

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND SOLID MINERALS (FUASM) JALINGO, TARABA STATE AS A TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND SOLID MINERALS, MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

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

PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS
OF THE UNIVERSITY

1.-(1) There is established the Federal University of Agriculture and Solid Minerals Jalingo, Taraba State (in this Act referred to as "the University").

Establishment
of the Federal
University of
Agriculture and
Solid Minerals,
Jalingo, Taraba
State

(2) The University is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The University is a training institution for the development of Agriculture and Solid Mineral Development in Nigeria.

(4) The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry responsible for Education through the National Universities Commission which shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the University, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and

1 remuneration of employees.

2 (5) The objectives of the University shall be to-

3 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all
4 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction;

5 (b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading
6 to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate diplomas and higher
7 degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in
8 Agriculture and Solid Minerals Development, applied science, social science,
9 management and allied professional disciplines;

10 (c) produce socially matured technologists with capabilities not to
11 only understand the technological needs of Nigeria as a nation, but to exploit
12 existing technological infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones;

13 (d) act as agents and catalysts for effective technological system,
14 through post graduate training, research and innovation, for effective
15 economic utilisation and conservation of the country's human resources;

16 (e) bring quality change in Agriculture and Solid Minerals
17 Development education by focusing on practical teaching and learning
18 innovations;

19 (f) collaborate with other national and international institutions
20 involved in training, research and development of Agriculture and Solid
21 Minerals Development with a view to promoting governance, leadership and
22 management skills among technologists;

23 (g) identify Solid Minerals needs of the society with a view to finding
24 solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

25 (h) provide and promote sound basic Agriculture and Solid Minerals
26 Development training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking
27 into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

28 (i) provide higher education and foster a systematic advancement of
29 Agriculture and Solid Minerals Development education;

30 (j) provide for instruction in such branches of Agriculture and Solid

1 Minerals Development education as it may deem necessary to make
2 provision for research advancement and dissemination of knowledge in
3 such manner as it may determine;

4 (k) provide students with operational competence for applying
5 knowledge in the society and make technological changes in the society; and

6 (l) undertake other activities that are appropriate for a university of
7 education of the highest standard.

8 **2.-(1)** The University shall consist of -

Constitution and
Principal Officers
of the University

9 (a) a Chancellor;

10 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

11 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

12 (d) Congregation;

13 (e) Convocation;

14 (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;

15 (g) the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research
16 units of the University;

17 (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule First Schedule
18 to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) - (c);

19 (i) all graduates and undergraduates; and

20 (j) all other persons who are members of the University in
21 accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.

22 (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to First Schedule
23 the principal officers of the University.

24 (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the
25 constitution of the Council, Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

26 **3.-(1)** For the carrying out of its objectives as specified under Power of the
27 section 1 of this Act, the University shall- University

28 (a) offer courses of instruction, training and research in Solid
29 Mineral Development and allied areas for the production of quality and
30 skilled technologists required at lower, middle and higher levels of

- 1 manpower in Nigeria in particular and the world at large;
- 2 (b) establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools,
3 departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may
4 be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National
5 University Commission;
- 6 (c) institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships,
7 lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
- 8 (d) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
9 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
10 assistance;
- 11 (e) provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the
12 University;
- 13 (f) hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and
14 other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by
15 the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University
16 may lay down;
- 17 (g) grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
- 18 (h) demand and receive from any student or any other person
19 attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the
20 University may determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;
- 21 (i) subject to section 19 of this Act, acquire, hold, grant, charge or
22 otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it
23 is situate;
- 24 (j) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to
25 accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and
26 conditions attached to it;
- 27 (k) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly
28 with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
- 29 (l) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories,
30 workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds,

1 playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient
2 for any of the objects of the University;

3 (m) hold public lectures, and print, publish and sell books;

4 (n) subject to any limitation or condition imposed by statute, invest
5 any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being
6 immediately required for current expenditure in any investments, securities
7 or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power to vary any such
8 investments to deposit any money not invested with any bank on deposit or
9 current account;

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

14 (p) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

15 (q) do anything which it is authorised or required by this Act or by
16 statute to do; and

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

19 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and Statute and without
20 prejudice to section 7 (2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the University
21 under subsection (1) are exercisable on behalf of the University by the
22 Council, the Senate or any other manner which may be authorised by
23 statutes.

