



## SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

1. The Senate met at 11:37 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**  
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023.

*Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.*

3. **Messages from Mr. President:**  
The President of the Senate announced that he had received four (4) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:  
(a) **Submission of 2023 FCT Supplementary Appropriation Bill:**



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

*Distinguished Senator Godswill O. Akpabio, CON  
President of the Senate,  
Senate Chambers,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.*

*23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023*

### **SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY STATUTORY APPROPRIATION TO THE 2023 STATUTORY APPROPRIATION ACT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION**

*Further to a review of the approach to carrying out projects in the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), the Honourable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Administration has indicated that the extant approach may not be sufficient to deliver on the administration's Renewed Hope Agenda.*

*The Senate is accordingly invited to note that a number of infrastructural projects with potential to improve ease of transportation, provide gainful employment and ensure positive impact on FCT residents have been identified by the Honourable Minister. However, the current FCT Statutory Appropriation does not adequately capture the projects either in whole or in part.*

*The foregoing in view, a Supplementary Appropriation to the 2023 Statutory Appropriation Act for the Federal Capital Territory Administration has been proposed.*

*I hereby forward the proposed Supplementary Appropriation to the 2023 Statutory Appropriation Act of the FCTA and trust that it would receive the expeditious consideration and passage by the Senate. Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*  
**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

*Motion made:* Pursuant to Order 39(2), that the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation for the 2023 FCT Supplementary Appropriation Bill; and referred to the Committees on Federal Capital Territory(FCT) and Federal Capital Territory Area Council and Ancillary Matters to report to the Senate within one (1) week (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(b) Presentation of 2024 Appropriation Bill:**



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

*Distinguished Senator Godswill O. Akpabio, CON  
President of the Senate,  
Senate Chambers,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.*

*27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023*

**PRESENTATION OF 2024 APPROPRIATION BILL**

*May I crave the kind indulgence of the Senate to grant me the slot of 1100hrs on Wednesday, 29th November 2023, to formally present the 2024 Appropriation Bill to a Joint Session of the National Assembly.*

*While I look forward to addressing the Joint Session, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*  
**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

(c) 2022 - 2024 External Borrowing (Rolling) Plan:



PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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President of the Senate,  
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24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2022-2024  
EXTERNAL BORROWING (ROLLING) PLAN**

I write in reference to the above subject and to submit the attached Federal Government 2022-2024 External Borrowing Rolling Plan for consideration and early approval of the National Assembly to ensure prompt implementation of the project.

The Senate may wish to note that the past Administration approved a 2022-2024 Borrowing Plan at the Federal Executive Council (FEC) held on 15th May, 2023. The projects cut across all sectors with specific emphasis on infrastructure, agriculture, health, education, water supply, growth, security and employment generation, as well as financial management reforms amongst others.

Following the removal of the fuel subsidy and its attendant impact on our economy, African Development Bank (AfDB) and the World Bank Group (WBG) have indicated interest in assisting the country to mitigate the impact with the sum of USD 1 Billion and USD1.5 Billion, respectively, in addition to the FEC approved 2022-2024 External Abridged Borrowing (Rolling) Plan. Consequently, the required approval is in the sum of USD8, 699,168,559.00 and Euro 100,000,000.00.

I would like to underscore the fact that the projects and programmes in the Borrowing Plan were selected based on positive technical economic evaluations as well as the expected contribution to the socio-economic development of the Country, including employment generation, skills acquisition, support towards the emergence of more entrepreneurs, poverty reduction and food security to improve the livelihood in all 36 States of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory.

Considering the huge infrastructure deficit in the country and the enormous financial resources required to fill the gap in funding infrastructure in the face of dwindling financial resources, it has become imperative that we resort to prudent external borrowing to bridge the financial gap which will largely be applied to key infrastructure projects including power, railway, health, among others.

Given the nature of these facilities and the need to return the country to normalcy, it has become necessary to request the Senate to consider and approve the 2022-2024 External Abridged Borrowing (Rolling) Plan to enable the Government deliver its responsibility to Nigerians through expeditious disbursement and efficient Project Implementation.

I hereby forward the proposed 2022-2024 External Borrowing Rolling Plan and trust that it would receive the expeditious consideration and passage by the Senate.

*Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

*Motion made:* Pursuant to Order 39(2), that the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation and referred to the Committee on Local and Foreign Debts to report to the Senate within one (1) week (*Senate Leader*).

**(d) Confirmation of Appointment:**



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

*Distinguished Senator Godswill O. Akpabio, CON  
President of the Senate,  
Senate Chambers,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
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*24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023*

**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A  
COMMISSIONER FOR REVENUE MOBILIZATION  
ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION**

*In accordance with the provision of Section 154(1) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I am pleased to forward for confirmation by the Senate, the appointment of Ambassador Desmond Akawor as Member representing Rivers State in the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission.*

*The nominee is to fill the existing vacancy created by the demise of the immediate past Commissioner representing Rivers State in the Commission. While I hope that the Senate will consider and confirm the nominee in expeditious manner, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

*Motion made:* Pursuant to Order 39(2), that the Senate do consider the Request of Mr. President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation and referred to the Committee on Finance to report to the Senate within one (1) week (*Senate Leader*).

