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[1st March, 2013]

An Act to provide for the establishment of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law at Karachi.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law at Karachi and to provide for the matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto.

Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**CHAPTER-I
PRELIMINARY**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi Act, 2012.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

Definitions.

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "affiliated college" means an educational institution affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it.
- (c) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified in section 21;
- (d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (e) "college" means a constituent college or affiliated college;
- (f) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission;
- (g) "constituent college" means a college maintained and administered by the University;
- (h) "Dean" means the head of Faculty;
- (i) "Director" means the head of a Teaching Department or an institute established as a constituent institution by the University;

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- (j) "educational institution" means an institution imparting instruction in a subject or subjects relating to a Faculty;
- (k) "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University;
- (l) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (m) "honorary Professor" a Professor who provides academic service on honorary basis;
- (n) "Officer" means any of the officer of the University specified in section 8;
- (o) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;
- (j) "Principal" means the head of a constituent or affiliated college;
- (k) "Pro-Chancellor" means the Pro-Chancellor of the University;
- (l) "registered graduate" means a graduate of the university who has his name entered in the register maintained for this purpose;
- (m) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (n) "Senate" means the Senate of the University;
- (o) "statutes", "regulations" and "rules" means respectively the statutes, the regulations and the rules made under this Act;
- (p) "Syndicate" means the Syndicate of the University;
- (q) "teachers" means teacher engaged as Professor, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by regulations;
- (r) "Teaching Department" means a Teaching Department established and maintained or recognized by the University;
- (s) "University" means Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi;
- (t) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University; and
- (u) "visiting teacher" means a teacher who is invited for teaching by the University for a short period;

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**CHAPTER-II
THE UNIVERSITY**

3. (1) The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law at Karachi is established in accordance with the provisions of this Act. **Incorporation.**

(2) The University shall consist of –

- (i) the Chancellor;
- (ii) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (iii) the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Deans, Principals of the colleges, Directors of the constituent institutions, Chairmen of Teaching Departments, Registrar, Director of Finance, Controller of Examinations, Chief Accountant, Resident Auditor and such other officers as may be prescribed;
- (iv) the members of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council and other Authorities of the University;
- (v) all University Teachers; and
- (vi) Emeritus Professors:

Provided that the Chancellor, on the recommendation of Government, may set up in any educational institution or college under the control and management of the University a Board of Governors, in lieu of the officers and employees mentioned in sub-clause(b) of clause (i).

(3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name.

(4) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law, the University shall have jurisdiction within the limit of its Campuses and in respect of Colleges in such areas as may be notified by Government: **Jurisdiction of the University.**

Provided that Government may, in consultation with the University, by general or special order modify the Jurisdiction.

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(2) No educational institution situated within the territorial limits of the University shall, save with the consent of the University and the sanction of Government, be associated in any way with or seek admission to the privileges of any other University.

(3) The University may establish or admit to its privileges under prescribed conditions, an educational institution falling within the territorial limits of another university whether inside or outside Pakistan, provided that consent of such other University is first obtained.

5. The University shall be open to all persons of either sex gender and of whatever religion, race, creed, class or colour and no person shall be denied the privileges of the University on the grounds of religion, race, caste, creed, class or colour:

University open to all classes, creeds, etc.

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent religious instructions being given to the students in their own religious faiths in such manner as may be prescribed.

6. The University shall have the powers -

Powers of the University.

- (i) to provide for the dissemination of knowledge in and technology and to make provisions for instructions, training, research, demonstration and service in the law and allied matters as it may determine;
- (ii) to prescribe courses of studies and undertake research as it may determine;
- (iii) to admit and examine students and to confer and award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (iv) to affiliate itself or associate with other institutions within and outside the country and establish faculties and the teaching departments to discharge its functions and responsibilities for the betterment of education;
- (v) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (vi) to provide for such instructions for persons not being students of the University as it may determine, and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;

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- (vii) to confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (viii) to admit educational institutions to its privileges and to withdraw such privileges under prescribed conditions;
- (ix) to affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions under prescribed conditions and to inspect such institutes or associate itself with other selected educational training and research institutions, provide them with services and facilities and determine teaching methodology techniques and strategies in order to ensure the most effective educational training and research programmes;
- (x) to acquire, receive and manage property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments and other contributions made to the University and to invest them in such manner as it may deem fit;
- (xi) to enter into agreements, contracts and arrangements with Government, organizations, institutions, bodies and individuals for carrying out its functions and activities;
- (xii) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (xiii) to appoint members of the various bodies and committees as the Syndicate may determine for instructional and co-curricular activities and admit students of the University and its colleges and institutes;
- (xiv) to provide for appointment of teaching and non-teaching staff and to determine their salaries, allowances, benefits, their promotions, holidays, administrative conditions, powers and duties of such officers and staff and to provide for efficiency and disciplinary matters in respect thereof;
- (xv) to establish faculties, teaching departments, research institutes and other centers of learning and to provide for support other facilities for education, professional training and research;
- (xvi) to cooperate with other Universities and public authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;

