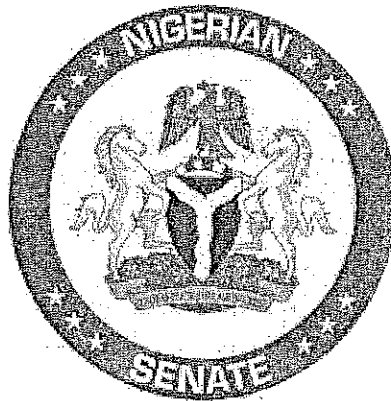


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COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND TETFUND

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO
REPEAL THE MARITIME ACADEMY OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP 16
LFN 1988; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES, ORON AND
FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS BILL, 2017

(SB. 309)

6TH JUNE, 2017

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE MARITIME ACADEMY OF NIGERIA ACT CAP 16 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 1988 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES, ORON AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS (SB 309)

INTRODUCTION

The **BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES, ORON** was sponsored by Senator Nelson Effiong. On Wednesday 16th November, 2016, the Senate deliberated on the general principles of the Bill, thereafter read it a second time and referred it to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions for further legislative action to report back its recommendations.

In 1977, the Federal Government established the Nautical College of Nigeria, Oron with a mandate to provide practical skill based training for shipboard officers, ratings and shore-based personnel for Nigerian maritime industry. In 1988, through the promulgation of Decree No. 16 of 1988, the college was elevated to its present status as Maritime Academy of Nigeria, with a statutory mandate to train all levels and categories of personnel required for the effective and efficient operation of various facets of the Nigerian Maritime Industry.

After the upgrade, the institution began the training of other marine professionals to serve the ports, shipping and other maritime related services. Maritime Academy of Nigeria Oron is presently the only institution in Nigeria that provides the full range of professional education and training in the requirements of International Maritime. However the highest certificate issued by MAN is National Diploma while its peers both in Africa and other parts of the world issue degree certificates and so the graduates are rated and paid lower than their peers.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee conducted public hearing involving stakeholders in the education sector. The Public Hearing held on Tuesday 31st January, 2017 to get public and stakeholders input. The Committee as well as the participants agreed with the intentions of the Bill.

The Alumni of the Academy is strongly in support of the upgrade the academy, to a degree awarding institution. However they insist the academy should retain its name and primary status as the foremost specialist maritime training institution, training and educating core maritime professionals for both sea-going and on-shore careers, in maritime, shipbuilding, port operations, and offshore oil & gas, but re-structured and strengthened, equipped with state of the art training facilities and adequately funded, to further expand its curriculum to cover more courses in maritime offshore oil and gas sectors.

The upgrade will produce more graduates as over 50,000 job spaces still exist in the maritime sector.

COMMITTEE FINDING

The Committee found that the content and structure of the Bill and those of other existing Universities are similar, all the twenty-six (26) clauses of the Bill, including the long and short titles, the First and Second and Third Schedules and the explanatory memorandum are similar.

COMMITTEE'S STAND ON THE BILL

The Committee recommends:

- (i) That Section 1 – 26 should be retained as in the Bill;
- (ii) That the Long and Short Titles of the Bill should be retained;
- (iii) That the First, Second and Third Schedules of the Bill be retained; and
- (iv) Savings and transitional provisions be retained as in the Bill.

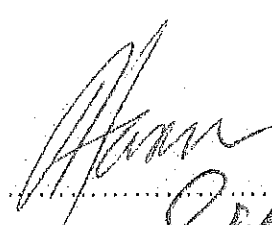
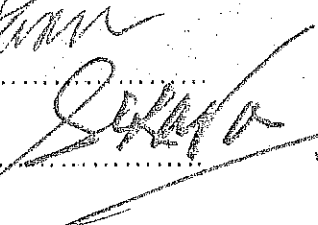
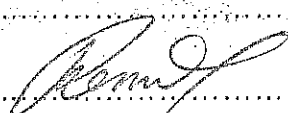
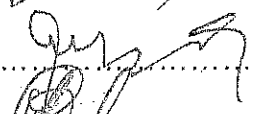
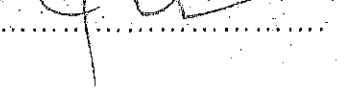
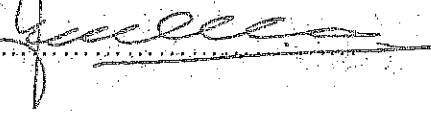
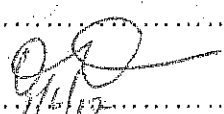
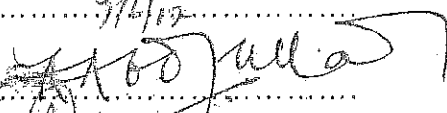
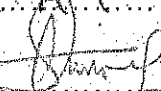
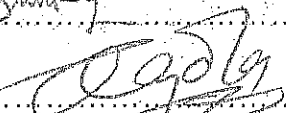
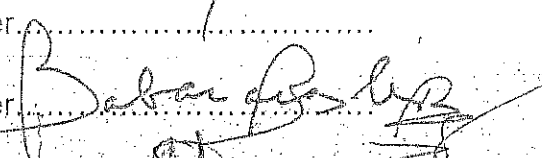
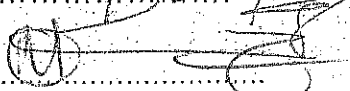
We so recommend.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, there will be significant improvement in the quality of maritime education and training in the academy if upgraded to a degree awarding Institution. It will save the nation the money spent annually to train Nigeria cadets and seafarers abroad. It will not only equip us to effectively support the sector industries with trained workforce, but also export our workforce to other countries.