24 (3) The power of the University to establish additional campuses
25 and colleges within the University is to be exercised in accordance with
26 statutes.

27 **4.-(1)** The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
28 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is
29 present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring
30 degrees.

Functions of the
Chancellor and
Pro-Chancellor

Establishment,
Composition,
Tenure and powers
of the Council

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

6 **5.-(1)** There is established for the University a Governing Council (in
7 this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall consist of-

8 (a) the Pro-Chancellor appointed by the President on the
9 recommendation of the Minister;

10 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

11 (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

12 (d) one person representing the Federal Ministry responsible for
13 Education;

14 (e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly
15 representative of the whole Federation to be appointed from -

16 (i) the Teacher's Registration Council, and

17 (ii) Tertiary Education Trust Fund;

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

19 (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;

20 (h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members;

21 and

22 (i) two persons representing the host community appointed by the
23 President.

24 (2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity,
25 knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University.

26 (3) The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from
27 the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be
28 incompetent or corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council
29 shall immediately be constituted for the effective functioning of the University.

30 (4) The powers of the Council shall be exercised as specified in this

1 Act and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this
2 Act shall not apply to the University.

3 (5) The Council shall be free in the performance of its functions
4 and discharge of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and
5 development of the University.

6 (6) The Council, in the performance of its functions, shall ensure
7 that disbursement of funds of the University comply with the approved
8 budgetary ratio for-

- 9 (a) personnel cost;
- 10 (b) overhead cost;
- 11 (c) research and development;
- 12 (d) library developments; and
- 13 (e) the balance in expenditure between academic and non-
14 academic activities.

15 **6.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor,
16 the Council is the governing body of the University and is charged with the
17 general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of
18 the University.

Functions of the
Council and its
Finance and
General Purposes
Committee

19 (2) There shall be a committee of the Council known as the Finance
20 and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of
21 the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the
22 University and perform such other functions as the Council may delegate to
23 it.

24 (3) The constitution of the Finance and General Purposes
25 Committee shall be made by statute.

26 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University
27 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an
28 independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual
29 report is published by the University together with certified copies of the
30 said accounts as audited.

1 (5) Subject to this Act and the Statute, the Council and the Finance and
2 General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of
3 performing any of their functions or of regulating their own procedure.

4 (6) Rules made under subsection (5) by the Finance and General
5 Purposes Committee shall not come into effect unless approved by the Council
6 and rules made by the Committee that conflict with any direction given by the
7 Council, whether before or after the coming into effect of the rules in question,
8 the directions of the Council shall prevail.

9 (7) The members of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes
10 Committee and any other committee set up by the Council, shall be paid
11 allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates
12 as may be fixed by the Minister.

13 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the
14 performance of its functions under this Act at least three times in every year.

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

18 (10) Any request made under subsection (9) shall specify the business
19 to be considered at the meeting and business not so specified shall not be
20 transacted at that meeting.

Functions of the
Senate of the
University

21 **7.-(1)** Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section, section 6 of
22 this Act and other provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the Senate shall
23 organise and control the teaching by the University, the admission of students
24 where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of
25 students and the promotion of research at the University.

26 (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Senate shall make
27 provisions for-

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar
14 awards if the awards are within the control of the University; and

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

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

22 (4) Subject to this Act and Statute, the Senate may make
23 regulations for the purpose of performing any function conferred on it for
24 the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by
25 regulations is authorised or required by this Act or Statute.

26 (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons
27 appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in
28 conjunction with any course of study at the University, is not a teacher at the
29 University but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course
30 relates at some other university of high repute or a person engaged in

1 practicing the profession in a reputable organisation or institution.

2 (6) Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
3 Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree,
4 diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if
5 after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonourable or
6 scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that
7 award.

Functions of the
Vice-Chancellor

8 **8.-(1)** The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
9 precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor
10 and subject to section 4 of this Act except the Pro-Chancellor and any other
11 person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.

