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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The House of Representatives had on 21st February, 2016, deliberated on A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture, And Other Matters Connected Therewith, and referred the matter to the Committee on FCT for further legislative action.

Pursuant the Referral Order, the Committee conducted a thorough legislative process on the Bill in accordance to the laid down practice and procedures in line with the Extant Laws and Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.

1.1 Membership of the Committee

i.	Hon. Sergius Ogun	-	Deputy Chairman
ii.	Hon. Babangida Ibrahim	-	Member
iii.	Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru	-	"
iv.	Hon. Zaphaniah Jisalo	-	"
v.	Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba	-	"
vi.	Hon. Onwubuariri Obinna	-	"
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viii.	Hon. Golu Timothy	-	"
ix.	Hon. Ezekiel Adaji	-	"
x.	Hon. Baballe Bashir	-	"
xi.	Hon. Henry Archibong	-	"
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xviii.	Hon. Agboola Kehinde	-	"
xix.	Hon. Garba Abdullahi Idris	-	"

xx.	Hon. Bassey Ewa	-	"
xxi.	Hon. Diri Duoye	-	"
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xxiv.	Hon. Tijjani Abdulkadir Jobe	-	"
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xxix.	Hon. Shiddi Usman Danjuma	-	"
xxx.	Hon. Buba Yusuf Yakubu	-	"
xxxi.	Hon. Ogbee Lazarus	-	"
xxxii.	Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe	-	"
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xxxv.	Hon. Ahman Pategi Aliyu Bahago	-	"
xxxvi.	Hon. Ikani Okolo	-	"
xxxvii.	Hon. Jibrin Satumari	-	"

1.2 Secretariat

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| i. | Adanko, Muktari Kusari | - Clerk to the Committee |
| ii. | Aminu Abubakar Faskari | - Assistant Committee Clerk |
| iii. | Abubakar Bello Jabbo | - Asst. Chief Legislative Officer |

1.3 Objectives of the Bill

The objectives of this Bill were to establish the FCT College Agriculture, to:

- (a) provide full-time courses in Agricultural Science and Technology:
 - (i) General Agriculture, Crop Science, Fisheries, Mechanization, Home Economics and Management;
 - (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria;
 - (iii) research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine.

- (b) conduct courses in agriculture for qualified agriculture Extension Officers;
- (c) arrange conferences, seminars and workshops in relevant fields of learning; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted by the Committee in carrying out its legislative action was in line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Standing Orders of the House of Representatives. Hence, the Committee adopted the following methodology:

- i. Requested for memoranda from the public through print media.
- ii. Identified Stakeholders and invited them for the Public Hearing, which was conducted on Friday, 26th May, 2017, to afford public the opportunity for making inputs.
- iii. Considered Clause by Clause provisions of the Bill at the Public Hearing.
- iv. Held a Marked-Up Session and considered the Draft Report containing the inputs at the Public Hearing, and harmonised it to form the Final Report.

3.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee recognised the importance of establishing the FCT College of Agriculture and requested for memoranda from the public and conducted a Public Hearing to afford Stakeholders and the Public opportunity to make meaningful contributions on the matter.

The Committee held a Mark-Up Session to consider and harmonise the Draft Report of the amendments and inputs of the Public Hearing. These activities are highlighted below:

3.1 PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was conducted on Friday, 26th May, 2017. Stakeholders in attendance made their presentation, while others submitted their memoranda to the Secretariat.

The following amendments were proposed on some Clauses of the Bill:

3.1.1 Amendments to Some Clauses of the Bill

After a thorough review of the justifications for the amendments proposed by the Stakeholders and observations raised by Members on the Bill, the Committee agreed on the following amendments to some clauses of the Bill:

- i. Clause 2 (1) (c) to read "the annual budget estimates of the College for onward transmission to the Minister to form part of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Statutory Budget"
- ii. Clause 4. - (1) to read "A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) shall hold office for a term of **four years and be eligible for re-appointment for another four years and no more**".
- iii. Clause 5 (a) (i) was amended to read "in General Agriculture, **including but not limited to Crop Science, Fisheries, Livestock, Farm Mechanization, Home Economics and Farm Management**"
- iv. Clause 5 (a) (iii) to read "research in the development and adaptation of **Agricultural** techniques as the Council may from time to time determine"
- v. Clause 5 (d) to read "to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College"
- vi. Clause 6 (1) moved to Clause 8 (2)
- vii. Clause 6 (1) (e) Deleted; moved to/merged with Clause 8 (2)
- viii. Clause 6 (1) (i) Renumbered (g) and amended to read: "enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College **as the Minister may from time to time authorise**"
- ix. Clause 6 (1) (j) Renumbered (h) and amended to read: "recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure of such staff **in line with extant rules and regulations**"
- x. Clause 8 (2) (a) to read: "the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the **examination and award of diploma certificates, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education, award of scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions**"
- xi. Clause 8 (2) (b) was renumbered (c) while a new (b) was introduced to read: "**hold examinations in Agriculture for qualified Agriculture Extension Officers;**
- xii. Clause 10 (2) (a) was amended to read: "advertise the vacancy **in a relevant academic journal and at least two National Dailies specifying**"
- xiii. Clause 10 (2) (b) (iii) to read: "two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council"