Mr President, Distinguished Colleagues, on behalf of the other Members of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFund, I will like to thank you for the opportunity given to the Committee to serve.

SIGNATURE

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Senator Tijjani Yahaya Kaura	-	Vice Chairman.....	
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Senator Baba Kaka Garbai	-	Member.....	
Ngozi Nkemdirim (Mrs)	-	Committee Clerk.....	

A BILL
FOR
AN ACT TO REPEAL THE MARITIME ACADEMY OF NIGERIA ACT CAP.16 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 1988; AND ESTABLISH FEDERAL
UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES ORON, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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PRINCIPAL ACT	PROPOSED BILL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	REMARKS
	Long Title: A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act Cap. 16 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1988; and Establish Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron and for related matters, 2017.	Long Title: A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act Cap 16 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1988; and Establish Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron and for related matters, 2017.	<i>This conforms to modern drafting standards.</i>
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARITIME ACADEMY OF NIGERIA	PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES ORON.	PART 1 - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES ORON.	
1. Establishment of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Maritime Academy of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "the Academy") which shall have the functions assigned to it by this Act. (2) The Academy shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to acquire and dispose of interests in movable and immovable property and may sue and be sued in its corporate name. (3) The Academy shall consist of- (a) the nautical department; (b) the marine engineering department; (c) the radio and electronics department; (d) the maritime studies department; (e) the general studies department; (f) the research institute; (g) the specialised seamen training centre;	1. Establishment of Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron (1) There is hereby established Federal University of Maritime Studies Oron (In this Act referred to as "the University") which (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of property whether moveable or immovable.	Retained as in the Bill.	

(h) the cadets regiment; and (i) such other educational units or departments or variations of the above as may, subject to this Act, be established from time to time by the Governing Council.			
2. Governing Council of the Academy and membership: (1) The affairs and running of the Academy shall vest in the Governing Council of the Academy (in this Act referred to as "the Council"). (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, it shall be the responsibility of the Council to consider and approve- (a) the objectives and the plan of activities of the Academy; (b) the programme of studies, courses and research to be undertaken by the Academy; (c) the annual estimates of the Academy; and (d) the investment plans of the Academy. (3) The Council shall consist of a chairman to be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister and the following other members, that is- (a) one representative of the Ministry charged with responsibility for matters relating to the Academy; (b) one representative of the Nigerian Navy; (c) one representative of the Academic Board of the Academy; (d) the Rector of the Academy; (e) one representative of the Federal	2. Objectives of the University: The objectives of the University shall be: (a) To provide courses of instruction and training to various levels of personnel required for running and operating ships of the merchant navy and also in marine technology, applied research, and applied marine sciences. The University shall have powers to award its own degrees in accordance with the highest standards as may be prescribed by the National Universities Commission (NUC). (b) To encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in shipping, applied maritime sciences and maritime technology, shipping business and the management thereof. (c) To develop and offer academic and professional programmes post-graduate research leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, and higher degrees in various aspects of shipping, merchant navy and related fields concerning the improvement of maritime safety and security, the protection of the marine environment and efficiency of national and international shipping. (d) To provide a centre for middle and high level maritime education, research, scholarship and capacity-building and an effective means for the	Retained as in the Bill.	

Ministry of Education; (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Communications; (g) one representative of the Nigerian National Shipping Line Limited; (h) one representative of the Nigerian Ports Authority; (i) one representative of the Institute of Oceanography; and (j) three other persons to be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister. (4) The President, may terminate the appointment of a member of the Council (not being an ex-officio member) if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Academy that the person concerned should continue in office. (5) The supplementary provisions contained in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned.	sharing of maritime technology with/from other maritime nations; with a view to promoting the achievement nationally and globally, of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime technology, ports, marine engineering, piloting and navigation, marine insurance, hydrography, safety and security, efficiency of navigation and the prevention and control of marine pollution including air pollution from ships. (e) To establish appropriate relationships with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of maritime matters. (f) To identify the maritime problems and needs of the society and to find solutions to them within the context of the overall national development. (g) To undertake any other activities appropriate for a maritime university of the highest standard. (h) To make plans and arrangements for perpetual development of the maritime industry. (i) To teach science and technology contributory to the maritime profession. (j) To know and comply with the provisions and standards prescribed by The International Maritime Organization (IMO).		
3. Functions of the Academy The functions of the Academy shall be- (a) to admit and train the various levels of personnel required for running and operating ships of the merchant navy; (b) to train technical manpower for ports, marine engineering, workshops, piloting and navigation,	3. Constitution and Principal: The University shall consist of- (a) a Chancellor; (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council; (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate; (d) a body to be called Congregation, (e) a body to be called Convocation;	Retained as in the Bill.	

