

COVENANT UNIVERSITY LAW

(Amended 2008)

A law to provide for the establishment, incorporation and constitution of the Covenant University, Canaan Land, Ota, Ogun State of Nigeria and to make comprehensive provisions for its due administration.

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DATE OF COMMENCEMENT – OCTOBER, 2001

BE IT ENACTED by the Ogun State Government of Nigeria and by the Authority of same as follows:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

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| Short Title | 1 | This law may be cited as the Covenant University Law of 2001 |
| Interpretation | 2 | <p>In this Law unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>“Academic Staff” means the Vice Chancellor, Professors, Readers, all Lecturers and such other persons in the employment of the University engaged in teaching or research therein as the University Board acting in accordance with the Recommendations of the Senate may from time to time grant the status of members of the Academic Staff of the University;</p> <p>“Academic year” means such period not exceeding twelve consecutive months as the Senate may from time to time so designate;</p> <p>“Administrative Staff” means those persons in the employment of the University, other than the academic staff, who hold administrative, professional or technical posts designated by the Board as Senior posts;</p> <p>“The appointed day” means the day on which this Law comes into force;</p> <p>“Congregation” means the congregation of the University established by section 21 of this law.</p> |

“Convocation” means an assembly of the University established by Section 22 of this Law.

“The Board” means the Board of Regents of the University established by Section 15 of this Law.

“Functions” includes powers and duties.

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

“Alumni Association” means any association recognized by the Board as being representative of former and existing students who are graduates;

“Other staff” means those persons in the employment of the University who are not members of the academic staff or the administrative staff;

“Professor” means a person appointed to be a professor in the University and includes a visiting professor;

“Regulations” means any Regulations of the University made by the Senate pursuant to the provisions of this Law;

“The Senate” means the senate of the University established by Section 16 of this Law;

“Student” means a person who has been registered as a student of the University during a current academic year for a first or higher degree, diploma, certificate or such other qualification of the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a person for the status of a student;

“Teachers” means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University;

“Undergraduate” means a person registered as a student undergoing a course of studies for a first degree of the University or other course in the University as may be approved by the Senate as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status of an undergraduate;

“The University” means the Covenant University established and incorporated by Section 1 of this Law.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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| Establishment | 1 | There is hereby established in Canaan land, Ota, Ogun State an Institution to be known as the Covenant University in the law referred to as the University to provide courses of instruction and learning in the colleges of Management and Social Sciences, Science and Engineering, Humanities and Law, Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences and any other colleges which may from time to time be approved under this law. |
| Incorporation of the University | 2 | The University shall be a body corporate having a perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of movable and immovable property for the purposes of its functions under this law. |

Objects of the University

- 3 The objects of the University shall be;
- (a) To provide facilities for learning, to give instructions and training in such areas of knowledge in raising a new generation of leaders who will provide intellectual leadership in private and public sectors through the development of the “Total man” approach.
 - (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate research and higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive and technological maintenance, developmental and productive skills.
 - (c) To promote by research and other means the advancement of knowledge and its practical application to social, cultural, economic, scientific and technological problems.
 - (d) encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all fields of learning and human endeavour.
 - (e) to disseminate scientific and technological knowledge among scientists, researchers, industries, trade services and other bodies.
 - (f) to relate its activities to the technological, scientific and socio-economic needs of the people of Nigeria and to undertake other activities appropriate for world class University of the world class standard.

Constitution of the University

- 4 (1) The University shall consist of:-

- (a) a Chancellor
 - (b) Board of Regents
 - (c) a Vice-Chancellor and Senate
 - (d) a body to be called Congregation;
 - (e) a body to be called Convocation
 - (f) the Campuses and supporting units of the University
 - (g) the Colleges, Schools, Departments, Institutes, and other teaching and research units of the University;
 - (h) the persons holding offices constituted by the Statute -II to this Law and not mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this section;
 - (i) all graduates and undergraduates; and
 - (j) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf;
- (2) The First Schedule to this Law shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of the University there mentioned; and the Second Schedule to this Law shall have effect with respect to the bodies referred to in the foregoing sub-section.

Powers of the University

- 5 (1) For the purpose of carrying out its objects as specified in section 3 of this law, the University shall have powers:
- (a) to establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-moral departments, and other units of learning and research within the University as the University may from time to time decide;
 - (b) to institute professorships, and lectureships and any other office of any kind and whether academic or not as may be required by the

University; to prescribe conditions of service for and appoint persons to such offices and to exercise disciplinary control over them;

- (c) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Bursaries, Medals, Prizes and other academic titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
- (d) to prescribe from time to time the conditions under which persons shall be admitted to the University or to any particular course of study therein or be allowed to continue in such course of study;
- (e) to hold examinations, grant and confer, under conditions prescribed by the University, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions, to and on persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have passed such examinations or other tests and satisfied such other requirements as the University may prescribe;
- (f) to confer Honorary Degrees, Fellowships and other academic distinctions;
- (g) to deprive any person of any Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Bursary, Medal, Prize or other academic title, distinction or award whatsoever granted to or conferred on him by the University subject to what the University shall deem a good cause in its absolute discretion.
- (h) to provide such lectures and instructions for persons not being members of the University as the University may determine and to grant to any such persons such Diplomas, Certificates or

other academic distinctions as the University as the University may deem necessary;

- (i) to accept the examinations passed and periods of study spent by students of the University at other Universities or places of learning as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the Covenant University as the University may determine, and to withdraw such acceptance at any time;
- (j) to affiliate other institutions or branches or departments thereof and to recognize selected members of the staff thereof as teachers of the University, and to admit the members thereof of the University, and to accept attendance at courses of study in such institutions or branches or departments thereof in place of such part of the attendance at courses of study in the University and upon such terms and conditions as may, from time to time, be determined by the University;
- (k) to make provision for research and advisory services and with these objects in view to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies as the University may deem desirable;
- (l) to undertake printing, publishing and other forms of reproduction of educative materials and to engage in book-selling.
- (m) to provide for the welfare and discipline of students and members of the University.
- (n) to demand and receive such fees, levies and other charges as may from time to time be prescribed by the University;

- (o) to act as trustees or managers of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the university, and to invest any funds, representing such property, legacy, bequest, endowment, or gift, if not immediately required, on such security as the University may deem fit;
- (p) to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
- (q) to accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless the University approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
- (r) to enter into contracts, establish trusts and similar funds, solely or jointly with any other authority or institution and to employ and act through agents;
- (s) to erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things (whether in Nigeria or elsewhere) necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University.
- (t) subject to any limitation or conditions imposed by or in accordance with this Law, to invest any moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment and whether for general or special purposes, and such other moneys as may not be immediately required for current expenditure, in any approved investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of

land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and to deposit any moneys for the time being uninvested with any bank on deposit or current or any other account.

- (u) to take such steps as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the University.
- (v) to make gifts for any charitable purpose;
- (w) to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Law, or by Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations to do;
- (x) to do all such 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 and of learning and research.

- (2) The powers conferred upon the University by subsection (1) of this section shall not necessarily have to be exercised by the Officers, authorities and persons mentioned in Statute 2 as comprising the University acting together on any one occasion, and any such powers may be exercised by any of those Officers, authorities, persons or others where provision enabling any of them so to do is made in or by virtue of this Law.

**The Chancellor
and his functions**

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- (1) The President of the World Mission Agency Inc. shall be the Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of the University.
- (2) The Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University shall be the Visitor to the University and shall as often as he deems fit, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a

visitation be conducted by such persons as the Chancellor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University.
 - (a) to make available to the Chancellor, and to any other persons conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of the visitation; and
 - (b) to give effect to any instructions consistent with the provisions of this Law which may be given by the Chancellor in consequence of the visitation.

**Prohibition of discrimination
on grounds of race,
creed, class, religion etc**

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- (1) Membership of the University shall be open to all persons of either sex and of whatever race, ethnic group or place of origin, religion, political or other opinion, nationality or class.

Common Seal

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- (1) The Common Seal of the University shall be kept in such custody as the Board may direct and shall not be used except by resolution of the Board or in such other manner as may be prescribed by Statute.
- (2) The Common Seal of the University shall be officially and judicially noticed.

PART III

THE OFFICERS, CONSTITUENT BODIES AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

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| Chancellor | 9 | The Chancellor shall be the Chief Executive visitor and Head of the University and shall in relation to the University take precedence over all other Members thereof, and when he is present, he shall preside at all meetings of Convocation and at meetings of the Board. |
| Vice Chancellor | 10 | There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall be the principal academic and executive officer of the University and ex-officio Chairman of the Senate, and who shall in the absence of the Chancellor confer degrees and other academic titles and distinctions of the University. |
| Deputy Vice-Chancellor | 11 | There shall be a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in the discharge of his functions as prescribed by law and shall, subject to the Statutes, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor act as the Vice-Chancellor or, if the Vice-Chancellor should be incapacitated. |
| Other Officers | 12 | There shall be such other Officers of the University as the Board, from time to time, desire fit to appoint. |
| Appointments and
Tenure of Office | 13 | Subject to the provisions of this Law, provisions may be made by Statutes with regard to the appointment and tenure of office of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, |

Registrar and other Officers of the University, and any other matters relating thereto.