- xiv. Clause 10 (3) to read: "A joint selection Board shall consider the candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under Sub-Clause (2) of this Clause through the examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the Minister three candidates for consideration"
- xv. Clause 10 (4) was inserted to read: "A joint selection Board of Council and Academic Board shall consist of"
- xvi. Clause 10 (4) (c) was amended to read: "two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search team"
- xvii. Clause 10 (4) was renumbered (5), and amended to read as: "The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory shall if satisfied appoint as Rector one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of Sub-Clause (3) of this Clause"
- xviii. Clause 10 (5) was renumbered (6), and amended to read as: "Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the Chief Executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day to day management and operations of the College"
- xix. Clause 10 (6) was Renumbered (7) and merged with (6) (a) to read: "The Rector shall hold office for a single term of five years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment"
- xx. Clause 10 (6) (b) Deleted
- xxi. Clause 11 (5) (b) was amended to read: "may be reappointed for another term of two years and no more"
- xxii. Clause 12 (3) (a) amended to read: "shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment"
- xxiii. Clause 12 (3) (b) amended to read: "may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more"
- xxiv. Clause 12 (4) (a) amended to read: "for four years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may
- xxv. be reappointed for a further term of four years"
- xxvi. Clause 12 (4) (b) was altered to read: "for more than four years but less than eight years, he shall complete the maximum period of eight years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College"

- xxvii. Clause 12 (4) (c) was altered to read: "for **eight years** or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College"
- xxviii. Clause 13 (4) (a) altered to read: "shall each hold office for a period of **four years** beginning from the effective date of his appointment, and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment"
- xxix. Clause 13 (4) (b) was altered to read: "may be reappointed for **another term of four years** and no more"
- xxx. Clause 13 (5) (a) altered to read: "for **four years** or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of **four years**"
- xxxi. Clause 13 (5) (b) altered to read: "for more than **four years** but less than **eight years**, he shall complete the maximum period of **eight years** and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College"
- xxxii. Clause 13 (5) (c) altered to read: "for **eight years** or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College"
- xxxiii. Clause 15 (2) altered to read: "(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the **Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission (FCTCSC)** as may be applicable.
- xxxiv. Clause 17 (1) altered to read: "It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, **so that nothing** in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office"
- xxxv. Clause 21 altered to read "The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the **Minister and National Assembly** a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditor's report on the accounts"
- xxxvi. Clause 22 (1) amended to read: "For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council **with the approval of the Minister**"

xxxvii. Clause 23 (4) amended to read: "Where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub Clause (3) of this Clause to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct"

xxxviii. Clause 24 (Interpretation) altered as follows:

"Congregation" means academic and non- academic staff of the college **with minimum of first degree**

"Minister" **means the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory**

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee having constructively considered and altered some provisions of this Bill, hereby urges for the quick passage of the Bill into a law and recommended as follows:

That the House of Representatives do consider and pass "A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture, And Other Matters, Connected Therewith, 2017 (HB.309)".

5.0 CONCLUSION

There was a consensus among stakeholders on the need to establish a Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture, to train the teeming youths on agriculture, thereby affording them employment and also to boost agricultural development in the country.

The Committee would want to thank the Honourable Speaker, the Leadership of the House of Representatives and Honourable Members for the support and opportunity given it to serve, and be part of this laudable achievement of making a law for the establishment of the FCT College of Agriculture.