marine insurance, hydrography and other related services; and (c) to provide such other forms of instructions as the Academy may, from time to time, decide to undertake.	(f) the campuses and colleges of the University; the faculties, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University; (g) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection; (h) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and (i) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf. (2) The First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the Principal Officers of the University there mentioned. (3) Subject to section 5 of this Act provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.		
PART II - POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THEIR EXERCISE			
4. Powers of the Council: (1) For the carrying out of the functions of the Academy as specified in this Act, the Council shall have power to— (a) establish such campuses, departments, divisions, institutes, schools, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the Academy as may from time to time seem to the Council to be necessary or desirable; (b) institute lectureships and other posts and offices and make appointments thereto; (c) institute and award scholarship, and bursaries, on the advice of the Academic Board;	4. Powers of the University: (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of this Act, the University shall have power: (a) to establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission or any other body that may be established by law for that purpose; (b) to institute professorships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto; (c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles,	Retained as in the Bill.	

(d) provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the Academy including the cadet regiment; (e) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or structures necessary for the Academy; (f) carry out such other activities as are necessary and expedient for the full discharge of any of its functions under or pursuant to this Act. (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Council may only establish additional educational units within the Academy with the prior approval of the Minister.	distinctions, awards and forms of assistance; (d) to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University including the cadet regiment and students; (e) to hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down; (f) to award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles; (g) to demand and receive from any cadet or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the appropriate authority; (h) subject to section 20 of this Act, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate; (i) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto; (j) to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents; (k) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, workshops, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sport grounds, playing fields and facilities, buildings or things necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University. (l) to hold public lectures conferences and seminars, and		
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	to undertake printing, publishing and book selling; (m) subject to any limitations and conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by law of endorsement, whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being un-invested with any bank on deposit or current account; (n) to borrow, whether on interest or not, and if need be, upon the security of any or all of the property movable or immovable of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities; (o) to make gifts for any charitable purpose; (p) to arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff; (q) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or by statute to do; and (r) to do all such acts, or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the statutes made there under and without prejudice to Section 7(2) of this Act, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by statute.		
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5. Powers of the Academy: (1) For the carrying out of its functions as specified in this Act the Academy shall have power- (a) to provide courses of instruction and training: (i) in marine technology, including marine engineering, navigation, applied maritime sciences, shipping business and the management thereof and any other courses as may be approved by the Council from time to time; (ii) in maritime sciences related to the needs and development of Nigeria in areas associated with maritime affairs; and (iii) in applied research in maritime technology and related activities; (b) to arrange conferences and seminars; (c) to encourage and promote in-service training and study groups; (d) to hold examinations and grant or award diplomas, and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Council and have satisfied such other requirements as the Council may lay down; (e) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the Academy for the purpose of instruction such fees as the Council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time, determine;	5. Functions of the chancellor and pro-chancellor (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees. (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Convocation; and except for the Vice-Chancellor when acting as Chairman of Congregation; and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council.	Retained as in the Bill. Retained as in the Bill.	
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(f) to hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and bookselling; (g) to make gifts for any charitable purpose; (h) to undertake any other activity appropriate for a maritime academy of the highest standard.			
6. Establishment of Academic Board: (1) There shall be established an Academic Board which shall be responsible for the general direction and management of academic matters and other subjects referred to it from time to time by the Council. (2) Membership of the Board shall consist of- (a) the Rector as the chairman; (b) the Director of Education; (c) the Heads of the Academic Departments; and (d) such other members of the teaching staff as may be approved from time to time by the Council.	6. Composition of the Council of the University: (1) The Council of the University shall consist of: (a) the Pro-Chancellor; (b) the Vice-Chancellor; (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s); (d) one representative of the Ministry of Transportation charged with matters relating to the University. (e) One person from the Ministry responsible for Education. (f) 6 persons, each representing the six Geopolitical zones of the Federation to be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister of Transportation. (g) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members; (h) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members; (i) one person appointed by Convocation from among its members. (j) The Registrar shall be secretary of the Council	Retained as in the Bill.	
STAFF OF THE ACADEMY 7. Appointment of the Rector: (1) There shall be an officer of the Academy to be known as the Rector, who shall be	7. Function of Council and its Finance and General Purposes Committee: The Council shall: (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the	Retained as in the Bill.	

appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, on the recommendation of the Minister. (2) The Rector shall be the chief executive of the Academy and shall be responsible to the Council for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Academy. (3) The Rector shall hold office for four years in the first instance and shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further term of four years subject to the approval of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces on the recommendation of the Minister.	Visitor, the Council shall be the Governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University, including its public relations. (2) There shall be a Committee of the Council to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it. (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors appointed by the council from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation, and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts audited. (5) Subject to this Act and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure. (6) Rules made under subsection (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council, and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any directions given by the		
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	Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the council shall prevail. (7) There shall be paid to members respectively of the Council, of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other Committees set up by the Council allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Council. (8) The Council shall meet four times in every year and without prejudice to the foregoing section, the Council shall meet as at when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act. (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the Chairman shall within twenty-eight (28) days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council, provided that if after the twenty-eight (28) days of the receipt or delivering to him of such request the Chairman fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall, within fourteen (14) days thereof, cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose. (10) Any request made under subsection (9) of this section shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting.		
8. Appointment of other staff of the Academy: (1) There shall be appointed by the Council the following officers of the Academy, that is- (a) the Registrar; (b) the Director of Education and	8. Functions of the Senate: The Senate shall: (1) Subject to section 6 of this Act and subsections (3) and (4) of this section and to the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control	Retained as in the Bill.	

Planning; (c) the Director of Research; (d) the Bursar; (e) the Director of Works and Services; and (f) the Regimental Unit Commander who shall be a serving officer in the Nigerian Navy. (2) The Registrar shall be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration of the Academy and shall be the Secretary to the Council and the Academic Board. (3) The Director of Education and Planning shall be responsible to the Rector for educational and physical planning, organising, co-ordinating and conducting the courses and other studies undertaken by the Academy including collation and publication of course materials and other written matters relating thereto. (4) The Director of Research shall be responsible to the Rector for co-ordinating the research staff and research projects of the Academy including collation and publication of research materials. (5) The Bursar shall be responsible to the Rector for the finances and accounts of the Academy. (6) The Director of Works and Services shall be responsible to the Rector for the general maintenance and repairs of the assets and properties of the Academy. (7) The Regimental Unit Commander shall	teaching in the University, admit cadets to sub degree, degree and postgraduate courses and other students and the discipline of students and to promote research at the University. (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for: (a) The establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the university, and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning; (b) The organization and control of courses of study at with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external. (c) The award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed, in connection with examinations held as aforesaid; (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor Emeritus. (d) The establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the University; (e) The supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct; (f) The granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are		
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be responsible to the Rector for the discipline, welfare and extra-curricular activities of the cadet regiment. (8) There may be appointed from time to time by the Council such other staff as may be required for the purposes of the efficient performance of the functions conferred on the Academy under or pursuant to this Act.	within the control of the University; and (g) Determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress. (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, faculty, department, school, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall or residence or similar institution at the University, without the approval of the Council. (4) Subject to this Act and Statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulation is authorized or required by this Act or by Statute. (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other tertiary institution or university of high repute. (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this subsection, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred on him if, after due enquiry, he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award.		
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9. Pensions: (1) It is hereby declared that service in the Academy shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pensions Act and, accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Academy shall in respect of their service in the Academy be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, so however, that nothing in this Act 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 purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable there under by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (not being the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof), is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Council and not by any other person or authority.	9. Functions of the Vice Chancellor: The Vice Chancellor: (1) The Vice Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and, subject to section 4 of this Act, except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council. (2) Subject to sections 6 and 7 of this Act and the provisions of this Act relating to the Visitor, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Act or otherwise, of directing the activities of the University, and shall, to the exclusion of any other person or authority, be the Chief Executive and academic officer of the University and <i>ex-officio</i> Chairman of the Senate.	Retained as in the Bill. Retained as in the Bill.	
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS 10. Establishment of fund of the Academy: (1) The Academy shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Act. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section- (a) such sums as may be provided by the Government of the Federation for payment into the fund;	10. Transfer of Property: (1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional Council shall, by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purposes of the University. (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the transfer of property by this section and to matters arising there from and with respect to other matters mentioned in that Schedule.	Retained as in the Bill.	

(b) any fees charged for services rendered by the Academy; and (c) all other sums accruing to the Academy by way of gifts, testamentary disposition and endowments or contributions from philanthropic persons or organisations or otherwise howsoever.			
11. Power to accept gifts: (1) The Academy may accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift. (2) The Academy shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift to the acceptance thereof are inconsistent with the aims and objectives of the Academy.	11. Power of University to make Statutes: (1) Subject to this Act, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to say: (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University; (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities; (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the University, and their discipline and welfare; (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purpose of this Act and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made there under; (d) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorized or required by this Act. (2) Subject to section 24 (6) of this Act, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 25 (1) of this Act. (3) The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this	Retained as in the Bill.	

	Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Act and shall be deemed to have been made under this section. (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be prejudices or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Act or any subsequent statute.		
12. Borrowing power: (1) The Council may with the consent or in accordance with any general authority given by the Minister borrow by way of loan or overdraft from any source any moneys required by the Academy for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Act. (2) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Act and the conditions of any trust created in respect of any property, invest all or any of its funds. (3) The Council may invest any surplus funds of the Academy in securities prescribed by the Trustee Investment Act or such other securities as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.	12. Mode of exercising power to make Statues (1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provision of this section and not otherwise. (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved: (a) At a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting; and (b) At a meeting of Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting. (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by either one of those bodies before the other. (4) A statute which: (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or (b) Provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless	Retained as in the Bill.	

	it has been approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria. (5) For the purposes of subsection (2) of section 2 of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within subsection (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the Federal Government of Nigeria.		
13. Annual estimates, accounts and audit: (1) The Council shall cause to be prepared not later than six months before the end of each financial year or such other time as the Minister may direct, an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Academy during the next succeeding financial year and when prepared they shall be submitted through the Minister for approval by the President. (2) The Council shall cause to be kept proper accounts and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Council such accounts shall be audited as provided in subsection (3) of this section. (3) The accounts of the Academy shall be audited within six months after the end of each financial year by auditors appointed by the Council from the list of qualified auditors to be provided by the Auditor-General for the Federation and the fee of the auditors and expenses for	13. Proof of Statute: A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.	Retained as in the Bill.	

the audit generally shall be paid from the funds of the Academy in accordance with the guidelines on the level of fees to be paid to the external auditors as provided by the Auditor-General of the Federation. (4) The Auditor-General for the Federation shall comment on the annual accounts of the Academy and the auditors' report there on and thereafter shall submit his report to the National Assembly.			
MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY 14. Annual reports: The Council shall, not later than six months after the end of each financial year, submit through the Minister to the President, a report on the activities of the Academy and its administration during the immediately preceding year and shall include in such report the audited accounts of the Academy and the auditor's comments thereon.	14. Power of Visitor to decide meaning of Statute. (1) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the meaning of any provision of a statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he/she shall think fit. (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him/her under this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University, and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under this section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria. Provided that nothing in this subsection shall affect any power of a statute which is wholly or partly void as being <i>ultra vires</i> or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. (3) The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Act an academic or non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in subsection (1)	Retained as in the Bill.	

	of this section, and accordingly the references in subsection (2) of this section to any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute shall include references to any question as to whether any matter is for the said purposes an academic or a non-academic matter.		
	PART III - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE		
15. Staff regulations: (1) The Academy may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Academy and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for: (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Academy; and (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the civil service of the Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to the employees of the Academy. (2) There shall be established an Accounting Manual for the Academy. (3) Staff regulations and the Accounting Manual made under subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not have effect until approved by the Minister, and when so approved they need not be	15. The Visitor and Conduct of a Visitor: (1) The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Visitor to the University. (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University. (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University: (a) to make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of the visitation; and (b) to give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this Act which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.	Retained as in the Bill.	

published in the Federal Gazette but the Council shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may from time to time determine.			
16. Discipline of students: (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Rector that any student of the Academy has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by rules made pursuant to this Act, direct: (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Academy; or (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as he may deem fit; or (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or (d) that the student be expelled from the Academy on the advice of a disciplinary board. (2) No student shall be expelled from the Academy in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) (d) of this section without him being given a fair hearing and allowed to put forward his representations. (3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) of this section in respect of any student, the student may, within	16. Removal of certain Members of Councils: (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than Pro- Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council, after making such enquires (if any) as may be considered necessary, approves the recommendation it may direct the removal of the person in question from office. (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.	Retained as in the Bill.	

the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, 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 thinks fit. (4) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (3) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending. (5) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the Academy as he may nominate. (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the Academy otherwise than on the ground of misconduct. (7) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.			
17. Restriction on disposal of land by Academy: Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the Academy shall not dispose of or charge any interest vested in it relating to any land except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Federal lands.	17. Removal and discipline of academic administrative and professional staff: (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic or administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:	Retained as in the Bill.	

	(a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question; (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Council; and (c) take a decision to terminate or not to terminate the appointment; (2) If he or any three members of the Council so request within the period of one month beginning with the date of receipt of the notice of the Council's decision aforesaid the Council shall make arrangements: (i) For a joint committee of the Council and the senate to review the matter and to report on it to the Council and (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearance before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council. (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a member of staff which, in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council. (4) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by Council; and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means: (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council,		
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	after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person to discharge the functions of his officer or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service. (5) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of a period of three months from the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to: (a) Whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him/her (b) Whether to reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his/her full emoluments to him/her with effect from the date of suspension; (c) Whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned in which case such a person will not be entitled to the proportion of his/her emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or (d) Whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his/her emolument that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine: and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council	
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	shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person. (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates. (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers of the University as may be appropriate.		
18. Interpretation: In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires- "Academy" means the Maritime Academy of Nigeria established by section 1 of this Act; "Council" means the Governing Council of the Academy established for the Academy by section 2 of this Act; "member" means a member of the Council including the chairman; "Minister" means the Minister of the Government of the Federation for the time being charged with responsibility for matters relating to the Academy; "notice" means a notice in writing; "prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations; "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations; "student" means a person in statu pupillari at the Academy and includes a cadet.	18. Removal of examiners: (1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then Senate may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter direct the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of Section 7(2)(b). (2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of removal in pursuance to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.	Retained as in the Bill.	

