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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
AND REGULATION OF THE VIDYODAYA UNIVERSITY OF
CEYLON AND THE VIDYALANKARA UNIVERSITY OF
CEYLON.

(Date of Assent: December 19, 1958.)

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Vidyodaya University and the Vidyalankara University Act, No. 45 of 1958, and shall, subject as hereinafter provided, come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Short title
and
commencement.

(2) The Minister may in any Order made under sub-section (1) declare that the operation of any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any Faculty or to any Department of Study shall be suspended.

(3) Where the operation of any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any Faculty or Department of Study has been suspended under sub-section (2), the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declare that the operation of such provision or the application of such provision to such Faculty or Department of Study shall cease to be suspended with effect from such date as may be specified in the Order.

PART I.

THE VIDYODAYA UNIVERSITY OF CEYLON AND THE VIDYALANKARA UNIVERSITY OF CEYLON.

2. (1) There shall be established, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, a University with the name of "The Vidyodaya University of Ceylon" and a University with the name of "The Vidyalankara University of Ceylon".

Establishment
of two
Universities;
incorporation of
the Chancellor,
Pro-Chancellor,
Vice-Chancellor
and the
members of
the Court,
Council and
Senate of each
University; and
general powers
of the
Corporation.

(2) The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and the members for the time being of the Court, the Council and the Senate of each University specified in sub-section (1), duly nominated, appointed or elected by or in accordance with the provisions of

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such part thereof, as may be prescribed by Regulation, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;

- (j) to institute Professorships, Lecturerships and any other posts or offices which may be required, and to make appointments thereto;
- (k) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the University, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional or residential purposes;
- (l) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, and Medals and other Prizes;
- (m) to manage Halls of residence, and to license lodging-houses, for the residence of students of the University;
- (n) to regulate and provide for the residence, discipline, and moral, mental and physical well-being of officers, teachers and students of the University;
- (o) to demand and receive such fees as may from time to time be prescribed by Regulation; and
- (p) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University.

Distinction of
race, creed,
class or
religion
prohibited.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), the University shall be open to all persons of the male sex and of whatever race, creed or class, and no test of religious belief or profession shall be adopted or imposed in order to entitle any person to be admitted as a student of the University, or to hold any appointment therein or to graduate thereat or to hold, enjoy or exercise any advantage or privilege thereof.

(2) Nothing in the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be deemed to prevent religious instruction being given in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations to Bhikkhus and other persons willing to receive such instruction by persons approved for the purpose by the Council.

(3) Persons of the female sex shall, subject to such Regulations as may be made in that behalf, be allowed to graduate and receive any degrees or diplomas as external students of the University.

7. The Authorities responsible for organising the teaching of the University shall be prescribed by Statute and the courses of study shall be prescribed by Regulation or Rule.

Teaching authorities and courses of study.

PART II.

PATRON OR PATRONS, THE CHANCELLOR, THE PRO-CHANCELLOR AND THE OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

8. A Patron or more than one Patron of the University may be appointed by the Chancellor of the University on the recommendation of the Council.

Patron or Patrons.

9. The Governor-General shall be ex-officio Chancellor of the University. He shall be the Head of the University and the President of the Court, and shall, when present, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

The Chancellor.

10. The Minister shall be Pro-Chancellor of the University. He shall, when present, and in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

The Pro-Chancellor.

11. (1) The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be a Bhikkhu.

The Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The first Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Chancellor of the University, and every other Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Court.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be the principal executive and academic officer thereof. He shall be an ex-officio member of the Court and an ex-officio member and the Chairman of the Council and of the Senate. He shall convene all meetings of the Court, the Council and the Senate and all Convocations of the University, and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, preside at meetings of the Court and at any Convocation of the University. He shall be entitled to convene, be present at, and speak at, any meeting of any Authority or other body of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote at such meeting unless he is a member of the Authority or body concerned.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to secure that the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules are duly observed and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to the decisions of the Council regarding the appointment, dismissal or suspension of the officers and teachers of the University, and shall exercise general supervision over the educational arrangements of the University. He shall be responsible for the presentation to the Council of the annual accounts of the University and of all annual or supplementary financial estimates. He shall also be responsible for the discipline of the University in accordance with this Act and the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Act or prescribed by Statute or Regulation.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years but he may be re-appointed in accordance with this section.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chancellor, or if the Vice-Chancellor, by reason of leave, illness, or other cause, is unable temporarily to perform the duties of his office, the Council shall, as soon as possible, subject to the approval of the Chancellor, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the office. Until such arrangements have been made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(8) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor from any meeting of the Council, the Council shall elect a Chairman for the purpose of the meeting from among the members of the Council present at the meeting.

The Registrar
and the
Librarian.

12. (1) The Registrar shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Council. He shall exercise and perform such powers and duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Act or prescribed by Statute, Regulation or Rule. He shall in addition assist the Vice-Chancellor whenever he is called upon so to do.

(2) The Librarian shall be a whole time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Council. He shall exercise and perform such powers and duties as may be prescribed by Statute, Regulation or Rule.

PART III.

THE UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES.

13. The Authorities of the University shall be the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Faculties, the General Board of Studies and Research, and such other bodies as may be prescribed by Statute as authorities of the University.

Authorities
of the
University.

14. (1) The University Court shall consist of the following persons :—

The Court.

(a) Ex-officio members :—

- (i) The Patron.
- (ii) The Chancellor.
- (iii) The Pro-Chancellor.
- (iv) The Vice-Chancellor.
- (v) The members of the Senate.
- (vi) The Deans of the Faculties.
- (vii) The members of the Council.

(b) Life members :—

(i) Persons appointed by the Chancellor to be life members in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the University or to the cause of Buddhism:

Provided that the number of life members so appointed shall not at any time exceed five.

(ii) Individual donors of not less than Rs. 50,000 to the University for a purpose approved by the Council, who may be appointed by the Chancellor to be life members.