12 (2) Subject to this section, sections 7 and 13 of this Act, the Vice-
13 Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions
14 conferred on him by this Act of directing the activities of the University and
15 shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and ex-
16 officio chairman of the Senate.

17 (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University
18 Tenders' Board, which is charged with the responsibility of approving the
19 conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the
20 approved threshold.

21 (4) The Vice-Chancellor shall establish and appoint members of the
22 Tenders' Board in line with the extant Public Procurement Rules and
23 Regulations.

24 PART II - GENERAL FUND OF THE UNIVERSITY

General fund
of the University

25 **9.-(1)** There shall be a general fund of the University which shall
26 consist of-

27 (a) grants-in-aid;

28 (b) fees;

29 (c) income derived from investments;

30 (d) gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a

- 1 particular purpose;
- 2 (e) income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or
- 3 imposed on the University by this Act;
- 4 (f) other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;
- 5 (g) revenue, accruing to the University by way of subvention;
- 6 (h) interests on investments;
- 7 (i) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any
- 8 source for the general or special purposes of the University; and
- 9 (j) regular Tertiary Education Trust Fund interventions.

10 (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purpose of the University.

11 **PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

12 **10.-(1)** Subject to this Act, the University may make statutes for -

Power of the
University to make
Statutes

13 (a) the composition and constitution of any authority of the

14 University;

15 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any

16 authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with

17 the University or any of its authorities;

18 (c) regulating the admission of students, where no other enactment

19 provides to the contrary, and their discipline and welfare;

20 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an

21 academic or non-academic matter for the purpose of this Act and of any

22 statute, regulation or other instrument made under it; and

23 (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by

24 statute is authorised or required by this Act.

25 (2) Subject to section 24 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall

26 apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a

27 subsidiary instrument.

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28 (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act shall be

29 deemed to have come into effect on the commencement of this Act and shall

30 be deemed to have been made under this section by the University.

Third Schedule

Third Schedule	1	(4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be
	2	prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any
	3	matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any
	4	subsequent statute.
Mode of exercising power to make statutes	5	11. (1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be
	6	exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section.
	7	(2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been
	8	approved at a meeting of the-
	9	(a) Senate ,by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
	10	present and voting; and
	11	(b) Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
	12	present and voting.
	13	(3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the
	14	Council, and may be approved as required under subsection (2) by either one of
	15	those bodies.
	16	(4) A statute which-
	17	(a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the
	18	Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
	19	(b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for
	20	the amendment or revocation of any statute where a campus or college is
	21	established,
	22	shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.
Cap. 123 LFN 2004	23	(5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute
	24	shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the
	25	Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which
	26	it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the
	27	Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection
	28	(4), on the date on which it is approved by the President.
	29	(6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to-
	30	(a) the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

1 (b) whether any matter is for the purpose of this Act an academic or
 2 non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute,
 3 the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and
 4 make such decision as he thinks fit.

5 (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under
 6 subsection (6) shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the
 7 University.

8 (8) Nothing in subsection (7) shall affect any power of a court of Cap. 123 LFN
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 9 competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is
 10 wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the
 11 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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

16 **PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE**

17 **13.-(1)** The President shall be the Visitor of the University. The Visitor

18 (2) The Visitor shall cause a visitation to the University when
 19 necessary, at least every five years, or direct that such a visitation be
 20 conducted by such persons as the Visitor may think fit and in respect of any
 21 of the affairs of the University.

22 (3) The bodies and persons comprising the University shall make
 23 available to the Visitor and to any other person conducting a visitation under
 24 this section, such facilities and assistance as the Visitor may reasonably
 25 require for the purpose of a visitation.

26 (4) The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations and white
 27 paper thereon available to the Council which shall implement same.

28 **14.-(1)** Where it appears to the Council that a member of the Removal of certain
members of Council
 29 Council, other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, shall be
 30 removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the

1 functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a
2 recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Visitor, and the
3 Visitor, after making enquiries, may approve the recommendation and direct
4 the removal of the person in question from office.

5 (2) The Minister shall cause a copy of the instrument embodying a
6 direction under subsection (1) to be immediately served on the person to whom
7 it relates.