**4. Announcement:**

***Entrance into the National Assembly:***

The President of the Senate read a letter from Mr. Chinedu Francis Akubueze, Clerk of the Senate as follows:



The Senate  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

## ANNOUNCEMENT

28th November, 2023

*Distinguished Senator Godswill Akpabio, CON  
President of the Senate,  
Senate Chambers,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Abuja.*

**ENTRANCE INTO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER,  
2023 FOR BUDGET PRESENTATION**

*Distinguished Senators are invited to note that the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR will be coming to the National Assembly tomorrow, Wednesday, 29th November, 2023 to present the 2024 Budget Estimates.*

*In view of the above, there is going to be restriction of access into the Assembly at the usual entry points. Distinguished Senators are therefore advised to use the Presidential Villa Gate to gain entrance into the National Assembly for the Budget Presentation.*

*Please accept, Distinguished Senators, the assurances of my highest consideration.*

*(Signed)*

**CHINEDU FRANCIS AKUBUEZE**  
Clerk of Senate

**5. Petition:**

Rising on Order 40, Senator Ogoshi, Onawo Mohammed (*Nasarawa South*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his Constituent, Alhaji Umar D. Anyegye on behalf of Tunga Development Association, against Messrs, Triata Nigeria Limited, over alleged gross misrepresentation of facts that the Lafia-Obi-Awe-Tunga Federal Road contract awarded by the Federal Government has been completed. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

*Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Order 40(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.*

**6. Presentation of Bills:**

- (i) Waste Management and Malaria Eradication Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB.172) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) Compulsory Treatment and Care of victims of Gunshots Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 279) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Federal Medical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 283) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) National War College Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 284) — *Read the First Time.*

(v) Whistle Blowers Bill, 2023 (SB. 286) — *Read the First Time.*

**7. Electoral Act, 2022 (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 119):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to allow political parties nominate and replace validly elected candidates in the event of resignation, death or vacancy (of seats) of serving members in National Assembly and State Assemblies and for connected matters therewith, 2023 be read the Second Time (*Senator Karimi, Sunday Steve — Kogi West*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and Negatived*

**8. Federal University of Health Sciences, and Technology Tsafe, Zamfara State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 161):**

*Motion made:* That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Health Sciences, and Technology Tsafe, Zamfara State as a training institution for the development of medical and health sciences and to make comprehensive provisions for the management and administration of the University; and for Related Matters, 2023 be read the Second Time (*Senator Bilbis, Aliyu Ikra — Zamfara Central*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committees on Health (Secondary and Tertiary); and Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within three (3) weeks.*

**9. Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**

*Report of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (SB. 174):*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2023 (*Senator Mohammed, Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and presented.*

**Extension of Time:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate {Rule 8 (3)} (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do resolve into Committee of Whole to Consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND TETFUND ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES IYIN EKITI, EKITI STATE AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH 2023.

PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERAL  
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCES, IYIN EKITI, EKITI STATE

**Clause 1: Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences Iyin Ekiti**

- [1] There is hereby established the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State.
- [2] The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- [3] The University shall be a training institution for the development of Environmental Scientists and Technologists in the country.
- [4] The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission [NUC] who shall be responsible for approving and regulating all academic programmes run in the University, to ensure quality compliance and provide funds for academic and research programmes, infrastructures and remunerations of employees.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 2: Objects of the University**

The objects of the University shall be-

- [a] to encourage the advancement of learning in environment technology, environmental chemistry and of all related disciplines as ecology, hydrochemistry, waste water treatment, atmospheric chemistry and environmental microbiology, and to hold out to all persons without discrimination on race, creed, sex or political conviction;
- [b] to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate research, diploma and higher degrees with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in environmental sciences, applied sciences on climate change and allied environmental and ecological related professional disciplines;
- [c] to produce environmentally and ecologically mature technologists with capabilities not to only understand the environmental and ecology needs of Nigeria as a nation, but to also exploit existing technological infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones to provide required solutions;

- [d] to act as agents and catalysts for effective environmental and ecological technology system, through post graduate training, research and innovation, for effective economic utilization and for conservation of its immediate environment and the country's entire natural and human resources;
- [e] to bring quality transformation in Environmental Science and Technology Education by focusing on practical teaching, research and learning innovations that add value;
- [f] to collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of ecological and environmental technology solutions, with a view to promoting quality good governance, leadership and management skills among Environmental Scientists and Technologists;
- [g] to identify and promote the principles of sustainable development to represents an important part of the study curriculum with a special emphasis on its biological, chemical and technological aspects of environmental and ecological needs of the society, with a view to finding solutions to them within the context of overall national development needs;
- [h] to provide and promote sound basic environmental and ecological technology training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous environmental challenges, culture and the needs to enhance national response to ecological disasters;
- [i] to provide higher Education and foster a systematic advancement of knowledge that is oriented towards industrial toxicology, ecotoxicology, environmental analysis, decontamination technologies and assessment of environmental impacts;
- [j] to provide for instructions in such branches of Environmental Sciences Education as it may deem necessary to provide for research, and for the dissemination of environmental knowledge as it may determine;
- [k] to prepare global experts that have excellent theoretical knowledge, practical skills and experience in basic natural scientific disciplines and related field of engineering with operational competence and knowledge in environmental protection, managing ecological and climate change problems;
- [l] to undertake any other activities that is appropriate for a University of Technology and Environmental Sciences of the highest standard.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 3: Constitution and Principal Officers of the University**

- [1] 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;
  - [f] the campuses and colleges of the University;
  - [g] the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
  - [h] the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs [a] to [c] of this subclause;
  - [i] all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and
  - [j] 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 Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the University.
- [3] Subject to clause 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 4: Powers of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti and its exercise**

- [1] For the carrying out of its objects as specified in clause 1 of this Bill, of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State shall have power:
- [a] to offer courses of instruction, training and research in Environmental Sciences and allied areas for the production of quality and skilled technologists required at lower, middle and higher levels of manpower in Nigeria in particular and the world at large.
  - [b] to establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Universities Commission;
  - [c] to institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

- [d] to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
- [e] to provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;
- [f] to hold examinations and grant 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;
- [g] to grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
- [h] to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;
- [i] subject to clause 20 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situating;
- [j] to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached thereto;
- [k] to enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
- [l] to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, workshops, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
- [m] to hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;
- [n] subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment it, not being 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 to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
- [o] 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 it necessary or expedient to borrow of to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;

- [p] to make gifts for any charitable purpose;
  - [q] to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill 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 Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to clause 7[2] of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subclause [1] of this clause shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manners which may be authorized by the statute.
- [3] The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges within the University shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 4 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 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 and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 6: Establishment and Composition of Council.**

- [1] The Council of the University shall consist of: -
- [a] the Pro-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Honourable Minister of Education;
  - [b] the Vice-Chancellor;
  - [c] the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
  - [d] The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one Person from the Federal Ministry

responsible for Education to represent him/her.