**The Establishment,
Powers and Functions
of the Board**

- 14 (1) There is hereby established for the University a Board to be known as the Board of Regents of the Covenant University, the constitution and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, be in accordance with such provisions as may be made by Law in that behalf.
- (2) The Board shall be the governing authority of the University and shall have the custody, control and disposition of all the property and finances of the University and, except as may otherwise be provided in the Law, shall manage and superintend generally the affairs of the University and, in any matter concerning the University not provided for by or under this Law, the Board may act in such manner as appears to it best calculated to promote the interests, objects and purposes of the University.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this law, the Board shall be the governing authority of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintend of the policies, finances and property of the University including its public relations and in particular, the Board shall perform the following functions:-
- (a) to participate in the making, amendment or revocation of Statutes pursuant to the provisions of this Law.

- (b) to make, amend or revoke Ordinances pursuant to the provisions of this Law;
- (c) to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all other similar affairs whatsoever of the University, and for that purposes to appoint bankers, solicitors and any other persons or agents as the Council may deem expedient, and to cause proper books of accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the University in such manner as shall give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the University and explain its transactions from time to time;
- (d) to mobilize resources both within and outside the country for promoting and sustaining the activities of the University.
- (e) to invest any moneys belonging or appertaining to the University and not for the time being required to be expended for any of its purposes;
- (f) to sell, buy, exchange, lease or accept leases or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property on behalf of the University.
- (g) to provide and maintain the buildings, libraries, laboratories, premises, furniture, apparatus and other means needed for carrying out the work of the University;
- (h) to enter into, vary, perform and cancel contracts on behalf of the University.
- (i) to enter into agreements for the incorporation in the University of any other institution and for

taking over its rights, property and liabilities and for any other purpose not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Law;

- (j) to determine, in consultation with the Senate, all University fees;
- (k) to establish, after considering the recommendation of the Senate in that behalf, Faculties, Colleges, Institutes, School, Boards, Departments, and other units of learning and research; to prescribe their organization, constitution and functions and to modify or revise the same;
- (l) to authorize, after considering the recommendation of the Senate in that behalf, the establishments for the academic staff in the University, and, with the approval of the Senate, to suspend or abolish any academic post except a post created by this Law or the Statutes;
- (m) to authorize the establishment for the administrative staff and other staff in the University and to suspend or abolish any such posts other than posts created by this Law or the Statutes;
- (o) to make the appointments authorized by this Law and the Statutes;
- (p) to regulate the salaries and to determine the conditions of service of all staff employed by the University; provided that the salaries and conditions of service of the academic staff shall be regulated and determined in accordance with the recommendation of the Senate;

- (q) to exercise powers of removal from office and other disciplinary control over the academic staff, the administrative staff and all other staff in the University.
 - (r) to institute, in consultation with the Senate, and subject to any such conditions as may be specified by the Board or the founders, as the case may be, Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarships, Bursaries, Prizes, Medals and other endowments and aids to study and research;
 - (s) to promote and to make provision for research within the University;
 - (t) to call for reports from the Senate on any matter relating to instruction or teaching or any other academic matter within the University;
 - (u) to award Honorary Degrees and other distinctions in accordance with such provisions as may be made by Statute in that behalf;
 - (v) to perform all such other functions as are or may be conferred or imposed on the Board by this Law, or by the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations into effects so far as they may concern the Board.
- (4) The Board may constitute boards, committees or other bodies for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board in respect of any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this Law.
- (5) The Board may delegate any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this Law to the Chairman or any other member or members

thereof or to any body comprising such member or members and such other persons as the Board may appoint provided that:

- (a) any such delegation shall be revocable at will and shall not preclude the Board from exercising any of its functions under or by virtue of this Law;
 - (b) the Board shall not so delegate its powers to participate in the making, amending or revocation of Statutes or to make, amend or revoke Ordinances.
- (6) There shall be a committee of the Board, to be known as the finance and general purposes committee which shall subject to the directions of the Board exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Board as the Board may from time to time delegate to it.
- (7) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the finance and general purposes committee and its functions shall be as prescribed by the statute.
- (8) Subject to the provision of this law and the statutes the Board and the financial and general purposes committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure..
- (9) Rules made under subsection (8) of this section by the finance and general purpose committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Board and in so far as any rules so made by that committee conflict with any directions given by the Board (whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question) the directions of the Board shall prevail.

- (10) There shall be paid to the members of the Board the of finance and general purposes committee and of any other committee set up by the Board respectively allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Board.
- (11) The Board shall as and when necessary for the performance of its function under this law and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (12) Any three members of the Board may by notice in writing signed by them require the chancellor to convene a special meeting of the Board.

**Establishment, Powers
and Functions of the
Senate**

- 15 (1) There is hereby established for the University a Senate, the constitution and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, be in accordance with such provisions as may be made by Statute in that behalf.
- (2) The Senate shall, subject to the provisions of this Law and subject also to the powers reserved to the Board in all matters affecting the finances of the University, **be the supreme academic authority** of the University and be responsible for all academic matters in the University, and shall organize, control and direct the academic work of the University, both in teaching and research, and shall take such measures and act in such a manner as it thinks proper for the advancement of the University as a place of education, learning and research.

- (3) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, the Senate, subject to the provisions of this Law and the Statutes, shall have the following functions:
- (a) to formulate and establish the academic policy of the University and to advise the Board on the provision of facilities to carry out that policy;
 - (b) to direct, regulate and revise periodically, after considering the views of the Assemblies of the Colleges concerned, the curricula, instruction, teaching and courses of study within the University;
 - (c) to regulate all University examinations, and after considering the recommendations of the College Assemblies concerned, to appoint University Internal and External Examiners;
 - (d) to regulate the admission of persons to the University and to courses of study in the University and their continuance or discontinuance in such courses and the conditions qualifying for matriculation and for admission to the various titles, degrees, distinctions and other awards offered by the University;
 - (e) to award Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic titles and distinctions to persons who shall have pursued in the University such courses of study as may be approved examinations of the University and satisfied such other conditions as may be prescribed by Regulations of the University;

- (f) to recommend to the Board, subject to the procedure prescribed by Statute, the names of persons for the award of Honorary Degrees or other University distinctions;
- (g) to determine what formalities shall attach to the conferment of degrees and other distinctions;
- (h) to determine, after considering the views of the College Assemblies concerned, what examinations and courses of study in other Universities or places of learning shall be deemed equivalent to examinations and courses of study in the University;
- (i) to formulate, modify or revise schemes for the organization of the existing Colleges, Institutes, Schools, Boards, Departments or other units of learning and research in the University and to assign to them their respective subjects of study and also to make recommendations to the Board as to the expediency of the establishment at any time of other Colleges, Institutes, Schools, Boards, Departments or other units of learning and research or of abolishing, combining or sub-dividing any of them;
- (j) to review, refer back, control, amend or disallow any regulations of any College, Institute, School, Board, Department or other academic body of the University and to give directions to any such body;
- (k) to recommend to the Board, subject to any such conditions as the Senate may wish to specify, or as may be laid down by the founders, as the case may be, the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Bursaries, Prizes, Medals and other awards and to prescribe the

mode of competition for, and to award, the same;

- (l) to promote research within the University through the institution of a Senate Research Grant and the encouragement of multi-disciplinary team research and to require reports from time to time on such research;
- (m) to consider estimates of expenditure required to carry out the activities of the University and to submit them to the Board for approval;
- (n) to encourage vigorous staff development and on the job-training for all categories of staff on a regular and systematic basis.
- (o) to promote and supervise external studies, long distance learning any other extra-mural work of the University;
- (p) to make recommendations to the Board concerning all University fees, levies and other charges;
- (q) to provide for the general welfare and discipline of students;
- (r) to require a student on academic groups and misconduct to withdraw from the University;
- (s) to determine what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University and regulate the use of academic dress.
- (t) except as otherwise provided, to choose representatives of Senate on other organs of the University and on external bodies;

- (u) to make, amend or revoke Regulations, and to participate in the making, amendment or revocation of Statutes and Ordinances;
 - (v) to exercise all such other functions as are or any be conferred or imposed on the senate by this Law or by the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations and to carry this Law, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations into effect so far as they may concern the Senate;
- (4) The Senate may constitute boards, committees or other bodies for the purpose of making recommendations to the Senate in respect of any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this Law.
- (5) The Senate may delegate any of its functions conferred or imposed under or by virtue of this Law to any member or members thereof or to any body, comprising such member or members and such other persons as the Senate may appoint; provided that:
- (a) any such delegation shall be revocable at will and shall not preclude the Senate from exercising any of its functions under or by virtue of this Law;
 - (b) the Senate shall not delegate its powers to participate in the making, amendment or revocation of Statutes or Ordinances or to make, amend or revoke Regulations, or to award Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, Medals, Prizes and other similar titles or distinctions.
- (6) The Senate shall not establish any new college, school, institute, or other teaching units of the University or any hall of residence or similar

institution at the University, without the approval of the Board;

**Deprivation of degrees,
Diplomas, etc.,
and withdrawal of
Fellowships,
Studentships, etc**

- 16 (1) Subject to a right of appeal from the decision of the Senate to the Board, the Senate shall have power to deprive any person of any Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Bursary, Medal, Prize or other academic title, distinction or award whatsoever conferred upon or granted to him by the University, if after such inquiry as the Senate may deem necessary, the Senate is satisfied that he has been guilty of misconduct.
- (2) Where Senate is satisfied that on academic grounds, it is necessary so to do, the Senate may, as the circumstances may require, withdraw, or direct the withdrawal of, any Degree, Diploma, Certificates, Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Bursary or other academic awards whatsoever granted to any student or other person by the University.

