degrees and other academic titles and distinctions of the University.

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

(a) advertise the vacancy in at least one reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:

(i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration:

(b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:

(i) a member of the Council who is not a member of the Senate, as Chairman.

(ii) two members of the Senate, who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor.

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

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

(a) the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, as Chairman;

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

(c) two

members of the Senate who are Professors, but who are not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the short list drawn up under sub-paragraph (6) (a) and (b) of this paragraph through an assessment of their curricula vitae and interaction with them, and make appropriate recommendations to the Council for its consideration.

(8) The Council shall select three candidates from among the candidates so recommended to it under sub-paragraph (6) of this paragraph and may indicate the order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward the names to the Visitor for selection and appointment.

(9) The Visitor may appoint as Vice-Chancellor anyone of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of sub-section (8) of this paragraph.

#### **4. DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR**

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

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

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

(4) Where:

(a) the Senate rejects the two candidates forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, the Vice-Chancellor shall submit another list.

(a) the Council rejects the name sent to it under sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph, the Senate shall send the name of other candidates on the list forwarded to it by the Vice-Chancellor under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(5) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:

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

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



c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor may, from time to time, assign to him

(6) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor:

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

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

## 5. OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

(1) There shall be for the University:

(a) a Registrar;

(b) a Bursar; and

(c) a Librarian

all of whom shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with the sub-paragraph (3) of this paragraph.

(2) The Registrar shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall by virtue" of that office be the secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

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

(4) The Librarian shall be responsible 10 the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University library and the co-ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, schools and institutes and other teaching or research units.

(5) The officers aforesaid shall be appointed in such manner as may be specified by statute and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to the emoluments of their offices and otherwise as may be specified.

(6) The scope of the responsibilities of the officers specified in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph and how they relate to each other shall be prescribed by statute.

(7) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall, subject to sub-paragraph (6) of this paragraph, be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

## **6. OTHER OFFICERS**

There shall be the following other officers namely:

- (a) The Director of Health Services;
- (b) The Director of Physical Planning and Maintenance;
- (c) The Director of Academic Planning; and
- (d) Such other officers as the Council may from time to time deem fit to appoint.

## **7. MODE OF APPOINTMENT AND SCOPE OF DUTIES OF PRINCIPAL AND OTHER OFFICERS**

- (1) There shall be a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor as Chairman;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
  - (d) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; & (e) two members of Senate who are Professors.
- (2) The selection board shall, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the, Council may make an appointment to that office.
- (3) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may from time to time determine.
- (4) Other officers mentioned in paragraph 6 shall be appointed in such manner as may be specified by statute and shall hold office for such period and on such terms as to emomments of their offices or otherwise as may be specified by such Statute.
- (5) Any question as to the scope of responsibilities of officers mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

## **8. RESIGNATION AND RE-APPOINTMENT**

- (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this schedule may resign his office:
  - (a) in the case of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council by notice to the Visitor;
  - (b) in the case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Visitor through the Council; and
  - (c) in any other case by notice to the Council.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 (5) (b) of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

## **SECOND SCHEDULE**

*(Section 23 (9))*

### **1. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO FUNCTIONS, ETC.**

- (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (2) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Law shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (3) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Law is made, the colleges, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Law shall on that day become colleges, schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Law.

## **THIRD SCHEDULE**

*(Section 10 (3))*

### **ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES**

#### **1. THE COUNCIL**

- (1) The Council shall consist of:
  - (a) the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council who shall be Chairman;
  - (b) the Vice-Chancellor ;
  - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
  - (d) the Commissioner for Finance or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him;
  - (e) the Commissioner for Education or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him;
  - (f) a representative of the Governor's Office;
  - (g) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole state, taking into account the local area and the senatorial District in which the University is located, to be appointed by the Visitor;
  - (h) four persons representing a variety of interests, two of whom shall represent industries operating in the Senatorial District in which the University is located, to be appointed by the Visitor;
  - (i) four persons appointed by the Senate from among the members of that body;
  - (j) two persons appointed by congregation from among the members of that body;
  - (k) one person appointed by Convocation from among the members of that body;
  - (l) one person appointed by the Alumni Association from among its members

The Registrar shall be Secretary to the Council.

- (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) above may, by notice to the Council resign his office.

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3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) above shall, unless he previously vacated it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from the date of his appointment.

(4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) above vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

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

(6) The quorum of the Council shall be seven, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) (d), (e), (f) and (g) above.

(7) If the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint shall be the Chairman at that meeting, and subject to Section 4 of the Law and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

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

## 2. THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee shall be a Committee of the Council and shall consist of:

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

(b) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

(c) *six* other members of the Council appointed by the Council, one of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to Council by the Congregation.