- [e] Four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 [As amended].
  - [f] four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
  - [g] two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;
  - [h] one person appointed by Convocation from among its members;
- [2] Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University.
- [3] The Council so constituted shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration provided that where a Council is found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the Visitor and a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning of the University.
- [4] The powers of the Council shall be exercised, as in this Bill and to that extent establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the University.
- [5] The Council shall be free in the discharge of its functions and exercise of its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the University.
- [6] The Council in the discharge of its functions shall ensure that disbursement of funds of the University complies with the approved budgetary ratio for: -
- [a] personnel cost;
  - [b] overhead cost;
  - [c] research and development;
  - [d] library development; and
  - [e] the balance in expenditure between academic vis-à-vis non-academic

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

- Clause 7: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee**
- [1] Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
  - [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 University and perform such other functions 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 an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
  - [5] Subject to this Bill 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 sub-clause [5] of this clause 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 direction given by the 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 the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.
  - [8] The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
  - [9] If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
  - [10] Any request made under sub-clause [9] of this clause shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 8: Functions of the Senate of the University**

- [1] Subject to clause 6 of this Bill and subclauses [3] and [4] of this clause and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organize and control the teaching by the University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.
- [2] Without prejudice to the generality of subclause [1] of this clause and subject as therein mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for:
  - [a] the establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges, 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 the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
  - [c] the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;
  - [d] the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
  - [e] the establishment, organization and control of halls of residence and similar institutions at the University;
  - [f] the supervision of the welfare of students at the University and the regulation of their conduct;
  - [g] the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and
  - [h] 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, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the University, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- [4] Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this clause or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorized or required by this Bill 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 of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other University of high repute or a person engaged in practicing the profession in a reputable organization or institution.
- [6] Subject to right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this sub-clause, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is found to have been guilty of dishonorable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 9: Functions of the Vice Chancellor**

- [1] The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and subject to clause 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as Chairman of the Council.
- [2] Subject to clauses 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.
- [3] The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University Tenders' Board, which is saddled with the responsibility of approving the conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the approved threshold from time to time.
- [4] It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor to establish and appoint members of the Tenders' Board in line with the extant Public Procurement Rules and Regulations.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**PART II - GENERAL FUND, TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC, TO  
THE UNIVERSITY AND CONDITION OF SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES**

**Clause 10: General fund of the University**

- [1] There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:

- [a] grants-in-aid;
- [b] fees;
- [c] income derived from investments;
- [d] gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;
- [e] income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;
- [f] any other amounts, charges or dues recoverable by the University;
- [g] revenue, from time to time, accruing to the University by way of subvention;
- [h] interests on investments;
- [i] donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source for the general or special purposes of the University; and

- [2] The general fund shall be applied for the purposes of the University.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 11: Transfer of Property.**

- [1] All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-clause and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.
- [2] The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this clause and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**PART III - STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**Clause 12: Power of the University to make Statutes**

- [1] Subject to this Bill, 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 no other enactment provides to the contrary], and their discipline and welfare;
  - [d] Determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made thereunder; or
  - [e] Making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorized or required by this Bill.
- [2] Subject to clause 25 [6] of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this clause as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of clause 28 [1] of that Act.
  - [3] The statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this clause by the University.
  - [4] The power to make statutes conferred by this clause shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 13: Mode of exercising power to make statutes**

- [1] The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this clause 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 the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.
- [3] A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council, and may be approved as required by subclause [2] of this clause by either one of those bodies or 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.
- [5] For the purpose of clause 2 [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 subclause [4] of this clause, on the date on which it is approved by the President.
- [6] In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:
- [a] as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or
- [b] as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.
- [7] The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-clause [6] of this clause shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.
- [8] Nothing in sub-clause [7] of this clause shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 14: 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 Secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

## PART IV - SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

**Clause 15: Power of Visitor to Decide Meaning of Statutes**

- [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 clause 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 clause, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria: Provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- [3] The foregoing provisions of this clause shall apply in relation to any doubt or dispute as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or a non-academic matter as they apply in relation to any such doubt or dispute as is mentioned in sub-clause [1] of this clause; and accordingly the references in sub-clause [2] of this clause 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.

**Committee's Recommendation:**

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 16: The Visitor**

- [1] The President, Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Visitor of the University.
- [2] The Visitor shall cause a visitation to the University when necessary, at least every five years, or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or 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 to make available to the Visitor and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this clause, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation.
- [4] The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations and white paper thereon available to the Council which shall implement same.

**Committee's Recommendation:**

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 17: Removal of certain Members of Council**

- [1] If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council [other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor] should be removed from office on the ground 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 President, and the President, after making such enquiries [if any] as he may consider appropriate approves the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.
- [2] It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavors to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subclause [1] of this clause to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 18: 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, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of professional inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall: -
  - [a] give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
  - [b] afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter by the Council; and
  - [c] for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- [2] The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the University, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- [3] For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this subclause "good cause" means:
  - [a] conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

- [b] any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
  - [c] conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers 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 concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or
  - [e] conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.
- [4] Any person suspended pursuant to subclause [2] or [3] of this clause shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as:
- [a] whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms [including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him];
  - [b] whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
  - [c] whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
  - [d] whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person [including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld] as the Council may determine.
- [5] In any case where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- [6] It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subclause [1] of this clause 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 clause shall:
- [a] apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation; or

- [b] prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed.