Hon. Ogun O. Sergius
Deputy Chairman

Adanko Mukтари Kusari
Clerk

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2017 (HB. 309)

CLAUSES	PROVISIONS OF THE BILL	RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
[Commencement	BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:	Retained	
PART I - ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE Establishment Of The Federal Capital Territory College Of Agriculture	1. - (1) There is hereby established for the Federal Capital Territory a College of Agriculture, in this Bill (referred to as the "College") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are conferred on it by this Bill. (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.	1 (1) Retained (2) Retained	
Governing Council of The College.	2. - (1) There is hereby established for the College, a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be the Council responsible for the consideration and approval of: (a) the plan of activities of the College;	2 (1) Retained (a) Retained	

	(b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken by the College; (c) the annual budget estimates of the College; and (d) the investment plans of the College. (2) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein.	(b) Retained (c) the annual budget estimates of the College for onward transmission to the Minister to form part of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Statutory Budget (d) Retained (2) Retained	
Membership Of The Council Of The College	3. - The Council shall consist of a Chairman and the following other members, to be appointed by the Minister: (a) the person responsible for Agriculture in the Federal Capital Territory; (b) a representative of a University who in the case of a degree awarding College, shall come from the University to which the College is affiliated for the purpose of moderation;	3 Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained	

	(c) a representative of the alumni association of the College; (d) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis who should have wide experience of service in the public or private sector; (e) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College; (f) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education and (g) the Rector of the College.	(c) Retained (d) Retained (e) Retained (f) Retained (g) Retained	
Tenure Of Office Of Members Of The Council.	4. - (1) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) shall hold office for a term of three years and be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years. (2) The office of a member appointed under Clause 3 of this Bill shall become vacant if: (a) the member resigns his office by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or	4. - (1) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member) shall hold office for a term of four years and be eligible for re-appointment for another four years and no more. (2) Retained (a) Retained	

	(b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect.	(b) Retained	
Functions Of The College	5. - The functions of the College shall be: (a) to provide full-time courses in Agricultural Science and Technology: (i) in General Agriculture, Crop Science, Fisheries, Mechanization, Home Economics and Management. (ii) in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria. (iii) research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine; (b) to conduct courses in agriculture for qualified agriculture Extension Officers; (c) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops in relevant fields of learning; and	5. Retained (a) Retained (i) in General Agriculture, including but not limited to Crop Science, Fisheries, Livestock, Farm Mechanization, Home Economics and Farm Management. (ii) Retained (iii) research in the development and adaptation of Agricultural techniques as the Council may from time to time determine; (b) Retained (c) Retained	

	(d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College.	(d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the College.	
Powers Of The Council.	6. - (1) The Council shall have powers to: (a) hold examination and grant diploma, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education; (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine; (c) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling; (d) make gifts for any charitable purpose; (e) hold examinations in agriculture for qualified Agriculture Extension Officers; (f) provide amenities for the welfare of the staff of the College;	6 (1) Retained (a) Deleted: moved to Clause 8 (2) (b) Retained: Renumbered (a) (c) Retained: Renumbered (b) (d) Retained: Renumbered (c) (e) Deleted: moved to Clause 8 (2) (f) Retained: Renumbered (d)	

	(g) invest the surplus funds of the College in securities specified by law as may be approved by the Minister; (h) borrow money in such manner and upon such security as the Minister may from time to time authorise; (i) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College; (j) recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure of such staff; (k) establish and maintain such schools and other units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may, from time to time, decide; (l) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;	(g) Retained: Renumbered (e) (h) Retained: Renumbered (f) (i) Renumbered (g): enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College as the Minister may from time to time authorise; (j) Renumbered (h): recruit staff of the right calibre and determine the career structure of such staff in line with extant rules and regulations; (k) Retained: Renumbered (i) (l) Retained: Renumbered (j)	
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	(m) mount exhibitions and displays designed to foster an appreciation of trends in and the scope and requirements of agricultural science and technology; (n) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require; (o) create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments thereto; (p) encourage and make provision for research in the college and; (q) do such things incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College.	(m) Retained: Renumbered (k) (n) Retained: Renumbered (l) (o) Retained: Renumbered (m) (p) Retained: Renumbered (n) (q) Retained: Renumbered (o)	
Visitation.	7. - (1) The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory shall be the Visitor of the College. (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation of the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:	7 (1) Retained (2) Retained	

	(a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or (b) for such other purpose the Visitor may deem fit	(a) Retained (b) Retained	
The Academic Board And Its Functions.	8. - (1) There shall be established for the College a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members: (a) the Rector of the College who shall be the Chairman; (b) the Deputy Rector, Deans of Schools, Professors/Readers/Chief-Lecturers and the Registrar who shall be the Secretary; (c) the College Librarian; and (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads of departments to be elected by the Congregation.	8 (1) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained (d) Retained	