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- (xvii) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lecturerships and any other posts;
- (xviii) to create professional research, administrative post and all such other posts as may be necessary for the purposes of the University;
- (xix) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (xx) to recognize selected members of the teaching staff of colleges or educational institutions admitted to the privileges of the University Teachers;
- (xxi) to control the residence of the students of the University and the colleges and constituent institutes as per policy framed by the University;
- (xxii) to institute and maintain halls, residence and to approve or license hostels and lodgings;
- (xxiii) to supervise and control the discipline of the students of the University and the colleges, to promote the extracurricular and recreational activities of such students, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (xxiv) to make provision for research and advisory services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies under prescribed conditions;
- (xxv) to provide for the printing and publication of research and other works;
- (xxvi) to undertake such research as it may determine; and
- (xxvii) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a place of education, learning and research.

7. (1) All recognized teaching in various courses shall be conducted by the University or the colleges in the prescribed manner and may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, as well as practical work in the laboratories, hospitals, workshops and farms and other methods of instruction.

Teaching at the University.

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(2) The authority responsible for organizing recognized teaching shall be such as may be prescribed.

(3) The courses and the curricula shall be such as may be prescribed.

**CHAPTER-III
OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY**

8. The following shall be the Officers of the University:-

**Officers of the
University.**

- (i) The Chancellor;
- (ii) The Pro-Chancellor;
- (iii) The Vice Chancellor;
- (iv) The Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- (v) The Deans;
- (vi) The Principals of the constituent colleges;
- (vii) The Chairman of the teaching departments;
- (viii) The Registrar;
- (ix) The Director of Finance;
- (x) The Controller of Examinations;
- (xi) The Chief Accountant;
- (xii) The Bursar;
- (xiii) The Resident Auditor;
- (xiv) The Librarian; and
- (xv) such persons as may be prescribed by the regulations to be the officers.

9. (1) The Governor of Sindh shall be the Chancellor of the University. **Chancellor.**

(2) The Chancellor shall, when present, preside at the Convocation of the University and the meetings of the Senate.

(3) If the Chancellor is satisfied that the proceedings of any Authority are not in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Regulations, or the Rules, he may, after calling upon such Authority to show cause why such proceedings should not be annulled, by order in writing, annul the proceedings.

(4) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to confirmation by the Chancellor.

(5) The Chancellor shall have the power to assent to such Statutes as are required to be submitted to him by the Senate or withhold assent and refer them back to the Senate for reconsideration.

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(6) The Chancellor may remove any person from the membership of any Authority if such person –

- (i) has become of unsound mind; or
- (ii) has been incapacitated to function as member of such Authority; or
- (iii) has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(7) The Chancellor may, subject to the provisions of this Act, and general or special orders of Government, delegate all or any of the powers and functions of any Authority, officer or employee of the University at its main campus, to any Authority, officer, employee or any other person at its additional campus for the purpose of exercising such powers and performing such functions in relation to such additional campus and for this purpose the Chancellor in consultation with the Government may create new posts or positions at the additional campus.

10. (1) The Chancellor may cause an inspection or inquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the University, and shall, from time to time, appoint such person or persons in consultation with the Government for the purposes of carrying out inspection of -

Visitation.

- (i) the University, its buildings, laboratories, libraries, museums, workshops and equipment;
- (ii) any institution, college or hostel maintained or recognized by, or affiliated to the University;
- (iii) the teaching and other work conducted by the University; and
- (iv) the conduct of examinations held by the University; and

(2) The Chancellor shall, in every such case as aforesaid, give notice to the Syndicate of his intention to cause an inspection or enquiry to be made, and the Syndicate shall be entitled to be represented there-at.

(3) The Chancellor shall communicate to the Syndicate his views with regard to the results of such inspection or inquiry and shall, after ascertaining the views thereon of the Syndicate, advise the Syndicate on the action to be taken.

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(4) The Syndicate shall communicate to the Chancellor such action, if any, as has been taken or may be proposed to be taken upon the results of the inspection or inquiry. Such communication shall be submitted to the Chancellor within such time as may be specified by the Chancellor.

(5) Where the Syndicate does not, within a specified time, take action to the satisfaction of the Chancellor, the Chancellor may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Syndicate, issue such directions as he thinks fit, and the Vice Chancellor shall comply with such directions.

11. (1) The Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs shall be the Pro-Chancellor. **Pro-Chancellor.**

(2) Should the Chancellor be incapacitated from acting as such due to absence or any other cause, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chancellor.

12. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be an eminent academic or a distinguished administrator and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of Government for a period of four years. **Vice-Chancellor.**

(2) At any time when the office of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant, or the Vice Chancellor is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to illness or some other cause, the Chancellor shall make such arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Vice Chancellor as he may deem fit.

