SENATE OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22nd October, 2026

1. The Senate met at 11:50 a.m; recited the National Anthem and thereafter, the President of the Senate read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 21st October, 2026.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The President of the Senate acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Star Child Heritage Academy Limited, Kabusa, Abuja Municipal Area Council, Abuja, who were at the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Rising on Orders 41 and 51, Senator Emmanuel, Udende Memga — *(Benue North East)* drew the attention of the Senate to the need to take firm, immediate and decisive action to stop the continuing wanton killings in Ukum, Katsina-Ala and Logo Local Government Areas of the Benue North-East Senatorial District, Benue State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

notes with grave concern the recurring attacks, wanton killings, destruction of property and displacement of innocent citizens in Ukum, Katsina-Ala and Logo Local Government Areas of Benue State, within the Benue North-East Senatorial District, resulting in tragic loss of lives, destruction of livelihoods and a deepening humanitarian crisis in affected communities;

observes that the first of the reported attacks occurred at Sai in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area, where 24 persons were reportedly killed;

further observes that the second attack occurred in Bom and Aboajio villages in Mbazun Council Ward of Ukum Local Government Area, where 63 persons were reportedly killed without provocation, while properties were destroyed and residents subjected to untold hardship;

notes with particular concern that the first and second attacks, which claimed a combined total of 87 lives, occurred during the Senate recess, further underscoring the urgent need for sustained and effective security measures to protect vulnerable communities;

also observes that a fourth attack occurred at Ayilamo, Tombo Ward of Logo Local Government Area, where 15 persons, including six Mobile Police personnel, were reportedly killed, and that this incident preceded the attack of Thursday, 8th October, 2026, at Tse Biliji and Tse Shishi Nyako villages in Mbatian Council Ward of Ukum Local Government Area;

further observes that the attack of Thursday, 8th October, 2026, at Tse Biliji and Tse Shishi Nyako villages resulted in the reported killing of 11 persons and the destruction of property;

worried that the four reported attacks have claimed a cumulative total of 113 lives, including six Mobile Police personnel, based on the figures presented to the Senate, leaving families bereaved, homes and other valuable properties destroyed, and residents exposed to continuing threats to their lives and livelihoods;

disturbed that the persistence of these violent attacks has heightened fear and insecurity among rural communities, disrupted farming and other economic activities, and increased the risk of further loss of lives and mass displacement;

recognises the constitutional responsibility of government to secure the lives and properties of all citizens and the imperative of bringing the perpetrators of these heinous acts to justice; and

convinced that immediate, coordinated and decisive action by the Federal Government, the Benue State Government and relevant security agencies is necessary to halt the killings, protect vulnerable communities, restore peace and prevent further deterioration of the security situation in the affected areas.

Accordingly, resolves to:

(i) condemn in the strongest terms the killings and acts of violence at Sai in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area; Bom and Aboajio villages in Mbazun Council Ward; Tse Biliji and Tse Shishi Nyako Mbatian Council Ward, all in Ukum Local Government Area; and Ayilamo in Tombo Ward of Logo Local Government Area, within the Benue North-East Senatorial District of Benue State;

(ii) urge the Federal Government to take immediate and decisive action to halt the recurring attacks in Ukum, Katsina-Ala, Logo and other vulnerable communities in Benue State through coordinated security operations and the deployment of adequate personnel and operational resources;

(iii) urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff and the relevant heads of security and intelligence agencies to strengthen security operations in the affected areas, establish effective early-warning and rapid-response mechanisms, investigate the reported killings, apprehend the perpetrators and ensure sustained protection of vulnerable communities;

(iv) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in collaboration with the Benue State Emergency Management Agency and other relevant authorities, to provide immediate relief materials and humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and other victims in the affected communities; and

(v) observe a minute silence in honour of all persons who lost their lives in the reported attacks and express the Senate's deepest condolences to their families and the affected communities, while also commiserating with the Nigeria Police Force over the loss of six Mobile Police personnel in the attack at Ayilamo, Logo Local Government Area.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do condemn in the strongest terms the killings and acts of violence at Sai in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area; Bom and Aboajio villages in Mbazun Council Ward; Tse Biliji and Tse Shishi Nyako Mbatian Council Ward, all in Ukum Local Government Area; and Ayilamo in Tombo Ward of Logo Local Government Area, within the Benue North-East Senatorial District of Benue State — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to take immediate and decisive action to halt the recurring attacks in Ukum, Katsina-Ala, Logo and other vulnerable communities in Benue State through coordinated security operations and the deployment of adequate personnel and operational resources — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff and the relevant heads of security and intelligence agencies to strengthen security operations in the affected areas, establish effective early-warning and rapid-response mechanisms, investigate the reported killings, apprehend the perpetrators and ensure sustained protection of vulnerable communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in collaboration with the Benue State Emergency Management Agency and other relevant authorities, to provide immediate relief materials and humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and other victims in the affected communities — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That the Senate do observe a minute silence in honour of all persons who lost their lives in the reported attacks and express the Senate's deepest condolences to their families and the affected communities, while also commiserating with the Nigeria Police Force over the loss of six Mobile Police personnel in the attack at Ayilamo, Logo Local Government Area — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) condemn in the strongest terms the killings and acts of violence at Sai in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area; Bom and Aboajio villages in Mbazun Council Ward; Tse Biliji and Tse Shishi Nyako Mbatian Council Ward, all in Ukum Local Government Area; and Ayilamo in Tombo Ward of Logo Local Government Area, within the Benue North-East Senatorial District of Benue State;