19. Short title: This Act may be cited as the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act.	19. Discipline of Students: (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice- Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct: (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or (d) That the student be expelled from the University. (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student may, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal from the direction to the Senate, and where such an appeal is brought, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Senate considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Senate thinks fit. (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending. (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board (to wit, the Students' Disciplinary Committee) consisting of such members of the Academy as he may nominate.	Retained as in the Bill.	
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	(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University for Conduct which in the opinion of Senate is prejudicial to the interest of the University or to its corporate objectives or image. (6) It is hereby declared that a direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.		
	PART IV - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL		
SCHEDULE Supplementary provisions relating to the Council Proceedings of the Council 1. (1) Subject to this Act and to section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the person presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or of any committee thereof. (2) The quorum at any meeting of the Council shall be five and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council. 2. (1) The Council shall meet not less than four times in each year and, subject thereto, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman; and if the chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within fourteen days from the date on which the	20. Discrimination on account of race, religion, etc. (1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping) sex, place of birth or of family origin or religious or political persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Act and no person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters. (2) Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the aforementioned persons where such person willfully refuse or fail on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest.	Retained as in the Bill.	

notice is given. (2) At any meeting of the Council the chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting. (3) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards the quorum. (4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister. (5) The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a committee thereof shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the Council or committee, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or committee, or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.			
Committees 3. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Council, such of its functions as the Council may determine. (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons (not necessarily all members of the Council) as may be determined by the Council and a person other than a	21. Transfer of Land for University use: For the purposes of the Land Use Act (which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes) the purposes of the University shall be public purposes of the Federation, and where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Federal Government in pursuance of this section, the Federal Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the Chief Federal Lands Officer, or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University.	Retained as in the Bill.	

member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment. (3) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.			
Miscellaneous 4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Academy shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairman and of some other member authorised generally or specially to act for the purpose by the Council. (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Academy by the Rector or any person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Council. (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Academy shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed. 5. Members of the Council who are not public officers shall be paid out of moneys at the disposal of the Council such remuneration, fees or allowances in accordance with such scales as may be approved from time to time by the President. 6. Any member of the Council or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or	22. Restriction on disposal of land by University Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Act) except with the prior written consent, either general or special of the Federal Government: Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purposes.	Retained as in the Bill.	

proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement.			
	23. Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Act: Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Act shall be such as may be determined by that body.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	24. Appointment of Committees, etc: (1) Anybody of persons established by this Act shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorize a committee established by it: (a) to exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine; and (b) to co-opt members, and may direct whether or not co-opted members (if any) shall be entitled to vote in that committee. (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them. (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.	Retained as in the Bill.	

	(4) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be construed as: (a) Enabling statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11 of this Act or; (b) Enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations or to award degrees or other qualifications. (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.		
	25. Miscellaneous administrative provisions (1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall, in the case of certificates issued by the University, be authenticated by the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar and in the case of any other document, by any member or Council, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Registrar or any other person authorized by statute. (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed. (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal. (4) The validity of any proceedings of anybody established pursuant to this Act shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or	Retained as in the Bill.	

	by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings. (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter. (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Act; but the power conferred by this Act to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Act) or any regulation by a subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation, and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances. (7) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 9, section 20 or the Second Schedule to this Act. (8) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.		
	26. Interpretation (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “appropriate authority” means any person, body or authority authorized by law to act in a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter; “campus” means any campus which may be established by the University; “college” means any college which may be established by the University; “Council” means the Council established by this Act for	Retained as in the Bill.	

	the University; "graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary degree) has been conferred by the University or any recognized university; "gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behaviour that may be designated as gross misconduct by any statute or regulation made, pursuant to this Act. "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for higher education or Minister charged with responsibility for Transportation, as the case may be; "misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of the University and or discipline and the proper administration of the business of the University; "notice" means notice in writing; "officer" does not include the Visitor; "prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations made under this Act. "Professor" means a person designated as a Professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations; "property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations; "the provisional Council" means the provisional Council appointed for the University by the Federal Republic of Nigeria; "regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council; "Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section 2 of this Act; "Statute" means a statute made by the University under section 9 of this Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of this Act and "the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time; "teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment	
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	as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University; "Undergraduate" means a person in <i>statu pupillari</i> at the University, other than: (a) A graduate; and (b) A person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes of this definition; (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Act it is laid down that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance to that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith with its own comments thereon.		
	27. Citation: This Act may be cited as the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Act.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	SCHEDULE 1 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY THE CHANCELLOR Principal Officers of the University		
	(1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor on the recommendation of the Federal Executive Council. (2) Subject to any Act or Law that may be made by the National Assembly, the Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years in the first instance. (3) If it appears to the Visitor that the Chancellor should be removed from his office on grounds of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office, the Visitor may, by notice in the Federal Gazette, remove the Chancellor from office.	Retained as in the Bill.	

