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AN ACT UNIVERSITY CHARTER THE SAIFEE BURHANI UNIVERSITY AT KARACHI.

WHEREAS His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS) and the Dawat-e-Hadiyah Trust have established in Pakistan a Saiffee Burhani University whose programmes will promote educational welfare of the people of Pakistan. They have expressed the desire to establish an autonomous university in Pakistan for the promotion and dissemination of knowledge and technology and for providing instructions, training, research, demonstration and services nationally and internationally with such other branches of learning as the University may determine.

CHAPTER-I TIONS

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "Affiliated Institution or College" means an educational institution or college affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it;
- (c) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified in section 17;
- (d) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University specified in section 18;
- (e) "Chairperson" means the person that shall be the head of the teaching departments;
- (f) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (g) "Constituent College or Institution" means the college or an institution maintained and administered by the University in which arrangements exist for imparting instructions in general, technical professional education or other disciplines of higher learning and such other subjects as may be prescribed;
- (h) "Dean" means the Head of faculty:

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- (i) "Director" means the head of a teaching or administrative division of the University;
- (j) "Faculty" means an academic division within the University comprising of one or more Teaching Departments;
- (k) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (l) "Officer" means any of the officers of the University specified in section 6;
- (m) "Higher Education Commission" means Higher Education Commission of country and SHEC means Sindh Higher Education Commission;
- (n) "Prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;
- (o) "Principal" means the head of a constituent college or institution;
- (p) "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor appointed by the Chancellor on honorary basis;
- (q) "Pro-Vice Chancellor" means the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University appointed under section 10;
- (r) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (s) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Regulations and Rules made under this Act,
- (t) "Teacher" means the whole-time teacher engaged as a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and such other persons as may be declared to be the teachers;
- (u) "Teaching Department" means the Teaching Department of the University;
- (v) "Trust" means the Dawat-e-Hadiyah Trust registered under the laws of Pakistan;
- (w) "University" means the Saiffee Burhani University, Karachi;

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- (x) "Vice Chancellor ("VC")" means the means the Person appointed by the Chancellor under section 9, who in the absence of the Chancellor shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Governors;

CHAPTER-II THE UNIVERSITY

- (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Saiffee Burhani University at Karachi, consisting of the Patron, Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, members of the Board, Registrar, Deans, Chairperson of the Teaching Departments, the members of the Academic Council and such other Officers as may be prescribed, from time to time.
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name Saiffee Burhani University, owned by the Trust and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with power, among others, to acquire, hold and dispose of any property (both moveable and immoveable) vesting in it, and may sue and be sued by the said name.
- (3) The University shall be open to all persons of either sex, of whatever religion, race, creed, class, color, sex, or domicile, who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University, and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the said ground;
- (4) The moral and ethical codes employed on the University campus, affiliated colleges or institutes and the constituent institutions will be based on and derived from the cardinal principles and the guidance embodied in the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (SAW).

5. Powers and Functions of the University

- (1) Subject to instructions of the Government issued from time to time, the University shall be a fully autonomous body with the freedom to govern its academic functions, in order to achieve its objectives, in particular, freedom to:
- a) establish campuses, faculties, teaching departments, research institutes, constitute college or institution and other learning centers in any and all branches of learning and to provide and support other facilities for education, professional training and research;

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- b) confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved
- (b) Chancellor;
ice Chancellor;
- (d) Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- (e) Deans;
- (f) Directors;
- (g) Chairperson of the Teaching Departments;
- (h) Registrar;
- (i) Director of Finance;
- (j) Controller of Examinations;
- (k) Resident Auditor;
- (l) Director Planning and Development;
- (m) Librarian; and
- (n) such other persons as may be prescribed to be officers of the University.

7. Patron

The **Chief Minister of Sindh** shall be the Patron of the University.

8. Chancellor:

- (1) His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS) shall be the Chancellor of the University and shall be succeeded by His nominee in the office of Dai'ul Mutlaq;
- (2) The Chancellor shall, when present, preside at convocations of the University and the Board of Governors' meetings of the University;
- (3) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to

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confirmation by the Chancellor.

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

- a) has become of unsound mind; or
- b) has been incapacitated to function as member; or
- c) has been convicted by a court of law in Pakistan of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(5) If the Chancellor is not satisfied that the proceedings of any Authority are 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.

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

(7) The Chancellor may cause a visitation or inquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the affairs of the University and appoint such person as may deem fit for the purpose.