Colleges

- 17 (1) There shall be in the University such Colleges as may be established by or under the provisions of this Law and each College shall be constituted in such manner as may prescribed by Statute.
- (2) The functions of such Colleges shall be such as may be prescribed by Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

Institutes

- 18 (1) There shall be in the University such Institutes and other units of learning and research as are deemed desirable for the

organization and carrying out of the academic work of the University.

- (2) The organization and functions of the respective Institutes and other units of learning and research as may be established from time to time shall be such as may be prescribed by Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

**Power of the Board
to establish or
reform Colleges,
Institutes, etc.**

- 19 For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that the Board, after considering the recommendation of the Senate in that behalf, shall have power to establish or reform any College, Institute and other units of learning and research established under the provisions of this Law, to alter the name of any such College, Institute or other unit of learning and research and to discontinue the same as may from time to time be considered desirable.

Congregation

- 20 There shall be a Congregation of the University, the constitution, functions and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, be prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances.

Convocation

- 21 There shall be a Convocation of the University the constitution and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this law, be presented by Statutes and Ordinances.

**Alumni
Association**

- 22 There shall be an Alumni Association of the University, the constitution, functions and procedure of which shall, subject to the provisions of this Law be prescribed by Statutes and Ordinances.

PART IV

STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

- Statutes** 23 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, Statutes may be made to prescribe or regulate any or all of the following matters:
- (a) the status, appointment, continuance in office and the functions of the Officers of the University where such matters have not been provided for by this Law;
 - (b) the constitution, functions and procedure of the authorities and constituent bodies of the University and other matters relative to such authorities and bodies;
 - (c) the procedure for the appointment and the terms and conditions of service of, and the exercise of disciplinary control over the academic staff, the administrative staff and other staff of the University;
 - (d) the affiliation or admission to the University of educational or research Institutions and the establishment of affiliated institutions;
 - (e) the admission of students, their discipline and welfare;
 - (f) the conferment of Honorary Degrees;
 - (g) all other matters which under the provisions of this Law may be authorized or required to be prescribed or regulated by Statute and, in addition, all such other provisions consistent with this Law as it may be deemed proper to make for the governance of the University, its members, authorities and other constituent

bodies or otherwise and for carrying out the work of the University and for the promotion of its objects.

First and Second Schedule

- (2) The Statutes contained in the Schedule to this Law shall be the first Statutes of the University, and shall be deemed to have been made under the provisions of this Law, and shall continue in force until such time as they may hereafter be amended, revoked or replaced by Statutes made in the manner hereinafter prescribed.
- (3) The power to make statute conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the first schedule to this law or any subsequent statute.

Mode of exercising Power to make, amend or revoke statutes

- 24 (1) The power of the University to make statute shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.
- (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has:-
- (a) been approved at a meeting of the Board by votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting, being not less than one half of the total membership of the Board for the time being and
- (b) been approved at a meeting of the Senate by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting being not less than one-half

of the total membership of the Senate for being and

- (c) received the assent of the Chief Executive Officer of the University.
- (3) A proposed statute which provides for the establishment of a new college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute where a college is established may originate only in the Senate and must be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by the senate before being so approved by the Board.
- (4) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Board, and may be approved as required by subsection (2) of this section by either one of those bodies before the other.
- (5) A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed and certified by Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University.

Ordinances

- 25 (1) Subject to the provision of this Law and of the Statutes, the Board, either acting in accordance with the recommendation of, or after consultation with, the Senate, may from time to time make Ordinances for the purpose of:
 - (a) further prescribing or regulating any matters prescribed or regulated by Statutes where the Statutes require that such matters shall be further prescribed or regulated by Ordinance;

- (b) exercising or prescribing the manner of exercising, any function conferred or imposed upon the Board by this Law, except where expressly or by necessary implication the context does not so permit.
- (c) prescribing or regulating any matters which though relating to the academic affairs of the University are agreed by both the Board and the Senate to have such financial implications as would make them appropriate subjects for provision by Ordinance;
- (d) prescribing or regulating any other matter which may be authorized or required by this Law to be prescribed or regulated by Ordinance.

- (2) Ordinances may add to, amend, or revoke the Ordinances from time to time in force.
- (3) Every Ordinance shall take effect as from the day on which it is made by resolution of the Board or from such other date as may be specified in the Law.

Regulations 26

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Statutes and Ordinances, the Senate may from time to time make Regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred or imposed upon the Senate by this Law, or prescribing or regulating any matter which may be authorized or required by this Law to be prescribed or regulated by Regulation.
- (2) Regulations may add to, amend or revoke the Regulations from time to time in force.
- (3) Regulations shall take effect as from the day on which they are made by the Senate or from such other date as may be specified in the Regulations.

Conflict of Provisions

- 27 In the event of:
- (a) any Statute being inconsistent with the provisions of this or any other Law; or
 - (b) any Ordinance being inconsistent with the provisions of this or any other Law or any Statute; or
 - (c) any Regulation being inconsistent with the provisions of this or any other Law or any Statute or Ordinance, then in respect of paragraph (a), the provisions of the Law; in respect of paragraph (b), the provisions of the Law or the Statute; and in respect of paragraph (c), the provisions of the Law, the Statute or the Ordinance, as the case may be, shall prevail and such Statute, Ordinance or Regulation as mentioned respectively in those paragraphs, shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.

PART V

RESIDENCE AND DISCIPLINE

General powers of the Board in relation to discipline and order

- 28 Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the Board shall have power to deal with all matters relating to the maintenance of discipline and order in the University in such manner as the Board may deem appropriate and whether or not such matters are referred to the Board by the Vice-Chancellor.

Removal of Officers and staff

- 29 (1) The Board may remove from office The Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, any other Officer of the University,

any member of the academic staff or any member of the administrative staff, subject to any such provisions as may be made by Statutes or Ordinances in that behalf.

- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, any members of the academic staff or any member of the administrative staff;
 - (a) who is appointed after or allowed to continue in employment beyond any retiring age prescribed by the Board, or
 - (b) whose employment is temporary, part-time or probationary; or
 - (c) whose appointment is not intended to continue until retiring age, may be removed from office in accordance with the terms of his contract of service or in exercise of powers of disciplinary control conferred in that behalf in or by virtue of this Law.
- (3) Any other staff may be removed from office in accordance with the terms of his contract of service or in exercise of powers of disciplinary control conferred in that behalf in or by virtue of this Law.

**Functions of
Vice-Chancellor**

- 30 The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such functions as may be conferred or imposed upon him by this Law, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Law, oversee the general welfare of students in the University in such a manner as the Vice-Chancellor may deem appropriate.

**Discipline of
Students**

31 (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor, after due investigation, that any student of the University has been, guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, subject to the approval of the Chancellor and without prejudice to the exercise of any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Statutes, or Regulations, direct;

that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or

(a) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified, or

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

(c) that the student be expelled from the University.

(2) Where a direction is given under paragraph (c) or (d) of sub-section (1) of this section, the student concerned may appeal against the direction to the Board which may, after causing such inquiry to be made into the matter as it may consider appropriate, either confirm or set aside the direction or alter it in such manner as it may think fit.

(3) The fact that an appeal against a direction has been brought in pursuance of sub-section (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction pending the determination of the appeal.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor, before exercising his powers under sub-section (1) above shall cause the nature of the misconduct to be brought to the notice of the student who shall be afforded an opportunity of being heard in person or in writing by a Committee specified by Senate to advise the Vice-Chancellor on disciplinary matters as contained in sub-section (1) of this Law.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor may empower the head of a Hall of Residence or other similar institution of the University to discipline students, other than by way of rustication or expulsion from the University, for any breach of Hall rules:

Provided that any such delegation shall be revocable at will and shall not preclude the Vice-Chancellor from exercising any of these powers himself.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding the restriction or termination of a student's activities in or attendance at the University other than on the ground of misconduct.