13. (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall ensure that the provisions of this Act, the statutes, the regulations and the rules are faithfully observed in order to promote the general efficiency and good order of the University. He shall have all powers necessary for this purpose including administrative control over all officers, teachers and other employees of the University. **Powers and duties of the Vice Chancellor.**

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall, in the absence of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, preside at the Convocation of the University and the meetings of the Senate and shall, if present, preside at the meetings of the Authorities of which he is the Chairman and be entitled to attend and preside at any meeting of any other Authority or body of the University.

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(3) The Vice Chancellor may, in an emergency, which in his opinion requires immediate action, take such action as he may consider necessary and shall, as soon thereafter as possible, report his action to the officer, authority or other body which in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter.

(4) The Vice Chancellor shall also have the powers:-

- (i) to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months;
- (ii) to sanction all expenditure provided for in the approved budget, and to re-appropriate funds within the same major head of expenditure;
- (iii) to sanction by re-appropriation an amount not exceeding an amount prescribed by the Syndicate for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget, and report it to the Syndicate at the next meeting;
- (iv) to appoint paper setters and examiners for all examinations of the University after receiving panels of names from the relevant authorities;
- (v) to make such arrangements for the scrutiny of papers, marks and results as he may consider necessary;
- (vi) to direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take up such assignments in connection with teaching, research, examination, administration and such other activities in the University as he may consider necessary for the purpose of the University;
- (vii) to delegate, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be prescribed, any of his powers under this Act to an officer or officers of the University;
- (viii) to exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed; and
- (ix) to make appointments to the posts in all grades of the Basic Scales of pay up to grade 16.

14. (1) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Government and in consultation with the Vice Chancellor, appoint a Pro-Vice Chancellor for the main campus or of the additional campus, if any, or for both the campuses jointly or separately, on such terms and conditions and for such period not exceeding four years at a time as the Chancellor may determine.

**Pro-Vice
Chancellor.**

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(2) Where a Pro-Vice Chancellor is appointed under sub-section (1), he shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, exercise such powers and perform such functions of the Vice Chancellor or such other powers and functions, in respect of the campus for which he is appointed, as the Chancellor may delegate to him.

(3) The Pro-Vice Chancellor, if appointed, shall be ex-officio member of the Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council and shall be deemed to be included in the University under sub-section (2) of section 3 and be an officer of the University under section 9.

15. (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendations of Government on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Registrar.

(2) The Registrar shall –

- (a) hold office for a period of three years on the expiry of which he shall be eligible for re-appointment;
- (b) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University;
- (c) maintain a register of registered graduates in the prescribed manner;
- (d) conduct election of members to the various authorities in the prescribed manner; and
- (e) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

16. (1) The Director of Finance shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendations of Government on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Director of Finance.

(2) The Director Finance shall -

- (a) manage the property, the finances and the investments of the University;
- (b) prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the University and present them to the Finance Committee, the Syndicate and the Senate;
- (c) ensure that the funds of the University are expended on the purposes for which they are provided; and

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(d) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

(3) The Director of Finance shall be assisted by the Chief Accountant, Bursar and Resident Auditor.

17. The Controller of Examinations of the University shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendations of Government and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

Controller of Examinations.

18. The Chief Accountant, Bursar and Resident Auditor shall be whole-time officers of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendations of Government on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

The Chief Accountant, Bursar and Resident Auditor.

19. All the other remaining officers mentioned in section 9, shall be appointed by such officer or authority as authorized by Government on such terms and conditions as it may determine. They shall perform their duties as may be prescribed.

Other whole-time Officers.

**CHAPTER-IV
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

20. The Following shall be the Authorities of the University:-

Authorities.

- (i) the Senate;
- (ii) the Syndicate;
- (iii) the Academic Council;
- (iv) the Boards of Faculties;
- (v) the Boards of Studies;
- (vi) the Selection Board;
- (vii) the Advanced Studies and Research Board;
- (viii) the Finance and Planning Committee;
- (ix) the Discipline Committee; and
- (x) such other Authorities as may be prescribed by Statutes.

21. (1) The Senate shall consist of:-

Senate.

- (i) the Chancellor;
- (ii) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (iii) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (iv) the Pro-Vice Chancellor, if appointed;
- (v) the Members of the Syndicate;
- (vi) the Deans;

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- (vii) the Directors;
- (viii) the Principals of the constituent colleges;
- (ix) the University Professors and Emeritus Professors;
- (x) the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments;
- (xi) the Officer or Teacher In-charge of student's affairs (by whatever designation called);
- (xii) twelve University Teachers having at least three years service to be elected by all University Teachers;
- (xiii) two registered graduates to be elected by all such graduates from amongst themselves;
- (xiv) three persons eminent in the Arts, Sciences and the Professions; one from each category;
- (xv) The Registrar;
- (xvi) The Director of Finance;
- (xvii) The Controller of Examination; and
- (xviii) The Librarian;

(2) The Chancellor or in his absence, the Pro-Chancellor or in absence of both, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Senate.