(ii) urge the Federal Government to take immediate and decisive action to halt the recurring attacks in Ukum, Katsina-Ala, Logo and other vulnerable communities in Benue State through coordinated security operations and the deployment of adequate personnel and operational resources;

(iii) urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff and the relevant heads of security and intelligence agencies to strengthen security operations in the affected areas, establish effective early-warning and rapid-response mechanisms, investigate the reported killings, apprehend the perpetrators and ensure sustained protection of vulnerable communities;

(iv) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in collaboration with the Benue State Emergency Management Agency and other relevant authorities, to provide immediate relief materials and humanitarian assistance to displaced persons and other victims in the affected communities; and

(v) observe a minute silence in honour of all persons who lost their lives in the reported attacks and express the Senate's deepest condolences to their families and the affected communities, while also commiserating with the Nigeria Police Force over the loss of six Mobile Police personnel in the attack at Ayilamo, Logo Local Government Area **(S/Res/36/04/2026).**

5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Rising on Orders 41 and 51, Senator Umeh, Victor Chukwunonyelu — *(Anambra Central)* drew the attention of the Senate to the operations of Tansian University, Umunya in Anambra State. He sought and obtained the leave of the Senate to present the matter forthwith:

The Senate:

observes that the Tansian University, Umunya in Anambra State is being operated outside the governance structure as approved by the National Universities Commission (NUC);

whereas the National Universities Commission (NUC) prescribes that all Private Universities in Nigeria are to be run by the Board of Trustees, the Tansian University Umunya is being run as a Company Limited by Guarantee with a Managing Director that operates the University without checks and balances as prescribed by the National Universities Commission; and

further observes that the said Tansian University is going through governance structure crisis, making the University unstable for learning.

Accordingly resolves to:
mandate its Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to investigate the governance structure of the Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State in conjunction with the National Universities Commission and report back to the Senate within two (2) weeks.

Debate:

Proposed Resolution:
Question: That the Senate mandate its Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to investigate the governance structure of the Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State in conjunction with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and report back to the Senate within two (2) weeks — *Agreed to.*

Resolved:
That the Senate mandate its Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to investigate the governance structure of the Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State in conjunction with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and report back to the Senate within two (2) weeks **(S/Res/37/04/2026).**

6. National Research and Innovation Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (SB.1069):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Development Fund and the National Council on Research and Innovation to Promote, Coordinate, Fund and Support Research, Innovation, Development and Commercialization in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time *(Chief Whip)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within four (4) weeks.

7. National Universities Commission Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 1056):
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Universities Commission Act, Cap N81 LFN, 2004, and Enact the National Universities Commission Bill; to establish the National Universities Commission as the Regulatory Authority for the Establishment, Control, Regulation, Monitoring and Management of Universities and other degree-awarding institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time *(Chief Whip)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND to report within four (4) weeks.

8. Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:
Report on the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 899):
Motion made: That the Senate do Receive and Consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 and Establish the Federal of University of Agriculture, Orerokpe, Delta State; and for Related Matters, 2026 *(Senator Ani, Anthony Okorie — Ebonyi South)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and thereafter, presented.

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

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2024 AND ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ORER0KPE, DELTA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026

Clause 1: **Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004.**
The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 2: **Amendment of Section 2.**
Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing subsection "(1) (d)", a new paragraph "(e)" -

"(e) the Federal University of Agriculture, Orerokpe, Delta State ".

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 2 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 3: **Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for An Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 and Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Orerokpe, Delta State; and for Related Matters, 2026, and approved as follows:

Clauses 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 *(Chief Whip).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

9. **Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND:**
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 Establish the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education, make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters, 2026 *(Senator Mohammed, Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South).*

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid and thereafter, presented.

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

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 ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, OBUDU, CROSS RIVER STATE FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHER EDUCATION, MAKE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISION FOR MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Clause 1: **Establishment and objectives of Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State.**

(1) There is hereby Upgraded the Federal College of Education Obudu to the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

(2) The University —

(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession, and a common seal; and

(b) may sue or be sued in its corporate name.

(3) The University is a training institution for the development of teacher education in the country.

(4) The University shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Education through the National Universities Commission (NUC) which is 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.

