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Bill

*to provide for the establishment of the South City University*

**WHEREAS**, a commitment to academic excellence, inclusive learning environments and community engagement, South City University aim to cultivate leaders, thinkers and innovators who will contribute positively to the global society. Basic idea is to create a center of academic distinction that integrates innovative teaching methodologies with state-of-the-art facilities. By offering comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs in field of education, medical sciences, nursing, allied health sciences and related fields. Furthermore to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the needs of the evolving healthcare profession in our nation and beyond.

**AND WHEREAS**, pioneering research that addresses pressing health challenges and contributes to global scientific knowledge. The university will serve as a catalyst for societal transformation in education and healthcare by producing graduates who are not only proficient clinicians but also compassionate caregivers and proactive agents of change. With a steadfast commitment to produce exceptional professional educationist and healthcare professionals who have the best knowledge of medical sciences and research.

**THEREFORE**, it is expedient to establish a university in Pakistan for the promotion and dissemination of knowledge in the field of education, medical

sciences, nursing, allied health sciences and technology and for providing instructions, training, research, demonstration and services nationally and internationally with such other branches of learning as may necessary.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

**1. Short title and Commencement.**— (1) This Bill shall be called the South City University Bill, 2024.

(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) "Advance Studies and Research Board" means the advance studies and research board constituted in the prescribed manner;
- (c) "Affiliated Institution or College" means an educational institution or college, by whatever name called for, affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it;
- (d) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified or set up under section 18;
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University specified in section 19;
- (f) "Board of faculty" means the board of faculty constituted in the prescribed manner;

- (g) "Board of Studies" means the board of studies constituted in the prescribed manner;
- (h) "Chairperson" means the person that shall be the head of a department;
- (i) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (j) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance. 2002 (LIII 2002).
- (k) "Constituent College or Institution" means the college or an institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University in which arrangements exist for imparting instructions in general, technical professional education or other disciplines of higher learning and such other subjects as may be prescribed;
- (l) "Dean" means 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;
- (m) 'department" means a teaching department maintained and administered or recognized by the Institute in the prescribed manner;
- (n) "Faculty" means an academic division within the University comprising of one or more Teaching Departments;
- (o) "Government" means the Federal Government;
- (p) "Patron" means the patron of the University;
- (q) "Prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules;

- (r) "Pro-Vice Chancellor" means the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University appointed under section 11;
- (s) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (t) "Selection Board" means the selection board constituted in the prescribed manner;
- (u) "Senate" means the Senate of the University;
- (v) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Regulations and Rules made under this Act;
- (w) "University" means the University of South City;
- (x) "University Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the University, or recognized by the University as such;
- (y) "Trust" means the Dawat-e-Hadiyah Trust registered under the Trust Act, 1882; and
- (z) "Vice Chancellor or "VC" means the Person appointed by the Chancellor who in the absence of the Chancellor shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Governors.

**3. Establishment of the University.**— (1) There shall be established a University to be called the South City University in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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

- (a) the Patron, Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, members of the Board, Registrar, Chairperson Deans of the Teaching Departments, the members of the Academic Council;

(b) the members of the authorities of the University established under section 18;

(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 South City University and shall be a project of the South City Healthcare Education Hub, Karachi and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may be sue and be sued by the said name.

(4) The principal seat of the University shall be at Karachi 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 after approval of the competent authorities.

(5) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable or 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 Federal Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Federal 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.

(7) Subject to instructions of the Government issued from time to time, the University shall be a fully autonomous body with the freedom to govern its academic functions, in order to achieve its objectives from time to time.

(8) The University shall be open to all persons of either sex, of whatever religion, race, creed, class, colour, sex, or domicile, who are academically qualified for admission to the courses of study offered by the University, and no such person shall be denied the privilege on the said ground.