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(c) Other members :—

- (i) One member of each Faculty elected by the Faculty.
- (ii) Five members elected by the Principals of the institutions approved for the purposes of paragraph (d) of section 5 from among themselves.
- (iii) Two members elected by the registered graduates of the University from among themselves.
- (iv) Five members elected by the teachers of the University, other than the Professors and the Lecturers in independent charge of Departments of Study, from among themselves.
- (v) Three members elected by the Members of the House of Representatives from among themselves.
- (vi) One member elected by the Senators from among themselves.
- (vii) In the case of the Vidyodaya University of Ceylon five members elected by the Vidyadhara Sabha from among its own body, and in the case of the Vidyalankara University of Ceylon five members elected by the Vidyalankara Sabha from among its own body.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Court shall be prescribed by Statute.

Meeting of
the Court.

15. (1) The Court shall meet once in each year, on a date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, at a meeting to be called the Annual Meeting of the Court.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor may whenever he thinks fit, and shall upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than fifteen members of the Court, convene a special meeting of the Court.

16. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, the Court shall have and perform the following powers and duties:—

Powers and
duties of
the Court

- (a) to make Statutes, and by Statute to amend, add to or repeal any Statute:

Provided that no Statute made by the Court shall be repugnant to the rules of the Vinayapitaka or the laws of Ceylon or any provision of this Act;

- (b) to consider, amend, or rescind any Regulation made by the Council;

- (c) to consider, amend, or adopt the annual report, the annual accounts, and the financial estimates of the University:

Provided that no such amendment shall be made unless the opinion of the Council thereon has first been obtained;

- (d) to do or perform any other act or duty authorised, or imposed upon the Court, by this Act or by any Statute.

17. (1) The University Council shall be the executive body of the University. The Council.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following persons:—

- (a) The ex-officio members who shall be—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor,
- (ii) the Director of Education, and
- (iii) the Deans of the Faculties.

- (b) Other members who shall be—

- (i) three members appointed by the Chancellor,
- (ii) two members elected by the Court from among its own body,
- (iii) two members elected by the Senate from among its own body, and
- (iv) in the case of the Vidyodaya University of Ceylon five members elected by the Vidyadhara Sabha from among its own body, and in the case of the

Vidyalankara University of Ceylon five members elected by the Vidyalankara Sabha from among its own body.

(3) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a period of three years:

Provided that the members of the Council elected under the provisions of sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) shall retain their membership so long only within the said period of three years as they continue to be members of the body which elected them.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be prescribed by Statute.

Powers and duties of the Council.

18. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, the Council shall have and perform the following powers and duties:—

(a) to hold, control, and administer the property and funds of the University;

(b) to select a Coat of Arms for the University, subject to the approval of the Court, and to determine the form, provide for the custody and direct the use, of the common seal of the Corporation;

(c) to regulate and determine all matters concerning the University in accordance with this Act, the Statutes, Regulations and Rules;

(d) after consideration of the recommendations of the Senate, and subject to ratification by the Court, but without prejudice to anything done by the Council before such ratification,—

(i) to institute, abolish, or suspend Professorships, Lecturerships, and other teaching posts, and

(ii) to determine the qualifications and emoluments of teachers;

(e) to appoint officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for, and to suspend or dismiss any officer or teacher on the grounds of incapacity or conduct which, in the opinion of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council, renders him unfit to be an officer or teacher of the University;

- (f) to appoint, and to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employ of the University other than officers and teachers;
- (g) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specific purposes;
- (h) to receive and accept bequests, donations and grants of any property to the University:

Provided that all such bequests, donations and grants shall be reported to the Court at its next meeting;

- (i) to consider the annual report, annual accounts, and financial estimates of the University, and to submit such report, accounts, and estimates to the Court;
- (j) to draft Statutes as and when it sees fit and to submit them to the Court; and to make Regulations for any matters in respect of which Regulations are authorised to be made; and to make such Rules as are not provided to be made by any other Authority;
- (k) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus, and other material needed for carrying on the work of the University;
- (l) to appoint examiners, whether from the staff of the University or from elsewhere, after consideration of the recommendations of the Senate, and to determine any fees which may be paid to such examiners;
- (m) to take such steps as may be necessary for the conduct of external examinations for enabling those not instructed at the University itself to obtain degrees and diplomas of the University;
- (n) to supervise the discipline of students of the University, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (o) to enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the University, and to invest any moneys belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in any security in which, under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or of any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys; or, with the approval of the Minister of

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Finance, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Ceylon or vary such investments; or to place on fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Minister of Finance any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure;

- (p) to determine by Regulation, after consulting the Senate, the dates for the commencement and the termination of the academic year;
- (q) to determine, after consulting the Senate, the academic dress or insignia or both of the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, officers, graduates and students of the University;
- (r) to exercise all other powers of the Corporation, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for by this Act or by Statutes, Regulations or Rules:

Provided that the exercise of such powers shall be subject to ratification by the Court, but without prejudice to anything done by the Council before such ratification:

And provided further that no resolution shall be passed by the Council in relation to any academic matter unless the Senate has first been given the opportunity of recording and transmitting to the Council its opinion thereon.

In this section, "academic matter" includes any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the Senate under section 19.

The Senate.

19. The Senate of the University shall be the academic body of the University, and, subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, shall have the control and general direction of instruction, education, and examination within the University, and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as shall be conferred or imposed upon it by any of such provisions. The constitution of the Senate, its powers and duties, and the term of membership of the members thereof, other than the ex-officio members, shall be prescribed by Statute.

Faculties and Deans of Faculties.

20. (1) The University shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (2), have power to establish Faculties of Buddhist Studies, Arts, Languages, Philosophy, Ayurveda and such other Faculties (whether

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Holding of Convocation.

23. (1) A Convocation of the University for the purpose of conferring degrees shall be held once in every year on such date as may be approved by the Chancellor:

Provided that a special Convocation may be held at such other time as the Chancellor may direct.

(2) The procedure of any such Convocation shall be prescribed by Regulation.

PART IV.

STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND RULES.

Statutes.

24. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes may be made providing for all or any of the following matters:—

- (a) the constitution, powers, and duties, and the term of membership of members other than ex-officio members of the Authorities of the University, of the Boards of Studies, of the Board of Discipline, and of the Board for the Training of Teachers, where such matters have not been determined by this Act;
- (b) the filling of vacancies on, and the convening of, any Authority or other body of the University, where not otherwise provided for;
- (c) the conditions of appointment, and emoluments, of the officers and teachers of the University, and their powers and duties;
- (d) the creation of offices in the University other than those provided for in this Act, and the abolition of such offices;
- (e) the admission of students to the University;
- (f) the maintenance of a register of registered graduates;
- (g) the determination of the degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions to be conferred by the University;
- (h) the conferment of honorary degrees;
- (i) the discipline of students;

- (j) the institution and award of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, and Medals and other Prizes for which funds or property may in any manner whatsoever be provided, and the making of Rules respecting them and the tenure thereof;
- (k) the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules;
- (l) all matters which under the provisions of this Act are to be or may be prescribed by Statute.

(2) The Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Act shall be the first Statutes of the University, and shall be deemed to have been made by the Court under this Act and may be amended, added to or repealed by Statutes made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

25. (1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no Statute shall be made by the Court until the Court has consulted the Council and obtained the opinion of the Council on the terms of the proposed Statute.

Powers of
the Court,
Council and
Chancellor
in relation
to Statutes.

(2) The Council may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute to be made by the Court. Such draft shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court may approve such draft and make the Statute, or may amend the draft, or may reject it, or may return it to the Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendment which the Court may suggest.

(3) The Court shall not initiate, and the Council shall not propose to the Court the draft of, any Statute whereby the status, powers, or constitution of any Authority of the University will be affected until such Authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion thereon. Such opinion shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Court, and shall, if the Statute is made by the Court, be submitted to the Chancellor.

(4) Every Statute which has been made by the Court shall be submitted to the Chancellor, who may refer the Statute back once to the Court for further consideration, or may assent thereto.

- (j) the institution and award of Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, and Medals and other Prizes for which funds or property may in any manner whatsoever be provided, and the making of Rules respecting them and the tenure thereof;
- (k) the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules;
- (l) all matters which under the provisions of this Act are to be or may be prescribed by Statute.

(2) The Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Act shall be the first Statutes of the University, and shall be deemed to have been made by the Court under this Act and may be amended, added to or repealed by Statutes made in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

25. (1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no Statute shall be made by the Court until the Court has consulted the Council and obtained the opinion of the Council on the terms of the proposed Statute.

Powers of
the Court,
Council and
Chancellor
in relation
to Statutes.

(2) The Council may propose to the Court the draft of any Statute to be made by the Court. Such draft shall be considered by the Court at its next meeting. The Court may approve such draft and make the Statute, or may amend the draft, or may reject it, or may return it to the Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendment which the Court may suggest.

(3) The Court shall not initiate, and the Council shall not propose to the Court the draft of, any Statute whereby the status, powers, or constitution of any Authority of the University will be affected until such Authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion thereon. Such opinion shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Court, and shall, if the Statute is made by the Court, be submitted to the Chancellor.

(4) Every Statute which has been made by the Court shall be submitted to the Chancellor, who may refer the Statute back once to the Court for further consideration, or may assent thereto.

(5) Every Statute shall, when assented to by the Chancellor, be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into force on the date of such publication or on such later date as may be specified therein.

Regulations.

26. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes, Regulations may be made providing for all or any of the following matters:—

- (a) the courses of study to be prescribed for all degrees and diplomas of the University;
- (b) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the degree or diploma courses and to the University examinations, and be eligible for degrees and diplomas;
- (c) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University, for admission to the examinations, for degrees and diplomas, and for the registration of graduates;
- (d) the formation of Departments of Study in the Faculties;
- (e) the constitution, powers and duties of any Board, Committee or other body of the University, where such matters have not been otherwise determined;
- (f) the conditions and mode of appointment, the duties and the emoluments of examiners, and the conduct and standard of examinations;
- (g) the numbers, qualifications and emoluments of persons in the employ of the University other than officers and teachers;
- (h) such other emoluments and allowances as are not otherwise provided for;
- (i) all matters which under the provisions of this Act or of the Statutes are to be or may be prescribed by Regulation.

27. (1) Regulations shall be made by the Council:

Provided that no Regulation shall be made under any of the paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (f) of section 26 unless a draft of such Regulation has been prepared by the Senate.

(2) The Council shall not have power to amend any draft proposed by the Senate under sub-section (1) but may reject it or return it to the Senate for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendments which the Council may suggest.

(3) All Regulations made by the Council shall be submitted to the Court at its next meeting, and the Court shall have power, by a resolution passed by a majority consisting of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Court present at such meeting, to amend or repeal any such Regulation, but without prejudice to anything already done thereunder:

Provided that no such amendment of a Regulation shall be made until the Court has first taken the opinion of the Council.

(4) It shall be lawful for the Council by Regulation to add to, amend, alter or repeal any Regulation for the time being in force.

28. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes and Regulations, the Authorities and the other bodies of the University may make Rules providing—

Rules.

(a) for all matters of procedure at the meetings of such Authorities and bodies, for the holding of their meetings, for the keeping of their records, and generally for all other matters relating to their business; and

(b) for all matters which under the provisions of this Act or of the Statutes or Regulations are to be or may be prescribed by Rule, and for all other matters solely concerning such Authorities and bodies and not provided for by this Act or by Statute or Regulation.

(2) It shall be lawful by Rule to add to, amend, alter or repeal any Rule for the time being in force.

(3) The Council may direct the amendment, in such manner as it may specify, of any Rule made under this section, and the Authority or other body to which the direction is given shall comply therewith.

PART VI.

EXAMINATIONS, ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO COURSES OF STUDY AND GRADUATION.

29. All examinations held by the University shall be conducted in such manner as shall be prescribed by Statutes, Regulations and Rules.

Examinations.

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Admission and
periods of
study for
graduation.

30. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and Regulations, admission to the University shall be controlled by a Board of Admission which shall consist of—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor,
- (b) the Deans of the Faculties, and
- (c) such other officers or teachers of the University as the Council shall from time to time determine.

(2) No person shall be eligible for admission to a course of study for a degree unless he has attained such age as shall be prescribed by Statute and has passed an Entrance Examination of the University or an examination recognized by the University as equivalent thereto, and unless he possesses such further qualifications, if any, as may be prescribed by Regulation in relation to such course of study.