(5) The objectives of the University are to —

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

(b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of certificates, first degrees, post-graduate diploma and higher degrees, distant learning and part-time programmes with emphasis on planning, developmental and adaptive skills in education, technology, applied science, agriculture, commerce, arts, social science, humanities, management and allied professional disciplines;

(c) produce socially mature experts in education with capabilities not to only understand educational needs of Nigeria as a nation, but also to exploit existing educational infrastructure and improve on it to develop new ones;

(d) act as agents and catalysts for the continued improvement of an effective educational system in consonance with national development goals through undergraduate, post-graduate programmes, professional teacher training programmes for effective socio-economic utilization, conservation and development of the country's human capital in the education sector;

(e) bring quality change in education by focusing on teacher education through teaching, learning, research and innovations;

(f) collaborate with other national and international institutions involved in training, research and development of education with a view to promoting human capital development", governance, leadership and management skills among educational managers;

(g) identify educational needs of the society and find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;

(h) provide and promote sound basic education training as a foundation for the development of Nigeria, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;

(i) provide higher education and foster a systematic advancement of the science and art of teacher education;

(j) provide for instruction in such branches of teacher education as it may deem necessary to make provision for research advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;

(k) provide teachers with operational competence for teaching in pre-tertiary institutions, basic, senior secondary schools and non-formal educational institutions; and

(l) undertake any other activity that is appropriate for a university of education of the highest standard.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 2: Composition 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 Congregation;

(e) a Convocation;

(f) the campuses and colleges of the University;

(g) the colleges, institutes, faculties, Directorates, other teaching and research units of the University;

(h) persons holding the offices constituted under the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a):(c);

(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 section 5 of this Bill, provisions shall be made by Statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Powers of the University.

(1) For the attainment of its objectives under section 1 (5) of this Bill, the University has powers to —

(a) offer courses of instruction, training and research in education and allied areas for the production of high quality personnel and skilled teachers required to teach at lower, middle and higher levels of education in Nigeria in particular and the world at large;

(b) establish such colleges, campuses, institutes, schools, departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of NUC;

(c) institute professorships, readerships, associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments to those post and offices;

(d) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;

(e) provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;

(f) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied other requirements as the University may lay down;

(g) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

(h) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purposes of instruction, such fees as the University may determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;

(i) subject to section 19 of this Bill, acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever it is situate;

(j) accept gifts, legacies and donations, without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attached;

(k) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ or act through agents;

(l) 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) hold public lectures, print, publish and sell approved books;

(n) subject to any limitation or condition imposed by the Statute, invest money appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investment, security or in the purchase or improvement of land, with powers to vary such investments and deposit any money not invested with any bank in a deposit or current account;

(o) 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 money as the Council may find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advance or credit facility;

(p) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

(q) do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or any Statute to do; and

(r) do all acts or things, whether or not incidental to these 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 section 7 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University under subsection (1) is exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council, Senate or in any other manner which may be authorised by the Statute.

(3) The power of the University to establish additional campuses and colleges within the University shall be exercised in accordance with the Statute.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 4: **Functions of 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, 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 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 provisions in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 4 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 5: Establishment, Composition, Tenure and Powers of the Council.

(1) There shall be a council for each of the Universities of the Council consisting of —

(a) the Pro-Chancellor;

(b) the Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

(d) one person representing the Federal Ministry responsible for education;

(e) four persons representing a variety of interest and broadly representative of the whole Federation to be appointed by the National Council of Ministers;

(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 of proven integrity, knowledgeable and familiar with the affairs and tradition of the University".

(2) The Council shall have a tenure of four years from the date of its inauguration but where the 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.

(3) The Council shall exercise its powers under this Bill and, establishment circulars that are inconsistent with this Bill shall not apply to the University.

(4) The Council is free to perform its functions and discharge its responsibilities for the good management, growth and development of the University.

(5) The Council, in the performance 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 developments; and

(e) the balance in expenditure between academic and non-academic activities.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: **Functions of the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council is —

(a) the governing body of the University; and

(b) responsible for the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.

(2) There shall be a Finance and General Purposes Committee which shall, subject to the directions of the Council —

(a) exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University; and

(b) perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may delegate to it.

(3) Provisions shall be made by the 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 Statute, the Council and Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purposes of performing their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.

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

(7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, Finance and General Purposes Committee and any other committee set up by the Council allowances in respect of travelling and other reasonable expenses at such rates as may 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 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 subsection (9) shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting, and business that is not so specified shall not be transacted at that meeting.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Functions of the Senate of the University.

(1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) of this section and other provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Senate shall organise and control the —

(a) teaching by the University;

(b) admission of students where no other enactment provides to the contrary; and

(c) discipline of students, and promote research at the University.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Senate shall make provision for —

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

(b) the organisation 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;

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

(e) the establishment, organisation 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 if 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, 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 performing any function conferred on it either by this section or for the purpose of making provision for any matter covered by regulations and is authorised or required by this Bill or 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 organisation or institution.