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

- (I) to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it deem fit and to make provision for research, innovation, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (II) to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the constituent and affiliated institutes and colleges;
- (III) to hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- (IV) to prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the University and to lay down terms and conditions that may be different from those applicable to government servants in general;

- (V) to engage, where necessary persons on contract of specified duration and to specify the terms of each such engagement;
- (VI) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (VII) to provide for such instructions for persons not being students of the University as it may prescribe and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;
- (VIII) to institute programs for the exchange of students and teachers between the university and other universities, educational institutions and research organizations in Pakistan and abroad;
- (IX) to provide career counseling and job search services to students and alumni;
- (X) to maintain linkages with alumni;
- (XI) to develop and implement fund raising plans;
- (XII) to provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the Institute;
- (XIII) to confer degrees on persons who have carried out independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (XIV) to affiliate and disaffiliate institutes, colleges and educationalist institutions under prescribed conditions;
- (XV) to inspect institutes, colleges and other educational institutes affiliated or seeking affiliation with it;
- (XVI) to accept the examinations passed and the period of study spent by students of the University at other universities and places of learning equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in Pakistan and abroad, as it may prescribe, and to withdraw such acceptance;

- (XVII) to co-operate with other universities, public authorities or private organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan, in such manner and for such purposes as it may prescribe;
- (XVIII) to university professorships, associate professorships, assistant professorships and lectureships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (XIX) to create, abolish, up-grade or down-grade posts for research, teaching, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- (XX) to recognize as University teachers selected members of the teaching staff of affiliated institutes, colleges or educational institutions admitted to the privileges of the University or such other persons as it may deem fit;
- (XXI) to institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (XXII) to establish teaching departments, institutes, constituent colleges, faculties, institutes, workshops, libraries, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research and to make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may prescribe;
- (XXIII) to provide for the residence of the students of the University, Institute and the colleges, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodging;
- (XXIV) to maintain order, discipline and security on the campuses of the University, Institute and the constituent colleges;

- (XXV) to promote the extra- curricular and recreational activities of students of the University its campuses, Institutes and constituent colleges and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (XXVI) to demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (XXVII) to make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other institutions, public or private bodies, commercial and industrial enterprises under prescribed conditions;
- (XXVIII) to enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- (XXIX) to receive and manage property transferred and grants, contributions made to the University and to invest any fund representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, donations, endowments or contributions in such manner as it may deem fit;
- (XXX) to provide for the printing and publication of research and other works; and
- (XXXI) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite or expedient in order to further the objectives of the University as a place of education, learning, research and development.

**5. Officers of the University.**— The following shall be the officers of the University:

- (a) the Patron;
- (b) the Chancellor;

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

**6. Patron of the University.**— (1) The President of Pakistan shall be the Patron of the University.

(2) The Patron shall, when present, preside at the meetings of the Senate and the convocation of the University. In the absence of Patron, the Chancellor shall preside over the convocation of the University.

(3) The members of the Senate shall be appointed by the Patron from amongst the persons recommended by the representation committee set up for this purpose in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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

**7. Chancellor.**— (1) The chairperson of the board of directors of the South City Hospital, Karachi shall be the Chancellor of the University. The

Chancellor shall, when present, preside at convocations of the University and the Board of Governors' meetings of the University. Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to confirmation by the Chancellor.

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

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

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

**8. Pro-Chancellor.**— (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor for such period and on such terms as the Chancellor may determine.

(2) At any time when the office of the Chancellor is vacant, or the Chancellor is absent or cannot perform the functions of his or her office due to any cause, the Pro-Chancellor shall act as a Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall perform such other functions as entrusted to him/her by the Chancellor.

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

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed. The vice chancellor shall be appointed for a minimum term of three years.

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

**10. Powers of the Vice-Chancellor .—**(1) The VC shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall be responsible for implementation of the provisions of this Act, the statutes, the regulations and the rules and execution of the policies and the programs of the University as instructed by the Chancellor, from time to time.

(2) The VC shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside over the meetings of the Authorities of which the Chancellor is the Chairperson.

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

(4) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the VC shall also have the powers:

- (a) to create and fill temporary posts for a period not exceeding six months;
- (b) to sanction all expenditures provided for in the approved budget and to re-appropriate funds within the same major head of expenditure;
- (c) to sanction by re-appropriation an amount not exceeding Rupees one million for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget and report it to the Board at the next meeting.

- (d) to appoint paper setters and examiners for all examinations of the University after receiving panels of names from the relevant Authorities;
- (e) to make such arrangements for the security of papers,
- (f) grades and results as he or she may consider necessary;
- (g) to direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take such assignments in connection with teaching, research, examination, administration and such other activities in the University as he or she may consider necessary;
- (h) to appoint employees of such categories in respect of which powers have been delegated to him/her by the Board;
- (i) to delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any of his or her powers under this Act, to an officer or other employee of the University; and
- (j) to exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed by the Chancellor. Subject to the approval of the Board and the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor may delegate such of his or her powers and functions to such person as he/she may determine, including but not limited to, the academic and administrative affairs of the University. Every such person shall report, and be responsible, to the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be responsible to the Board.