9. (1) VICE-CHANCELLOR

(1) The Vice Chancellor shall be a person of eminence in the field of education or a distinguished administrator with sufficient experience in the relevant field.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor for such period and on such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may determine but with minimum period of three (3) years.

(3) 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 other cause, the Chancellor shall make such arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Vice Chancellor as he may deem fit.

9 (2). POWERS OF VICE CHANCELLOR ("VC")

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- (1) The VC shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall be responsible for implementation of the provisions of this Act, the statutes, the regulations and the rules and execution of the policies and the programs of the University as instructed by the Chancellor, from time to time.
- (2) The VC shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside over the meetings of the Authorities of which the Chancellor is the Chairperson.
- (3) The VC may, in any emergency, which in his/her opinion requires immediate action, take such action as he/she may consider necessary and shall, as soon as possible, report his/her action to the officer, authority or other body, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter.
- (4) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the VC shall also have the powers –
 - i. to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months;
 - ii. to sanction all expenditures 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 Rupees One Million for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget and report it to the Board 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 security of papers,
 - vi. grades and results as he/she may consider necessary;
 - vii. to direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take such assignments in connection with teaching, research, examination, administration and such other activities in the University as he/she may consider necessary;
 - viii. to appoint employees of such categories in respect of which powers have been delegated to him/her by the Board;

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- ix. to delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any of his/her powers under this Act, to an officer or other employee of the University; and
- x. to exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by the Chancellor. Subject to the approval of the Board and the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor may delegate such of his/her powers and functions under this Order to such person as he/she may determine, including but not limited to, the academic and administrative affairs of the University. Every such person shall report, and be responsible, to the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be responsible to the Board.

10. Pro-Vice Chancellor

- (1) The Pro-Vice Chancellor is an optional position and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine.
- (2) A pro-vice-chancellor (or pro vice-chancellor, PVC) or deputy vice-university. Individual pro-vice-chancellors may be in charge of areas such as administration, research and development, student affairs, and academic and education affairs.

11. Registrar:

- (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine.
- (2) The Registrar shall-
 - (a) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University; and
 - (b) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

12. Director Finance

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

2) The Director Finance shall.

- i. manage the property, the finances and the investments of the University;
- ii. prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the University and present them to the Finance Committee and the Board;
- iii. ensure that the funds of the University are expended for the purposes for which they are provided; and
- iv. perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

13. Controller of Examinations

The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee and on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine. He/She shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

14. Resident Auditor

The Resident Auditor shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine. He/She shall be responsible for pre-audit of all payments from the University fund and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

15. Director of Planning and Development

(1) The Director of Planning and Development shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine.

(2) The Director of Planning and Development shall be responsible for

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planning and development of the University and shall also be responsible for preparation of short and long term development plans for the resources, the facilities and the amenities, and shall perform such functions as may be prescribed.

16. Librarian

The Librarian shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on such terms and conditions as the Vice Chancellor may determine. He shall perform such functions as may be prescribed.

**CHAPTER-III
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

17. AUTHORITIES

The following shall be the authorities of the University:

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

18. Board of Governors

- (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of-

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- i. the Chancellor;
 - ii. the Vice Chancellor;
 - iii. the Pro-Vice Chancellor;
 - iv. a Judge of the High Court of Sindh to be nominated by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Sindh;
 - v. the Secretary Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh or his/her nominee;
 - vi. two Deans to be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice Chancellor,
 - vii. the Chairperson, Higher Education Committee (HEC), or whole-time member of the said committee to be nominated by him;
 - viii. three persons from society at large, being persons of distinction in the field of admin, management, education, academics, law, accountancy, medicine, fine arts, architecture, agriculture, science, technology and engineering, such that, the appointment of these persons reflects a balance across the various fields. Out of such three persons, one person each, shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor, Board of Governors and the Academic Council;
 - ix. two trustees nominated by the Trust;
 - x. two persons of eminence, representing various disciplines and professions, nominated by the Chancellor,
 - xi. One person from amongst the alumni of the university to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor; and
 - xii. the Registrar who shall act as Secretary of the Board.
- (2) The Members of the Board other than ex-officio members shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination on the expiry of the term.
- (3) The office of a nominated member shall become vacant if he/she resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without

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sufficient cause or leave of absence. or his nomination is changed by the Authority which had nominated him/.