(3) Members of the Senate, other than ex-officio members shall hold office for three years, and if the office of any such member becomes vacant for the expiry of such term, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with sub-section (1) and the member appointed to such vacancy shall hold office for the un-expired portion of the term.

(4) The Senate shall meet at least twice in every year on dates be fixed by the Vice Chancellor with the consent of the Chancellor.

(5) The quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall be one-third of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

22. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Senate shall have the powers –

Powers and duties of the Senate.

- (a) to consider the drafts of statutes proposed by the Syndicate and dispose of them in the manner indicated in sub-section (2) of section 30;
- (b) to consider and pass resolution on the annual report, the annual statement of accounts, and the annual and revised budget estimates;

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- (c) to appoint members to the Syndicate and other Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (d) to delegate any of its powers to an Authority or Officer or a Committee or Sub-Committee; and
- (e) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.

23. (1) The Syndicate shall consist of –

The Syndicate.

- (i) the Vice Chancellor, who shall be its Chairman;
- (ii) the Pro-Vice Chancellor, if appointed;
- (iii) three members of the Provincial Assembly to be nominated by the Speaker of Provincial Assembly;
- (iv) one member of National Assembly to be nominated by the Speaker of National Assembly;
- (v) the Chief Justice of the High Court of Sindh or a Judge of the High Court nominated by him;
- (vi) the Secretary to the Government of Sindh, Law Department or his nominee not below the rank of an Additional Secretary;
- (vii) one nominee of the Higher Education Commission;
- (viii) one Dean to be nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ix) one Professor to be elected by the Professors of the University from amongst themselves;
- (x) one Associate Professor to be elected by the Associate Professors of the University from amongst themselves;
- (xi) one Assistant Professor of the University to be elected by the Assistant Professors from amongst themselves;
- (xii) one lecturer with minimum service of two years to be elected by the lecturers of the University from amongst themselves;
- (xiii) three persons of eminence to be nominated by the Chancellor from among the persons recommended by the Government;

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(xiv) one Principal of an affiliated college, if any, and the Principals of constituent colleges; and

(xv) one Alim and one woman not serving in any educational institution to be nominated by the Chancellor from among the persons recommended by the Government;

(6) The members of the Syndicate, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for three years, and if the office of any such member becomes vacant for the expiry of such term, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with sub-section (1) and the member appointed to such vacancy shall hold office for the un-expired portion of the term.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Syndicate shall be one-half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

24. (1) The Syndicate shall be the executive body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, exercise general supervision over the affairs and management of the property of the University.

Powers and duties of Syndicate:

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Syndicate shall have powers -

- (a) to determine the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the common seal of the University;
- (b) to hold, manage, receive, acquire in any manner or transfer by sale or otherwise any movable or immovable property, on behalf of the University;
- (c) to hold, administer and control funds on behalf of the University and after giving the due regard to the advice of the Finance and Planning Committees, invest such funds in Government securities or such other securities as may be prescribed;
- (d) to consider the annual and revised budget estimates and advise the Senate thereon, and to re-appropriate funds from one major head of expenditure to another;
- (e) to cause to be maintained proper books of accounts of all financial transaction including the assets and liabilities of University;

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- (f) to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- (g) to provide the buildings and other premises, libraries, furniture, apparatus, equipment and such other things required for carrying out the work of the University;
- (h) to establish and maintain halls of residence and hostels for students and approve any place as hostels or lodging of Students;
- (i) to affiliate and disaffiliate colleges;
- (j) to admit educational institutions to the privileges of the University and withdraw such privileges;
- (k) to cause inspections to be made of the colleges and the Teaching Department;
- (l) to create posts in connection with teaching, research, extension, administration, training and for any other purposes related thereto;
- (m) to appoint, on the recommendation of the Selection Board, University Teachers and employees to posts in Grade-17 and above of the National Pay Scale;
- (n) to appoint Emeritus Professors on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- (o) to suspend, punish and remove from service, Officers (other than the Vice Chancellor), Teachers, and other employees in the manner prescribed;
- (p) to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (q) to confer, subject to the approval of the Chancellor, Honorary Degrees in accordance with the conditions as may be prescribed;
- (r) to propose drafts for statutes for submission to the Senate;
- (s) to consider and approve regulations proposed by the Academic Council, or frame regulations after calling the advice of the Academic Council;

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- (t) to furnish report on any matter called for by the Senate;
- (u) to deal with the matters concerning the University not provided for, in this Act in any matter as it may deem fit;
- (v) to create, suspend or abolish such administrative, research, extension or other posts as may be necessary;
- (w) to prescribe the duties of Officers, Teachers, and other employees of the University;
- (x) to delegate any of its powers to an Authority or Officer or a Committee or Sub-Committee; and
- (y) to perform such other functions as have been assigned to it by the other provisions of this Act or may be assigned to it by the Statutes.