(7) The Senate may make regulations governing the discipline of students and may prescribe in such regulations what acts or omissions on the part of students shall for the purpose of this section constitute "misconduct"

**Powers of Board
to suspend students,
University
activities, etc 32**

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 30 or 31, the Board shall have power to suspend the academic and other activities of the University or any part thereof for such period, as the Board may deem appropriate, where in the opinion of the Board good order and discipline in the

University has been or is likely to be prejudiced by any act or omission on the part of students and the Board is satisfied that the situation so created has not been or cannot be dealt with effectively or at all by the exercise of any other powers to discipline students conferred by the foregoing provisions.

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor acting on behalf of the Board and on the advice of Senate, may suspend the academic and other activities of the University or any part thereof and such action shall be reported to Board.

Residence of

Staff and students

- 33 (1) The Board may require that any member of the academic staff or the administrative staff shall live within the University precincts in accommodation provided for the purpose.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may require that any student shall live in a Hall of Residence provided for that purpose and under such conditions of residence as may from time to time be prescribed by Statute or Ordinance.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor may require that any student shall live outside the University within such radius from the University as shall from time to time be prescribed by Ordinance or Regulation.

Protection of the

University's estate

- 34 (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall have responsibility for ensuring that peace and order are maintained within the precincts of the University's estate and it shall be lawful for the Vice-Chancellor to take such action at all times as he may deem necessary or expedient to maintain peace, protect property and promote and protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff resident within the estate.

- (2) Provision may be made by Ordinance for the purpose of any of the matters mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.

PART VI

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**Finance and
General Purposes
Committee**

- 35 (1) The Board shall appoint a committee of the Board to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee which, subject to the directions and supervision of the Board, shall exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Board as the Board may from time to time delegate to it.
- (2) The constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and its functions shall be such as may be prescribed by Statutes.

Bank Accounts

- 36 The Board shall arrange that all moneys received on account of the University shall be paid into such bank as may be approved by the Board to the credit of one or other of the accounts of the University to be opened with such bank or banks in accordance with the directions of the Board.

**Financial Year
Accounts, etc**

- 37 (1) The Board shall fix the financial year for the purpose of the accounts of the University.
- (2) The Board shall cause proper accounts to be kept in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts, and

without prejudice to any other requirement as to accounting or control, imposed whether by this Law or otherwise, with respect to the finance of and, endowment and other property held by or for the purposes of the University.

- (3) The accounts of the University for the preceding financial year including an annual statement thereof shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Board may from time to time direct.

Annual Estimates 38

- (1) The estimates of income and expenditure for a financial year shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Board before the beginning of the financial year.
- (2) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Board may direct.

**Gifts, Donations,
etc.** 39

- (1) The Board may on behalf of the University accept by way of grants, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and moneys in aid of the finances of the University on such conditions as it may approve.
- (2) Registers shall be kept of all donations to the University including the names of donors and any special conditions under which any donation may have been given.
- (3) All property, money or funds donated for any specific purposes shall be applied and administered in accordance with purposes for which they are donated and shall be accounted for separately.

**General fund of
The University**

- 40 There shall be a general fund of the University which shall consist of the following:
- (a) grants-in-aid;
 - (b) fees, levies and other charges;
 - (c) income derived from investments;
 - (d) income derived from within and outside the country through the continued mobilization drive of the Vice-Chancellor, the Board and the internal revenue organs of the University.
 - (e) Gifts, legacies, endowments and donations not accepted for a particular purpose;
 - (f) Income derived from the exercise of any functions conferred or imposed on the University by this Law;
 - (f) All other moneys belonging to the University from whatsoever source derived.
- (2) The general fund shall be applied for the purpose of the University.

Audit

- 41 (1) The Board shall cause the accounts of the University to be audited by auditors appointed by the Board as soon as may be after the end of each financial year or for any such other period as the Board may require.
- (2) The appointment and other matters relative to the auditors, their continuance in office and their functions, as the case may be, shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be prescribed by Statute.

**Retirement
Benefits,**

Superannuation, etc.

42 Provision may be made by Statute for the contribution by the University to any superannuation fund or other similar scheme or for the establishments of any other

retirement benefits scheme for the benefit of the members of its staff.

PART VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Execution and
issue of
instruments**

- 43 (1) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal, may be entered into or executed without being sealed on behalf of the University for that purpose.
- (2) Any document purporting to be one duly executed or issued under the seal of the University or on behalf of the University shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be a document so executed or issued, as the case may be.

**Service of
notices, etc.**

- 44 Service upon the University of any notice, order or other document may be effected by delivering the same to the Secretary to Board.

**Restriction of
suits and
execution**

- 45 (1) No suit shall be commenced against the University until at least three months after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent; and such notice shall clearly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims.

- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no suit shall be commenced against an officer or servant of the University, in any case where the University is vicariously liable for any alleged act, neglect or default of the officer or servant in the performance or intended performance of his duties, unless three months at least has elapsed after written notice of intention to commence the same shall have been served on the University by the intending plaintiff or his agent.
- (3) In any suit against the University, no execution or attachment or process in the nature thereof shall be issued against the University, but any sums of money which may by the judgment of the court be awarded against the University shall, subject to any directions given by the court where notice of appeal has been given by the University in respect of the said judgment, be paid by the University from its general fund.

**Disputes as to
Appointments
Elections, etc.**

- 46 If any question arises whether any person has been duly appointed, elected, selected, nominated or co-opted as, or whether any person is entitled to be, a Member of the University or a member of any authority or other body of the University, the question shall be referred to the Board whose decision thereon shall be final.

**Vacancy or
defect in
appointment etc.
not to invalidate
proceedings**

- 47 No resolution or proceeding of any authority or other body of the University established by or in pursuance of any provisions of this Law shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a

vacancy or of vacancies in the membership of such authority or body or by reason of any defect in the appointment, election, selection, nomination or co-option of a member thereof or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

**Committees
generality**

- 48 (1) The Board, the Senate, the Assembly of any College and anybody of persons established by or in pursuance of the provisions of this Law may respectively establish such committee for the purposes of their respective functions as they may think fit.
- (2) Unless otherwise expressly provided, any committee may consist partly of persons who are and partly of persons who are not members of the Board, the Senate or the Assembly of any College or such body of persons established by or in pursuance of the provisions of this Law, as the case may be, and any such committee may co-opt any person to participate in its proceedings but such person shall not have a right to vote on any question.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Law and the Statutes, the Board, the Senate, the Assembly of any College and such other body of persons established by or in pursuance of the provisions of this Law may respectively with or without restrictions or conditions as they think fit, delegate any of their powers and duties to any committee.
- (4) Except as may otherwise be provided by Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, the quorum and procedure of any committee shall be such as may be determined by the body establishing the committee.

**Resignation and
Re-appointments etc. 49**

- (1) Any person who has been or is deemed to have been appointed, elected, nominated or otherwise selected to any office established by or in pursuance of any provisions of this Law may resign from that office by writing under his hand addressed to the person or authority by whom he was or is deemed to have been appointed, elected, nominated or otherwise selected.
- (2) The resignation of any person from any such office shall take effect either on the date when the writing signifying the same is received by the person or authority to whom it is addressed or by any person authorized by that person or authority to receive it or else on some other date specified therein in that behalf as otherwise permitted by law.
- (3) Any person who has resigned his office shall, if not disqualified, be entitled to be re-appointed, re-elected, re-nominated or otherwise re-selected to the same.

**Members of
Authorities and
Bodies to declare
Personal interests 50**

Any member of any authority or other body of t the University established by or in pursuance of any Provisions in the Law who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that authority or body shall forthwith disclose such interest to the authority or body and shall not vote or otherwise participate in any decision on any question relating to that matter.

Preliminary investigation in respect of land required by the University

- 51 (1) Whenever it appears to the University that any land in the State is likely to be required for its purposes, the University may, by its servants and agents, together with all necessary workman, enter upon any such land and:
- (a) (i) survey and take levels of the land;
 - (ii) dig or bore under the sub-soil; and
 - (iii) do all other acts necessary to ascertain whether the land is adapted for such purposes;
- (b) clear, set out and mark the boundaries of the land in respect of which it is proposed.

Provided that no such agent, servant or workman shall enter any land (except with the consent of the occupier thereof) unless it had duly satisfied all procedures necessary for the proper purchase of the said land.

Power to make proposals for amendment or Law

- 52 (1) The Board may at any time make to the National Universities' Commission proposals for amendments in this Law by a special Resolution passed in that behalf.
- (2) A "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution of which at least twenty-one days' notice has been given, passed at one meeting of the Board and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not more than three months after the former:

**Statutes, Ordinances
and Regulations,
exempted from**

interpretation Law 53

Nothing in the Interpretation Law shall have effect with reference to the making and operation of Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made in pursuance of this Law, but the powers conferred by this Law to make Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations are, for the Avoidance of doubt, hereby declared to include powers to amend, revoke and replace the same.