Removal and
discipline of
academic,
administrative
and professional
staff

8 **15.-(1)** Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
9 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,
10 administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-
11 Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of
12 misconduct or of professional inability to perform the functions of his office or
13 employment, the Council shall-

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

15 (b) afford the person an opportunity of making representations in
16 person on the matter to the Council, and

17 (c) afford the person in question an opportunity of appearing before
18 and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter,
19 and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee,
20 is satisfied that the person in question be removed, the Council may remove
21 him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

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

26 (3) For good cause, a member of staff may be suspended from his
27 duties or appointment may be terminated by the Council, and for the purpose of
28 this subsection "good cause" means-

29 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such

1 as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of
2 his office;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (5) Where the Council, under this section, decides to continue a
30 person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a

1 person, the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of three months
2 from such decision, come to a final determination in respect of the case
3 concerning the person.

4 (6) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under
5 subsection (1) shall cause a copy of the instrument to be served immediately on
6 the person to whom it relates.

7 (7) Nothing in this section shall -

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

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

Removal of
examiners

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

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

23 (3) The Vice-Chancellor, on signing an instrument of removal under
24 this section, shall cause a copy of the instrument to be immediately served on
25 the person to whom it relates.

Participation
and discipline
of students

26 **17.**-(1) The students shall-

27 (a) be represented in the University's Students Welfare Board and
28 other committees that deal with the affairs of students;

29 (b) participate in various aspects of curriculum development;

30 (c) participate in the process of assessing academic staff in respect of

1 teaching; and

2 (d) be encouraged to be more self-assured as part of the national
3 development process.

4 (2) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the
5 Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University is guilty of misconduct,
6 the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary
7 powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct that the-

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

11 (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
12 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so
13 specified;

14 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the
15 direction; or

16 (d) student be expelled from the University.

17 (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (2) (c) or (d) in
18 respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and in
19 the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council and where such an appeal is
20 brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the
21 matter as the Council considers just, confirm, set aside the direction or
22 modify it in such manner as the Council deems fit.

23 (4) An appeal from a direction brought under subsection (2) shall
24 not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

25 (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this
26 section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University
27 as he may appoint.

28 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the
29 restriction or termination of students' activities at the University otherwise
30 than on the ground of misconduct.

	1	(7) A direction under subsection (2) (a) may be combined with a
	2	direction under subsection (2) (b).
	3	PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS
Exclusion of discrimination	4	18. -(1) A person shall not be required to satisfy requirements as to
	5	race, ethnic grouping, sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political
	6	persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student, holder of
	7	any degree, any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of
	8	anybody established by virtue of this Act, and no person shall be subject to any
	9	disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by
	10	reference to any of those matters.
	11	(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be construed as preventing the
	12	University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons
	13	mentioned in subsection (1) where such person wilfully refuses or fails, on
	14	grounds of religious belief, to undertake any duty generally and uniformly
	15	imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to
	16	its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of
	17	the University reasonably justifiable, in the national interest.
Restriction on disposal of land by the University	18	19. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
	19	University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land,
	20	including any land transferred to the University by this Act, except with the
	21	prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:
Cap. K5, LFN 2004	22	Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or
	23	tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not more than 21 years or any lease or tenancy
	24	to a member of the University for residential purpose.
Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Act	25	20. Except as may be provided by statutes or regulations, the quorum
	26	and procedure of any body of persons established under this Act shall be as
	27	determined by that body.
Appointment of committees	28	21. -(1) Anybody of persons established under this Act shall, without
	29	prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint
	30	committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and

1 to authorise a committee established by it to -

2 (a) perform, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;

3 and

4 (b) co-opt members.

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

10 (3) Except as provided by statutes or regulations, the quorum and
11 procedure of a committee established or meeting held under this section,
12 shall be determined by the bodies which have decided to establish the
13 committee or hold the meeting.

14 (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) shall be
15 construed as enabling the-

16 (a) statutes to be made other than in accordance with section 11 of
17 this Act; or

18 (b) Senate to empower any other body to make regulations for the
19 award of degrees or other qualifications.