	(2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for: (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions; (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council as the Council may from time to time direct; (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it.	(2) Retained (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the examination and award of diploma certificates, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education, award of scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions; (b) hold examinations in Agriculture for qualified Agriculture Extension Officers; (b) Retained: Renumbered (c) (c) Retained: Renumbered (d)	
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Power Of Minister To Give Direction To The Council.	9. - Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions.	9. Retained	
The Rector of the College.	10. - (1) There shall be a Rector of the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the Minister in charge of the Federal Capital Territory, in accordance with the provisions of this Clause. (2) Where a vacancy exists in the post of Rector, the Council shall: (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying: (i) the qualities of the person who may apply for the post, (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;	10 (1) Retained (2) Retained (a) advertise the vacancy in a relevant academic journal and at least two National Dailies specifying: (i) Retained (ii) Retained	

	(b) constitute a search team consisting of: (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman, (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer, (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever. (3) A joint selection Board of Council and Academic Board consisting of:	(b) Retained (i) Retained (ii) Retained (iii) two members of the academic community of the College not below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council. (3) A joint selection Board shall consider the candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under Sub-Clause (2) of this Clause through the examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the Minister three candidates for consideration; (4) A joint selection Board of Council and Academic Board shall consist of:	
	(a) the Chairman of the Council;	(a) Retained	

	(b) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the Minister; (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search team shall consider the candidates and persons on the short lists drawn up under sub Clause (2) of this Clause through the examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend through the Council to the Minister three candidates for his consideration. (4) The Minister in charge of the Federal Capital Territory shall if satisfied appoint as Rector one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of sub Clause (3) of this Clause (5) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day to day management operations of the College.	(b) Retained (c) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of a Chief Lecturer, who were not members of the Search team. (5) The Minister of the Federal Capital Territory shall if satisfied appoint as Rector one of the candidates recommended to him under the provisions of sub Clause (3) of this Clause ((4) Renumbered (5)) (6) Subject to this Bill and the general control of the Council, the Rector shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the day to day management and operations of the College. ((5) Renumbered (6))	
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	(6) The Rector: (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for one further period of four years and no more.	(6) Renumbered (7) and merged with (a) (7) The Rector shall hold office for a single term of five years beginning with the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (b) Deleted	
Deputy Rector.	11. - (1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector. (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in one of the following ways, that is: (a) from a list of three candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Rector; or (b) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted under this Clause for that purpose; or (c) on the nomination of the Rector.	11 (1) Retained (2) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained	

	(3) The selection Board referred to in sub Clause (2) of this Clause shall: (a) consist of: (i) the Chairman of the Council, (ii) the Rector, (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the Minister (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under that sub Clause. (4) The Deputy Rector shall: (a) be in charge of academic activities and assist the Rector in the performance of his functions; (b) act in the place of Rector when the post of Rector is vacant or if for any reason the Rector is unable to perform his functions as Rector; and	(3) Retained (a) Retained (i) Retained (ii) Retained (iii) Retained (iv) Retained (b) Retained (4) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained	
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	(c) perform such other functions as the Rector or the Council may assign to him. (5) The Deputy Rector: (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more.	(c) Retained (5) Retained (a) Retained (b) may be reappointed for another term of two years and no more.	
The Registrar and Other Staff of the College.	12. -(1) The Council of the College shall appoint a Registrar to the College (hereinafter referred to as "the Registrar") who shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Rector may from time to time direct. (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him by or under this Bill, be the secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Council any such committee may appoint some other person to act as secretary, and he shall not vote on any question	12 (1) Retained (2) Retained	

	before the Council count towards a quorum. (3) A Registrar: (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more. (4) Where on the commencement of this Clauses a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Clauses has held office: (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years; (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;	(3) Retained (a) shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more. (4) Retained (a) for four years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of four years; (b) for more than four years but less than eight years, he shall complete the maximum period of eight years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;	
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	(c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.	(c) for eight years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.	
Other Principal Officers of the College.	13. -(1) There shall be for the College the following principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is: (a) the Bursar; and (b) the College Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under Clause 10 of this Bill. (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College. (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the College Library and the coordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the College.	13 (1) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (2) Retained (3) Retained	