25. (1) The Academic Council shall consist of -

Academic Council.

- (i) the Vice Chancellor, who shall be its Chairman;
- (ii) the Pro-Vice Chancellor, if appointed;
- (iii) the Deans;
- (iv) the Directors of the Institutes;
- (v) the University Professors including Emeritus Professors;
- (vi) the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments;
- (vii) Law Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of an Additional Secretary
- (viii) two Associate Professors, other than Chairmen of the Teaching Departments to be elected by and from amongst themselves;
- (ix) four Assistant Professors and Lecturers to be elected by and from amongst themselves;
- (x) three persons eminent in the arts; the sciences and the professions, of whom one shall be from each category, to be nominated by the Chancellor from among the persons recommended by the Government;
- (xi) the Registrar;
- (xii) the Librarian; and
- (xiii) the Controller of Examination.

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(2) The members appointed by nomination or election shall hold office for three years, and if the office of any such member becomes vacant for the expiry of such term, such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with sub-section (1) and the member appointed to such vacancy shall hold office for the un-expired portion of the term.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council shall be one-third of the total number of members.

26. (1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes and the regulations, have the powers to lay down proper standards of instructions, research and examinations, and to regulate and promote the academic life of the University and the colleges.

Powers and duties of the Academic Council.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, and subject to the provisions of this Act, and the statutes and the regulations, the Academic Council shall have the powers -

- (a) to advise the Syndicate on academic matters;
- (b) to regulate the conduct of teaching, research and examinations;
- (c) to regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations in the University;
- (d) to regulate the conduct and discipline of the students of the University;
- (e) to propose to the Syndicate schemes for the constitution and organization of Faculties, Teaching Departments and Boards of Studies;
- (f) to initiate regulations for consideration and approval of the Syndicate;
- (g) to propose regulations, on the recommendations of the Boards of Faculties and the Boards of Studies, prescribing the courses of studies, the syllabi and the outlines of tests for all University examinations; provided that if the recommendations of the Board of a Faculty or a Board of Studies are not received by the prescribed date, the Academic Council may, subject to the approval of the Syndicate, permit such regulations to continue for the next following year;

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- (h) to recognize the examinations of other Universities or examining bodies as equivalent to the corresponding examinations of the University;
- (i) to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (j) to consider or formulate proposals for the planning and development of teaching and research in the University;
- (k) to arrange short and long term training and courses within the country and abroad as prescribed under the rules; and
- (l) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.

27. The constitution, functions and powers of the Authorities for which no specific provision has been made in this Act shall be such as may be prescribed by statutes.

Constitution, functions and powers of other Authorities.

28. Any Authority may, from time to time, constitute such standing, special or advisory committees, as it may deem fit, and appoint persons not members of the Authorities, as members of the committee.

Appointment of Committees by certain Authorities.

CHAPTER V STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND RULES

29. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, statutes may be made to regulate or any of the following matters:-

Statutes.

- (a) the terms and conditions of service of officers, teachers and other employees of the University, including scales of pay, constitution of pension, insurance, gratuity, provident fund and benevolent fund and other fringe benefits;
- (b) the establishment of Faculties, Teaching Departments and other academic units and divisions;
- (c) the powers and duties of officers and teachers;
- (d) conditions under which the University may enter into arrangements with others institutions or with public bodies for purposes of research and advisory services;

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- (e) conditions appointment of Professors, Emeritus and award of honorary degrees;
- (f) efficiency and discipline of the employees of the University;
- (g) acquisition and administration of properties and investment of the University;
- (h) all other matters which by this Act are required to be or may be prescribed or regulated by the statutes.

(2) The Syndicate shall make a proposal for any statutes to the Senate which may after considering the proposal, approve it with or without modifications or refer it back to the syndicate for reconsideration, or may reject it.

(3) No statute shall be effective until it has been assented to by the Chancellor.

30. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, regulations may be made for all or any of the following matters:-

Regulations.

- (a) schemes of studies and research, including the duration of courses, number of subjects or papers for examination;
- (b) syllabi and courses of study and research programmes leading to degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- (c) conduct and supervision of examinations, appointment of examiners, scrutiny, tabulation and declaration of results;
- (d) determination of fees and other charges for admission to various courses, examinations and hostels;
- (e) maintenance of discipline among students and schemes for their welfare;
- (f) institution of fellowship, scholarship, prizes, medals, honoraria and other financial assistance for students and research scholars;
- (g) conduct of convocation and form of academic costumes;

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- (h) conditions of residence of students; and;
- (i) the institution of stipends and free and half-free studentships;
- (j) the use of Library;
- (k) all other matters which by this Act and the statutes are to be or may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) The Syndicate shall have power to approve the regulations submitted to it or refer them back to the Academic Council for reconsideration.