**11. Pro-Vice Chancellor.**— (1) The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall be an optional position and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the

recommendations of the selection committee on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) A pro-vice-chancellor shall be a deputy to the vice-chancellor of the University. Individual pro-vice-chancellors may be in charge of areas such areas of administration, research and development, student affairs, and academic and education affairs.

**12. Registrar.—** (1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Registrar shall –

- (a) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University; and
- (b) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

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

(2) The Director Finance shall –

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

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

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

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

(2) The Director of Planning and Development shall be responsible for planning and development of the University and shall also be responsible for preparation of short and long term development plans for the resources, the facilities and the amenities, and shall perform such functions as may be prescribed.

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

**18. Authorities.**— The following shall be the authorities of the University:

- (a) the Board of Governors;
- (b) the Academic Council;

- (c) the Board of Faculties;
- (d) the Board of Studies;
- (e) the Selection Board;
- (f) the Board of Advanced Studies and Research;
- (g) the Finance and Planning Committee;
- (h) the Discipline Committee;
- (i) the Affiliation Committee; and
- (j) such other Authorities as may be prescribed by the statutes.

**19. Board of Governors.**— (1) The Board of Governors shall consist of –

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice Chancellor;
- (c) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) the Secretary Universities and Boards Department, Federal Government or his/her nominee;
- (e) two Deans to be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor;
- (f) the Chairperson, Higher Education Commission or his nominee;
- (g) three persons from society at large, being persons of distinction in the field of admin, management, education, academics, law, accountancy, medicine, fine arts, architecture, agriculture, science, technology and engineering, such that, the appointment of these persons reflects a balance across the various fields. Out of such three persons, one person each, shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor, Board of Governors and the Academic Council;

- (h) two trustees nominated by the Trust;
- (i) two persons of eminence, representing various disciplines; and
- (j) one professions nominated by the Chancellor;
- (k) One person from amongst the alumni of the university to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor; and
- (l) the Registrar who shall act as Secretary of the Board.

(2) The Members of the Board other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination on the expiry of the term.

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

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

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

**20. Powers and duties of the Board.**— (1) The Board shall be the executive body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, exercise general supervision over the affairs and management of the University.

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

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University as per the guidance of the Chancellor;

- (b) to govern and regulate, with due regard to the advice of the Finance and Planning Committee, the finances, accounts and investments of the University and for that purpose, to appoint such agents as it may think fit;
- (c) to affiliate and disaffiliate educational institutions and colleges;
- (d) to consider annual and revised budget estimates and to advise the Trust thereon, and to re-appropriate funds from one major head of expenditure to another;
- (e) to transfer and accept transfer of movable or immovable property on behalf of the University;
- (f) to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- (g) to maintain proper books of accounts to be kept for all sums of money received and expended by the University and for the assets and liabilities of the University;
- (h) to receive and manage any property transferred and grants, bequests, donations, endowments contributions made to the University;
- (i) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specified purposes;
- (j) to determine the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the common seal of the University, to provide the buildings, libraries, premises, furniture, apparatus, equipment and other means required for carrying out the work of the University;

- (k) to establish and maintain halls of residence and hostels or approve or licence hostels or lodgings for the residence of students;
- (l) to institute Professorship, Associate Professorship, Assistant Professorship, Lectureship and other teaching posts or to suspend or abolish such posts;
- (m) to create, suspend or abolish such administrative,
- (n) teaching, research or other posts as may be necessary;
- (o) to make appointments on the recommendation of the Selection Board to the posts of teachers, officers and such other cadres as may be determined by the Board;
- (p) to appoint Emeritus and Distinguished Professors on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- (q) to confer honorary degrees in the fields of ordained disciplines in accordance with the conditions prescribed;
- (r) to prescribe the duties of officers, teachers and other employees of the University;
- (s) to suspend, punish and remove from service, officers, teachers and other employees in the manner prescribed;
- (t) to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (u) to propose statutes for submission to the Chancellor;
- (v) to consider and dispose of the regulations made by the Academic Council;
- (w) to frame Regulations on its own initiative and approve it after consulting the Academic Council;

- (x) to regulate, determine and administer all other matters concerning the University and, to this end, exercise all other powers not specifically mentioned in this Act and the statutes;
- (y) to delegate any of its powers to an Authority or Officer or a Committee or Sub-Committee; and
- (z) to perform such other functions as have been assigned to it under this Act, or may be assigned to it by the statutes.