(3) The period of study necessary to qualify any student for graduation shall not be less than three academic years, the whole of which period shall be subsequent to the date on which the student has been admitted to the University:

Provided that students who have already obtained degrees at other Universities, the examinations of which are recognized as equivalent to the examinations of the University, shall be permitted to qualify for graduation under such conditions as may be prescribed by Regulation.

PART VII.

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS, &c.

Appointment of
Professors, &c.

31. Every appointment to a post of Professor or Lecturer in the University shall be made by the Council after considering the recommendation of a Board of Selection, the members of which shall be—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor,
- (ii) the Dean of the Faculty to which the post belongs,
- (iii) two members appointed by the Council from among its own body,
- (iv) two members who have knowledge of the subject of study concerned appointed by the Senate from among its own body, and

- (v) two members who shall not be officers or teachers of the University appointed by the Court from among its own body.

32. Every appointment to a post of teacher other than that of Professor or Lecturer shall be made by the Council after considering the recommendation of a Selection Committee constituted in such manner as may be prescribed by Statute.

Appointments
of other
teachers.

33. (1) Every appointment of a teacher, Registrar or Librarian shall be upon an agreement in writing between the Corporation and such teacher, Registrar or Librarian. Such agreement shall—

Agreements.

(a) in the case of experienced persons who have already gained distinction in their subjects, be for such period and on such terms as the Council may resolve, and

(b) in other cases, be for a probationary period of three years which may be extended by the Council by resolution for a further period not exceeding one year, if the Council thinks fit.

(2) In the case of agreements entered into by the Corporation under sub-section (1) (b), any renewal thereof upon the expiration of the probationary period shall be expressed to be and remain in force, subject to the reservations hereinafter referred to, until the teacher, Registrar or Librarian appointed thereby has completed his sixtieth year, or, if he completes his sixtieth year in the course of an academic year, until the last day of such academic year, and in any such agreement there shall be expressly reserved—

(a) a right for the Corporation to annul the agreement on any ground on which it shall be lawful for the Council, under the provisions of section 18 (e), to dismiss a teacher, Registrar or Librarian; and

(b) a right for the teacher, Registrar or Librarian to terminate the agreement at any time upon three months' notice in writing to the Vice-Chancellor.

34. Every full time officer and teacher of the University shall be entitled to leave on such terms as shall be prescribed by Regulation.

Leave.

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PART VIII.

THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDENT FUND.

**Interpretation
of Part VIII.**

35. In this Part—

“ contributor ” means any officer, teacher, clerk, or servant who is a contributor to the Provident Fund;

“ Provident Fund ” means the University Provident Fund established under section 36;

“ Registrar ” includes any other person appointed by the Council under section 44 for the purposes of that section;

“ salary ” means the emoluments of the substantive post or appointment held by any contributor and includes any such allowance as may by Statute or Regulation be declared to constitute part of the salary of a contributor and, in the case of a Bhikkhu, the allowance paid in lieu of such emoluments.

**Establishment
of Provident
Fund.**

36. Each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2 shall establish a fund to be called and known as the University Provident Fund.

**Regulation
of Provident
Fund.**

37. The Council may make Regulations for the regulation, administration and management of the Provident Fund and for all matters incidental to or connected with the Provident Fund for which no express provision is made in this Act.

**Contributions
to the Provident
Fund.**

38. (1) Every officer, teacher, clerk and servant employed by each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2, except in such cases as may be prescribed by Regulation, shall from the date of his employment contribute to the Provident Fund of that University, by means of equal monthly deductions from his salary, an amount equal to one-twentieth of his salary; and that University shall, in addition, out of the University Fund, at the same time contribute to the Provident Fund of that University in respect of every contributor a sum equal to one-tenth of the salary of that contributor.

(2) The Registrar shall open and keep a general account for the Provident Fund and a separate account in respect of each contributor to that Fund. All contributions made by a contributor to the Provident Fund and all contributions made by the University to the Provident Fund in respect of that contributor shall be placed to the credit of the separate account of that contributor in the Provident Fund.

(3) The amount lying to the credit of the account of a contributor shall, subject to the provisions of any Regulation made by the Council in that behalf, accumulate at compound interest at the rate of four per centum per annum until the day on which that contributor completes his fifty-fifth year; and the account of that contributor shall be closed on that day.

39. (1) Where the account of any contributor is closed as provided in section 38, the Registrar shall, subject to the provisions of section 40, pay to that contributor the full amount lying to the credit of his account in the Provident Fund.

Payments
out of the
Provident Fund.

(2) Where a contributor, before he has completed his fifty-fifth year, ceases to be employed by the University either on account of ill-health or incapacity or on account of the abolition of the post in which he is employed, or voluntarily retires from the service of the University, the Registrar shall, subject to the provisions of section 40, pay to that contributor the full amount which has accumulated to the credit of his account in the Provident Fund at the date on which he has ceased to be employed, or on which he retired, as the case may be.

(3) Where a contributor, before he has completed his fifty-fifth year, is dismissed on account of conduct which, in the opinion of the Council, renders him unfit to be further employed by the University, the Registrar shall, subject to the provisions of section 40, pay to that contributor the amount contributed by him to the Provident Fund, together with the accumulated interest thereon up to the date of his dismissal.

(4) Where a contributor dies while in the service of the University, the Registrar shall, subject to the provisions of section 40, pay the full amount which has accumulated to the credit of the account of that contributor in the Provident Fund to the estate of the deceased contributor or to the person lawfully entitled to such amount.

40. Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Part and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the amount of any loss or damage sustained by the University by reason of the dishonesty or wilful negligence of a contributor at any time during the period of his employment by the University shall be a first charge upon the amount lying to the credit of the account of that contributor in the Provident Fund; and such amount may be deducted at the time any payment is made in accordance with the provisions of section 39.

Deductions
prior to
payment from
Provident Fund.

PART IX.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

Financial Year.

41. The financial year of the University shall commence on the first day of October in any year and end on the thirtieth day of September in the succeeding year.

University Fund.

42. In the case of each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2 there shall be a fund, to be called the University Fund, to which shall be paid—

- (a) fees paid to that University in accordance with the provisions of Regulations made under section 26 (c);
- (b) income from endowments made to that University;
- (c) moneys provided by the Parliament as grants in aid of that University; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to that University from whatsoever source derived.