(4) A casual vacancy of members shall be filled by persons nominated by the authority, which had nominated the member whose vacancy is to be filled.

(5) No act or proceedings of the Board shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of a vacancy or a defect in constitution of the Board.

19. Powers and duties of the Board

(1) The Board shall be the executive body of the University and shall, exercise general supervision over the affairs and management of the University.

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

- i. to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University as per the guidance of the Chancellor,
- ii. to govern and regulate, with due regard to the advice of the Finance and Planning Committee, the finances, accounts and investments of the University and for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit;
- iii. to affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions and colleges;
- iv. to consider annual and revised budget estimates and to advise the Trust thereon, and to re-appropriate funds from one major head of expenditure to another;
- v. to transfer and accept transfer of movable or immovable property on behalf of the University;
- vi. to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- vii. to cause proper books of accounts to be kept for all sums of money received and expended by the University and for the assets and liabilities of the University;

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- viii. to receive and manage any property transferred and grants, bequests, donations, endowments and other contributions made to the University;
- ix. to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specified purposes;
- x. to determine the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the common seal of the University;
- xi. to provide the buildings, libraries, premises, furniture, apparatus, equipment and other means required for carrying out the work of the University;
- xii. to establish and maintain halls of residence and hostels or approve or license hostels or lodgings for the residence of students;
- xiii. to institute Professorship, Associate Professorship, Assistant Professorship, Lectureship and other teaching posts or to suspend or abolish such posts;
- xiv. to create, suspend or abolish such administrative, teaching, research or other posts as may be necessary;
- xv. to make appointments on the recommendation of the Selection Board to the posts of teachers, officers and such other cadres as may be determined by the Board;
- xvi. to appoint Emeritus and Distinguished Professors on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- xvii. to confer honorary degrees in the fields of ordained disciplines in accordance with the conditions prescribed;
- xviii. to prescribe the duties of officers, teachers and other employees of the University;
- xix. to suspend, punish and remove from service, officers (except the Vice Chancellor), teachers and other employees in the manner prescribed;
- xx. to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

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- xxi. to propose statutes for submission to the Chancellor;
- xxii. to consider and dispose of the regulations made by the Academic Council; provided that the Board may frame a Regulation on its own initiative and approve it after consulting the Academic Council;
- xxiii. to regulate, determine and administer all other matters concerning the University and, to this end, exercise all other powers not specifically mentioned in this Act and the statutes;
- xxiv. to delegate any of its powers to an Authority or Officer or a Committee or Sub-Committee; and
- xxv. to perform such other functions as have been assigned to it under this Act, or may be assigned to it by the statutes.

20. Board Meetings

- (1) The Board shall meet at least twice in a year on the dates to be fixed by the Vice Chancellor; provided that a special meeting may be called at any time on the direction of the Chancellor or on a requisition made by not less than five members of the Board to consider a matter of urgent nature.
- (2) Not less than ten clear days' notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board, and the agenda of the meeting shall be restricted to the matter for which the special meeting is called.
- (3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-half of its members, a fraction being counted as one.
- (4) The decision of the Board shall be expressed in terms of the views of the majority of the members present, and if the members are equally divided, the chairman of the Board shall have and exercise a casting vote.

21. Academic Council

- (1) The Academic Council shall consist of-
 - i. the Vice Chancellor who shall be the chairman;
 - ii. the Pro-Vice Chancellor;

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- iii. the Deans;
- iv. the Chairperson of teaching departments;
- v. the University Professors including Emeritus and Distinguished Professors;
- vi. two eminent persons, known for their intellectual caliber on international level, service to society, or leadership in profession, nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor,
- vii. Principals and Directors of constituent and affiliated colleges;
- viii. the Controller of Examination;
- ix. the Librarian;
- x. the Registrar who shall act as its Secretary.

(2) Members appointed by nomination shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination on the expiry of their term.

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

22. Powers and duties of the Academic Council

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

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Council shall have the powers:

- i. to advise the Board on academic matters;
- ii. to regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations;
- iii. to propose to the Board schemes for the constitution and organization

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of Faculties, Teaching Departments, Institutes and Boards of Studies;

- iv. to consider or formulate proposals for the planning and development of teaching and research at the University;
- v. to make regulations on the recommendations of the Board of Faculties and the Boards of Studies prescribing the courses of studies and the syllabi for all University examinations; provided that, if the recommendations of the Board of Faculties and Boards of Studies are not received by the prescribed date, the Council may, subject to the approval of the Board, continue for the next year, the courses of studies already prescribed for an examination;
- vi. to recognize the examinations of other University or examining bodies as equivalent to the corresponding examinations of the University;
- vii. to frame regulations for submission to the Board;
- viii. to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
- ix. to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

23. Powers of other Authorities

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

24. Appointment of Committee by the Authority

The Board, the Academic Council or other Authorities may appoint/constitute such Standing, Special or Advisory Committees, as they may consider advantageous in the performance of their functions.