**21. Meetings of the Board.**— (1) The Board shall meet at least twice in a year on the dates to be fixed by the Vice Chancellor:

Provided that a special meeting may be called at any time on the direction of the Chancellor or on a requisition made by not less than five members of the Board to consider a matter of urgent nature.

(2) Not less than ten clear days notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board, and the agenda of the meeting shall be restricted to the matter for which the special meeting is called.

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

(4) The decision of the Board shall be expressed in terms of the views of the majority of the members present, and if the members are equally divided, the chairman of the Board shall have and exercise a casting vote.

**22. Academic Council.**— (1) The Academic Council shall consist of –

- (a) the Vice Chancellor who shall be the chairman;
- (b) the Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- (c) the Deans;
- (d) the Chairperson of teaching departments;

- (e) the University Professors including Emeritus and Distinguished Professors;
- (f) two eminent persons, known for their intellectual caliber on international level, service to society, or leadership in the profession, nominated by the Chancellor on recommendation of the Vice Chancellor;
- (g) Principals and Directors of constituent and affiliated colleges;
- (h) the Controller of Examination;
- (i) the Librarian; and
- (j) the Registrar who shall act as its Secretary.

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

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

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

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

- (a) to advise the Board on academic matters;
- (b) to regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations;

- (c) to propose to the Board schemes for the constitution and organization of Faculties, Teaching Departments, Institutes and Boards of Studies;
- (d) to consider or formulate proposals for the planning and development of teaching and research at the University;
- (e) to make regulations on the recommendations of the Board of Faculties and the Boards of Studies prescribing the courses of studies and the syllabi for all University examinations; provided that, if the recommendations of the Board of Faculties and Boards of Studies are not received by the prescribed date, the Council may, subject to the approval of the Board, continue for the next year, the courses of studies already prescribed for an examination;
- (f) to recognize the examinations of other University or examining bodies as equivalent to the corresponding examinations of the University;
- (g) to frame regulations for submission to the Board;
- (h) to appoint members to the various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
- (i) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

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

**25. Appointment of Committee by the Authority.**— The Board, the Academic Council or other Authorities may appoint or constitute such Standing, Special or Advisory Committees, as they may consider advantageous in the performance of their functions.

**26. Statutes.**— (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may be made to regulate or prescribe all or any of the following matters, namely;

- (a) terms and conditions of service of employees of the University including scales of pay, constitution of pension, insurance, gratuity, provident fund, benevolent fund and other fringe benefits;
- (b) terms and conditions of contractual appointment of teachers, researchers and officers;
- (c) affiliation and disaffiliation of institutions and related matters;
- (d) establishment of faculties, teaching departments and other academic units and divisions;
- (e) powers and duties of officers and teachers;
- (f) conditions under which the University may enter into arrangements with other public or private organisations for purposes of instruction, research and other scholarly activities;
- (g) conditions of appointment of Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professor;
- (h) award of honorary degrees;
- (i) standard of evaluation of efficiency and exercising disciplinary measures over the employees of the University;

- (j) acquisition and administration of properties investments of the University; and
- (k) all other matters which under this Act are required to be or may be prescribed or regulated by the statutes.

(2) The statutes of the University shall be recommended by the Board for the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) No statute shall be valid until it has been approved by the Chancellor.

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

- (i) schemes of studies and research, including the duration of courses, number of subject or papers for examination;
- (ii) syllabi and courses of study and research programmes for degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- (iii) the admission of students to the University;
- (iv) the conditions under which students shall be admitted and shall become eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- (v) the conduct of examination, appointment of examiners, scrutiny, tabulation and declaration of result;
- (vi) determination fees and other charges to be paid by students for admission to the courses of study and examinations of the University;
- (vii) maintenance of discipline of students and scheme for their welfare;

- (viii) conditions of residence of the students of the University or the colleges, including the levy of fees for residence in the halls of residence and hostels;
- (ix) the approval and licensing of hostels and lodgings;
- (x) conditions under which a person should carry on independent research to entitle him to a degree;
- (xi) the institution of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (xii) the institution of stipends and free and half-free studentships;
- (xiii) the academic costumes;
- (xiv) the use of Library;
- (xv) the formation of teaching departments and boards of studies; and
- (xvi) all other matters which by this Act and the statutes are to be or may be prescribed by regulations.