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

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: **Functions of the Vice-Chancellor.**

(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence over other members of the University except the Chancellor and, subject to section 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 sections 6, 7 and 13 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall—

(a) have the general function, in addition to any other function conferred on him by this Bill of directing the activities of the University; and

(b) be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the University and the ex-officio Chairman of the Senate.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the University Tenders' Board, which is responsible for approving the conduct of public procurement of goods, works and services within the approved threshold.

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

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — GENERAL FUND OF THE UNIVERSITY

Clause 9: **General Fund of the University.**

(1) There shall be a general fund of the University (in this Bill referred to as "the General Fund") which shall consist of —

(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 performance of any function conferred or imposed on the University by this Bill;

(f) other amount, charges or dues recoverable by the University;

(g) revenue 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

(j) Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) interventions.

(2) The General Fund shall be applied for the purpose of the University.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Clause 10: **Power of the University to Make Statutes.**

(1) Subject to this Bill, the University may make Statutes for—

(a) providing for 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 purpose of this Bill and any statute, regulation or other instrument made under it; or

(e) making provision for any other matter which is authorised or required by this Bill.

(2) Subject to section 25 (6) of the Interpretation Act applies in relation to any Statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 28 (1) of the Interpretation Act.

(3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill is deemed to have come into effect on the commencement of this Bill and to have been made under this section by the University.

(4) The power to make Statutes conferred by this section 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 provisions in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 10 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 11: **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 section.

(2) A proposed Statute shall not become law unless it has been approved at the meeting of the —

(a) Senate, by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting; and

(b) Council, by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

(3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or Council, and may be approved as required by subsection (2).

(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, college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute, shall not come into effect unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

(5) For the purpose of section 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 or Senate, in accordance with subsection (2) or in the case of a Statute falling within subsection (4), on the date on which it is approved by the President.

(6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to —

(a) the meaning of any provision of a statute; or

(b) whether any matter is, for the purpose of this Bill, an academic or non-academic matter, as it relates to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision as he may think fit.

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

(8) Nothing in subsection (7) affects 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 provisions in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 11 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 12: **Proof of Statute.**
A Statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy 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 provisions in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 12 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

Clause 13: **The Visitor.**

(1) The President 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 think fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

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

(4) The Visitor shall make the report of such visitations, issue a white paper to that effect and make it available to the Council for implementation.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 13 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 14: Removal of Certain Members of Council.

(1) Where 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 Visitor, and the Visitor, after making such inquiries as he may consider appropriate, if he approves the recommendation, may direct the removal of the person in question from office.

(2) The Minister shall cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) to be served, as soon as reasonably practicable, on the person to whom it relates.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 14 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 15: Removal and Discipline of Academic, Administrative and Professional Staff.

(1) Where 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 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) afford the person in question, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter.

(2) If the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

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

(4) For good cause, any member of staff may be suspended from his duties, or his appointment may be terminated by the Council, and for the purpose of this subsection, "good cause" means —

(a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the duties of his office;

(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;

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

(d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the duties of his office or 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.

(5) A person suspended under subsection (3) or (4) shall be on half pay and the Council shall, before the expiration of three months after the date of such suspension, consider the case against that person and come to a decision as whether to —

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

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

(c) terminate the appointment of the person, in which case such a person is not entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

(d) 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.

(6) Where the Council, under this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning the person.

(7) The person by whom an instrument of removal is signed under subsection (1) shall 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.

(8) Nothing in this section —

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

(b) prevents 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 provisions in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 15 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 16: 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, the Senate 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 regulations made under section 7 (5), the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed under subsection (1).

(3) The Vice-Chancellor on signing an instrument of removal under this section, shall cause a copy of the instrument to be served, as soon as reasonably practicable, on the person to whom it relates.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 16 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 17: Participation and Discipline of Students.

(1) The Students shall —

(a) be 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 section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary power conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the —

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

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

(d) student be expelled from the University.

(3) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) 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, set aside or modify the direction in such manner as the Council deems fit.

(4) An appeal brought under subsection (3) does not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

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

(6) Nothing in this section is construed as preventing the restriction or termination of students' activities at the University than on the ground of misconduct.

(7) A direction under subsection (2) (a) may be combined with a direction under subsection (2) (b).

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 17 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Clause 18: **Exclusion of Discrimination.**

(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to race, including ethnic grouping, sex, place of birth, family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be —

(a) a student at the university;

(b) the holder of any degree of the University, appointment or employment at the University; or

(c) a member of anybody established under this Bill.

(2) No person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage in relation to the University, by reference to any of the matters in subsection (1).

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) is construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person willfully refuses or fails, on grounds of religious belief, to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on such persons or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University, reasonably justifiable in the national interest.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 18 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 19: **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 President:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not more than 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 19 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 20: **Quorum and Procedure of Bodies Established Under this Bill.**
Except as may be provided by statute or regulations, the quorum and procedure of anybody of persons established under this Bill shall be as determined by that body.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 20 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 21: **Appointment of Committee.**

(1) Anybody of persons established under this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to set up committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorise a committee set up by it to —

(a) perform, on its behalf, its functions as it may determine; and

(b) co-opt members, and direct whether or not co-opted members are entitled to vote in that committee.