Grants in aid of each University.

43. (1) The Deputy Secretary to the Treasury shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of each financial year, pay to each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2 such moneys as may be provided by the Parliament under the Annual Appropriation Act as a grant in aid of that University.

(2) The Deputy Secretary to the Treasury shall, from time to time, pay to each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2 such moneys as may be provided by the Parliament, by way of a supplementary vote or otherwise, as a grant in aid of that University.

(3) All moneys paid under the preceding sub-sections of this section to each University specified in sub-section (1) of section 2 shall be applied or expended by that University for all or any of the purposes authorised by or under this Act.

Registrar to keep accounts, &c.

44. It shall be the duty of the Registrar, or of any other person who may be appointed for the purposes of this section by the Council in accordance with the Statutes—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the University in such form as the Council shall from time to time direct;

- (b) to receive all moneys paid to the University Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorised payments; and
- (d) to prepare for the consideration of the Vice-Chancellor the annual financial estimates for the ensuing financial year, and any supplementary estimates under section 50:

Provided that income derived from grants made for specific purposes, or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the University, and that no payments shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the University or for any purposes or objects other than those for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

45. The accounts of the University shall be annually audited by the Auditor-General.

Audit.

46. The accounts of the University for each financial year shall, when audited, be published in the *Gazette*.

Publication of
accounts in
Gazette.

47. The annual financial estimates prepared under the provisions of section 44 (d) shall be considered by the Council before the fifteenth day of January in each year. The Council may make such alterations in those financial estimates as it thinks fit and shall transmit them to the Court together with the accounts of the University for the last completed financial year.

Annual
financial
estimates to
be considered
by the Council.

48. The annual accounts of the University and the annual financial estimates shall be considered by the Court at its Annual Meeting, and it shall be lawful for the Court, subject to the provisions of section 16 (c), by resolution to adopt those accounts and to adopt or amend those estimates, as it thinks fit.

Annual
accounts and
annual
financial
estimates to
be considered
by the Court.

49. The Court shall return the annual financial estimates to the Council together with any resolutions passed under the provisions of section 48; and the Council shall thereupon accept the decisions of the Court:

Council to
accept Court's
decision on
financial
matters.

Provided that,—

- (a) subject to the provisions of section 43 (3), the Council may, unless the Court otherwise directs, transfer moneys assigned under one head of expenditure in the passed estimates to any other head; and

(b) every such transfer shall be reported to the Court at the next Annual Meeting of the Court.

Supplementary estimates.

50. In case of necessity and in order to meet unforeseen expenditure, it shall at any time be lawful for the Registrar or other person appointed for the purposes of section 44 to prepare, and for the Council to pass, supplementary estimates of expenditure. Such supplementary estimates shall be submitted to the Court at its next Annual Meeting together with the annual financial estimates for the ensuing year.

PART X.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Prohibition of undesirable persons from entering University precincts.

51. (1) Where the presence of any person in the University precincts is undesirable, the Vice-Chancellor, after giving such person an opportunity of being heard, may, with the consent of the Council, by writing under the hand of the Vice-Chancellor served on such person, prohibit such person from entering or remaining within the University precincts or within such part thereof as may be specified in such writing. Such prohibition shall be and remain in force until revoked by the Vice-Chancellor with the consent of the Council.

(2) A certificate under the hand of the Vice-Chancellor to the effect that any person named in the certificate has been prohibited, in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1), from entering or remaining within the University precincts or any specified part thereof, shall be received and accepted by a Court as evidence of the facts stated in such certificate until the contrary is proved.

(3) A document purporting to be a certificate issued by the Vice-Chancellor and to be signed by him, shall be received in evidence, and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be a certificate issued by the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section (2).

Penalty for offence of disobeying prohibition.

52. Any person who is prohibited under the provisions of section 51 from entering or remaining within the University precincts or part thereof and who, without reasonable cause, enters or remains within such precincts or part thereof in contravention of such prohibition shall be guilty of an offence, and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine of one hundred rupees

in respect of each day on which he has entered or during which he has remained within such precincts or part thereof.

53. An offence under section 52 shall be cognizable and bailable within the meaning of those terms as defined in the Criminal Procedure Code.

Offence under
section 52 to
be cognizable
and bailable.
Cap. 16.

PART XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

54. The University shall not grant any bonus or make any gift or division of money to or between any of its members otherwise than in accordance with Statutes made under the provisions of section 24 (1) (j).

Gifts, bonuses,
&c.

55. If any member of any of the Authorities or other bodies of the University, or any graduate of the University, or any person who has received a diploma or other academic distinction from the University, or any person upon whom an honorary degree has been conferred by the University, is convicted of any crime or offence involving moral turpitude, or is in the opinion of the Council guilty of scandalous conduct, it shall be lawful for the Chancellor, on the recommendation of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council, to do any or all of the following:—

Deprivation of
degree, &c.,
on account of
misconduct.

- (a) to remove his name from the membership roll of such Authority or other body;
- (b) to remove his name from the register of registered graduates;
- (c) to deprive him of any degree, diploma or other academic distinction conferred upon him by the University;
- (d) to deprive him of all privileges of the University which he enjoys.

56. If any question arises whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of the University, the question shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

Questions as to
validity of
elections and
appointments.

57. No resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the University shall be invalidated by reason only of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members.

Vacancies not
to invalidate
resolutions or
proceedings.

58. Where a Bhikkhu is appointed to any post in the University in respect of which any emoluments are payable, he may, in lieu of such emoluments, be paid an allowance.

Allowance in
lieu of emolu-
ments to
Bhikkhu who is
appointed to
a post in the
University.

Salaries, &c.,
of officers, &c.,
exempt from
seizure in
execution.

Special provision
for Bhikkhus
after retirement.

59. Notwithstanding anything in any other written law, the salary or allowances of any officer, teacher, clerk or servant of the University and moneys lying to the credit of any such officer, teacher, clerk or servant in the University Provident Fund shall not at any time be attached, sequestered or seized in execution of the decree or process of any Court.