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

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

**28. Amendment and repeal of the Statutes and Regulations.**— The procedure for adding to, amending or repealing the statutes and the regulations shall be the same as that prescribed respectively for framing or making the statutes and regulations.

**29. Rules.**— (1) The Authorities and the other bodies of the University may make rules consistent with this Act, the statutes and the regulations to regulate

the conduct of their business and the time and place of meetings and related matters:

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

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

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

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

(2) Capital and recurrent expenditure of the University shall be made from the contributions made by the Foundation including any other foundations, trusts, Universities, associations, societies or individuals and from the income derived from any other source.

(3) No contribution, donation or grant which may directly or indirectly involve any immediate or subsequent financial liability for the University, or which may involve an activity not included in the programs for the time being, shall be accepted without the prior approval of the Board.

(4) The accounts of the University shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be determined by the Board and shall be audited each year, within four months of the closing of the financial year of the University, by a Chartered Accountant. appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Finance and Planning Committee.

(5) The accounts, together with the report of the Auditor, thereon, shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

(6) The Auditor's report shall certify that the report has complied with the standards of audit and certification laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.

**31. Retirement.**— (1) An employee of the University shall retire from service on such date, after he has completed twenty-five years of service qualifying for pension or other retirement benefits, as the competent authority may direct.

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

(2) Where no direction is given under sub-section (1), on the completion of sixty years of his age.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**36. Filling of casual vacancies in Authorities.**— Any casual vacancy among the appointed or nominated members of any Authority shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, by the body who appointed or nominated the member whose place has become vacant, and the person appointed or nominated to the vacancy shall be a member of such Authority for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he or she fills would have been a member:

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

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

(2) If a question arises as to whether any person is entitled to be a member of any Authority, the matter shall be referred to a committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Judge of the High Court of Islamabad, who is the member of the Board, and a nominee of the Chancellor, and the decision of the committee shall be final and binding.

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

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

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

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

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

**43. Faculties.—** (1) The University shall have the following Faculties: -

- (i) Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences;
- (ii) Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences;
- (iii) Faculty of Legal Studies;
- (iv) Faculty of Management and Administrative Sciences. Faculty of Pharmacy;
- (v) Faculty of Engineering Sciences and Technology;
- (vi) Faculty of Computing and Applied Sciences;
- (vii) Faculty of Media Studies;
- (viii) Faculty of Hospitality and Hotel Management; and
- (ix) any other faculty as may be prescribed by the statutes.

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

**44. Board of Faculties.—** (1) There shall be a Board of each Faculty consisting of the Dean;

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

(2) The members, mentioned in clauses (iii) and (iv) of sub-section (1) shall hold office for three years.

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

(4) The Board of each Faculty shall, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Board, have the powers:

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

**45. Deans.**— (1) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty who shall be the Chairman and Convener of the Board of Faculty.

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

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

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

**46. Teaching Department.**— (1) There shall be a Teaching Department for each subject or group of allied subjects as may be approved and each Teaching Department shall be headed by a Chairperson.

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

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

(3) The Chairperson of the Department shall plan, organise and supervise the work of the Department in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall be responsible to the Dean of the Faculty in which his Department is composed, for the work of his Department.

**47. Board of Studies.**— There shall be a Board of Studies for each subject or group of subjects as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(a) Each Board of Studies shall consist of:

- (i) the Chairperson of the Teaching Department concerned who shall act as its chairman and convener;
- (ii) all Professors and Associate Professors in the Teaching Department concerned;

- (iii) three teachers, other than Professors or Associate Professors, to be appointed by the Academic Council;
  - (iv) three experts, other than University teachers, to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor.
  - (v) The term of office of members of the Board of Studies, other than ex-officio members, shall be three years.
  - (vi) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Studies, shall be one- half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.
- (b) The functions of the Board of Studies shall be:
- (i) to advise the Authorities on all academic matters connected with instruction, research and examination in the subject or subjects concerned;
  - (ii) to propose curricula and syllabi for all degrees, diplomas and certificate courses in the subject or subjects concerned;
  - (iii) to suggest a panel of names of paper setters and examiners in the subject or subjects concerned; and
  - (iv) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by regulations.