**Committee's Recommendation:**

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 19: Removal of Examiners**

- [1] If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that a person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- [2] Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of clause 7[5] of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of subclause [1] of this clause.
- [3] It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor on signing an instrument of removal pursuance to this clause, 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 is related.

**Committee's Recommendation:**

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 20: Discipline of Students**

- [1] The Students shall be:
  - [a] represented in the University's Students Welfare Board and other committees that deal with the affairs of students;
  - [b] Participate in various aspects of curriculum development;
  - [c] Participate in the process of assessing academic staff in respect of teaching; and
  - [d] Be encouraged to be more self-assured as part of the national development process.
- [2] Subject to the provisions of this clause, 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 directions, 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.
- [3] Where a direction is given under subclause [1][c] or [d] of this clause in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.
- [4] The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance to subclause [2] of this clause shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending:
- [a] The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this clause to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
  - [b] Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of students' activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
  - [c] A direction under subclause [2][a] of this clause may be combined with a direction under subclause [2][b] of this clause.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**PART V - MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL**

**Clause 21: Exclusion of Discrimination on Account of Race, Religion, etc.**

- [1] No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race [including ethnic grouping], sex, account of race, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the University, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of anybody established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters.
- [2] Nothing in subclause [1] of this clause shall be construed as

preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subclause where such person willfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such person 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.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 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 Bill] except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Governor: 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 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 22 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 23:      Quorum and Procedure of Bodies Established by this Bill**

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 23 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 24:      Appointment of Committee, etc**

[1]      Anybody of persons established by this Bill 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;

[b]      to co-opt members, and

[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 of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of



them.

- [3] Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this clause, shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- [4] Nothing in the provisions of subclause [1], [2] and [3] of this clause shall be construed as:
  - [a] enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with clause 1 of this Bill; or
  - [b] enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations of the 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.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 25: Retiring Age of Academic Staff**

- [1] Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pensions Reform Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of a University shall be seventy [70] years. And other academic staff is [65] years
- [2] A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for thirty-five [35] years or sixty-five years whichever comes first shall not apply to an academic staff of the University.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — Agreed to.

*Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 26: Transfer of Land to the University**

- [1] For the purpose of the Land Use Act [which provides for the compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes] any purpose of the University shall be the same as that of the Federation.
- [2] Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the Government pursuant to this clause, the Government may, by a certificate under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person authorized in that behalf transfer it to the University.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 27: Special Provisions relating to Pension of Professors**

A person who retires as a professor having served: -

- [a] an academic staff who retires as a professor in a recognized university shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in a recognized university up to retirement age
- [b] Notwithstanding subsection [1] where the professor has not served up to retirement age, he shall be entitled to the rate of pension mentioned under subsection [1] provided that he has served a minimum of 20 years as a professor in a recognized university
- [c] where an academic joins Nigerian University as a professor, such a professor shall have served continuously for at least 20 years in a recognized university

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 28: Miscellaneous and Administrative Provisions**

- [1] The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the Council 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 presumed 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.
- [4] The validity of any proceedings of anybody established in pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the preceding.
- [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 vote on any question relating to that matter.

- [6] Nothing in clause 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 to this Bill.
- [7] The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute [including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill] or any regulation by a subsequent statute or as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.
- [8] No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of clause 8 or clause 18 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- [9] Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 29: Restriction of suits and execution**

- [1] Pre-Action Notice:
  - [a] No legal proceeding shall be instituted and/or commenced against the University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties unless a 3 months' Pre-Action Notice of such intention is served on the University by an aggrieved party.
  - [b] The Notice shall state the reason and the cause of action intended to be taken against the University, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.
  - [c] For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no suit shall be commenced against an officer or servant of the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or intended performances of his duties, unless three months at least has elapsed after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
  - [d] In any suit against this University, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University, but any sums of money which may be judgment of the court be awarded against the University shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the University in respect of the said judgment,

be paid by the University from its general fund.

[2] Service of Notices

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

*Committee's Recommendation:*

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 29 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 30: Interpretation**

[1] In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires: -

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

"College" means the College established pursuant to clause 2 [1] [b] of this Bill for the University;

"Council" means the Governing Council of the University established by clause 6 of this Bill.

"Functions" includes powers and duties

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

"Minister" means the Hon. Minister of Education;

"Notice" means notice in writing;

"Officer" does not include the Visitor

"Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations;

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

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations;

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the University.

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to clause 3[1][e] of this Bill;

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes;

"Statute" means a statute made by each University under clause 11 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of clause 12 of this Bill, and

"The Statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time;

"Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University;

"Undergraduate" means a person registered as a student undergoing a course of study for a first degree of the University or such other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status of an under-graduate;

"University" means Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, established and incorporated by clause I of this Bill.

- [2] It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals of that or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 30 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 31: Short Title**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2023.

***Committee's Recommendation:***

That the provision in Clause 31 be retained (*Senator Dandutse, Muntari Mohammed — Yobe East*) — *Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 31 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.*

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**1. The Chancellor**

[1] The Chancellor shall be appointed by the President

[2] The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years.

[3] If it appears to the visitor, that the chancellor should be removed from his/her office on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of

his/her office, the visitor may by notice in the Federal Gazette remove the chancellor from office.

2. The Pro-Chancellor

[1] The Pro-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of Council shall be appointed or removed from office by Mr. President upon recommendation by the Minister of Education.

[2] Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his appointment

3. The Vice-Chancellor

[1] There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

[2] 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 terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration:

[b] constitute a Search Team consisting of:

[i] a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman;

[ii] two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a Professor;

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

[3] 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 in the shortlist drawn up under Subclause [2] of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council three candidates for further consideration.

[4] The Council shall select and appoint as the Vice-Chancellor one candidate from among the three candidates recommended to it under Subclause [3] of this clause and thereafter inform the Visitor.