(2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five;

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

## 3. THE APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

(1) The Appointments and Promotions Committee shall be a committee of the Council and shall consist of:

(a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be chairman of the committee at any meeting at which he is present;

(b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);

- (c) two members of Council who are not members appointed from the Senate, Congregation, Convocation or the Alumni Association;
- (d) Deans of the Schools;
- (e) the University Librarian;
- (f) two members of Senate elected by Senate from among its members;(2)

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

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

#### **4. THE SENATE**

(1) The Senate shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice- Chancellor(s);
- (b) the Provosts of its Colleges;
- (c) the Deans of its Schools;
- (d) the Directors of its Institutes;
- (e) the Heads of the Departments;
- (f) the Professors in the University;
- (g) the University Librarian;
- (h) two representatives of each Academic Board, who are not graduate students of the University
- (i) two members of the Academic Staff elected by Congregation, who are not graduate students of the University.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and in his absence either of the Deputy ViceChancellors. In their absence anyone acting on behalf of the ViceChancellor shall be Chairman.

(3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter of its members and subject to paragraph (2) above, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

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

(5) Subject to paragraph (7) below, elections for Senate shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of Mayor June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.

(6) An elected member shall hold office for a period of two years beginning on 1st August, in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election, held in pursuance of paragraph (5) above in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he would have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of four years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.

(7) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence either of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors or a person duly appointed by the Vice-Chancellor, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was

received.

The request shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be considered.

## **5. CONGREGATION**

(1) Congregation shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s),
- (b) the full-time members of the academic staff,

(c) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds a degree of any University recognised by the Senate of Ondo State University of Science and Technology but not being an honorary degree.

(2) Subject to Section 5 of this Law, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present and in his absence either of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors.

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

(4) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

(5) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise, opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of electing two members of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulation.

## **6. CONVOCATION**

(1) The Convocation shall consist of:

(a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Law;

(b) all teachers within the meaning of this Law;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) Convocation shall hold at least once in a year for the conferment of the degrees of the University.

(8) Convocation shall hold for the award of degrees and shall be presided over by the Chancellor or in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor.

(9) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one-third or the whole number nearest to one-third of the total numbers of members of Convocation whichever is less.

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

(11) Convocation shall have such functions~ in addition to the function of Q appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

## **7. BOARD OF SCHOOLS**

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

- (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the School;
- (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by Statute or by the Vice Chancellor or by the Senate;
- (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the vice-Chancellor or the Senate;
- (d) advise and report to the Senate on all matters relating to the organisation of education, teaching and research in the subjects of the School, including curricula and examinations;
- (e) consider the progress and conduct of students in that teaching unit and report thereon;
- (l) recommend to the Senate persons for appointments as examiners; (g) deal with any academic matter referred to it by the Senate

(2) The Board of each School shall consist of:

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s);
- (e) The Dean of the School;
- (d) All the teachers assigned to the School;
- (e) Such persons, not exceeding four in number, whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the specific or general approval of the Senate to be members of the Board.

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

## **8. DEANS OF THE SCHOOL**

(1) The Board of each school shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year in which the term of office of the dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as dean of the school.

(2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as dean of the school and Chairman at all meetings of the school Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other Boards appointed by the school.

(3) The dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.

(4) The dean of a school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school.

(5) It shall be the function of the dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examinations held in the, branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that school.

(6) There shall be a Committee to be known as the committee of deans consisting of all the deans of the several schools and that committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.

(7) The dean of a school may be removed from office for good cause by the school Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a dean, an acting dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. Provided that at the next school Board meeting an election shall be held for a new dean.

(8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 16 (3) of the Law.

## **9. CREATION OF ACADEMIC POSTS**

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

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF:**

(1) Subject to this Law and Statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Senate.

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

(3) For appointments to professorships, associate professorships or readerships or equivalent posts, a Board of selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) two members appointed by the Council;
- (c) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
- (d) if the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college;
- (e) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University, the dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and
- (f) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.

(4) For other academic post, a selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
- (c) if the post is tenable at a college, the provost of the college;
- (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University, the dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and

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

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

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

## **11 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF**

(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University other than those mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 1 of this Statute, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.

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

## **12. INTERPRETATION**

In this Statute, the expression "the Law" means the Ondo State University of Science and Technology Law and any word or expression defined in the Law has the same meaning assigned to it in the Law.

### 13. CITATION

This Law may be cited as the Ondo State University of Science and Technology Law No. -- of .....

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Ondo State House of Assembly and found by me to be ae copy of the said Bill.

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Rt. Hon. Bakkita Bello  
*Speaker, Ondo State House of Assembly*

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Alh, Barr. Y.J .A. Dada  
*Clerk, Ondo State House of Assembly*

#### GOVERNOR'S ASSENT

I hereby signify my assent to this Law

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Dr. Olusegun Agagu  
Governor of Ondo State of Nigeria

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2007.





