25. Statutes

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may be made to regulate or prescribe all or any of the following matters, namely –

- i. terms and conditions of service of employees of the University

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including scales of pay, constitution of pension, insurance, gratuity, provident fund, benevolent fund and other fringe benefits;

- ii. terms and conditions of contractual appointment of teachers, researchers and officers;
- iii. affiliation and disaffiliation of institutions and related matters;
- iv. establishment of faculties, teaching departments and other academic units and divisions;
- v. powers and duties of officers and teachers;
- vi. conditions under which the University may enter into arrangements with other public or private organizations for purposes of instruction, research and other scholarly activities;
- vii. conditions of appointment of Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professor;
- viii. award of honorary degrees;
- ix. standard of evaluation of efficiency and exercising disciplinary measures over the employees of the University;
- x. acquisition and administration of properties and investments of the University; and
- xi. all other matters which under this Act are required to be or may be prescribed or regulated by the statutes.

2. The draft of the statutes shall be proposed by the Board for the approval of the Chancellor

3. The Chancellor shall have the powers to assent to the statutes submitted to him for approval, or refer them back to the Board for reconsideration.

4. No statute shall be valid until it has been approved by the Chancellor.

26. Regulations

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, regulations may be

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made for all or any of the following matters –

- i. schemes of studies and research, including the duration of courses, number of subject or papers for examination;
- ii. syllabi and courses of study and research programmes for degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- iii. the admission of students to the University;
- iv. the conditions under which students shall be admitted and shall become eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- v. the conduct of examination, appointment of examiners, scrutiny, tabulation and declaration of result;
- vi. determination fees and other charges to be paid by students for admission to the courses of study and examinations of the University;
- vii. maintenance of discipline of students and scheme for their welfare;
- viii. conditions of residence of the students of the University or the colleges, including the levy of fees for residence in the halls of residence and hostels;
- ix. the approval and licensing of hostels and lodgings;
- x. conditions under which a person should carry on independent research to entitle him to a degree;
- xi. the institution of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- xii. the institution of stipends and free and half-free studentships;
- xiii. the academic costumes;
- xiv. the use of Library;
- xv. the formation of teaching departments and boards of studies; and
- xvi. all other matters which by this Act and the statutes are to be or may be

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prescribed by regulations.

(2) The Regulations shall be prepared by the Academic Council and shall be submitted to the Board which may approve them or withhold approval or refer them back to the Academic Council for reconsideration.

(3) A regulation prepared by the Academic Council shall not be valid, unless it receives the approval of the Board.

27. Amendment and repeal of Statutes and Regulations

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 the statutes and regulations.

28. Rules

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

Provided that the Board may direct the amendment or the annulment of any rules, made by another Authority or body under this section.

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

(2) The Board 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-IV
THE UNIVERSITY FUND**

29. Fund, Audit and Accounts

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

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- (2) Capital and recurrent expenditure of the University shall be made from the contributions made by the Foundation including any other foundations, trusts, Universities, associations, societies or individuals and from the income derived from any other source.
- (3) No contribution, donation or grant which may directly or indirectly involve any immediate or subsequent financial liability for the University, or which may involve an activity not included in the programs for the time being, shall be accepted without the prior approval of the Board.
- (4) The accounts of the University shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be determined by the Board and shall be audited each year, within four months of the closing of the financial year of the University, by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the Board on the recommendation of Finance and Planning Committee.
- (5) The accounts, together with the report of the Auditor, thereon, shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
- (6) The Auditor's report shall certify that the report has complied with the standards of audit and certification laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.

**CHAPTER-V
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

30. Retirement

An employee of the University shall retire from service:

- i. on such date, after he has completed twenty-five years of 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 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 of his age.

31. Opportunity of show cause

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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.

32. Appeal to and review by the Board

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

(2) The appeal or application for review shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor who shall lay it before the Board with his views and 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.

33. Fund

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

(2) Where any Provident Fund has been constituted under this Act, the provisions of the Provident Funds Act, 1925, shall apply to such funds.