- [5] The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
- [6] The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office by the Council on grounds of gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his/her office as a result of infirmity of the body or mind, at the initiative of the Council, Senate or the Congregation after due process.
- [7] When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate of the University consisting of:
  - [i] three members of the Council, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the committee; and
  - [ii] two members of the Senate, provided that where the ground for removal is infirmity of the body or mind, the Council shall seek appropriate medical opinion.
- [8] The committee shall conduct investigation into the allegations made against the Vice-Chancellor and shall report its findings to the Council.
- [9] The Council may where the allegations are proved remove the Vice-Chancellor or apply any other disciplinary action it may deem fit and notify the Visitor accordingly provided that a Vice-Chancellor who is removed shall have right of appeal to the Visitor.
- [10] There shall be no sole administrator in the University.
- [11] In any case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice- Chancellor on recommendation of the Senate.
- [12] An acting Vice Chancellor in all circumstances shall not be in office for more than 6 months.

4. Deputy Vice-Chancellor

- [1] There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as 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 subclause [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 the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the

Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and

- [c] perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor 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; and
- [b] may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more.
- [c] may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate.
- [d] "Good cause" for the purpose of this clause means gross misconduct or inability to discharge the functions of his office arising from infirmity of the body or mind.

5. Office of the Registrar

- [1] There shall be for the University, 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 paragraph 6[2] of this Schedule.
- [2] The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of that office be Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

6. Other Principal Officers of the University

- [1] There shall be for the University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:
  - [a] the Bursar; and
  - [b] the University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.
- [2] The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
- [3] The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.
- [4] Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor

7. Functions of The Registrar and Tenure

- [1] The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council subject thereto as the Vice Chancellor may from time to time direct.



- [2] The Registrar shall, in addition to the other duties conferred on him/her by or under this Bill, be a Secretary to the Council, Senate, Convocation and Congregation and in his/her absence, the Council or any such committee may appoint some other persons to Act as Secretary. The Registrar shall not vote on any question before the Council or count towards a quorum.
  - [3] A Registrar shall
    - [a] hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
    - [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a Registrar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office:
      - [i] for less than five years, he shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
      - [ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School;
      - [iii] for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the council may allow him/her to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the School.
8. Functions of the Bursar and Tenure
- [1] The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the University and be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of financial affairs of the University.
  - [2] [a] A Bursar shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of his/her appointment and such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
  - [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a Bursar appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office-
    - [i] for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
    - [ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University;
    - [iii] for more than five years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, The Council may allow him/her to serve as Bursar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in

the University.

9. Functions of the University Librarian and Tenure

- [1] The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and co-ordination of the Library services in the teaching units of the University.
- [2] A University Librarian shall;
  - [a] hold office for a single term of five years only and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in his/her letter of appointment.
  - [b] Where on the commencement of this Bill a University Librarian appointed before the commencement of this Bill has held office-
    - [i] for less than five years, he/she shall be allowed to complete the five years specified in his/her appointment letter and shall not have right for the renewal of his/her appointment for a further term of five years;
    - [ii] for more than five years and has more than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University;
    - [iii] for more than 5 years and has less than 1 year to complete his/her second term, the Council may allow him/her to serve as University Librarian to complete his/her second term and thereafter he/she shall relinquish his/her post and be assigned other duties in the University.

10. Director of Works

There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works Department. He/she shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of University facilities

11. Director of Health Services

There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services, who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Health Centre. He/she shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

12. Selection Board for other Principal Officers

- [1] There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, which shall consist of:-
  - [a] the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
  - [b] the Vice-Chancellor;
  - [c] four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and
  - [d] two members of the Senate.
- [2] The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subclause [1] of this paragraph shall be as the Council may,

from time to time, determine.

- [3] The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a single term of five years only beginning from the effective date of their appointments and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
  - [4] Notwithstanding subclause [3] of this clause, the Council may, upon satisfactory performance, extend the tenure of the Registrar, Bursar or Librarian for a further period of one year only and thereafter such principal officer shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the University.
13. Resignation and Re-appointment
- [1] Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office: -
    - [a] in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor;
    - [b] in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Visitor.
  - [2] Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

*Question that the Provision in the First Schedule stand part of the Bill.*

## SECOND SCHEDULE

### TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC

1. Transfer of Property to the University
- Without prejudice to the generality of Clause 11 [1] of this Bill-
- [a] the reference in the subclause to property held by the provisional Council and the University 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 promised to the provisional Council and the University; and
  - [b] all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.
- [1] All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.
  - [2] Documents not falling within sub-paragraph [I] above, including enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional Council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as applicable.
  - [3] Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the University established by this Bill.

## 2. Registration of transfers

- [1] If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situate 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 or any other matter] apply, with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.
- [2] It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill 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.

## 3. Transfer of Functions, etc.

- [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 as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- [3] The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill 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 Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- [5] Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.
- [6] Persons who were Deans of schools and Heads of Academic Departments shall continue to be Deans or HODs of the corresponding School/Department, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.
- [7] Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the Provisional Council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee.

*Question that the Provision in the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill.*

## THIRD SCHEDULE

## 1. The Council

- [1] The Council shall consist of-
- [a] the Pro-Chancellor;
- [b] the Vice-Chancellor and the deputy Vice-Chancellor;
- [c] Four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly

representative of the whole Federation appointed by the Federal Executive Council; by virtue of the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1993 [As amended].