FIRST SCHEDULE

**THE FIRST CHANCELOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Chancellor:

Vice Chancellor:

SECOND SCHEDULE

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SECOND SCHEDULE

STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Statute 1: Definitions

1. In these Statutes
 - (a) “the Law” means the Covenant University Ota Law of 2001;
 - (b) word used shall have the same meaning as in the Law.

2. Words defined in the Law and the Statutes shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning in the Ordinances and in the Regulations.

Statute 2: Members of the University

1. The Members of the University shall be:
 - (a) the Officers of the University
 - (b) the members of the Board
 - (c) the members of the Senate
 - (d) the members of the Academic staff;
 - (e) the members of the Administrative staff
 - (f) the graduates members of other staff
 - (g) the students; and
 - (h) such other persons as may by Statute be granted the status of members

2. A person shall remain a Member of the University only so long as he is qualified for such membership under any of the sub-paragraphs of paragraph 1 of this Statute.

Statute 3: The Principal Officers of the University

The Principal Officers of the University shall be:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor
- (b) the Deputy Vice-chancellor
- (c) the Registrar
- (d) the Director, Financial Services
- (e) the Dean, Student Affairs

- (f) the Chaplain
- (g) the Director, Physical and Planning Development
- (h) the Director, Centre for systems and Information Services
- (i) Provost Colleges and School of Postgraduates Studies
- (j) the Director, Centre for learning Resources
- (k) the Director, University Health Services

Statute 4: The Chancellor

- (1) The Chancellor shall be the Visitor and Chief Executive of the University.
- (2) The Presiding Bishop of World Mission Agency shall be the Chancellor of the University.
- (3) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Board and shall preside at its meetings, and shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law.

Statute 5: The Vice-Chancellor

- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor after Consultation with the Board.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years in the first instance and upon such terms as shall, subject to the Law and the Statutes, be determined by the Chancellor until he resigns or he is removed from office in accordance with Statute 20, and unless so removed, he shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term not exceeding four years. His terms of office and other conditions of service not already provided for by Statute shall be embodied in a contract under the seal of the University as a party thereto.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise general supervision over the University and shall have a general responsibility to the Board for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University, and it shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that the provisions of the Law and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations are observed, and he may exercise such powers as may be necessary or expedient for that purpose.

- (4) The Vice-Chancellor shall by virtue of his office, be a member of the Board, the Senate, the Colleges and any other authority of the University set up by Statute and of any Board or Committee appointed by any of those bodies.

Statute 6: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor

- (1) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be a professorial member of the Senate and shall be elected by Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and ratified by Board.
- (2) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of two years commencing on the 1st day of the month in which he is appointed, or until he resigns or ceases to be a professorial member of the Senate or he is removed from office in accordance with Statute 20, and unless so removed, he shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term of two years only.
- (3) If the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant by reason of his death or resignation or for any other cause before the expiration of his tenure of office, the Vice-Chancellor, after consultation with the Senate, shall nominate a professorial member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the Chancellor as a successor and shall hold office during the unexpired tenure of office of his predecessor.

Statue 7: The Registrar, Director of Financial Services, the Chaplain, Director of Centre for Learning Resources & the Director of Works and Physical Planning

- 1(1) The Board, with the approval of the Chancellor shall, appoint Registrar in accordance with the recommendation of a Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate with the Chancellor as the Chairman and Vice-Chancellor and two other representatives each of the Board and Senate and shall hold office for such period on such remuneration and other terms and conditions as the Board may determine.

- (2) The Registrar shall be a full-time officer and shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of the Statute.
 - (3) The person holding the office of Registrar shall by the virtue of that office be Secretary to Board, Senate, Congregation and Convocation.
- 2(1) There shall be appointed a Director of Financial Services
 - (2) The Director of Financial Services shall hold office for such period and on such remuneration and other terms and conditions as the Board may determine
 - (3) The Director of Financial Services shall be a full-time officer and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
 - 3(1) There shall be appointed a Chaplain for the University.
 - (2) The Chaplain shall be an ordained minister of God.
 - (3) The Chaplain shall hold office for such period and on such remuneration and other terms and conditions as the Board may determine.
 - (4) The Chaplain shall be a full-time officer and shall be responsible to the Vice-chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the University chapel.
 - 4(1) There shall be appointed a Director of Centre for Learning Resources
 - (2) The Director of Centre for Learning Resources shall hold office for such period and on such remuneration and other terms and conditions as the Board may determine.
 - (3) The Director of Centre for Learning Resources shall be a full-time officer and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of library services in the University.
 - 5(1) There shall be appointed a Director of Works and Physical Planning

- (2) The Director of Works and Physical Planning shall hold office for such period and on such remuneration and other terms and conditions as the Board may determine.
 - (3) The Director of Works and Physical Planning shall be a full-time officer and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for management of the design, construction, maintenance/rehabilitation of all physical facilities belonging to the University. He will also prepare the annual capital budget of the University and will monitor and supervise the work of Consultants, Contractors, and suppliers of construction materials.
6. Any question as to the respective scope of the responsibilities of the Registrar, Librarian, Bursar and the Director of Works and Physical Planning shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Statute 8: Auditors

- (1) No firm shall be appointed as Auditors:
 - (a) any of whose partners is a member of the Board or staff of the University;
 - Or
 - (b) which does not consist of competent accountants of high standing in the active practice of their profession.
- (2) A firm of Auditors shall hold office for one year at a time and shall be eligible for re-appointment and shall receive such remuneration, as the Board shall determine.
- (3) The firm of Auditors shall audit the annual or other statement of income and expenditure, the balance sheet and other accounts of the University and shall make a report to the Board at least once in each year or otherwise as the Board may require.
- (4) The firm of Auditors shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to the books, records, accounts, and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to require from the officers and members of staff of the University any such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of its duties.

- (5) If the office of Auditor shall become vacant for any cause before the expiration of his period of office, the Board shall forthwith, with the approval of the Chancellor appoint another independent firm of Auditors in its place for the remainder of such period.
- (6) A firm of Auditors may resign by writing addressed to the Board.

Statute 9: The Board of Regents

- (1) The Board shall consist but not limited to the following members:
 - 1. Chancellor - Chairman
 - 2. And any other member approved by the Chancellor.
- (2) The period during which members of the Board respectively shall hold office shall be as follows:
 - (a) The Vice-Chancellor; the Deputy Vice-Chancellor; shall hold office during the time they hold their respective official positions in the University or the service of the Chancellor, as the case may be;
 - (b) Every member appointed under paragraph (1)1 of this Statute shall hold office for a period of four years;

Provided that any member so appointed or elected shall cease to be a member of the Board if he ceases to be a member of the body which appointed or elected him.

- 3(1) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Board otherwise than by removal for good cause as defined in paragraph 8 of Statute 20 shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election as a member.
- (2) Six members of the Board shall form a quorum.
- (3) The method for the election of the members of the Board under subparagraph (b) of paragraph 1 of this Statute shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

- (4) In the absence of the Chancellor at a meeting of the Board, the members present shall elect one of their members to be chairman of the meeting.
- (5) The Board may regulate its own procedure.
- (6) Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter it may co-opt such a person to be a member for such meeting or meetings as may be required and such person whilst so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.
- (7) The Board may at its discretion make financial provision for the traveling and maintenance, expenses of members of the Board when attending meetings of the Board or of any Committee thereof.

Statute 10: The Finance and General Purposes Committee

- 1(1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Board, in the Statute referred to as “the Committee” shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor
 - (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor
 - (d) the Registrar
 - (e) two representatives of the Church Mission and Board
 - (f) two other members of the Board
- (2) Any member appointed under sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 1(1) of this Statute may hold office for two years and may be eligible for re-appointment as the Chancellor may direct.
- (3) Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
- (4) Subject to any directions that may be given by the Board, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.
- 5(1) Subject to the directions and control of the Board the Committee may deal with the advice on matters relating to the finances, accounts, investments, property, insurances, business and generally the financial affairs of the University and may also between meetings of the Board act

on behalf of the Board in all matters in respect of which the powers of the Board are not otherwise specially delegated.

- (2) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the functions of the Committee shall include the following:
 - (a) to consider and make recommendations to the Board on the draft annual estimates of income and expenditure for each financial year;
 - (b) to authorize supplementary estimates of income or expenditure;
 - (c) to direct the form in which the annual estimates of income and expenditure shall be prepared.

 - (d) to cause proper accounts to be kept and to direct deposits and investments of moneys belonging or appertaining to the University;
 - (e) to approve rules and procedure for the control of expenditure and administration of other financial matters;
 - (f) to consider and make recommendations to the Board on the terms and conditions of service of the academic staff, the administrative staff and other staff of the University; provided that the terms and conditions of service of the academic staff shall not be so considered except after a recommendation made by the Senate in that behalf;
 - (g) to exercise such other functions as the Board may confer or impose on it.