60. Where a Bhikkhu who is employed as a teacher or an officer of the University retires after a period of not less than three years' service in the employ of the University, the Council may make such provision for the future as may be necessary to enable him to maintain a standard of life befitting his position; and any expenses incurred in that behalf by the Council shall be charged to the University Fund.

Interpretation.

61. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ Authorities ” means the Authorities of the University mentioned in section 13, and includes any other Authority prescribed by Statute;

“ Council ” means the University Council constituted in accordance with the provisions of section 17;

“ Court ” means the University Court constituted in accordance with the provisions of section 14;

“ Faculty ” means a Faculty established under section 20;

“ Minister ” means the Minister who is for the time being charged with the administration of the subject of education;

“ officer ” means the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Dean of any Faculty, the Librarian, or the holder of any office created by Statute;

“ Regulation ” means any Regulation made in accordance with the provisions of this Act or of any Statute;

“ Rule ” means any Rule made by any Authority or officer or other body of the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act or of any Statute or Regulation;

“ Senate ” means the Senate of the University constituted in accordance with the provisions of section 19;

" Statute " means any of the Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Act and any Statute made in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

" teacher " includes Professor, Lecturer and any other person imparting instruction in the University and who is in receipt of an annual salary, or, in the case of a Bhikkhu, an allowance;

" the University " means the Vidyodaya University of Ceylon or the Vidyalankara University of Ceylon.

PART XII.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.

62. (1) The first Vice-Chancellor of the University may be appointed at any time after the enactment of this Act and prior to the date on which this Act or any provision thereof is brought into operation.

Appointment
of, and preli-
minary action
by, the first
Vice-
Chancellor.

(2) It shall be lawful for the first Vice-Chancellor appointed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1), subject to the existence of financial provision therefor, to make such appointments and to take such action as he may think necessary, consistent, so far as may be, with the provisions of this Act and of the Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Act, for the purpose of bringing the University into being or for the purpose of the issue of any Order under section 1 ; and, for such purposes, he may exercise any power which, by this Act or by the Statutes aforesaid, is conferred on the Corporation or the University or on any officer or Authority of the University.

63. In the case of the first appointments, elections or co-optations to any University Authority, one-half of the total number of members appointed, elected or co-opted in any category or, in the event of there being an odd number of members in any category, one-half of such number less one, shall retain their membership of such Authority for a term of two years only and shall then retire from such membership. The members who shall so retire shall be chosen by lot. Any member retiring after a term of two years only under

Rotation of
membership of
University
Authorities.

the provisions of this section shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, or to be again co-opted, for a full three years' term of membership.

Transitional period.

64. (1) For the purposes of this section, "the transitional period" means the period between the date on which this Act comes into operation and the thirtieth day of September next following.

(2) For the purposes of Part IX of this Act, the first financial year of the University shall begin at the end of the transitional period.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall prepare the financial estimates for the transitional period. Such financial estimates shall be deemed to be the financial estimates of the University for the purposes of this Act.

(4) There shall be paid to the University out of moneys provided by the Parliament in accordance with the provisions of section 43 a grant in aid of the University to meet the expenses of the University during the transitional period.

(5) Until the grant in aid under sub-section (4) shall have been paid, it shall be lawful for the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury to advance to the University such sums as he may think necessary to meet the current expenses of the University. Such sums shall be deemed to be part of the grant in aid under sub-section (4).

(6) For the purposes of section 38, the date of the employment of the first Vice-Chancellor shall be the date on which he first functions as the Vice-Chancellor under section 62.

SCHEDULE.

THE STATUTES.

I—*Interpretation*

[Section 24 (k)]

1. (1) In the Statutes, Regulations and Rules unless the context otherwise requires—

(a) "the Act" means the Vidyodaya University and the Vidyalankara University Act, 1958, and

(b) any reference to a section by number shall be construed as a reference to the section of that number in the Act.

(2) In the Statutes, any reference to a clause by number shall be construed as a reference to the clause of that number in the Statute in which the reference occurs.

2. The Statutes, Regulations and Rules shall be interpreted in such manner as not to conflict with the Act.

3. Words defined in the Act shall have the same meaning in the Statutes, Regulations and Rules unless the context otherwise requires.

II—Term of membership of members of the Court, &c.

[Section 14]

1. The term of membership of every member of the Court other than the ex-officio or life members shall be three years:

Provided that any member of the Court elected under the provisions of section 14 (1) (c) shall retain his membership for so long only within the said term of three years as he retains the status or membership in virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Court.

2. An appointed or elected member of the Court who retires shall, subject to the proviso to clause 1, be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, as the case may be.

3. Where any member of the Court elected under the provisions of section 14 (1) (c) resigns or dies, or is incapacitated, or is likely to be absent from Ceylon for more than nine months, there shall be a casual vacancy which shall be filled as soon as may be practicable, and the person elected to fill it shall serve for the remainder of the term of his predecessor.

4. If, on the expiration of the term of membership of any member of the Court elected under the provisions of section 14 (1) (c), the body which elected such member has not elected a successor, such member shall remain a member of the Court till the election of a successor or till the expiration of three months from the date on which his term of membership terminated under the provisions of clause 1, whichever shall first happen.

5. Fifteen members of the Court shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Court.

III—Constitution, &c., of the Senate.

[Section 19]

1. The following shall be the members of the Senate:—

(a) *Ex-officio members:*—

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor.
- (ii) The Deans of the Faculties.
- (iii) The Professors.
- (iv) The Lecturers in independent charge of the Departments of Study.
- (v) The Librarian.

(b) *Other members:*—

- (i) Two members elected by the teachers of the University other than the Professors and the Lecturers in independent charge of the Departments of Study, from among themselves.

- (ii) Not more than two members, not being salaried officers or teachers of the University, appointed by the Council from Principals of Schools or graduate teachers actively engaged in their profession.
- (iii) Not more than two members appointed by the Council from Bhikkhus who are actively engaged in teaching in Pirivenas.
- (iv) Two members of the Council appointed by the Council from among its own body.
- (v) Not more than two members, not engaged in teaching in any educational institution, appointed by the Council on account of their expert knowledge of some subject which forms or may in due course form a subject of study in the University.
- (vi) Not more than three members appointed by the Council to represent institutions connected with oriental culture.