	(4) A Bursar or Librarian: (a) shall each hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more. (5) Where on the commencement of this Clause a Bursar or Librarian has held office: (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years; (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College; (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.	(4) Retained (a) shall each hold office for a period of four years beginning from the effective date of his appointment, and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more. (5) Retained (a) for four years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of four years; (b) for more than four years but less than eight years, he shall complete the maximum period of eight years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College; (c) for eight years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College.	
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Resignation of Appointment of Principal Officers.	14. - A principal officer may resign his appointment: (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the Visitor; and (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.	14. Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained	
Other Employees of the College.	15. -(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the Principal Officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission.	15 (1) Retained (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Capital Territory Civil Service Commission (FCTCSC) as may be applicable.	
Selection Board for Other Principal Officers	16. -(1) There shall be for the college, a selection Board which shall consist of:	16 (1) Retained	

	(a) the Chairman of the Council; (b) the Rector; (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and (d) two members of the Academic Board. (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under sub Clause (1) of this Clause shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine	(a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained (d) Retained (2) Retained	
Pensions	17. -(1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.	17. -(1) It is hereby declared that service in the College shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall in respect of their service in the College be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.	

	(2) For the purposes of the application of the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations) shall be exercisable by the College and not by any other person or authority.	(2) Retained	
PART II - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS Establishment of Fund of the College.	18. -(1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.	18 (1) Retained	
	(2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under sub Clause (1) of this Clause.	(2) Retained	
	(a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Minister in charge of the Federal Capital Territory.	(a) Retained	
	(b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in- aid or testamentary disposition; and	(b) Retained	
	(c) all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.	(c) Retained	

	(3) The Council shall submit to the Minister not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year.	(3) Retained	
Power To Accept Gifts.	19. The Council may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift.	19. Retained	
Accounts And Audit.	20. The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited.	20. Retained	
Annual Reports.	21. The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditors report on the accounts.	21. The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister and National Assembly a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the college for that year and of the auditors report on the accounts.	

Offices And Premises.	22. -(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may: (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises. (2) The Council may with the approval of the Minister sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its function.	22. -(1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council with the approval of the Minister: (a) Retained (b) Retained (2) Retained	
Discipline Of Students.	23. -(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline (including lack of diligence) by students and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances. (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this clause.	23. Retained (2) Retained	

	(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-clause (1) of this clause, where it is proved during the enquiry that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made thereunder direct: (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or (b) that the activities of the student shall during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or (c) that the student may be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or (d) that the student be expelled from the College.	(3) Retained (a) Retained (b) Retained (c) Retained (d) Retained	
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	(4) Where there is temporarily no Rector or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub Clause (3) of this Clause to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct. (5) Where a direction is given under sub Clause (3) (c) or (d) of this Clause in respect of any student, the student may, within twenty-one days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit. (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of sub Clause (5) of this Clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending. (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this Clause to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.	(4) Where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in sub Clause (3) of this Clause to any student of the College who is guilty of misconduct. (5) Retained (6) Retained (7) Retained	
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	(8) Nothing in this Clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the College otherwise than on the ground of misconduct. (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under sub Clause (3) (a) of this Clause may be combined with a direction under sub Clause (3) (b) of this Clause. (10) In all cases under this Clause, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the student.	(8) Retained (9) Retained (10) Retained	
Interpretation.	24. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council; "College" means the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture established by Clause 1 of this Bill and "Colleges" shall be construed accordingly; "Council" means the Governing Council of the College established by Clause 2 of this Bill;	Retained Retained Retained	

	"Congregation" means academic and non academic staff of the college with first degree either B.A or B.Sc. "Functions" includes powers and duties; "Member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman; "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to the Federal Capital Territory; "Rector" means the Rector of the College appointed under Clause 9 of this Bill; "The person responsible for Agriculture in the FCT" means the person appointed by the Minister to oversee the Agricultural sector in the FCT.	"Congregation" means academic and non-academic staff of the college with minimum of first degree. Retained Retained "Minister" means the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory; Retained Retained	
Short Title	25. This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015.	25. Retained	

SCHEDULE Clause 2 (2) SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC. Terms of Service	1. There may be paid to the members of the council any committee, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister. 2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in Clause 3 (1) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor. 3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.	1. Retained 2. Retained 3. Retained	
Proceedings	4. -(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days as the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months. (2) The Chairman may at any time at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.	4 (1) Retained 2. Retained	

	(3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in his absence, members present shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting. (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council. (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the Minister. (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.	3. Retained 4. Retained 5. Retained 6. Retained	
Miscellaneous	5. -(1) The fixing of the seal of the College shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Rector and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.	5 (1) Retained	

	(2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the College by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council. (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the College shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.	(2) Retained (3) Retained	
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