(3) No regulation shall be valid until it has been approved by the Syndicate.

31. The procedure for adding to, amending or repealing the statutes and the regulations shall be the same as that prescribed respectively for framing or making statutes and regulations.

Amendment and repeal of statutes and regulations.

32. (1) The Authorities and the other bodies of the University may make rules consistent with this Act, statutes and the regulations, to regulate the conduct of their business and the time and place of meetings and related matters:

Rules.

Provided that the Syndicate may direct the amendment or the annulment of any rules, made by another Authority or body excepting the Senate, under this section:

Provided further that if such other Authority or body is dissatisfied with such direction it may appeal to the Senate whose decision in the matter shall be final.

(2) The Syndicate may make rules to regulate any matter relating to the affairs of the University which has not been specifically provided for by this Act, the statutes or regulations.

CHAPTER VI UNIVERSITY FUND

33. The University shall have a Fund to which shall be credited its income from fees, donation, trusts, bequests, endowments contributions, grants and all other sources.

University Fund.

34. (1) The accounts of the University shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

Audit and Accounts.

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(2) No expenditure shall be made from the funds of the University, unless a bill for its payment has, in accordance with the Statutes, been audited by the Resident Auditor appointed by the Provincial Audit Department and the payment is included in the approved budget of the University.

(3) The accounts of the University shall, in the prescribed manner, be audited once a year in conformity with the statutes, regulations and rules by the Auditor appointed by Syndicate on the recommendations of Government.

(4) The annual statement of the accounts of the University signed by the Director of Finance and the Resident Auditor shall be submitted to Government within six months of closing of the financial year.

(5) The accounts of the University together with audit objections, if any, and the observations of the Auditor and the Director of Finance shall, in the prescribed manner, be presented to the Senate.

CHAPTER-VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

35. An officer, teacher or other employee of the University shall retire from the service of the University –

Retirement from service.

- (i) on such date, after he has completed twenty five years service qualifying for pension or other retirement benefits, as the competent authority may direct:

Provided that no employee shall be retired unless he has been informed in writing of the grounds of the action proposed to be taken against him and has been given reasonable opportunity of showing cause against that action; or

- (ii) where no direction is given under clause (i), on the completion of sixty years age.

Explanation: In this section “competent authority” means the appointing authority or a person duly authorized by the appointing authority in that behalf, not being a person lower in rank to the officer, teacher or other employee concerned.

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36. Except as otherwise provided no officer, teacher or other employee of the University holding a permanent post shall be reduced in rank, or removed or compulsorily retired from service unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him.

Opportunity to show cause.

37. (1) Where an order is passed punishing any officer (other than the Vice Chancellor), teacher or other employee of the University or altering or interpreting to his disadvantage the prescribed terms or conditions of his service, he shall, where the order is passed by the Vice Chancellor or any other officer or teacher of the University, have the right to appeal to the Syndicate against the order, and where the order is made by the Syndicate, have the right to apply to that authority for review of that order.

Appeal to and review by the Syndicate.

(2) The appeal or application for review shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor and he shall lay it before the Syndicate with his views alongwith the record of the case.

(3) No order in appeal or review shall be made unless the appellant or the applicant, as the case may be, has been given an opportunity of being heard.

38. (1) The University shall constitute for the benefit of its officers, teachers and other employees in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, such pension, insurance, gratuity, provident funds and benevolent fund scheme as it may deem fit.

Pension, Insurance, Gratuity, Provident Fund and Benevolent Fund.

(2) Where any provident fund has been constituted under this Act, the provisions of the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (Act-XIX of 1925) shall apply to such funds as if it were the Government Provident Fund.

39. (1) When a member of a newly constituted Authority is elected, appointed or nominated, his term of office, as fixed under this Act, shall commence from such date as may be prescribed.

Commencement of term of office of members of Authority:

(2) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall affect the provisions of Section 41.

(3) Where a member, who has been nominated or elected to any Authority, fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Authority consecutively, he shall cease to be the member.

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(4) Where a member who has accepted any assignment or for any such other reason remains absent from the University for a period of not less than six months, he shall be deemed to have resigned and vacated his seat.

40. Any casual vacancy among the elected, appointed or nominated members of any Authority shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the person or persons or the body who elected, appointed or nominated to vacancy, shall be a member of such Authority for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

Filling of casual vacancies in Authorities.

41. Where there is a void in the constitution of an Authority as constituted by this Act, because of the abolition of a special office under Government or because an organization, institution or other body outside the University has been dissolved or has ceased to function or because of some other similar reason, the void shall be filled in such manner as the Chancellor may direct.

Voids in the constitution of Authorities.