(2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for setting up 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 reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in under this section, shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to set up the committee or hold the meeting.

(4) Nothing in the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3) is construed as enabling the —

(a) statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 11; or

(b) Senate to empower any other body to make regulations or award degrees or other qualifications.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor and 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 provisions in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 21 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 22: Retirement Age of Academic Staff.

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Reform Act, the compulsory retirement age of the —

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

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

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

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

(3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or by Regulation, the quorum and procedure of any boy of persons established by this Bill shall be such as may be determined by that body.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 22 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 22 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 23: Special Provisions Relating to Pension of Professors.

An academic staff of the University who retires as a professor in the University is entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his annual salary provided that the professor has served continuously in the University up to the retirement age.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 23 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 23 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 24: Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions.

(1) The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, Secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by Statute.

(2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and is, unless the contrary is proved, 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 authorised to do so by the Council.

(4) The validity of any proceeding of anybody established under this Bill is not affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, 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 proceding.

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

(6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act, which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions, applies to statutes or regulations made under this Bill.

(7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make statutes or regulations includes power to revoke or vary any —

(a) statute, including the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill; or

(b) regulation by a subsequent statute or subsequent regulation as the case may be:

Provided that the subsequent regulation or statutes may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.

(8) No stamp duty or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of sections 10 or 20 or the Second Schedule to this Bill.

(9) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served under this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 25: Restriction of Suits and Execution.

(1) No legal proceeding shall be instituted or commenced against the University or any of its agents in the course of their official duties unless a three months pre-action notice of such intention is served on the University by an aggrieved party.

(2) 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.

(3) A suit shall not 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.

(4) In any suit against the University, no execution, attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University, but any sum of money which may, by the 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 funds.

(5) 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 provisions in Clause 25 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 26: **Repeal.**
Paragraph (r) of the First Schedule to the Federal Colleges of Education Act, No.43, 2023 is repealed.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 27: **Savings and Transitional Provisions.**

(1) Anything done or purported to have been done under the repealed Act, remains valid, except as otherwise provided under this Bill.

(2) Subsidiary legislation made or deemed to have been made under the repealed Act, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, shall continue in force with necessary modification and may be amended or revoked as if it had been made under this Bill.

(3) The rights, assets, obligations and liabilities under the repealed Act shall, at the commencement of this Bill, rest in and devolve on the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State

(4) All property held by, or on behalf of the Provisional Council of the University shall, by virtue of this subsection, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.

(5) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from —

(a) the transfer of property by this section; and

(b) other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 27 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 28: **Proposal and Recommendation.**
Where, under this Bill, it is provided that proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one or more authority through one or more intermediate authorities, the intermediate authority shall forward the proposal or recommendation received by it under that provision to the appropriate authority, and the intermediate authority may, if it deems fit, forward same with its own comments.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 28 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 29: **Interpretation.**
In this Bill —
"campus" means any campus which may be established by the University;

"college" means the College constituted under section 2 (1) (g) of this Bill for the University;

"Council" means the governing council of the University established by section 5 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 Minister responsible for 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 under section 2 (1) (c) of this Bill;

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

"Statute" means a statute made by this University under section 10 and 11 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 Education, Obudu, Cross River State established under section 1 (1) of this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 29 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 29 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 30: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2026.

Committee's Recommendation:
That the provisions in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Mohammed Dandutse Muntari — Katsina South*).

Question that Clause 30 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

FIRST SCHEDULE

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

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

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

The Vice-Chancellor
3. (1) There shall be a Pioneer Vice Chancellor for the University in the first instance, who is appointed by the Visitor on the recommendation of the Minister of Education. Subsequently, a Vice-Chancellor 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 the —
(i) qualities of the persons who may apply for the post, and

(ii) terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration; and

(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; and

(c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and persons in the shortlist drawn up under subparagraph (2) (a) (ii) 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 subparagraph (3) 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 letter of appointment.

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

(7) When the proposal for the removal of the Vice-Chancellor is made, the Council shall constitute a Joint Committee of Council and Senate consisting of —

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

(b) 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 deems 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 case of a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Senate.

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

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

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

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant.

(3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forwarded to it under subparagraph (2) 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 assign to him.

(5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor —

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

(b) may be reappointed for a further term of two years and no more; and

(c) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council acting on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor and Senate.

(6) "Good cause" for the purpose of subparagraph (5) (c) means gross misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office arising from infirmity of the body or mind.

Office of the Registrar

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

(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.

Other Principal Officers of the University

6. (1) There shall be, for the University, other principal officers in addition to the Registrar the —

(a) Bursar; and

(b) University Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7.

(2) The Bursar is the Chief Financial Officer of the University and responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

(3) The University Librarian is 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 officers in this paragraph shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Selection Board for other Principal Officers

7. (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 subparagraph (1) shall be as the Council may determine.