**48. Board of Advanced Studies and Research.—** (1) There shall be a Board of Advanced Studies and Research consisting of:

- (a) the Vice Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) Pro-Vice Chancellor;
- (c) the Deans;

- (d) three University Professors other than the Deans to be appointed by the Board;
- (e) three University teachers having research, qualifications and experience to be appointed by the Academic Council;
- (f) three scholars of eminence, in a field not represented on the Board of Advanced Studies and Research, to be appointed by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of the Academic Council; and
- (g) the Professors Emeritus.

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

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

- (4) The functions of the Advanced Studies and Research Board shall be:
- (a) to advise the Authorities on all matters connected with the promotion of advanced studies and research in the University;
  - (b) to consider and report to the Authorities on the institution of research degree in the University;
  - (c) to appoint supervisors for research students to determine the subject of their thesis;
  - (d) to propose Regulations regarding the award of research degrees;

- (e) to recommend the names of paper setters and examiners for research examination, after considering the proposals of the Board of Studies in this behalf; and
- (f) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by statutes;

**49. Selection Board.**—(1) There shall be a Selection Board consisting of:

- (a) the Vice Chancellor who shall be the Chairman
- (b) one member of the Board and two persons of eminence to be nominated by the Board; provided that none of them is an employee of the University;
- (c) the Dean of the Faculty concerned;
- (d) the Chairperson of the Teaching Department concerned; and
- (e) two persons to be nominated by the Chancellor.

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

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

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

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

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

**50. Finances and Planning Committee.**— (1) There shall be a Finance and Planning Committee consisting of:

- (a) the Vice Chancellor, who shall be the chairman;
- (b) two nominees of the Board;
- (c) two experts in the field of finance and planning to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- (d) one Dean to be nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor;
- (e) the Director Planning and Development; and

(f) the Director Finance of the University who shall be the Member-Secretary.

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

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

(a) to consider annual statement of accounts and revised budget estimate and advise the Board thereon;

(b) to review periodically, the financial position of the University;

(c) to advise the Board on all matters relating to planning, development, finance, investments and accounts of the University;

(d) to prepare short term and long-term development plans;

(e) to prepare staff and resource development plans;

(f) and to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

**51. Affiliation Committee.**— (1) There shall be an Affiliation Committee consisting of:

(a) the Vice Chancellor who shall be the chairman;

(b) one member of the Board to be nominated the Board; and

(c) two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council.

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

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

(4) The quorum for a meeting of, or an inspection by the Affiliation Committee, shall be three members.

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

**52. Discipline Committee and its functions.**— (1) The Discipline Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee;
- (b) two Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council;
- (c) one member to be nominated by the Board; and
- (d) the teacher or officer, in charge of Students Affairs by whatever name called, who shall act as Member Secretary.

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

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

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

- (a) to propose regulations to the Academic Council for the conduct of University students, maintenance of Discipline, and dealing with cases of indiscipline; and
- (b) to perform such other functions as may be assigned to under the statutes or regulations.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The vision for establishing South City University in Pakistan is to be a globally recognized center of excellence in education, research, and healthcare delivery, as well as to address critical gaps in education in the country. Inspired by our decade-long commitment to advancing healthcare through South City Hospital, we aim to extend this legacy by nurturing future leaders in the field of education, medicine and allied disciplines.

We seek approval as an autonomous institution dedicated to excellence in medical education and research. Our vision is to create a center of academic distinction that integrates innovative teaching methodologies with state-of-the-art facilities. By offering comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programs in field of education, medical sciences, nursing, allied health sciences, and related fields, we aim to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the needs of the evolving healthcare profession in our nation and beyond.

We envision pioneering research that addresses pressing health challenges and contributes to global scientific knowledge. This university will serve as a catalyst for societal transformation in education and healthcare by producing graduates who are not only proficient clinicians but also compassionate caregivers and proactive agents of change.

With a steadfast commitment to produce exceptional professional educationist and healthcare professionals who have the best knowledge of medical sciences and research, abiding by the principles of ethics and professionalism to promote holistic patient and population-centered health care of the highest standard, we pledge to uphold the highest standards of education in Pakistan and beyond.

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