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

26 **22.-(1)** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension
27 Reform Act, the compulsory retirement age of-

Retirement of
academic staff
Act No. 2014

28 (a) academic staff of the University in the non-professorial cadre is
29 65 years;

1 (b) academic staff of the University in the professorial cadre is 70
2 years; and

3 (c) non-academic staff of the University is 65 years.

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

Special provisions
relating to pension
of professors

7 **23.** An academic staff of the University who retires as a Professor in
8 the University is entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary
9 provided that the Professor has served continuously in the University up to the
10 retirement age.

Miscellaneous
and administrative
provisions

11 **24.-(1)** The seal of the University shall be determined by the Council
12 and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be
13 authenticated by any member of the Council, Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the
14 Council or any other person authorised by statute.

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

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

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

26 (5) A member of anybody who has a personal interest in any matter
27 proposed to be considered by that body shall immediately disclose his interest
28 to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

Cap. 123 LFN
2004

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

1 provisions, shall apply to statutes or regulations made under this Act.

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

7 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any Second Schedule
8 transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 27 (2) of this Act or
9 the Second Schedule to this Act.

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

13 **25.**-(1) A legal proceeding shall not be instituted or commenced Restriction of suits
14 against the University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties and execution
15 unless a three months' pre-action notice of such intention is served on the
16 University by an aggrieved party;

17 (2) The notice shall state the reason and the cause of action
18 intended to be taken against the University, the particulars of the claim, the
19 name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he
20 claims.

21 (3) A suit shall not be commenced against an officer or servant of
22 the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any
23 alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or
24 intended performances of his duties, unless three months has elapsed after
25 written notice of intention to commence the same is served on the University
26 by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

27 (4) In any suit against the University, no execution, attachment or
28 process shall be issued against the University, but any sum of money which
29 may, by judgment of the court, awarded against the University shall, subject
30 to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by

1 the University in respect of the said judgment, be paid by the University from
2 its general fund.

3 (5) Service of notice ,order or other document upon the University
4 may be effected by delivering same or sending it by registered post addressed
5 to the Registrar and Secretary of the Council.

Interpretation

6 **26.** In this Act-

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

8 "college" means the College established under section 3 (1) (b) of this Act for
9 the University;

10 "Council" means the Governing Council of the University established under
11 section 5(1) of this Act;

12 "functions" includes powers and duties;

13 "graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree,
14 has been conferred by the University and any other person as may be
15 designated as a graduate by the Council, acting in accordance with the
16 recommendation of the Senate;

17 "Minister" means the Minister responsible for Education;

18 "notice" means notice in writing;

19 "officer" does not include the Visitor;

20 "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes or regulations;

21 "professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in
22 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statutes or by regulations;

23 "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

24 "provisional council" means the provisional council appointed for the
25 University;

26 "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council;

27 "Senate" means the Senate of the University established under section 2 (1)(c)
28 of this Act;

29 "school" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;

30 "Statute" means a statute made by the University under section 10 of this Act,

1 and "the statutes" means all such statutes as are in effect;
2 "teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of
3 the teaching or research staff of the University;
4 "undergraduate" means a person registered as a student undergoing a course
5 of study for a first degree of the University or such other course in the
6 University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student
7 undergoing it for the status of an undergraduate; and
8 "University" means Federal University of Agriculture and Solid Minerals
9 Jalingo, Taraba State established under section 1 of this Act.

10 **27.** This Bill may be cited as Federal University of Agriculture and Citation
11 Solid Minerals Jalingo, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2025.

1 SCHEDULES

2 FIRST SCHEDULE

3 *Section 2 (1) (h) and (2)*

4 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5 *The Chancellor*

6 1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure
7 of the President.

8 *The Pro-Chancellor*

9 2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of the Council
10 shall be appointed or removed from office by the President on the
11 recommendation of the Minister.

12 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro Chancellor shall hold
13 office for a term of four years commencing from the date of his appointment.

14 *The Vice-Chancellor*

15 3. -(1) The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by
16 the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

17 (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Vice-Chancellor, the
18 Council shall-

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

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

22 (ii) terms and conditions of service applicable to the post,

23 and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for
24 consideration;

25 (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of-

26 (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as
27 chairman,

28 (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council,
29 one of whom shall be a professor, and

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

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

5 (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of -
6 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
7 (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;
8 and
9 (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were
10 not members of the Search Team,
11 shall consider the candidates and persons in the short list drawn up under
12 subparagraph (2) through an examination of their curriculum vitae and
13 interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for
14 further consideration.