Statute 11: The Senate

1. The Senate shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Vice Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor
 - (c) the Professors of the University;
 - (d) Director of Centre for Learning Resources
 - (e) the persons for the time being holding such appointments on the academic staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor.

- (f) twelve full-time members of the academic staff of the University, other than those mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) to (e) of this paragraph, elected by the Congregation.
- 2(1) The members of the Senate mentioned under sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 1 of this Statute shall hold office for two academic years and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (2) Casual vacancies among the said members shall be filled as soon as may be convenient and in such manner as may be a member of the Senate for the unexpired portion of the period of office of his predecessor.
 - (3) The method for the election of members of the Senate by the Congregation under sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 1 of this statute shall be prescribed by Regulations.
 - (4) When upon any special occasion the Senate desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Senate may co-opt such person to be a member for a meeting or meetings as may be required, and such person whilst so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter.
 - (5) The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be ex-officio members of all Committees of the Senate.
 - (6) One-third of the total membership of the Senate for the time being shall form a quorum.
 - (7) The Senate may regulate its own procedure.

Statute 12: The Colleges

- 1(1) There shall, subject to any Statute made after the appointed day, be the following Colleges in the University.
 - (a) College of Management and Social Sciences;
 - (b) College of Science and Engineering
 - (c) College of Humanities and Law
 - (d) College of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- (2) The Senate shall prescribe which Departments and subjects of study that shall form part or be the responsibility of each of the Colleges. A Department or subject of study may, if the Senate so directs, form part or be the responsibility of more than one College.
- (3) There shall be a College Assembly and a Provost for each College.
- 3(1) Each College Assembly shall consist of the following:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor
 - (c) the Provost of the College
 - (d) the Professors and Heads of the Departments comprising the College;
 - (e) such other full-time members of the academic staff of the Departments comprising the College as the Senate may determine after considering the recommendation of the College Assembly;
 - (f) such other Professors and other Heads of Departments outside the College as the Senate may determine after considering the recommendation of the College Assembly.
 - (g) Such other persons within or outside the University as the Senate may appoint after considering the recommendation.
- (2) The members of a College Assembly appointed under sub-paragraph 1 (e), (f) and (g) of paragraph 3 of this Statute shall hold office for one academic year and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The membership of a College Assembly shall be reviewed by the Senate at the first meeting of the Senate in each academic year.
4. One-third of the total membership of a College Assembly for the time being shall form a quorum.
- 5(1) The Provost of a College shall be a Professor within the College.
 - (2) The tenure of office for the Provost shall be two years. An outgoing Provost shall be eligible for re-election for another term only.

- (3) The Secretary of the College Assembly on behalf of the Registrar shall conduct the election and if for any reason he is unable to act, the Registrar shall appoint a substitute.
- (4) Only teaching and research members of the College Assembly as approved by Senate shall be electors for the academic year in which the election of Provost is being conducted.
- (5) The election shall normally be held at the meeting preceding the last ordinary meeting of the College Assembly in the academic year.
- (6) The new Provost shall normally assume office on day of the month following immediately after the election.
- (7) If there is no Professor in a College, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint a member of the College to act as Provost, and such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by Senate.
- (8) If a Provost wishes to resign from office before the expiry date of his prescribed tenure, he shall submit a letter of resignation to the Vice-Chancellor who may accept the resignation and shall thereupon request the College Assembly to conduct an election in accordance with its regulation to fill the vacancy at either the next regular or special meeting of the College Assembly. The person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired tenure of office of the predecessor.
- (9) When the only Professor in a College decline(s) to serve or no candidate has been duly nominated, the Vice-Chancellor shall proceed to exercise his powers to appoint an Acting Provost from amongst the other academic members of the College.
- (10) The Provost shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the College Assembly when he is present, and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the College.
- (11) The Provost of a College shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the College. He shall present candidates for the award of Degrees (except Honorary Degrees) and other academic titles and distinctions in the subject for which the College is responsible.

- 6(1) A College Assembly may appoint a Vice- Provost for the College from among the full-time members of the academic staff in the College.
- (2) The manner of appointment and terms of office and functions of a Vice- Provost shall be prescribed by Regulations.
7. Subject to the Statute and Ordinances, a College Assembly shall have the following functions:
 - (a) to manage and control, within the general academic policy established by the Senate, all matters relating to the education, teaching and research in the subjects of study assigned to the College, including curricular and examinations, and to advise and report to the Senate on these matters;
 - (b) to recommend to the Senate examiners for appointment;
 - (c) to consider the progress and conduct of students in the College and to make reports thereon to the Senate;
 - (d) to make recommendations for the award of Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees), Diplomas, Certificates, Prizes, and other academic titles and distinctions within the College.
 - (e) To discuss any matters relating to the work of the College and to submit recommendations thereon to the Senate;
 - (f) Subject to the approval of the Senate, to constitute such Assemblies of Studies within the College as it may deem necessary, and likewise to join two or more College Assemblies to constitute joint Assembly of Study.
 - (g) to consider and report upon all matters referred or delegated to it by the Senate.
8. The College Assembly may, subject to the approval of the Senate, regulate its own procedure.

Statute 13: Boards of Studies

1. A Board of Studies may be appointed by the Senate;
 - (a) to deal with matters pertaining to a subject of study or a group of subjects of study;
 - (b) to deal with matters pertaining to more than one College;
 - (c) to consider proposals referred to it by the Senate for the establishment of a new College, Department or other unit of learning and research.
2. The terms of reference of a Board of Studies shall be such as the Senate may determine.

Statute 14: The Congregation

1. The Congregation shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) all full-time members of the academic staff;
 - (d) the Registrar;
 - (e) the Director of Financial Services
 - (f) the Director of Works and Physical Planning
 - (g) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree of any

University, recognized for the purposes of this Statute by the Vice-Chancellor, not being an Honorary Degree.

2. It shall be the functions of Congregation:
 - (a) to discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University, including any matters referred to it by the Board or the Senate.
 - (b) to communicate directly with the Board or the Senate on any matter affecting the University.
 - (d) to receive information from time to time on the state of the University from the Vice-Chancellor;

- (e) to elect members of Congregation to the Senate as prescribed in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 1 of Statute 10;
 - (f) to elect members of Congregation to the Senate as prescribed in sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 1 of Statute 12.
3. The procedure for election of members of Congregation to the Board and the Senate shall be prescribed by Ordinance and Regulations respectively.
- 4(1) There shall be at least one ordinary meeting of Congregation during each academic year.
- (2) One-third of the total membership of Congregation for the time being or fifty member of Congregation, whichever is the less, shall form a quorum.
- (3) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
- (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purposes of any particular meeting of Congregation; or
 - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation for the time being or during any particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or of the names of those persons, as the case may be.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of the Statute, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.

Statute 15: Convocation

1. Convocation shall consist of:
- (a) The offices of the University mentioned in Statute 3
 - (b) All teachers within the meaning of the Law;
 - (c) All other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph below.
2. A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of convocation if:

- (a) He is either a graduate of the University or person satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (b) He applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pays the prescribed fees; and regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purposes of this paragraph and subject to the next following paragraph, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by persons whose names are on the register of the names of any person who fails to pay those fees.
3. The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fee, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of convocation by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph above are entered and retained on the register.
4. A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the principal officers of the University at all reasonable times.
5. The register shall be conclusive evidence that any person named therein is and that any person not named therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
6. The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third or the whole number reasonable to one-third of the total number of members of Convocation, which ever is less.
7. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present and in his absence such other member of Convocation present at the meeting at Convocation may appoint for that meeting shall be Chairman at the meeting.
8. Convocation shall have such functions in addition to the function of appointing a member of Board as may be provided by Statute.

Statute 16: Honorary Degrees

1. The University may, without examination, confer an Honorary Degree of Master or Doctor in any College on any person whom it may deem worthy of such a distinction.

Provided that the holder of such Degree shall not be entitled to practice any profession or to hold himself out as possessing any skill in any particular branch of learning merely by virtue of the fact that it has been conferred on him.

2. No person shall be admitted by the University to an Honorary Degree unless his name has been recommended for the award of an Honorary Degree by a Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate and the recommendation is approved by the Senate and the Board.
- 3(1) The Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate referred to in paragraph 2 of this Statute, which shall be known as the Honorary Degrees Committee, shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman; and may delegate the power to the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor,
 - (c) two members of the Board (not being also members of the Senate) nominated by the Board.
 - (d) Four members appointed of the Senate (not being also members of the Board nominated by the Senate).
- (2) The members appointed by the Board or the Senate shall hold office for two years at a time and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
4. The Board, after consultation with the Senate, may make Ordinances governing the procedure to be followed in dealing with proposals for the conferment of Honorary Degrees.

