

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for establishment of the University of Islamabad

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for establishment of the University of Islamabad, Islamabad and for the matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the University of Islamabad Act, 2020.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions.**— In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,
 - (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
 - (b) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified or set up in terms of section 16;
 - (c) "Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the University;
 - (d) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
 - (e) "Controller Examinations" means controller of examinations of the University;
 - (f) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up by the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
 - (g) "Constituent College" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University within the jurisdiction of its Principal seat;
 - (h) "Dean" means the head of a Faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
 - (i) "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner prescribed;
 - (j) "Director" means the head of an institute established as a constituent institution by the University by Statutes or Regulations in terms of the powers delegated by this Act;
 - (k) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the University;
 - (l) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments, as prescribed;
 - (m) "Foundation" means Foundation for the Advancement of Innovation, Research and Education (FAIRE);
 - (n) "Government" means the Federal Government;
 - (o) "Patron" means the Patron of the University;
 - (p) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules made under this Act;
 - (q) "Principal" means the head of a College;
 - (r) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
 - (s) "Representation Committees" means the Representation Committees constituted under section 24;
 - (t) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of section 9;
 - (u) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Board of Governors under section 12;

- (v) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean respectively the Statutes, the Regulations and the Rules made under this Act and for the time being in force;
- (w) "Treasurer" means treasurer of the University;
- (x) "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers engaged whole-time by the University or by a constituent college and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations;
- (y) "University" means the University of Islamabad, Islamabad;
- (z) "University Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the University, or recognized by the University as such; and
- (aa) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

CHAPTER II

THE UNIVERSITY

3. **Establishment and Incorporation of the University.**— (1) There shall be established a University to be called "The University of Islamabad" in accordance with the provisions of this Act with the principal seat at Islamabad.

(2) The University shall consist of the following, namely:—

- (a) the Patron, the Chancellor, the members of the Board of Governors and the Vice Chancellor;
- (b) the members of the authorities of the University established under section 16; and
- (c) all University teachers, employees and persons recognized as students of the University in accordance with terms prescribed from time to time; and all full-time officers and members of the staff of the University.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the University of Islamabad and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name.

(4) The principal seat of the University shall be at Islamabad and it may set up its campuses, colleges, institutes, offices, research or study centers and other facilities at such places in Pakistan as well as abroad as the Board of Governors may determine. However additional campuses shall be set up in other parts of country/abroad only after their evaluation by the Higher Education Commission to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria fixed by the Commission.

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

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the University shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, subject to the provisions of this Act. In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board of Governors in the annual budget of the University.

4. **Powers and Purposes of the University.**— The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

- i. to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine in accordance with the guidelines of the Professional Accreditation Councils;