	THE PRO-CHANCELLOR 3. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor. (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years beginning from the date of his appointment.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	THE VICE-CHANCELLOR 4. (1) where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall: (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying: (i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and (ii) the tenure and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration; (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of: (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as Chairman; (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor; (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor, (iv) to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post on their own volition because they feel that it is not proper to do so. (2) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of: (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman; (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate; (c) two members of the Senate who are Professors, But who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons on the short list drawn up under subsection (2) of this section through an examination of		

	their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration. (3) The Council shall select one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under subsection (3) of this section and forward his name to the President. (4) The Vice-Chancellor 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/her letter of appointment. (5) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office by the Governing Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process. (6) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate consisting of (i) Three members of Council one of which shall be the Chairman of the Committee; and (ii) Two members of the Senate, Provided that when the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion. (7) The Committee shall conduct investigation into the allegation made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council. (8) The Council may, where the allegations are proved, remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action as it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly, provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have a right of Appeal to the Visitor.	
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	(9) There shall be no Sole Administrator in the University. (10) In any case of vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Senate. (11) Any acting Vice-Chancellor, in all circumstances, shall not be in office for more than 6 months.		
	DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (1) There shall be such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University. (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant. (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confirmation. (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall: (a) Assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions; (b) Act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-chancellor; and (c) Perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him. (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor: (a) Shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; (b) May be re-appointed for a further period of two years and no more.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY 6. Office of the Registrar		

	(1) There shall be a Registrar, who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with sub-paragraph (4) below. (2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation. (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; (b) May be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no more.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	Office of the Bursar and University Librarian 7. There shall be a Bursar, who shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University. 8. There shall be a University Librarian who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the coordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, Colleges, Faculties, Schools, departments and Institutes and other teaching or research units. 9. The Bursar and the University Librarian (a) Shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and (b) May be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no more.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	10. Other Officers of the University:		

	(1) There shall be a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities. (2) There shall be a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	11. Selection Board for Principal and other Officers, except the Vice Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor There shall be a Selection Board for the appointment of Principal Officers and other officers of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s) which shall consist of: (a) The Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman; (b) The Vice-Chancellor(s); (c) Two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate; and (d) Two members of the Senate.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	SCHEDULE 2 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC 1. Transfer of Property to Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Without prejudice to the generality of section 8 (1) of this Act: (a) The reference in that subsection to property held by the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or	Retained as in the Bill.	

	promised to the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron. (b) All debts and liabilities of the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron outstanding shall become debts or liabilities of the University.		
	2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron were parties shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had been a party thereto in place of the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron. (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council and Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron shall be construed in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as applicable. (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council and the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron may be continued by or against the University.		
	REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERS 3. If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property	Retained as in the Bill.	

	aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Act to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly. 4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine. (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the council set up under Schedule 3 of this Act shall have been duly constituted. (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Act shall be convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine. (4) The persons who were members of the Academic Board immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under Schedule 3 of this Act shall have been duly constituted. (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Act is made, the faculties, faculty boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall, on that day become faculties, faculty boards and students of the University as constituted by this Act. (6) Persons who were Deans or Vice-deans of Faculties or Schools or members of Faculty Boards shall continue to be Deans or Vice-deans or become members of the corresponding Faculty Boards, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.		
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	5. Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Act is made, the Faculties, Faculty Boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall, on that day, become Faculties, Faculty Boards and students of the University as constituted by this Act. 6. Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.		
	RESIGNATION AND RE-APPOINTMENT 7. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this schedule may resign his office- (a) In the case of the Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor and (b) In any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall immediately notify the Minister in the case of the Vice-Chancellor. (2) Subject to paragraph 4, under Schedule 2 above, above, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	SCHEDULE 3 FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MARITIME STUDIES, ORON STATUTE NO.1 ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES ARTICLE: 1. The Council 2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee 3. The Senate 4. Congregation 5. Convocation 6. Organisation of Faculties and Branches thereof	Retained as in the Bill.	

	7. Faculty Boards 8. Dean of the Faculty 9. Selection of Certain Principal Officers 10. Creation of Academic Posts 11. Appointment of Academic Staff 12. Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff 13. Interpretation 14. Citation		
	THE COUNCIL 1. (1) The Composition of the Council shall consist shall be as provided in Section 6 (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a) (b) or (g) above may, by notice to the Council, resign his office. (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a) (b) or (g) above shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years with effect from the date of his appointment. (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph (1) (a), (b) or (g) above vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor. (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further period of four years. (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) (c), (d), (e) and (f) of this Article.	Retained as in the Bill.	

	(7) If the Pre-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting of the Council may be appointed as respects that meeting to be Chairman at that meeting and subject to section 4 of the Act and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure. (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.		
	THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of: (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present; (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors; (c) Six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among members of the Council appointed by the congregation; (d) The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Transportation or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him; (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six; (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	THE SENATE 3. (1) The Senate shall consist of: (a) The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s); (b) The Registrar;	Retained as in the Bill.	