2. The Senate as constituted under clause 1 may, subject to the assent of the Vice-Chancellor in each case, co-opt as members teachers of the University to a number not exceeding one-tenth of its membership as so constituted.

3. The term of membership of every member of the Senate other than the ex-officio members shall be three years:

Provided that a member of the Senate appointed, elected or co-opted under the provisions of clause 1 (b) (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) or of clause 2 shall retain his membership for so long only within the said term of three years as he continues to perform the functions of the post or retain the membership in virtue of which he was eligible for appointment, election or co-optation as a member of the Senate.

4. An appointed, elected, or co-opted member of the Senate who retires shall, subject to the proviso to clause 3, be eligible for re-appointment or re-election or to be again co-opted, as the case may be.

5. The Vice-Chancellor may depute a Dean of a Faculty to preside at any meeting of the Senate at which he is unable for any reason to preside himself.

6. Nine members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Senate.

IV—Powers of the Senate.

[Section 19]

Subject to the provisions of the Act and of the Statutes, Regulations and Rules, it shall be lawful for the Senate—

- (a) to make, after report from the Faculties, the General Board of Studies and Research, or the Boards of Studies concerned, all Rules necessary to give effect to the Statutes and Regulations relating to courses of study;
- (b) to recommend to the Council the names of persons suitable for appointment as examiners, after report from the Faculties concerned;

- (c) to recommend to the Council the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Lecturerships and other teaching posts, and the qualifications and emoluments of teachers, of the University;
- (d) to report to the Council, after report from the General Board of Studies and Research or the Boards of Studies concerned, on all Regulations relating to courses of study;
- (e) to report on any matter referred or delegated to it by the Court or the Council, and to advise the Council on all academic matters;
- (f) to formulate schemes for the organisation of new Faculties or for the modification or revision of the organisation of existing Faculties, and to assign to such Faculties their respective subjects of study; and to recommend teachers to the Council for appointment as members of the Faculties;
- (g) to fix the times and mode and conditions of competition for Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, and Medals and other Prizes and to award them, subject to any conditions attached to the foundation thereof and accepted by the Council;
- (h) to regulate the admission of persons to courses of study in the University;
- (i) to appoint a Library Committee and to approve, amend or reject Rules submitted by such Committee for the guidance of the Librarian in the administration of the University Library or Libraries;
- (j) to discuss, and submit recommendations to the Council on, any matter whatsoever relating to the University.

V—Constitution, &c., of the Faculties.

[Section 20 (2)]

1. The following shall be the members of each Faculty:—

Ex-officio members:—

- (a) The Professors and Lecturers of the Departments of Study comprised in the Faculty, and such other persons as may be specially declared by Statute to be ex-officio members of the Faculty.

Other members:—

- (b) Such teachers of the University as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate.
- (c) Such other persons as may be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate or specially declared by Statute to be members of, or to be included in, the Faculty.

2. The number of members of any Faculty who are not officers of the University or engaged in instruction in the University shall not exceed one-fifth of the total number of members of the Faculty.

3. Nothing contained in this Statute shall prevent any officer of the University or other person from being a member of two or more Faculties at any one time:

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Provided that no person shall at any time be the Dean of more than one Faculty.

4. The Vice-Chancellor shall be an ex-officio member of all Faculties.

5. The term of membership of every member of a Faculty other than the ex-officio members shall be three years:

Provided that a member of a Faculty appointed under clause 1 (b) shall retain his membership for so long only within the said term of three years as he continues to perform the functions of the post in virtue of which he was eligible for appointment as a member of such Faculty.

6. An appointed member of a Faculty who retires shall, subject to the proviso to clause 5, be eligible for re-appointment.

7. The Dean of the Faculty shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty:

Provided that in the absence of the Dean the members present shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.

8. The proceedings of every meeting of a Faculty shall be communicated by the Registrar to the Senate.

9. Five members of a Faculty shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Faculty.

VI—Powers of the Faculties.

[Section 20 (2)]

Subject to the provisions of the Act and of the Statutes, every Faculty shall have the following powers.—

(a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Senate;

(b) subject to the control of the Senate, to regulate the teaching and research in the Department of Study assigned to such Faculty;

(c) to present recommendations and reports to the Senate upon all matters connected with the courses and subjects of study comprised in such Faculty;

(d) to nominate departmental committees, which may include members of other Faculties, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or combination of subjects;

(e) to recommend to the Senate persons suitable for appointment as examiners;

(f) to remit any matter to one or more of the Boards of Studies comprised in the several Faculties for consideration and report:

Provided that if any Faculty so remits any matter to one or more of the Boards of Studies, it shall be lawful for such Faculty to instruct such Board or Boards of Studies to communicate its or their report directly to the Senate and to transmit a copy thereof to the Faculty:

Provided further that it shall be lawful for the Dean of a Faculty in his discretion to remit any matter referred to such Faculty by the Senate to a Board or Boards of Studies without laying such matter before a meeting of the Faculty and to transmit the report of such Board or Boards of Studies to the Senate without laying such report before a meeting of the Faculty.

VII—General Board of Studies and Research.

[Section 21]

CONSTITUTION.

1. The General Board of Studies and Research shall consist of the following persons:—

Ex-officio members:—

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.
- (b) The Deans of the Faculties.

Other members:—

- (a) Two members of the Court appointed by the Court.
- (b) Two members of the Council appointed by the Council.
- (c) Members appointed by the Faculties from the members of the Senate, two such members being appointed by each Faculty:

Provided that the representatives of a Department of Study which is included in more than one Faculty shall not vote in more than one Faculty for the purposes of this clause.

2. The term of membership of every member of the General Board of Studies and Research other than *ex-officio* members shall be three years:

Provided that a member of the General Board of Studies and Research appointed under the provisions of clause 1 shall retain his membership for so long only within the said term of three years as he retains the membership in virtue of which he was eligible for appointment.

3. An appointed member of the General Board of Studies and Research who retires shall, subject to the proviso to clause 2, be eligible for re-appointment.

POWERS.

4. The General Board of Studies and Research shall have power to consider any matters concerning teaching and courses of study and research which affect the University as a whole and to report thereon to the Senate and, at its discretion, to the Council, and similarly to consider and report upon any matters referred to it by the Senate.