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

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

Resignation and Re-appointment

8. (1) Any officer mentioned under this Schedule may resign his office —

(a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the Visitor; and

(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, a person who has ceased to hold an office than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

Question that the provisions in the First Schedule stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY AND FUNCTIONS

Transfer of Property to University

1. Without prejudice to section 27 (5) of this Bill —

(a) reference to property held by the Provisional Council includes a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grant or contribution which may have been voted or promised to the Provisional Council; and

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

2. (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 modification, have effect as if the University had been a party thereto in place of the Provisional Council.

(2) Documents not falling within subparagraph (1), including enactment 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 proceeding or application to any authority pending by or against the Provisional Council may be continued by or against the University.

Registration of transfers

3. (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.

(2) The body to which any property is transferred under this Bill shall furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and for that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of Functions

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

(2) The persons who are members of the Provisional Council are 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 are members of the Academic Board immediately before the coming into effect of this Bill are 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 regulation 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 effect of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.

(6) Persons who are Deans of Schools and Heads of Academic Departments shall continue to be Deans or Heads of Department of the corresponding School or Department, until new appointments are made under the statutes.

(7) Any person who was a member of staff of the College as established or employed by the Provisional Council becomes 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 staff or as such an employee.

Question that the provisions in the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

THIRD SCHEDULE

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, OBUDU, CROSS RIVER STATE

Arrangement of Articles

Article —

1. The Council.

2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee.

3. Annual budget and estimates.

4. Gifts, donations, payment into bank and audit.

5. The Senate.

6. Congregation.

7. Convocation.

8. Division of Colleges.

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11. Departmental Board of Studies.

12. Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works, Services and Health.

13. Tenure of Directors.

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15. Appointment of Academic staff.

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17. Interpretation.

18. Citation.

The Council

1. (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5 of this Bill.

(2) Any member of the Council holding office other than under section 5 (2) (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council, resign his office.

(3) A member of the Council holding office other than under section 5 (2) (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the term of four years commencing from 1 August of the year which he was appointed.

(4) Where a member of the Council holding office other than under section 5 (2) (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of the term mentioned, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

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

(6) The quorum of the Council is five, one of which shall be a member appointed under section 5 (2) (d) or (e) of this Bill.

(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 for that meeting shall be the Chairman, and subject to section 4 of this Bill and this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.

(8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter, the Council 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 the meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee

2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee shall consist of —

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

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

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

(d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, or his representative.

(2) The quorum of the Committee is five.

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

Annual budget and estimates

3. (1) 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.

(2) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct.

Gifts, donations, payment into bank and audit

4. (1) 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.

(2) Registers shall be kept of all donations to the University, including the names of donors and any special conditions under which the 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 attached to such donation.

(3) 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.

(4) All sums of money received on account of the University shall be paid into bank account 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 sub article (1).

(5) The Council shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Council soon after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Council may require.

(6) 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 article, be prescribed by Statute.

The Senate

5. (1) The Senate shall consist of —

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

(c) the Deans of respective Colleges;

(d) the Professors in the University;

(e) Heads of Academic Departments and Units;

(f) the University Librarian;

(g) one elected representative of each College;

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

(i) one elected representative of each department;

(j) 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; and

(k) Registrar who shall be the 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 subarticle (3), the Senate may regulate its own procedure.

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

(6) Subject to subarticle (8), there shall be elections for the selection of elected members, which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such a day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may determine.

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

(8) No election shall be held under this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given under subarticle (11) 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 under subarticle (7).

(9) A person shall not be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the number of non-elected members occurring on or after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as an elected member.

(10) If so requested in writing by any 15 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 10th day after 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 other than elected members.

Congregation

6. (1) The Congregation shall consist of —

(a) Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

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

(d) the Registrar;

(e) the Librarian; and

(f) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purpose of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Subject to section 4 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the 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 is one-third or the whole number nearest to one-third of the total number of members of Congregation of 50, whichever is less.

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

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

(b) 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 this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

(7) Congregation is entitled to express, by resolutions, 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.

Convocation

7. (1) Convocation shall consist of —

(a) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;

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

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

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

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

(b) 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 and subject to subarticle (4) may provide for the payment 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 subarticle (1) (a) or (b) are entered and retained on the register.

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

(6) The register is, unless the contrary is proved, sufficient evidence that any person named in it is a member of Convocation, but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entry in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.

(7) The quorum of Convocation is 50 or one-third, or the whole number nearest to one-third of the total number of members of Convocation whichever is less.

(8) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be the 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.

Division of Colleges

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

College Boards

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

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

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

(c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or 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 number of teachers assigned to the College and having the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

(f) such persons assigned, 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 is 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.

Deans of the Colleges

10. (1) The Board of each College shall, at a last meeting 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 subarticle (1) shall act as Dean of the College and Chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.

(3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of two years, and 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) The Dean shall present to the Convocation persons who have qualified for the conferment of degrees of the University at examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that College.