- [d] four person appointed by the Senate from among the members of that body;
  - [e] Two Persons appointed by congregation from amongst the members of that body; of the Universities Miscellaneous Act, 1993 [As Amended]
  - [f] one person appointed by convocation from among the members of that body;
  - [g] The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his/her absence, one Person from the Federal Ministry responsible for Education to represent him/her.
  - [h] one person to represent the armed forces of the Federation and the Police Force.
- [2] Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph [1] [a], [b], [g] or [h] of this article may, by notice to the Council, resign his/her office.
- [3] A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph [1] [a], [b], [g] or [h] of this article shall, unless he/she previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from the 1st of August in the year in which he/she was appointed.
- [4] Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of paragraph [1] [a], [b], [g] or [h] of this article vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he//she was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his/her predecessor.
- [5] A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by the removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.
- [6] The quorum of the Council shall be five at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to paragraph [1] [c], [f], [g] and [h] of this article.
- [7] If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to clause 4 of the Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- [8] Where the Council desires to obtain advice to with respect to any particular matter, it may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose; and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee
  - [1] The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of:
    - [a] the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he/she 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 member appointed to the Council by Congregation
  - [2] The quorum of the Committee shall be five.
  - [3] Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.
3. Annual Budget and Estimates, etc.
  - [i] The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and may be approved by the Council before the beginning of that financial year; Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may during any financial year present and the Council may approve supplementary estimates of income or expenditure.
  - [ii] The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct
4. Gifts, Donations, Etc.
  - [i] The Council may on behalf of the University accept by way of grants, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and money in aid of the finances of the University on such conditions as it may approve.
  - [ii] Registers shall be kept of all donations to the University including the names of donors and any special conditions under which any donation may have been given; Provided that the University shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attaching to such donation.
  - [iii] All property, money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.
5. Payment Into Bank:

All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Council for the credit of the University's general, current or deposit account: Provided that the Council may invest, as it deems fit, any money not required for immediate use other than donations of money referred to in subclause [1] of this clause.
6. Audit
  - [1] The Council shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Council as soon as may be after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Council may require.
  - [2] The appointment and other matters relative to the auditors, their continuance

in office and their functions, as the case may be, shall, subject to the provisions of this clause, be prescribed by statute.

7. The Senate

- [1] The Senate shall consist of:
  - [i] the Vice-Chancellor
  - [ii] Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - [iii] the Deans of respective Colleges;
  - [iv] the Professors in the University;
  - [v] Heads of Academic Departments and Units;
  - [vi] the University Librarian;
  - [vii] One elected representative of each College;
  - [viii] Two members of Academic Staff elected by the Congregation;
  - [ix] One elected representative of each department;
  - [x] Two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;
  - [xi] Registrar - Secretary.
- [2] The procedure for election of members of Senate to the Council shall be prescribed by Regulations.
- [3] The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- [4] The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph [3] of this Article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- [5] An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- [6] Subject to paragraph [8] of this article, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of Mayor June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.
- [7] An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance to paragraph [6] of this article in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.

- [8] No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance to paragraph [11] of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph [7] of this article.
- [9] For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as all elected member.
- [10] If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor 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.
- [11] In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

8. Congregation

- [1] Congregation shall consist of: -
  - [i] Vice-Chancellor
  - [ii] the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
  - [iii] the full-time members of the academic staff
  - [iv] The Registrar;
  - [v] The Librarian
  - [vi] Every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognized for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.
- [2] Subject to clause 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- [3] The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation of fifty, whichever is less.
- [4] A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
  - [a] the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
  - [b] the names of the 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.
- [5] The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the Council and the



Senate shall be prescribed by Regulations.

- [6] Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- [7] Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

9. Convocation

- [1] Convocation shall consist of: -
  - [i] the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
  - [ii] All teachers within the meaning of this Bill;
  - [iii] All other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph [2] of this article.
- [2] A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if-
  - [a] he is either a graduate of a University or a person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
  - [b] he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pay the prescribed fees.
- [3] Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph [4] of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- [4] The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph [1] [a] or [b] of this article are entered and retained on the register.
- [5] A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable times.
- [6] The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- [7] The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.
- [8] Subject to clause 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.

- [9] Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations

10. Organization of Faculties and Branches thereof

Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

- [1] There shall Be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty Board, which, subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:

- [a] regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;
- [b] deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
- [c] advice 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 number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
- [d] such persons 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 of the members of the Board for the time being whichever is greater.

- [4] Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

11. Division of Colleges

Each College shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed

12. College Boards

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

- [a] Regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;
- [b] Deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
- [c] Advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.

- [2] Each College Board of Studies shall consist of: -

- [a] the Vice-Chancellor;
- [b] the Dean;
- [c] the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
- [d] the College Examination Officer;
- [e] such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and
- [f] such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the 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 and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

13. Deans of the Colleges

- [1] The Board of each College shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year which the term of office of the Dean expires, nominate one of its members, being one of the Professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the College
- [2] The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this Article shall act as Dean of the College and chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.
- [3] The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.
- [4] The Dean of a College shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the College.
- [5] It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees to persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.
- [6] There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.
- [7] The Dean of a College may be removed from office for good cause by the College Board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor: Provided that at the next College Board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.
- [8] In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in clause 15[3] of the Act

## 14. Departmental Board of Studies

- [1] There shall be a Departmental Board of Studies whose membership shall be made of all academic staff of the Department;
- [2] It shall be headed by a Professor who shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and in the absence of a Professor, a senior academic staff shall be appointed in acting capacity;
- [3] For a Professor the term is for 3 years while 1 year is for acting capacity.
- [4] The Board shall superintend over all teachings and examinations in the Department;
- [5] The Board shall handle all disciplinary matters in the Department and make recommendations to the College where necessary;
- [6] Allocation of courses in the department shall be done by the Departmental Board on recommendation of the Head of Department

## 15. Tenure of Directors

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

## 16. Creation of Academic Posts

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

## 17. Appointment of Academic Staff

- [1] Subject to the Bill and statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts [including newly created ones] shall be the responsibility of the Council through the Departments and Colleges.
- [2] For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up.
- [3] For appointment to Professorships, Associate Professorship or Readerships or equivalent posts, a Board of Selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
  - [a] the Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
  - [b] Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Member
  - [c] The Dean of the College - Member
  - [d] Head of Department - Member
  - [e] such other person[s], not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the Board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
  - [f] Registrar - Secretary
- [4] For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
  - [a] the Vice-Chancellor or his representative- Chairman:

- [b] The Dean of the College - Member
  - [c] Head of the Department concerned - Member
  - [d] An internal member of Council [not below the Rank of Senior Lecturer from the sister college in the Candidate's subject-area] - Member
  - [e] Registrar or his representative - Secretary
- [5] All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the Selection Board.
- [6] Boards of Selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of specialist interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of Professorships, Associate Professorship, Readerships or equivalent Posts, consider the reports of External Assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered. Quorum shall be three [3] including the Chairman.
18. Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff
- [1] The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with delegation of powers made by the Council on its behalf.
  - [2] A Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
    - [i] Vice Chancellor;
    - [ii] Deputy Vice Chancellor;
    - [iii] Registrar
    - [iv] Bursar
    - [v] University Librarian
    - [vi] The Head of Department concerned
    - [vii] Establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary. Quorum shall be three [3] including the Chairman.
19. Interpretation
- In this Statute, the expression "the Act" means the Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti Bill and any word or expression defined in the Bill has the same meaning in this Statute

*Question that the Provision in the Third Schedule stand part of the Bill.*

Chairman to report Bill.

**(SENATE IN PLENARY)**

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered a Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology and Environmental

Sciences Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Other Matters Connected Therewith 2023 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-31 — As Recommended

Schedules 1-3 — As Recommended

*Question:* That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Motion made:* That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.*

**10. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:**

*Report on the Confirmation of the Nomination of the Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report on the Committee Establishment and Public Service Matters on the confirmation of the nomination of the following persons for appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC):

No.	Name	Position	States represented
(i)	Prof. Tunji Olaopa	Chairman	
(ii)	Dr. Dauda Ibrahim Jalo	Member	Adamawa/Gombe/Taraba
(iii)	Obong Ededet Eyoma	Member	Akwa-Ibom/Cross River
(iv)	Dr. Chamberlin Nwele	Member	Anambra/Ebonyi/Enugu
(v)	Rufus N. Godwins	Member	Bayelsa/Delta/Rivers
(vi)	Dr. Adamu Hussein	Member	FCT/Niger
(vii)	Aminu Nabegu	Member	Jigawa/Kano
(viii)	Hindatu Abdullahi	Member	Kaduna/Katsina
(ix)	Shehu Aliyu	Member	Kebbi/Sokoto/Zamfara
(x)	Odekunle Rukiyat Aduke	Member	Kogi/Kwara
(xi)	Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan	Member	Lagos/Ogun
(xii)	Dr. Festus Oyebade	Member	Osun/Oyo

(*Senator Oluwole, Fasuyi Cyril — Ekiti North*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and presented.*

*Motion made:* That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*)..

*Question put and agreed to.*

**(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Confirmation of Nominees for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC).

**Nominees recommended for confirmation:**

(i)	Prof. Tunji Olaopa	Chairman	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(ii)	Dr. Dauda Ibrahim Jalo	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(iii)	Obong Ededet Eyoma	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(iv)	Dr. Chamberlin Nwele	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(v)	Rufus N. Godwins	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(vi)	Dr. Adamu Hussein	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(vii)	Aminu Nabegu	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(viii)	Hindatu Abdullahi	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(ix)	Shehu Aliyu	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(x)	Odekunle Rukiyat Aduke	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(xi)	Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>
(xii)	Dr. Festus Oyeade	Member	—	<i>Agreed to</i>

Chairman to report progress.

### (SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Confirmation of the Nominations for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) and thereafter approved the nominations.

*Question:* That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

#### Confirmation of Nominee:

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Tunji Olaopa for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Prof. Tunji Olaopa for appointment as Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Dauda Ibrahim Jalo for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Dauda Ibrahim Jalo for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Obong Ededet Eyoma for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Obong Ededet Eyoma for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Chamberlin Nwele for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Chamberlin Nwele for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Rufus N. Godwins for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Rufus N. Godwins for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Adamu Hussein for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Adamu Hussein for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Aminu Nabegu for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Aminu Nabegu for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hindatu Abdullahi for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Hindatu Abdullahi for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Shehu Aliyu for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Shehu Aliyu for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Odekunle Rukiyat Aduke for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Odekunle Rukiyat Aduke for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Princess Sarah Adebisi Sosan for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*

*Question:*

"Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr. Festus Oyebade for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC)?" — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*Nomination of Dr. Festus Oyebade for appointment as Member of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) accordingly confirmed.*



**11. Committee on Police Affairs:*****Report on 2023 Budget Of the Nigerian Police Trust Fund:***

*Motion made:* That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2023 Budget of the Nigerian Police Trust Fund (*Senator Abdulhamid, Mallam-Madori Ahmed — Jigawa East*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Report Laid and presented.*

*Debate:*

***Proposed Resolution:***

*Question:* That the Senate do approve 2023 budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF) as follows:

i.	Personnel Cost	—	₦ 937,993,627.68
ii.	Overhead Expenditure	—	₦9,051,490,360.14
iii.	Total Recurrent	—	₦9,989,483,990.82
iv.	Capital Expenditure	—	₦47,024,803,541.18
v.	<b>Total Budget</b>	—	<b>₦57,014,287,531.92</b>

- vi. That NPTF should expedite action on the implementation of the 2023 budget for the enhancement of policing and tackling the security challenges for the benefit of the nation and its citizenry — *Agreed to.*

***Resolved:***

That the Senate do approve 2023 budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF) as follows:

i.	Personnel Cost	—	₦ 937,993,627.68
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iii.	Total Recurrent	—	₦9,989,483,990.82
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v.	<b>Total Budget</b>	—	<b>₦57,014,287,531.92</b>

- vi. That NPTF should expedite action on the implementation of the 2023 budget for the enhancement of policing and tackling the security challenges for the benefit of the nation and its citizenry(*S/Res/079/01/23*).