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

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

21 (6) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the
22 Council on the ground of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the
23 functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind at the
24 initiative of the Council, Senate or Congregation after due process.

25 (7) When the proposal for the removal of Vice-Chancellor is made,
26 the Council shall constitute a joint committee of Council and Senate
27 consisting of-

28 (a) three members of Council, one of whom shall be Chairman of
29 the Committee; and

30 (b) two members of Senate,

1 Provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind,
2 the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.

3 (8) The Joint Committee shall conduct investigation made into the
4 allegation made against the Vice-Chancellor and report its findings to the
5 Council.

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

10 (10) There shall be no sole administrator in the University.

11 (11) In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the
12 Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on recommendation of the
13 Senate.

(12) An acting Vice-Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than six months.

16 Deputy Vice-Chancellors

4 -(1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-
Chancellors as the Council may deem necessary for the proper administration
of the University.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of 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.

23 (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from
24 each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (2) and forward the name of the
25 candidate to the Council for confirmation.

26 (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

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

(b) 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

1 (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor of the
2 Council may assign to him.

3 (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor-

4 (a) shall hold office for a term of two years commencing from the
5 date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be
6 specified in his letter of appointment;

7 (b) may be re-appointed for another term of two years and no more;
8 and

9 (c) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council,
10 acting on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate and "good
11 cause" for the purpose of this subparagraph, means gross misconduct or the
12 inability to discharge the function of his office arising from infirmity of the
13 body or mind.

14 *Office of the Registrar*

15 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be
16 the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and be responsible to the
17 Vice-Chancellor for the administrative work of the University except as
18 regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
19 paragraph 6 (2).

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

23 *Other Principal Officers of the University*

24 6. -(1) There shall be for the University other principal officers in
25 addition to the Registrar-

26 (a) the Bursar; and

27 (b) the University Librarian,

28 who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the
29 Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7.

30 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the

1 University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration
2 and control of the financial affairs of the University.

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

7 (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the officers
8 in this paragraph shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

9 *Selection Board for other Principal Officers*

10 7.-(1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the
11 appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy
12 Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of-

- 13 (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;
14 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
15 (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and
16 (d) two members of the Senate.

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

20 (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single
21 term of five years only commencing from the date of their appointment and on
22 such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.

23 (4) Notwithstanding subparagraph (3), the Council may, upon
24 satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or
25 Librarian for a further term of one year only and such principal officer shall
26 relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the University.

27 *Resignation and Re-appointment*

28 8 -(1) Any officer mentioned under this Schedule may resign his
29 office-

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

3 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall,
4 in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Visitor.

5 (2) Subject to subparagraph (1), a person who has ceased to hold
6 office other than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-
7 appointment to that office.

8 **SECOND SCHEDULE**

9 *Sections 24 (8) and 27 (3)*

10 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.**

11 *Transfer of Property to University*

12 Without prejudice to the generality of section 10 (1) of this Act -

13 (a) the reference in that subsection to property held by the
14 Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give
15 a good discharge for any grant or contribution which may have been voted or
16 promised to the Provisional Council;

17 (b) all debts and liabilities of the Provisional Council outstanding
18 shall become debts or liabilities of the University.

19 **THIRD SCHEDULE**

20 *Sections 10 (3), (4) and 24 (7)*

21 **FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND SOLID MINERALS**

22 **JALINGO, TARABA STATE STATUTE NO. 1**

23 **ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES**

24 **Articles:**

- 25 1. The Council.
26 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
27 3. Audit
28 4. The Senate
29 5. Congregation
30 6. Convocation

- 1 7. Division of Colleges
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- 3 9. Deans of the Colleges
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- 5 11. Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and Development,
- 6 Works and Services and Health
- 7 12. Tenure of Directors
- 8 13. Creation of academic posts
- 9 14. Appointment of administrative and professional staff
- 10 15. Interpretation.
- 11 16. Citation

12 *The Council*

13 1.- (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided under
14 section 5 of this Act.