(6) There shall be a Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several Colleges and the Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and 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 has been taken at a meeting of the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring due to 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 section 15 (4) of the Act.

Departmental Board of Studies

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

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

(3) The tenure of office for a professor heading the Department of Board of Studies is three years and one year for the person appointed in acting capacity.

(4) The Departmental Board of Studies shall —

(a) superintend over all teachings and examinations in the department;

(b) handle all disciplinary matters in the department and make recommendations to the College where necessary; and

(c) allocate courses in the department on the recommendation of the Head of Department.

Selection of Directors of Physical Planning and Development Works, Services and Health

12. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Directors of Physical Planning and Development, Works and Services and Health, a Selection Board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of —

(a) the Pro-Chancellor;

(b) the Vice-Chancellor;

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

(d) two members appointed by the Senate.

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

Tenure of Directors

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

Creation of academic posts

14. 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.

Appointment of academic staff

15. (1) Subject to this 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 other appointment to professorships, associate professorship, readerships or equivalent posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;

(b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Dean of the College;

(d) Head of Department;

(e) Registrar who shall be the Secretary; and

(f) such other persons, 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 appoint.

(4) For other academic posts, a Selection Board, with power to appoint, shall consist of —

(a) the Vice-Chancellor or his representative who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Dean of the College;

(c) Head of the Department concerned;

(d) an internal member of Council, not below the rank of Senior Lecturer from the sister college in the candidate's subject-area; and

(e) Registrar or his representative who shall be the 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) Selection Boards 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 and the quorum is three members including the Chairman.

Appointment of administrative and professional staff

16. (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 —

(a) Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;

(b) Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

(c) Registrar;

(d) Bursar;

(e) University Librarian;

(f) the Head of Department concerned; and

(g) establishment and Human Resources Officer who shall serve as Secretary, and the Quorum is three including the Chairman.

Interpretation

17. In this Statute, "this Bill" means the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State (Establishment) Act and any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute.

Citation

18. This Statute may be cited as the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State, Statute No.1.

Question that the provisions in the Third Schedule stand part of the Bill put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(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 Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Education, Obudu, Cross River State for the Promotion and Development of Teacher Education, Make Comprehensive Provision for Management and Administration of the University; and for Related Matters, 2026, and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-30	—	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 *(Chief Whip).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

10. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2681) — Concurrence:

Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap A12 LFN, 2004 to Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ovwor-olomu, Ugheli South, Delta State; and for Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time *(Chief Whip).*

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole to report forthwith.

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 78(3) that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Chief Whip).*

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP A12 LFN, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, OVWOR-OLOMU, UGHELI SOUTH, DELTA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. A12, LFN, 2004.

The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 2: **Amendment of Third Schedule.**
The Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph 17 to read thus: "Federal College of Agriculture, Ovwor-Olomu, Ugheli South, Delta State".

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 2 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 3: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Chief Whip*).

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12 LFN, 2004 to Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ovwor-olomu, Ugheli South, Delta State; and for Related Matters, 2026 and approved as follows:

Clauses 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 *(Chief Whip).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

11. **Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 1706) — Concurrence:**
Motion made: That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide a Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre Ido, Oyo State; and for Related Matters, 2026 be read the Second Time (*Chief Whip).*

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole to report forthwith.

Motion made: Pursuant to Order 78(3) that the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report *(Chief Whip)*.

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT, 2022 TO PROVIDE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE IDO, OYO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2026

Clause 1: **Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022.**
The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act'') is amended as set out in this Bill.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained *(Chief Whip)*.

Question that Clause 1 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 2: **Amendment of the Second Schedule.**
The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting new item-

"(44) Federal Medical Centre Ido, Oyo State"

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained *(Chief Whip)*.

Question that Clause 2 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Clause 3: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained *(Chief Whip)*.

Question that Clause 3 *do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for An Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide A Legal Framework for the Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre Ido, Oyo State; and for Related Matters, 2026 and approved as follows:

Clauses 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 *(Chief Whip)*.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

12. **Motion:**
Urgent Need for Immediate and Comprehensive Shoreline Protection to save Ayetoro Community in Ondo State from Sea Incursion:
Motion made: The Senate aware that Ayetoro, in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State, is a historic coastal community whose homes, livelihoods, cultural heritage and public infrastructure are being progressively destroyed by Atlantic Ocean surges and coastal erosion;

also aware that recent reports indicate that approximately 80 per cent of buildings in Ayetoro have been lost to sea incursion, with devastating consequences for residents, schools, healthcare facilities, places of worship and traditional institutions;

disturbed that the continued destruction of homes and community infrastructure has displaced families, disrupted fishing and other economic activities, threatened access to safe water and healthcare, and placed the future of the historic community in grave uncertainty;

also disturbed that previous shoreline protection interventions have faced significant implementation challenges, including reported delays in earlier Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) contracts, thereby necessitating transparent verification of project status, expenditure and outstanding obligations;

worried that the scale of the crisis exceeds the capacity of affected residents and requires urgent, coordinated intervention by the Federal Government, the Ondo State Government, relevant Development Commissions and International Development Partners;

cognizant that Osun State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC) has publicly indicated that substantial financial resources are required to address the coastal crisis, underscoring the need for adequate funding, sound engineering, environmental assessment and sustainable shoreline protection measures;

concerned that further delay may result in additional loss of lives, property, livelihoods and cultural heritage, while exposing vulnerable families, particularly children, women and elderly persons, to worsening humanitarian and environmental conditions; and

convinced that immediate government intervention, transparent project implementation and effective legislative oversight are necessary to protect Ayetoro and other vulnerable coastal communities in Ondo State.