34. Term of office of members of Authorities

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

35. Filling of casual vacancies in Authorities

(1) Any casual vacancy among the appointed or nominated members of any

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Authority shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the body who appointed or nominated the member whose place has become vacant, and the person appointed or nominated to the vacancy shall be a member of such Authority for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he/she fills would have been a member:

Provided that, where a vacancy in the membership of an Authority, other than the Board, cannot be filled for the reason that the member was ex-officio; and the office has ceased to exist, or the organization, institution or other body, other than the University has ceased to exist or has ceased to function, or for any other circumstances which make it impracticable to fill the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled in such manner as the Chancellor may direct on the recommendations of the Board.

(2) The office of a nominated member shall become vacant if he resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Authority without sufficient cause or leave of absence, or his nomination is changed by the nominating Authority.

36. Disputes about membership of Authorities

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a person nominated or appointed to any Authority shall cease to be a member of such Authority as soon as he has ceased to hold the position by virtue of which he was nominated or appointed.

(2) If a question arises as to 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, the Judge of the High Court of Sindh, who is the member of the Board, and a nominee of the Chancellor, and the decision of the committee shall be final and binding.

37. First Statutes

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the statutes set out in the Schedule, shall be deemed to be the statutes framed under section 25 and shall remain in force until they are amended or replaced by new statutes framed in accordance with this Act.

38. Removal of difficulties

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If any difficulty arises as to the first constitution or reconstitution of any Authority upon coming into force of this Act or otherwise in effect to any provision of this Act, the Chancellor may give appropriate directions to remove such difficulty.

39. Validity of proceedings of Authorities

No act, proceedings, resolution or decision of any Authority shall be invalid by reason only of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of, or in the appointment or nomination of any member of the Authority.

40. Bar of Jurisdiction

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

41. Indemnity

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

**THE SCHEDULE
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(see section 38)**

1. Faculties

(1) The University shall have the following Faculties: -

- i. Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
- ii. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- iii. Faculty of Legal Studies
- iv. Faculty of Management and Administrative Sciences

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- v. Faculty of Pharmacy
- vi. Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology
- vii. Faculty of Computing and Applied Sciences
- viii. Faculty of Media Studies
- ix. any other faculty as may be prescribed by the statutes.

(2) Pakistan Studies shall be compulsory for all students, Islamic studies shall be compulsory for Muslim students, and non-Muslim students shall, in the alternative, have the option to take ethics.

(3) Each Faculty shall include such institutes, teaching departments, centers, or other teaching or research units, as may be prescribed by the statutes.

2. Board of Faculties

- (1) There shall be a Board of each Faculty consisting of-
 - a) the Dean;
 - b) the Professors, Associate Professors, and Chairperson of the Teaching Departments comprised in the faculty;
 - c) two members of each Board of Studies comprised in the Faculty, to be nominated by the Board of Studies concerned; and
 - d) 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.
- (2) The members, mentioned in clauses (c) and (d) of sub-section(1) shall hold office for three years.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The Board of each Faculty shall, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Board, have the powers –

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- a) to coordinate the teaching and research in the subjects assigned to the Faculty;
- b) to scrutinize the schemes of courses and syllabi proposed by the Board of Studies comprised in the Faculty, and forward them to the Academic Council along with its observations;
- c) to scrutinize the recommendations made by the Board of Studies comprised in the faculty, on the appointment of paper setters and examiners, except for research and degrees examiners, who shall be scrutinized by the Vice Chancellor;
- d) to consider any other academic matter relating to the Faculty and to report thereon to the Academic Council; and
- e) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

3. Deans

- (1) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty who shall be the 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 senior most Professors in the Faculty, for a term of three years, and shall be eligible for another term.
- (3) The Dean shall present candidates for admission to degrees, except honorary degrees, to the Chancellor, 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.

4. Teaching Department

- (1) There shall be a Teaching Department for each subject or group of allied subjects as may be approved and each Teaching Department shall be headed by a Chairperson.
- (2) The Chairperson of a Teaching Department shall be appointed by the

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Board, on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor, from amongst the 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 Chairperson of the Department shall plan, organize and supervise the work of the Department in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall be responsible to the Dean of the Faculty in which his Department is comprised, for the work of his Department.