Statute 17: Appointment of Staff

- 1(1) Subject to the provisions of the Law and these Statutes, the power to appoint (including power to promote) persons to all posts on the academic staff of the University, shall be vested in the Board which may delegate this power to a joint Committee consisting of members of the Senate and members of the Board.

- (2) The composition of such Committee, its functions and procedures and other matters relative to it shall be such as may be determined by the Board.
- 2(1) The administrative staff of the University, other than those officers whose mode of appointment is specified in these Statutes, shall be appointed and promoted by the Board or by a Committee of the Board on behalf of the Board.
- (2) The composition of such Committee, its functions and procedures and other matters relative to it shall be such as may be determined by the Board.
3. The appointment and promotion of other staff of the University may be made and disciplinary control may be exercised over them on behalf of the Board by a Committee of Board.
4. Every appointment to the academic staff shall be made by the Committee appointed under paragraph 1 of this Statute after considering a recommendation of a Selection Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman,
 - (b) the Registrar
 - (c) the Provost of the College to which the appointment is to be made;
 - (d) the Head of Department concerned, provided that if the appointment is to a Professorship in the Department, the acting Head of Department, if any, shall not be a member if he himself is a candidate for appointment or if he holds a post below the rank of Professor;
 - (e) at least two other persons who have knowledge of the subject of study concerned, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.
5. Every appointment to the administrative staff, shall be made by the Board or by the Committee appointed under paragraph 2 of the Statute after considering a report of a Selection Committee which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Registrar
 - (c) the Head of Department to which the person is to be appointed;
 - (d) one member of the Board nominated by the Board;

- (e) at least two other persons with knowledge relevant to the particular appointment nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Statute 18: Appointments by Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate

- 1(1) The Joint Committee of Board and Senate for the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor as mentioned in paragraph 1 of Statute 6 shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) three members of the Board appointed by the Board;
 - (c) three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.
- (2) A retiring Vice-Chancellor shall not be a member of the Joint Committee.
- (3) The Board in consultation with the Senate may prescribe by Ordinance the procedure for selecting candidates for and making appointment to the office of Vice-Chancellor.
- 2(1) The Joint Committee of the Board and the Senate for the appointment to the post of Registrar as mentioned in paragraph 1(1) of Statute 8 shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chancellor who shall be the Chairman
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor
 - (c) two members appointed by the Board not being member of Senate
 - (d) two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall make such recommendations to the Board in respect of the appointment, as it shall think fit. The Board shall communicate the recommendations of the Joint Committee to the Senate and after receiving the views of the Senate shall, with the approval of the Chancellor, make the appointment.

Statute 19: Removal of Officers, Members of the Board and Staff and Auditors from Office

- 1. The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the Chancellor, after consultation with the Board.

2. Any member of the Board, other than an ex-officio member, may be removed from office for good cause by the Person or authority by whom he was appointed or elected, as the case may be.
3. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the Chancellor after consultation with the Board.
4. The Registrar may be removed from office for good cause by the Board, with the approval of the Chancellor.
5. The Director of Centre for Learning Resources, Director of Financial Services and the Director of Works and Physical Planning may be removed from office for good cause by the Board with the approval of the Chancellor.
6. The Auditor or Auditors may be removed from office for good cause by the Board.
7. Subject to any other provision in this Law, any member of the academic staff or the administrative staff of the University may be removed from office for good cause by the Board.

Provided that:

- (a) the appointment of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor or a member of the academic staff who holds an appointment until retiring age shall not be determined by the Board unless there has been an investigation relating to his case by a Joint Committee, nominated by the Board and the Senate, of which Joint Committee at least one-third of the members have been appointed by Senate, and the person concerned has, if he so requests, been permitted to appear to defend himself in person before the Joint Committee and the report of the Joint Committee has been considered by the Senate and then by the Board, the decision of the Board on his case shall be final.
- (b) the appointment of a member of the administrative staff who holds an appointment until retiring age shall not be determined by the Board unless the person concerned has been notified in writing of the ground of which consideration is being given to the determination of his appointment, and he has been given a

reasonable opportunity of making representation in person at the meeting of the Board at which the determination of his appointment is to be considered.

9. For the purpose of the Statute, “good cause” include:
- (a) conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of scandalous or other disgraceful nature or acts contrary to the ideals of the University which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms or conditions of his service.
- 10(1) All members of the academic staff and the administrative staff of the University who hold appointments until retiring age shall normally retire from office on the last day of the month following the date on which they attain the age of sixty years with an option on the part of the Board acting on the approval of the Chancellor, to invite any such member of the staff to continue in office on such terms and conditions as the Board may

determine for additional periods not exceeding five years in all after which such appointment shall cease.

Provided that a member of the academic staff or the administrative staff shall have the option of retiring on the date on which he attains the age of fifty-five.

11. A member of the academic staff of the University, other than a Professor or other member of the academic staff holding an office not below the rank of Professor, shall be at liberty to resign his appointment with the Board on giving the Board in writing at least three calendar months' notice.
12. A member of the administrative staff of the University, other than the Registrar, the Director of Financial Services, the Director of Centre for Learning Resources, or the Director of Works and Physical Planning shall be at liberty to resign his appointment with the Board on giving the Board in writing at least three calendar months' notice.

THE COVENANT UNIVERSITY LAW, 2001

REGULATIONS NO. 1

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE BY CONGREGATION UNDER STATUTE 11, PARAGRAPH 1(F)

1. Twelve full-time members of the Academic staff of this University other than those mentioned in statute 11, sub-paragraph (a) to (f) of paragraph one shall be elected from among their own number by the Congregation. The persons elected shall hold office for two academic years and shall be eligible for re-election.
2. The Registrar shall, in respect of each election, prepare a list of members of the congregation eligible for election and of those eligible to vote completed to the last day for receiving nominations for the election. The list, certified by the Vice-Chancellor in writing, shall be the electoral roll for the election and shall be conclusive evidence that any person whose name appears in the list at the time of claiming to vote are being elected is entitled to vote or be elected as the case may be and any person whose name does not appear is not so entitled.
3. All elections under this Regulations shall be conducted by the Registrar and if for any reason he is unable to act the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a substitute.
4. When an election is to be held, a Notice of Election shall be sent to each elector and shall also be pasted on a notice board at the University. The Notice of Election shall:
 - (a) state the number of vacancies to be filled.
 - (b) call for nomination on a Nomination Form which shall require the signature of two persons qualified to vote at the election, the full name of the nominee and his written consent to his nomination.
 - (c) state the closing time and date for receipt of nomination which

shall be on or before a day not less than fourteen days from the date of issue of the Notice of Election.

- (d) Indicate the date of election which shall be on or before a day at least three weeks from the date of issue of the Notice of Election.
- 5 (1) If the valid nomination received do not exceed the number of vacancies, the Registration shall declare the candidates duly elected.
- (2) If the valid nominations received exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Registrar shall cause an election to be held by secret ballot.
6. A meeting of congregation will be held on the day fixed for the election and the ballot will take place immediately before this meeting (i.e. before the members enter the meeting) commencing at least one hour before and closing not later than fifteen minutes after, the scheduled time for the start of the meeting.
7. The ballot paper which shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in alphabetical order of surnames and instructions for the recording of votes shall be issued to each elector after he has confirmed his eligibility of vote by signing against his name in the Electoral Roll. He shall thereafter deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.
8. The ballot shall be conducted by the Registrar assisted in the counting by scrutineers appointed by the Vice-chancellor. Each candidate shall be entitled to nominate one scrutineer.
9. The ballot shall be conducted subject to the under-mentioned rules;
- (a) voters shall vote by marking a cross against the candidates of their choice.
 - (b) voters shall have as many votes as there are vacancies to be filled, but may not allocate more than a single vote to any candidate.
 - (c) the candidates with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected.

- (d) In the event of a tie for the last or only place the elections shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the candidates with an equal number of votes in the presence of the Registrar.
- 10. The Registrar shall have power to declare a ballot paper spoiled or invalid and to decide any matter concerned with the conduct of the election not expressly provided for the Registrar shall report to the congregation and to the Senate the number of spoiled and invalid papers and any decision taken in the exercise of the above powers.
- 11. The Registrar shall publish the results of the election and shall subsequently report the results to the congregation and Senate.
- 12. The opened envelopes and the ballot papers counted shall be sealed in separate parcels and shall be retained by the Registrar for one year with the seals unbroken after the date of election after which they shall be destroyed.
- 13. The Registrar or a scrutineer shall not in any way disclose or aid in disclosing in what manner any voter has voted.
- 14. No election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (a) Inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice or ballot paper or
 - (b) failure to do any act at or by the required time or
 - (c) any defect of merely formal nature.

REGULATION NO. 2

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR UNDER STATUTE 6

- 1. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be a professional member of the Senate or a member of the Senate of equivalent status. An outgoing Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with statute 6(2)
- 2. The Registrar shall conduct the election and if for any reason he is unable to act the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a substitute.