Accordingly resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and other relevant agencies, to urgently collaborate with the Ondo State Government and Osun State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (OSOPADEC) to implement a comprehensive and adequately funded shoreline protection programme for Ayetoro;

(ii) also urge the relevant authorities to undertake a transparent review of previous and ongoing shoreline protection contracts for Ayetoro, including their funding, implementation status, outstanding obligations and completion timelines, and to take appropriate action where necessary;

(iii) urge the Federal Government to explore appropriate budgetary provisions and international climate adaptation financing to support sustainable coastal protection, land reclamation where technically appropriate, and the restoration of essential community infrastructure;

(iv) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and relevant State Authorities to provide immediate humanitarian assistance, safe water, healthcare support and temporary shelter for residents whose homes and livelihoods are threatened;

(v) mandate its Committees on Environment; Niger Delta Development Commission; and Special Duties to liaise with relevant Ministries, Agencies and Stakeholders, monitor implementation, and report back to the Senate within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and

(vi) also mandate its Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance with the resolutions of the Senate and report back accordingly *(Senator Faduyile, Francis Adedayo — Ondo South).*

Debate:

Proposed Resolution (i):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and other relevant agencies, to urgently collaborate with the Ondo State Government and OSOPADEC to implement a comprehensive and adequately funded shoreline protection programme for Ayetoro — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (ii):
Question: That the Senate do also urge the relevant authorities to undertake a transparent review of previous and ongoing shoreline protection contracts for Ayetoro, including their funding, implementation status, outstanding obligations and completion timelines, and to take appropriate action where necessary — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iii):
Question: That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to explore appropriate budgetary provisions and international climate adaptation financing to support sustainable coastal protection, land reclamation where technically appropriate, and the restoration of essential community infrastructure — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (iv):
Question: That the Senate do also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and relevant State Authorities to provide immediate humanitarian assistance, safe water, healthcare support and temporary shelter for residents whose homes and livelihoods are threatened — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (v):
Question: That the Senate do mandate its Committees on Environment; Niger Delta Development Commission; and Special Duties to liaise with relevant Ministries, Agencies and Stakeholders, monitor implementation, and report back to the Senate within four (4) weeks for further legislative action — *Agreed to.*

Proposed Resolution (vi):
Question: That the Senate do also mandate its Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance with the resolutions of the Senate and report back accordingly — *Agreed to.*

Additional Proposed Resolution:
Insert Additional Proposed Resolution as follows:
"That the Senate do urge the Federal Government to extend shoreline protection to Ikot Abasi, Oron, Mbo, Eastern Osolo, Ibeno, Esit Eket and other locations in Akwa Ibom South being threatened by ocean surge and seas surge" *(Senator Ekong, Sampson — Akwa Ibom South).*

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

Resolved:
That the Senate do:

(i) urge the Federal Government, through the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and other relevant agencies, to urgently collaborate with the Ondo State Government and OSOPADEC to implement a comprehensive and adequately funded shoreline protection programme for Ayetoro;

(ii) also urge the relevant authorities to undertake a transparent review of previous and ongoing shoreline protection contracts for Ayetoro, including their funding, implementation status, outstanding obligations and completion timelines, and to take appropriate action where necessary;

(iii) urge the Federal Government to explore appropriate budgetary provisions and international climate adaptation financing to support sustainable coastal protection, land reclamation where technically appropriate, and the restoration of essential community infrastructure;

(iv) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and relevant State Authorities to provide immediate humanitarian assistance, safe water, healthcare support and temporary shelter for residents whose homes and livelihoods are threatened;

(v) mandate its Committees on Environment; Niger Delta Development Commission; and Special Duties to liaise with relevant Ministries, Agencies and Stakeholders, monitor implementation, and report back to the Senate within four (4) weeks for further legislative action;

(vi) also mandate its Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance with the resolutions of the Senate and report back accordingly; and

(vii) urge the Federal Government to extend shoreline protection to Ikot Abasi, Oron, Mbo, Eastern Osolo, Ibeno, Esit Eket and other locations in Akwa Ibom South being threatened by ocean surge and seas surge **(S/Res/38/04/2026).**

13. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do adjourn till Tuesday, 27th October, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. *(Chief Whip).*

Question put and agreed to.

Senate adjourned accordingly at 2:07 p.m.

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