42. If a question arises whether any person is entitled to be a member of any Authority, the matter shall be referred to a committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor and the Judge of the High Court and the senior most Dean who are members of the Syndicate and the decision of this committee shall be final and binding.

Disputes about membership of Authorities:

43. No act, resolution or decision of any Authority shall be invalid by reason of any vacancy on the Authority doing, passing or making it or by reason of any want of qualification or invalidity in the election, appointment or nomination of any de facto member of the Authority, whether present or absent.

Proceedings of Authorities not invalidated by vacancies.

44. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, the Governor of Sindh, shall promulgate the First Statutes which shall be deemed to be the statues framed under section 30 and shall continue to remain in force until amended or replaced or till such time as new Statutes are framed in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

First Statutes.

45. If any difficulty arises as to the first constitution or reconstitution of any Authority upon the coming into force of this Act, or otherwise in first implementation of the provisions of this Act, the Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, give appropriate directions to remove such difficulty.

Removal of difficulties.

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46. No court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any proceedings, grant any injunction or make any order in relation to anything done or purported to have been done or intended to be done under this Act.

Bar of Jurisdiction.

47. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against Government, the University or any Authority, officer or employee of Government or University or any person in respect of anything which is done or purported to have been done or intended to be or, has been done in good faith under this Act.

Indemnity:

48. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act –

Power to require officers, teachers or employees to serve under any Government or Organizations.

- (a) any officer, teacher or other employee of the University shall as the Chancellor may in the public interest and in consultation with Government direct, serve in any post under Government or any other University or an educational or research institution:

Provided that in the case of a teacher, the Syndicate shall be consulted before issuing the direction;

- (b) the Chancellor may, in the public interest, and in consultation with Government direct, any post in the University to be filled by appointing any employee of Government or any other University or an educational or research institution:

Provided that in the case of a teacher, the Selection Board shall be consulted before filling in the post.

(2) Where any appointment or transfer has been made under this section, the terms and conditions of service of the appointee or transferee shall not be less favourable than those admissible to him immediately before such appointment or transfer and he shall be entitled to all benefits of his past service.

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**THE FIRST STATUTES
(See section 44)**

1. (1) The University shall include the following Faculties:- **Faculties.**

- (i) the Faculty of Law;
- (ii) the Faculty of Social Sciences;
- (iii) the Faculty of Policy Planning and Development;
- (iv) such other Faculties as may be prescribed by Statutes.

(2) There shall be Board of each Faculty which shall consist of -

- (i) the Dean;
- (ii) the Professors and the Chairmen of the Teaching Departments;
- (iii) one member of each Board of Studies comprised in the Faculty to be nominated by the Board of Studies concerned; and
- (iv) three teachers to be nominated by the Academic Council by reason of their specialized knowledge of subjects which, though not assigned to the Faculty, have in the opinion of the Academic Council, important bearing on the subjects assigned to the Faculty.

(3) The members mentioned in sub-clauses (iii) and (iv) of clause (2) shall hold office for three years.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of a Faculty shall be one-half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(5) The Board of each Faculty shall, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Syndicate, have the powers -

- (a) to coordinate the teaching and research work in the subject assigned to the Faculty;
- (b) to scrutinize the recommendation of the Boards of Studies comprised in the Faculty in regard to the appointment of paper setters and examiners, except for research examinations and to forward the panels of suitable paper-setters and examiners for each examination to the Vice Chancellor;

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- (c) to consider any other academic matter relating to the Faculty and to report thereon to the Academic Council; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.

2. (1) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty who shall be the **Dean.**
Chairman and convener of the Board of Faculty.

(2) The Dean of each Faculty shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor from amongst the three most senior Professors in the Faculty for a period of three years.

(3) The Dean shall present candidates for admission to degrees, except honorary degrees, in the courses falling within the purview of the Faculty.

(4) The Dean shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

3. (1) There shall be a Teaching Department for each subject or a group of subjects, as may be prescribed by regulations and each Teaching Department shall be headed by a Chairman. **Teaching Department.**

(2) The Chairman of the Teaching Department shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor from amongst three most senior Professors and three most senior Associate Professors of the Department for a period of three years:

Provided that where there is no Professor or Associate Professor in a Department, it shall be looked after by the Dean of the Faculty with the assistance of the most senior teacher of the Department.

(3) The Chairman or Chairperson of the Department shall plan, organize and supervise the work of the Department and shall be responsible to the Dean for the work of his Department.

4. (1) There shall be a separate Board of Studies for each subject or group of subjects, as may be prescribed by regulations. **Boards of Studies.**

(2) Each Board of Studies shall consist of-

- (i) the Chairman of the Teaching Department;

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- (ii) all Professors and Associate Professors in the Teaching Department;
- (iii) one Assistant Professor and one Lecturer by rotation in order of seniority from the Department concerned; and
- (iv) two experts to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

(4) The term of office of members of the Board of Studies other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

(5) The quorum for meetings of the Board of Studies shall be one-half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(6) The Chairman of the Teaching Department concerned shall be the Chairman and convener of the Board of Studies.