15 (2) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than as
16 provided under section 5 (1) (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act may, by notice to the
17 Council, resign his office.

(3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than as provided under section 5 (1) (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Act shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the term of four years commencing from 1 August in the year which he was appointed.

(4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than as provided under section 5 (1) (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Act 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.

27 (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council other
28 than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for another
29 term of four years and no more.

30 (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall

1 be a member appointed under section 5 (1) (d) or (e) of this Act.

2 (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council,
3 other members of the Council present at the meeting may appoint the
4 chairman and subject to section 5 of this Act and the provisions of this
5 article, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

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

10 *The Finance and General Purposes Committee*

11 2.-(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the
12 Council shall consist of-

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

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

16 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two
17 of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council
18 appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by
19 Congregation;

20 (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry responsible for
21 Education, or his representative; and

22 (e) the Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Solid Mineral
23 Development Fund, or his representative.

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

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

27 *Annual budget and estimates, etc.*

28 (4) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year
29 shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and may be
30 approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year:

1 provisions of this article, be prescribed by statute.

2 *The Senate*

3 4.-(1) The Senate shall consist of-

4 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

5 (b) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

6 (c) the Deans of respective Colleges;

7 (d) the Professors in the University;

8 (e) heads of academic Departments and Units;

9 (f) the University Librarian;

10 (g) one elected representative of each College;

11 (h) two members of Academic Staff elected by Congregation;

12 (i) one elected representative of each department;

13 (j) two members representing a variety of interests of the

14 professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the

15 recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor; and

16 (k) the Registrar who shall be the Secretary.

17 (2) The procedure for election of members of Senate to the

18 Council shall be prescribed by Regulations.

19 (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of

20 the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-

21 Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that

22 meeting shall be the Chairman at the meeting.

23 (4) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest

24 whole number less than one quarter, and subject to subarticle (3), the Senate

25 may regulate its own procedure.

26 (5) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his

27 office.

28 (6) Subject to subarticle (8), there shall be elections for the

29 selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner

1 on a day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may
2 determine.

3 (7) An elected member shall hold office for a term of two years
4 commencing from 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate
5 at any election held under subarticle (6) in the year in which his term of office
6 expires, but no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current
7 period of office he has held office as an elected member for a continuous period
8 of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned.

9 (8) No election shall be held under this article in any year if the
10 number specified in the certificate given under subarticle (11) does not exceed
11 by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected
12 members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office
13 during that year under subarticle (7).

14 (9) No person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office
15 as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the number of non-elected
16 members occurring on or after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in
17 or take office as an elected member.

18 (10) If so requested in writing by any 15 members of the Senate, the
19 Vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors duly
20 appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later
21 than the 10th day after the request was received.

22 (11) In this article "total of non-elected members" means, in respect of
23 any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on 30 April of
24 that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate
25 on that day otherwise than as elected members.

26 *Congregation*

27 5.-(1) Congregation shall consist of-

28 (a) Vice-Chancellor;

29 (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

30 (c) the full-time members of the academic staff;

1 (d) the Registrar;
2 (e) the Librarian; and
3 (f) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree,
4 other than honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of
5 this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

6 (2) Subject to section 5 of this Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the
7 Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present, and in his
8 absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as
9 Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the Chairman at the
10 meeting.

11 (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one-third or the whole
12 number nearest to one-third of the total number of members of Congregation
13 of 50, whichever is less.

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

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

17 (b) names of the persons who are members of Congregation during
18 a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or of the
19 names of those persons.

20 (5) The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the
21 Council and the Senate shall be prescribed by Regulations.

22 (6) Subject to this article, Congregation may regulate its own
23 procedure.

24 (7) Congregation is entitled to express, by resolutions, its opinion
25 on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall
26 have other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the
27 Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

28 *Convocation*

29 6. -(1) Convocation shall consist of -

1 (a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to
2 this Act;

3 (b) all teachers within the meaning of this Act; and

4 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
5 subarticle (2).

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

8 (a) is either a graduate of a University or a person satisfying such
9 requirements as may be prescribed for the purpose of this article; and

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

12 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance
13 of a register for the purpose of this article and subject to subarticle (4) may
14 provide for the payment of fees by persons whose names are on the register and
15 for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay
16 those fees.