**12. Motion:**

***The Need to address the travails of Pensioners, their Next-of-kin and deceased relatives over unpaid pensions, gratuities and other entitlements:***

*Motion made:*

That the Senate:

*notes* the many cases of undue delay, sufferings and trauma our senior citizens and family members are subjected to over unpaid pensions, gratuities and other entitlements of their loved ones who have spent a chunk of their productive years toiling and serving the country meritoriously;

*also notes* that due to bureaucratic bottlenecks and endemic corruption in the payment process, the situation has subjected many pensioners to abject penury, with some even dying in queues of protracted and never- ending verification exercises that yield little or no result whatsoever;

*further notes* that a time when pensioners are supposed to be enjoying their lives after spending their youthful years serving the country, the reverse is the case in this country, as the monthly

dues of many of them are delayed for months and even years sometimes;

*aware* that the prevailing issues include the non-payment of outstanding arrears to scores of pensioners, non-enrolment of thousands of pensioners on the pension payroll, non-payment of death benefits to deserving Next-of-Kin, non-implementation of payments to pensioners to reflect the salary review and payment of pension in line with relevant increases in the minimum wage and the snail's pace at which pension payment is being processed;

*also aware* that this is made worse by improper keeping of records, unscrupulous officials who demand different documents and call for similar verification exercises time and time again, and some who engage in underhand dealings to process payments, coupled with brazen failure to sanction defaulters;

*further aware* that the administration of pension funds has been allegedly enmeshed in unprecedented corruption over the years with some public officers, institutions of government and even banks all complicit, generously helping themselves to filthy lucre while denying pensioners their due in the process. The government's undignified silence and inaction most times on this very grave matter in spite of sustained criticism and complaints by concerned citizens has been shocking;

*worried* that except pensioners receive fair and prompt treatment, the country is unwittingly encouraging the propensity of civil servants to be corrupt, as a career in civil service is no more attractive, especially as senior citizens are treated shabbily. It goes further to speak of our value system, as any society that cannot treat its elderly citizens with care, respect and dignity advertises its disregard for values; and

*concerned* that considering the fact that our senior citizens are no longer very relevant in the labour market, the government must do something drastically to ameliorate the trauma and sufferings of pensioners. After many years of hard labour, a worker is indeed entitled to some peace and security at old age.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- (i) condemn in the strongest of terms, the dastardly acts committed against our senior citizens, as this is the height of man's inhumanity to his fellow man;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government through its Agencies; the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) to consider very seriously and urgently, the inequities in the pension fund administration in the country. A mechanism where pensioners or their beneficiaries are credited directly without so many hassles or having to grease some palms to help fast-track the process should be considered as a matter of grave urgency;
- (iii) urge the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Directorate Arrangement (PTAD) to live up to their mandate of regulating, supervising and ensuring the effective administration of pension matters in tandem with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2014;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to investigate the activities of Pension Fund Administrators in the country with respect to payment of benefits to pensioners, as the PFAs were set up to eliminate inefficiency and corruption in the system which has now proved counter-productive in a lot of cases; and
- (v) mandate Committees on Legislative Compliance, Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to ensure compliance (*Senator Chukwu, Chizoba Kelvin — Enugu East*).

*Debate:*

*Question put and agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (i):***

*Question:* That the Senate do condemn in the strongest of terms, the dastardly acts committed against our senior citizens, as this is the height of man's inhumanity to his fellow man —  
*Agreed to.*

***Proposed Resolution (ii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do urge the Federal Government through its Agencies; the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) to consider very seriously and urgently, the inequities in the pension fund administration in the country. A mechanism where pensioners or their beneficiaries are credited directly without so many hassles or having to grease some palms to help fast-track the process should be considered as a matter of grave urgency.

***Proposed Resolution (iii):***

*Question:* That the Senate do also urge the National Pension Commission and the Pension Transitional Directorate Arrangement (PTAD) to live up to their mandate of regulating, supervising and ensuring the effective administration of pension matters in tandem with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act, 2014.

***Proposed Resolution (iv):***

*Question:* That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to investigate the activities of Pension Fund Administrators in the country with respect to payment of benefits to pensioners, as the PFAs were set up to eliminate inefficiency and corruption in the system which has now proved counter-productive in a lot of cases.

***Proposed Resolution (v):***

*Question:* That the Senate do also mandate Committees on Legislative Compliance, Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes to ensure compliance.

***Amendment Proposed:***

*Leave out* Proposed Resolutions (ii) - (v) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"That the Senate do mandate the Committee on Establishment and Public Service matters to expedite its oversight action on National Pension Commission (PENCOM) and Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate (PTAD) and conduct a holistic investigation over the matter and report to the Senate within four (4) weeks" (*Senator Yaroo, Binos Dauda — Adamawa South*).

*Question that amendment be made, put and agreed to.*

***Resolved:***

That the Senate do:

- (i) condemn in the strongest of terms, the dastardly acts committed against our senior citizens, as this is the height of man's inhumanity to his fellow man; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Establishment and Public Service matters to expedite its oversight action on PENCON and PTAD and conduct a holistic investigation over the matter and report to the Senate within four (4) weeks (*S/Res/080/01/23*).

**13. Joint Session of the National Assembly:**

*Motion made:* That the Senate and House of Representatives do sit in a Joint Session to receive an Address by Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, *GCFR* on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on the Presentation of the 2024 Appropriation Bill (*Senate Leader*).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**14. Adjournment:**

And it being 3:27 p.m. The President of the Senate adjourned the Senate till Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

*Adjourned accordingly at 3:27 p.m.*

Godswill Obot Akpabio, CON  
*President,*  
*Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*