3. The election shall normally be held at the last ordinary meeting of the Senate in the academic year.
4. Every member of the Senate shall be an elector.
5. The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall in accordance with statute 6(2) assume office on the 1st day of the month in which he is appointed.
6. When an election is to be held, a Notice of Election shall be sent to each elector at least three weeks before the election.
7. The Notice of Election shall:
 - (a) State the office to be filled and the term of two years during which the office shall be held.
 - (b) call for nomination on a Nomination Form which shall require the names and signatures of two electors, she as the proposer and the other as the seconder and the names and signature of the nominee indicating his consent.
 - (c) state the closing time and date for the receipt of nomination which shall be a day not less than fourteen days from the date of the issue of the Notice of Election.
8. The names of candidates for election as well as their proposers and seconders shall be published within 24 hours after the close of nominations.
9. Where there is only one valid nomination received by the closing date of nomination, the Registrar shall declare the candidate so nominated duly elected at the Senate meeting at which the election was scheduled to be held.
10. The ballot paper which shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in alphabetical order of surnames shall be issued to each elector who shall thereafter, in secret, mark a cross against the candidate of his choice and deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.

11. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be duly elected. In the case of a tie, a fresh election of the tying candidates shall be conducted immediately and at the same meeting of senate to determine the candidate with a majority.
12. The Registrar shall report the result to the Board of Regents for the appointment of the successful candidates for the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the university.
13. No election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (a) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice of election; or
 - (b) inadvertent failure to do any act at or by the required time; or
 - (c) any defect of a mere formal failure.

REGULATIONS NO 3

ELECTION OF PROVOSTS OF COLLEGES UNDER STATUTE 12.5(1)

1. When an election is to be held, a Notice of Election shall be sent to each elector at least three weeks before the election, and shall also be pasted on the college notice board.
2. The Notice of Election shall:
 - (a) state the office to be filled;
 - (b) call for nominations on a Nomination Form which requires the names and signatures of two electors, one as the proposer and the other as the seconder, and the names and signature of the nominee signifying his consent.
 - (c) state the closing time and date for the receipt of nominations which shall be a day not less than fourteen days from the date of the issue of the Notice of Election;
 - (d) indicate the date of the election which shall be the date of the meeting preceding the last ordinary meeting of the college Assembly in the academic year.

3. The names of candidates for election as well as their proposers and seconders shall be published within 24 hours after the close of nominations.
4. Where there is only one valid nomination received by the closing date of the nominations, the secretary to the Assembly shall declare that candidate so nominated duly elected at the College Assembly meeting.
5. The ballot papers, which shall contain the full names of the candidates arranged in the alphabetical order of surnames, shall be issued to each elector who shall thereafter, in secret, mark a cross against the candidate of his choice and deposit his vote in the ballot box provided for the purpose.
6. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be duly elected. In the case of a tie, a fresh election of the tying candidates shall be conducted immediately and at the same meeting of the college Assembly to determine the candidate with imparity.
7. The Registrar shall, through the Vice-chancellor, report the results of the election to the meeting of Senate for the appointment of the successful candidate as the Provost of the College.
8. Subject to the determination of the Registrar, no election shall be invalidated by reason of:
 - (a) inadvertent failure to send an elector any notice of election, or
 - (b) inadvertent failure to do any act at or by the required time on date;
or
 - (c) any defect of merely formal nature.
9. **Vice-Provost and Acting Provost**
 - (a) There shall be a Vice- Provost who in the absence of the Provost shall act for the Provost and perform other functions as the Provost may delegate to him.
 - (b) The Vice- Provost shall normally be elected at the first College Assembly meeting of the session. He shall be elected in the same manner as the Provost.

- (c) A candidate for the office of Vice- Provost shall be a full-time member of the academic staff within the college who is not below the rank of senior lecturer.
- (d) The tenure of a Vice-dean shall be one academic year. An outgoing Vice- Provost shall be eligible for re-election for another term only.

10. **Regulation from Provost or Vice- Provost and for filling vacancy.**

If a Provost or Vice- Provost wishes to resign from office before the expiration of the date of his prescribed tenure, he shall submit a letter of resignation to the Vice-chancellor who may accept the resignation and shall thereupon request the College Assembly to conduct an election in accordance with this regulation fill the vacancy at either the next regular or special meeting of the college Assembly. The person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired tenure of office of his predecessor.

When all the Professors or the only Professor in the college declines to serve or no candidate has been duly nominated, the Vice-chancellor shall proceed to exercise his powers to appoint an acting Provost from amongst the other academic members of the college in accordance with section 5(a) of Statute 12.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN THE COVENANT UNIVERSITY LAW

- (1) Page 2 – 4 Arrangement of Sections
- (2) Page 5, Interpretation, the word Council has been replaced with Board and it means Board of Regents.
- (3) Page 7, Establishment, former one is deleted and replaced with “There is hereby established in Canaanland Ota, Ogun State an Institution to be known as the Covenant University in the law referred to as the University to provide courses of instruction and learning in the Colleges of Management and Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering, Humanities and Law, Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences and any other Colleges which may from time to time be approved under this law.”
- (4) Page 4, Section 3(a) has been amended to read: “To provide facilities for learning to give instructions and training in such areas of knowledge in raising a new generation of leaders who will provide intellectual leadership in private and public sections through the development of the “total man approach.”

Also 3 (f) “To relate its activities to the technological, scientific and Socio-economic needs of the people of Nigeria and to undertake other activities appropriate for a world class university of the world class standard.”

Section 4(1) (b) Pro-chancellor and Council has been deleted and replaced with Board of Regents.

Page 9, Section 5(1) has been amended to read: For the purpose of carrying out its objects as specified in Section 3 of this Law, the University shall have powers:

Page 10, Section 5(1) (g): Now reads “To deprive any person of any Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Bursary, Medal, Prize of other academic title, distinction or award whatsoever granted to or conferred on him by the University subject to what the University shall deem a good cause in its absolute dissection.

Page 13: Section 6(1) now rewrite to read

“The President of the World Mission Agency Inc. shall be the Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University.

Section (6) (2) now rewrite to read “The Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University shall be the visitor to the University and shall as often as he deems fit, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person as the Chancellor may deem fit and in respect of any of their affairs of the University.”

Section 9, the Chancellor is now the Chief Executive of the University.

Page 15, Pro-chancellor has been expunged from section 10.

Page 16: Side note to Sec, 14 now reads “The Establishment, Powers and Functions of the Board”. Every where in the section where council appeared has been replaced with Board also in every other place in the Law.

Page 16, Section 14 (3) has been redrafted to read.

“Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Board shall be the governing authority of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintend of the policies, finances and property of the University including its public relations and in particular, the Board shall perform the following functions”.

Section 14 has been expanded, section 14(6) – (12) has been added to it.

Page 25, Section 15, Sec. 15 (6) has just been added.

Page 26, Section 17(3) has been expunged because it is mere repetition of section 17(1).

Page 32, the word “Council” in both side note and section 28 – 29 has been changed to “Board”.

Page 37, The word “Council under part VI, Financial Provisions has been changed to “Board”

Page 46, First Schedule is now the First Chancellor and Vice-chancellor of the University. Their names and qualification (Academic)

Page 47, Second Schedule, Statutes of the University, Arrangement of Statutes.

Statute 10:1 (2) – (5) The word “Council” in this statute has been changed to
“Board”

Page 55, Statute 11(1) (d), the word librarian has been replaced with Director of Centre for Learning Resources.

Page 56,

Statute 12: The Colleges

The word Dean under this statute has been deleted and replace with
“PROVOST”.

Provost is the appropriate nomenclature for the head of Colleges(s).

Page 60,

Statute 14: The Congregation.

1(e) The word Bursar has been replace with the Director of Financial Services.

Page 63,

Statute 16: Honorary Degrees

3(1) (a) has been redrafted to read “The Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
and may delegate the power to the Vice-Chancellor.

(b) the Vice-Chancellor

Page 64,

Statute 17: Appointment of Staff

4(b) the Registrar

This has just been added to the member of the committee.

Page 65,

Statute 18:

The heading now read “Appointment by joint committee of the Board and the Senate”

The word council has been replaced with “Board” in the heading and everywhere in the statute.

Page 66,

Statute 19: Removal of Officers, members of the Board, staff and Auditors from office.

In the heading and under this statute, the word council has been replaced with “Board”.

“The Pro-chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the Chancellor, after consultation with the Council”, this used to be statute 19:1 but it has been expunged.

19:5, the words Librarian and Bursar have been replaced with Director of Centre for Learning Resources and Director of Financial Services respectively.

Page 69 – 75,

These are the regulations which are not in the original law.

Page 69: Regulations No. 1

Election of Members of the Senate by Congregation under statute 11, paragraph 1(f)

Page 71: Regulations No. 2

Election of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Under Statute 6.

Page 73: Regulations No. 3

Election of Provost of Colleges under statute 12.5