5. Board of Studies

(1) There shall be a Board of Studies for each subject or group of subjects as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(2) Each Board of Studies shall consist of:

- i. the Chairperson of the Teaching Department concerned who shall act as its chairman and convener;
- ii. all Professors and Associate Professors in the Teaching Department concerned;
- iii. three teachers, other than Professors or Associate Professors, to be appointed by the Academic Council;
- iv. three experts, other than University teachers, to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.

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

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

(5) The functions of the Board of Studies shall be:

- i. to advise the Authorities on all academic matters connected with instruction, research and examination in the subject or subjects

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concerned;

- ii. to propose curricula and syllabi for all degrees, diplomas and certificate courses in the subject or subjects concerned;
- iii. to suggest a panel of names of paper setters and examiners in the subject or subjects concerned; and
- iv. to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by regulations.

6. Board of Advanced Studies and Research

(1) There shall be a Board of Advanced Studies and Research consisting of:

- i. the Vice Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
- ii. Pro-Vice Chancellor
- iii. the Deans;
- iv. three University Professors other than the Deans to be appointed by the Board;
- v. three University teachers having research, qualifications and experience to be appointed by the Academic Council;
- vi. three scholars of eminence, in a field not represented on the Board of Advanced Studies and Research, to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Council; and
- vii. the Professors Emeritus.

(2) The term of office of the 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-

- i. to advise the Authorities on all matters connected with the promotion of

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advanced studies and research in the University;

- ii. to consider and report to the Authorities on the institution of research degree in the University;
- iii. to appoint supervisors for research students to determine the subject of their thesis;
- iv. to propose Regulations regarding the award of research degrees;
- v. to recommend the names of paper setters and examiners for research examination, after considering the proposals of the Board of Studies in this behalf; and
- vi. to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by statutes;

7. Selection Board

(1) There shall be a Selection Board consisting of:

- i. the Vice Chancellor who shall be the Chairman
- ii. ;
- iii. one member of the Board and two persons of eminence to be nominated by the Board; provided that none of them is an employee of the University;
- iv. the Dean of the Faculty concerned;
- v. the Chairperson of the Teaching Department concerned;
- vi. two persons to be nominated by the Chancellor;

(2) The members of the Selection Board, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for three years.

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

(4) No member of the Selection Board, who is a candidate for the post to which appointment is to be made, shall take part in such proceedings of the

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Selection Board.

(5) In selecting candidates for the post 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 of each subject, approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Selection Board, as revised from time to time.

(6) The functions of the Selection Board shall be-

- i. to consider all applications for teaching and other posts received in response to an advertisement, and recommend to the Board the names of suitable candidates for appointment to such posts;
- ii. to recommend to the Board the grant of higher initial pay in a suitable case for reasons to be recorded in writing;
- iii. to recommend to the Board, the appointment of an eminently qualified person to a position in the University, on the terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- iv. to consider all cases of promotion of officers of the University and recommend to the Board the names of suitable candidates for such promotions; and
- v. that in the event of an unresolved difference of opinion between the Selection Board and the Board, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision shall be final.

8. Finance and Planning Committee

(1) There shall be a Finance and Planning Committee consisting of;

- i. the Vice Chancellor, who shall be the chairman;
- ii. two nominees of the Board;
- iii. two experts in the field of finance and planning to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- iv. one Dean to be nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendations

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of the Vice Chancellor;

- v. the Director Planning and Development; and
- vi. the Director Finance of the University who shall be the Member - Secretary.

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

(3) The functions of Finance and Planning Committee shall be –

- i. to consider annual statement of accounts and revised budget estimate and advise the Board thereon;
- ii. to review periodically, the financial position of the University;
- iii. to advise the Board on all matters relating to planning, development, finance, investments and accounts of the University;
- iv. to prepare short term and long-term development plans;
- v. to prepare staff and resource development plans; and
- vi. to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

9. Affiliation Committee

(1) There shall be an Affiliation Committee consisting of-

- i. the Vice Chancellor who shall be the chairman;
- ii. one member of the Board to be nominated by the Board; and
- iii. two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council.

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

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

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(4) The quorum for a meeting of, or an inspection by 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.

10. Discipline Committee and its functions

(1) The Discipline Committee shall consist of-

- i. the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee;
- ii. two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council;
- iii. one member to be nominated by the Board; and
- iv. the teacher or officer, in charge of Students Affairs by whatever name called, who shall act as Member Secretary.

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

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Discipline Committee shall be three 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 dealing with cases of indiscipline; and
- ii. to perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the statutes or regulations.