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VIII—Boards of Studies.

[Section 24 (1) (a) and (b)]

CONSTITUTION.

1. Boards of Studies shall from time to time be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate to deal with matters pertaining to the several Departments of Study comprised in the Faculties or to any two or more of such Departments of Study.

2. The Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty concerned and the Head or Heads of the Department or Departments of Study shall be *ex-officio* members of every such Board of Studies.

3. Every Board of Studies shall consist of the *ex-officio* members named in clause 2 and such other members of the Faculty and such Professors or Lecturers of the University as the Council may from time to time appoint, after considering the report of the Senate, made after the Senate has consulted the Faculty:

Provided that the Council, after considering the report of the Senate, made after the Senate has consulted the Faculty, may appoint as members of any Board of Studies such other persons, not being teachers of the University, as it thinks fit:

Provided, further, that the number of such other persons shall in no case exceed one-fifth of the total number of the members of such Board.

4. The Council shall appoint one of the members of every Board of Studies to be a Convener thereof. Such Convener shall preside at the meetings of such Board and shall have an original vote, and where the voting is equal, a casting vote in addition. In the absence of the Convener, a Board of Studies shall appoint its own Chairman from among the members present.

5. The term of membership of every member of a Board of Studies other than the *ex-officio* members shall be three years:

Provided that a member of a Board of Studies appointed in his capacity of member of a Faculty or a Professor or Lecturer of the University shall retain his membership for so long only within the said term of three years as he retains the membership or continues to perform the functions of the post in virtue of which he was eligible for appointment as a member of such Board of Studies.

6. An appointed member of a Board of Studies who retires shall, subject to the proviso to clause 5, be eligible for re-appointment.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

7. The respective Boards of Studies shall report through the appropriate Faculties, or directly if so instructed by the Faculties, to the Senate upon any matter relating to courses and syllabuses of study, prescribed books, examinations, or research or on any matter specially referred to them by the Senate or the Faculties or the General Board of Studies and Research.

8. Every Board of Studies shall have power to recommend to the Faculty concerned persons suitable to be examiners in the subjects with which it deals.

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IX—Board of Discipline.

[Section 24 (1) (a)]

1. There shall be a Board of Discipline which shall consist of—
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, and
 - (b) such other members as may be appointed by the Council.
2. The powers and duties of the Board of Discipline shall be as prescribed by Regulation.
3. The members of the Board of Discipline appointed under clause 1 (b) shall retain their membership for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

X—Board for the Training of Teachers.

[Section 24 (1) (a)]

1. There shall be a Board for the Training of Teachers which shall consist of—
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor,
 - (b) the Director of Education,
 - (c) the Principal of the Government Training College at Maharagama, and
 - (d) such other members as may be appointed to such Board by the Senate.
2. The powers and duties of the Board for the Training of Teachers shall be prescribed by Regulation.
3. The term of membership of every member of the Board for the Training of Teachers appointed under clause 1 (d) shall be three years.
4. An appointed member of the Board for the Training of Teachers who retires shall be eligible for re-appointment.

XI—Selection Committee.

[Section 32]

The Selection Committee referred to in section 32 shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty concerned, and the Head of the Department of Study concerned.

XII—The Registrar.

[Section 12 (1)]

1. The duties of the Registrar shall be—
 - (a) to be custodian of the records, documents, common seal of the Corporation, and such other property of the University as may be determined from time to time by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (l) to act as Secretary to all University Authorities and to keep the minutes of the meetings of such Authorities;

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- (c) to function as the Chief Accounting Officer;
- (d) to arrange for the examinations conducted by the University; and
- (e) to perform such other functions as may be necessary for the due discharge of the duties imposed upon him by the Act and by the Statutes, Regulations and Rules:

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Registrar to depute the Assistant Registrar, if such officer is appointed, to attend and keep the minutes of such meetings of University Authorities as he cannot himself conveniently attend.

2. It shall be lawful for the Registrar, subject to the previous approval of the Vice-Chancellor, to appoint, suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish members of the staff of the University in receipt of basic salary amounting to less than two hundred rupees per mensem:

Provided that all action taken in the exercise of such powers in respect of the clerical staff shall be reported as soon as may be practicable to the Council for its confirmation.

XIII—Deans of Faculties.

[Section 20 (4)]

1. The Dean of every Faculty shall be the executive officer thereof.

2. He shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.

3. He shall be responsible for the conduct of teaching in the Faculty and for the issue of the lecture lists of the Departments of Study comprised therein.

4. He shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of any departmental committee of the Faculty but shall not have the right to vote thereat unless he is a member of such committee.

XIV—The Librarian.

[Section 12 (2)]

Subject to the provisions of Statute IV (i), the Librarian shall be responsible for the administration and care of the University Library or Libraries.

XV—Age of Admission.

[Section 30 (2)]

No person shall be admitted to the University under the provisions of section 30 unless and until he has completed his seventeenth year.

XVI—Degrees, Diplomas and Academic Distinctions.

[Section 24 (1) (g)]

1. The University may confer any of the following degrees:—

(a) Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	Sāstra vedī
(b) Master of Arts (M.A.)	Sāstra pati
(c) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Sāstra sūri
(d) Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)	Vidyā vedī
(e) Master of Science (M.Sc.)	Vidyā pati
(f) Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)	Vidyā sūri
(g) Doctor of Literature (D.Lit.)	Sāhitya sūri

2. The degrees mentioned in clause 1 shall be described in Sinhala, English, Sanskrit, Pali, Tamil or Hindi as prescribed by Regulation.

3. No new degree or diploma shall be established, or other academic distinction adopted, without the concurrence of the Senate.

XVII—Honorary Degrees.

[Section 24 (1) (h)]

All proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees shall be made by the Senate and shall be submitted to the Council for confirmation.

XVIII—Registered Graduates.

[Section 24 (1) (f)]

- (a) Every graduate of the University, and
- (b) every graduate of another University who has been admitted to a degree of the University under the provisions of section 5 (e),

shall, on payment of such fees and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Regulation, be entitled to have their names enrolled in the register of registered graduates and to enjoy the privileges of registration.

XIX—The Allowance of the Vice-Chancellor.

The allowance of the Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Council with the approval of the Court.