(7) The functions of the Board of Studies shall be -

- (a) to advise the Authorities on all academic matters connected with instructions, research and examination in the subject or subjects concerned;
- (b) to propose curricula and syllabi for all degree, diploma and certificate courses in the subject or subjects concerned;
- (c) to suggest a panel of names of paper-setters and examiners in the subject or subjects concerned; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by regulations.

5. (1) The Advanced Studies and Research Board shall consist of -

- (i) Vice Chancellor (Chairman);
- (ii) the Deans;
- (iii) three University Professors other than Deans to be appointed by the Syndicate;
- (iv) three University Teachers having research qualifications and experience to be appointed by the Academic Council; and
- (v) the Emeritus professors.

**Advanced Studies
and Research
Board.**

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(2) The term of office of members of the Advanced Studies and Research Board other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board shall be one-half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

(4) The functions of the Advanced Studies and Research Board shall be -

- (a) to advise the Authorities on all matters connected with the promotion of advanced studies and research in the University;
- (b) to consider and report to the Authorities on the institution of research degree in the University;
- (c) to propose regulations regarding the award of research degree;
- (d) to appoint supervisors for research students and to determine the subjects of their thesis;
- (e) to recommend panels of names of paper setters and examiners for research examinations after considering the proposals of the Board of Studies in this behalf; and
- (f) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.

6. (1) The Selection Board shall consist of -

Selection Board.

- (i) The Vice Chancellor (Chairman or Chairperson);
- (ii) the Chairman, or a member of the Sindh Public Service Commission to be nominated by the Chairman;
- (iii) the Dean of the Faculty concerned;
- (iv) the Chairman of the Teaching Department concerned; and
- (v) one member of the Syndicate and two other men of eminence, to be appointed by the Syndicate, provided that none of the three are employees of the University;

(2) The Members mentioned in sub-clause (v) of sub-section (1) shall hold office for two years.

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(3) The quorum for meeting of the Selection Board shall be four members.

(4) No member who is a candidate for the post to which appointment is to be made shall take part in the proceeding of the Board.

(5) In selecting candidates for the posts of Professors and Associate Professors, the Selection Board shall co-opt or consult three experts in the subject concerned, and in selecting candidates for other teaching posts, two experts in the subject concerned, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor, from a standing list of experts for each subject approved by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Selection Board and revised from time to time.

7. (1) The Selection Board shall consider the applications for teaching and other posts received in response to an advertisement and shall recommend to the Syndicate the names of suitable candidates for appointment to such posts.

Functions of Selection Board.

(2) The Selection Board may recommend the grant of a higher initial pay in a suitable case for reasons to be recorded.

(3) The Selection Board may recommend to the Syndicate the appointment of an eminently qualified person to a Professorship in the University on the terms and conditions other than those prescribed.

(4) In the event of an unresolved difference of opinion between the Selection Board and the Syndicate, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision shall be final.

8. (1) The Finance and Planning Committee shall consist of –

Finance and Planning Committee.

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
- (ii) one member of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate;
- (iii) one member of the Syndicate to be appointed by the Syndicate;
- (iv) two Deans of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (v) one nominee of the Chancellor;
- (vi) the Director of Finance; and
- (vii) one nominee of the Higher Education Commission.

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(2) The term of office of the appointed members shall be three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee shall be three members.

9. The functions of the Finance and Planning Committee shall be -

Functions of the Finance and Planning Committee.

- (a) to consider the annual statement of accounts and the annual and revised budget estimates and advise the Syndicate thereon;
- (b) to review periodically the financial position of the University;
- (c) to advise the Syndicate on all matters relating to planning, development, finances, investment and accounts of the University; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Statutes.

10. (1) The Affiliation Committee shall consist of -

Affiliation Committee.

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
- (ii) one member of the Syndicate to be nominated by the Syndicate; and
- (iii) two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council.

(2) The term of office of the appointed members of the Committee excluding ex-officio members shall be two years.

(3) The Affiliation Committee may co-opt not more than three experts.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Affiliation Committee shall be three members.

(5) An officer of the University to be designated by the Vice Chancellor for this purpose shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

11. (1) The Discipline Committee shall consist of -

Discipline Committee.

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee;
- (b) two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council;

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- (c) one member to be nominated by the Syndicate;
- (d) the Teacher or Officer in-charge of Students Affairs by whatever name called (Member-Secretary); and
- (e) the President of the University Students Union.

(2) The term of office of the members of the Discipline Committee, excluding ex-officio members, shall be two years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Discipline Committee shall be four members.

(4) The functions of the Discipline Committee Shall be –

- (i) to propose regulations to the Academic Council for the conduct of University students, maintenance of discipline and for dealing with cases of indiscipline; and
- (ii) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Regulations.