	(c) The Deans of Faculties; (d) The Directors of Institutes and Centres; (e) The Professors; (f) The University Librarian; (g) The persons for the time being holding such appointments on the staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor. (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present and in his absence, a Deputy Vice-Chancellor appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting. (3). The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest whole number less than one quarter); and subject to paragraph (2) above the Senate may regulate its own procedure. (4). If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.		
	CONGREGATION 4. (1) Congregation shall consist of: (a) The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor(s); (b) The full-time members of the academic staff; (c) The Registrar; (d) The Bursar and (e) The University Librarian (2) Every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds a degree of any University recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree. (3) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is	Retained as in the Bill.	

	present; and in his absence a Deputy Vice-Chancellor appointed by him shall be the Chairman at the meeting. (4) The quorum of the Congregation shall be one-third (or the whole number nearest to one) of the total number of members of the Congregation or fifty, whichever is less. (5) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying: (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meetings of Congregation; or (b) the names of persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period: shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the names of those persons. (6) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, congregation may regulate its own procedure. (7) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other function in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.		
	CONVOCATION 5. (1) Convocation shall consists of: (a) The Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Act; (b) All teachers within the meaning of the Act; and (c) All other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) below. (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of Convocation if: (a) He is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; (b) He applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fee; and regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purposes of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3) below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further	Retained as in the Bill.	

	fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees. (3) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this article are entered and retained on the register. (4) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times. (5) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named therein is not, a member of convocation, but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded. (6) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of Convocation, whichever is less. (7) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be Chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting. (8) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute.		
	ORGANIZATION OF FACULTIES AND BRANCHES THEREOF 7. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed. 8. (1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Act,	Retained as in the Bill. Retained as in the Bill.	

	and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall: (a) regulate the teaching and study of, the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the Faculty; (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice Chancellor or by Senate; and (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate. (2) Each Faculty Board shall consist of: (a) The Vice-Chancellor; (b) The persons severally in charge of the branches of the Faculty; (c) Such of the teachers assigned to the Faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and (d) Such person whether or not members of the University as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate. (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter (whichever is greater) of the members for the time being of the Board and subject to the provisions of this statute to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.		
	THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY 8. (1) The Dean of a Faculty shall be a professor elected by the Faculty Board and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years after which he may not be elected again until two years have elapsed. (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer for the faculty who will act for a period of	Retained as in the Bill.	

	one year in the first instance, renewable for another one year only. (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty. (4) The Dean of a Faculty shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty. It shall be the function of the Dean to present to convocation for the conferment of Degrees (and Diplomas) person who have qualified for the Degrees (and Diplomas) of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that faculty. (5) There shall be a Committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Faculties and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the Committee by Senate. (6) The Dean of a Faculty may be removed from office for good cause by the Faculty Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean. (7) In this article, "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 15 (4) of the Act.		
	SELECTION OF CERTAIN PRINCIPAL OFFICERS 9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar, University Librarian, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of: (i) The Pro-Chancellor (ii) The Vice-Chancellor	Retained as in the Bill.	

	(iii) Two members appointed by the Council, not being members of Senate, and (iv) Two members appointed by the Senate not being members of Council. (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may make an appointment to that office. OTHER OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY (3) A person selected/appointed to the office of Director of Works or Director of Health Services shall hold office for a period of five years single term from the effective date of his appointment, provided that the Council, acting through the Vice-Chancellor, may for good cause, within the meaning of section 15 (4) of this Act, and notwithstanding section 15 (1) of the same Act, suspend or remove such appointees. (4) Where on the commencement of this Act a Director of Works or Director of Health Services has held office for five years, he shall be deemed to have served his term and shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the University.		
	CREATION OF ACADEMIC POST 10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those mentioned in Article 9 of this Statute shall be made by the Senate to the Council through the Finance and General Purposes Committee.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF 11. Subject to the Act and the Statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as prescribed from time to time by Statutes.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF 12. (1) The administrative and technical staff of the University, other than those mentioned in Article 9 of this Act, shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-	Retained as in the Bill.	

	Chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council or on its behalf. (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff who have close and important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection.		
	INTERPRETATION 13. In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Act and any expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	SHORT TITLE 14. This Statute may be cited as Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron Statute.	Retained as in the Bill.	
	SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS Repeal of Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act No 16 of 1988 (1) The Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act No 16 of 1988 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria shall be deemed to have been repealed under this Act (2) Anything done or purported to have been done under the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act No 16 of 1988 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria remains valid, except otherwise provided under this Act. (3) Subsidiary legislation made or deemed to have been made under the repealed Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act No 16 Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria if it was in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue in force with necessary modification and may be amended or revoked as if it had been made under this Act. (4) The rights, Assets, obligations and liabilities of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act as established by the repealed Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act Cap.16 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1988 shall, at the commencement of this Act, rest in and devolve on the Federal University of Maritime studies, Oron.	Retained as in the Bill.	

	EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM The Bill seeks to establish Federal University of Maritime Studies Oron and to repeal the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act, cap. 16 laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1988.	Retained as in the Bill.	
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