17 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without
18 the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the
19 time being members of Convocation by virtue of subarticle (2) (a) or (b) are
20 entered and retained on the register.

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

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

29 (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be 50, one-third, the whole
30 number nearest to one-third or the whole number of members of Convocation,

1 whichever is less.

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

5 (9) Convocation shall have other functions, in addition to the
6 function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by
7 statutes or regulations.

8 *Division of Colleges*

9 7. Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as
10 may be prescribed.

11 *College Boards*

12 8.-(1) There is established in respect of each College, a Board of
13 Studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and the directions of
14 the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

15 (a) regulate the teaching, study and the conduct of examinations
16 connected with the subjects assigned to the college;

17 (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by Statute, the Vice-
18 Chancellor or Senate; and

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

21 (2) Each College Board of Studies shall consist of-

22 (a) the Vice-Chancellor;

23 (b) the Dean;

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

25 (d) the College Examination Officer;

26 (e) such number of teachers assigned to the College and having the
27 prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

28 (f) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the
29 Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.

30 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one quarter,

1 whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the Board, and
2 subject to the provisions of this Statute and to any provision made by
3 regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

4 *Deans of the Colleges*

5 9.-(1) The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of
6 any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one
7 of its members, being one of the Professors assigned to that teaching unit, for
8 appointment by the Senate as Dean of the College.

(2) The person appointed under subarticle (1) shall act as Dean of the College and Chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.

(3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of two years, and shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.

16 (4) The Dean of a College shall exercise general superintendence over
17 the academic and administrative affairs of the College.

(5) The Dean shall present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees to persons who have qualified for degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.

(6) There shall be a Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and the Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and or particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.

(7) The Dean of a College may be removed from office for good cause by the College 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:

30 Provided that at the next College Board meeting an election shall be

1 held for a new Dean.

2 (8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section
3 15 (3) of the Act.

4 *Departmental Board of Studies*

5 10.-(1) There shall be a Departmental Board of Studies whose
6 membership shall be made up of all academic staff of the Department.

7 (2) The Departmental Board of Studies shall be headed by a
8 Professor who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor and in the absence
9 of a Professor, a senior academic staff shall be appointed in acting capacity.

10 (3) Where the head of the Departmental Board of Studies is a
11 Professor, he shall head for a term of three years while a senior academic
12 staff on acting capacity is to head for one year.

13 (4) The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the
14 Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary.

15 (5) Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the
16 Departmental Board on recommendation of the Head of Department.

17 *Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and Development,*
18 *Works and Services and Health*

19 11.-(1) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of the Directors of
20 Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health, a
21 Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of -

22 (a) the Pro-Chancellor;

23 (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

24 (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
25 the Senate;

26 (d) Two members appointed by the Senate.

27 (2) The Selection Board after making such inquiries as it deems fit,
28 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
29 office, and after considering the recommendation of the Selection Board, the
30 Council may make an appointment to that office.

1 *Tenure of Directors*

2 12. A Director shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may
3 be specified in his letter of appointment subject to the extant Regulations.

4 *Creation of Academic Posts*

5 13. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than
6 principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the
7 Finance and General Purposes Committee.

8 *Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff*

9 14.-(1) The administrative and professional staff of the University
10 other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf
11 by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the
12 Council on its behalf.

13 (2) A Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of-

14 (a) Vice-Chancellor;

15 (b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

16 (c) Registrar;

17 (d) Bursar;

18 (e) University Librarian;

19 (f) The Head of Department concerned; and

20 (g) Establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as
21 Secretary.

22 (3) The Selection Board quorum shall be three including the
23 Chairman.

24 *Interpretation*

25 15. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal
26 University of Agriculture and Solid Minerals Jalingo, Taraba State, Act and
27 any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

28 *Citation*

29 16. This Statute may be cited as the Federal University of Agriculture
30 and Solid Minerals Jalingo, Taraba State Statute No.1.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Agriculture and Solid Minerals Jalingo, Taraba State, as a training institution for the development of Agriculture and Solid Minerals and makes comprehensive provision for the management and administration of the University.