

A

Bill

to provide for the Establishment of Rawal International University, Islamabad

Whereas, it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Rawal International University at Islamabad in the Private sector in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows;

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement: — (1) This Act shall be called the Rawal International University, Islamabad, Bill, 2025.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) This Act shall come into force at once.

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

- (i) "academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (ii) "advisor" means the Advisor appointed under this Act;
- (iii) "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified or set up under section 22;
- (iv) "Board of Directors" or "BOD" means the Board of Directors of the Rawal Institute of Health and Management Sciences (LLP) registered under section 7 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017 (XV of 2017) vide registration No. 0215688 dated 16th November, 2022;
- (v) "Board of Governors" or "BoG" means Board of Governors of the University;
- (vi) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (vii) "Head of Department" means the head of a Teaching Department;
- (viii) "College" means an affiliated or constituent college, educational institution, by whatever name described.

- (ix) "Constituent College" means a constituent educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University;
- (x) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (xi) "Controller" means Head of the Examination Department of the University;
- (xii) "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;
- (xiii) "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner as may be prescribed;
- (xiv) "Head of an Institute" means Head of an Institute established as a Constituent Institute or college by the University;
- (xv) "distance learning program" means an educational program where students learn remotely, without physically attending a classroom, typically using online platforms to access course materials and interact with instructors, allowing them to study at their own pace and location, often from a distance;
- (xvi) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee of the University;
- (xvii) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments, as may be prescribed;
- (xviii) "Tribunal" means an independent department established to review any complaints and grievance;
- (xix) "Government" means the Federal Government of Pakistan;
- (xx) "Officer" means an officer of the University as specified under section 8 of the Act;
- (xxi) "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules and made under the Act;
- (xxii) "Patron" means Patron of the University;

- (xxiii) "Pro-Chancellor" means Pro-Chancellor of the University and co-chairperson of the Board of Directors of Rawal Institute of Health and Management Sciences LLP registered with SECP vide registration No. 0215688;
- (xxiv) "Principal" means the head of a constituent college or Unit of the University;
- (xxv) "Professor Emeritus" means a Professor working in a Faculty under the title of Professor Emeritus bestowed upon him by the University;
- (xxvi) "Representation Committees" mean the Representation Committees constituted under this Act;
- (xxvii) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (xxviii) "Registrar" means Registrar of the University;
- (xxix) "Schedule" means a Schedule to this Act;
- (xxx) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up under this Act;
- (xxxi) "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean respectively the Statutes, the Regulations and the Rules made under this Act and for the time being in force;
- (xxxii) "Sponsoring Body" means Rawal Institute of Health and Management Sciences (LLP) which is a Limited Liability partnership registered with SECP vide registration No. 0215688;
- (xxxiii) "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors Lecturers, Tutors engaged whole-time by the University or by a constituent College and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations;
- (xxxiv) "University" means the Rawal International University, Islamabad established under this Act;
- (xxxv) "University Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the University, or recognized by the University, as the case may be, under this Act; and

CHAPTER II
THE UNIVERSITY

3. Establishment and incorporation of the University.— (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Rawal International University, Islamabad, in the Private sector having principle seat at Islamabad.

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

- (a) the Patron, Chancellor, Pro Chancellor, the members Board of Governors, the members of Executive Committee, the Chancellor, the Deans and such other officers as may be prescribed;
- (b) the members of the authorities of the University established under this Act ;
- (c) all University teachers and persons recognized as students of the University in accordance with terms as may be prescribed from to time; and
- (d) all other full-time officers and members of the staff of the University.

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

(4) The University may open any campuses anywhere in Pakistan or abroad.

(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 in Pakistan or abroad which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.

(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 as may be prescribed, subject to the terms of this Act and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002). 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 actions and the policy underlying any action taken and the allocation of resources approved by the Chancellor or the Board of Governors.

(7) All actions to be taken for or by the University shall be taken by the Chancellor of the University by exercising the powers of the University and information of all actions so taken shall be provided to the Board of Governors of the University.

4. Powers and purposes of the University.— The University shall have the power to—

- (i) to provide education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit and to make provisions for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine:

Provided that in case of medical, engineering and other professional education, approval of the relevant Accreditation councils or forums shall be a pre-requisite of starting programs;

- (ii) prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the constituent colleges;
- (iii) 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) prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers, consultants 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) engage, where necessary, persons on contracts of specified duration and to specify the terms of each engagement;
- (vi) confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on approved persons in the manner prescribed;
- (vii) provide for such instruction for persons not being students of the University as it may prescribe, and to grant certificates and diplomas to such persons;
- (viii) establish programmes for the exchange of students and teachers between the University and other universities, educational institutions and research organisations, inside as well as outside Pakistan;

- (ix) get membership of professional and academic national and international bodies and get national and international accreditations for the programs of the University and get affiliated with other Universities in Pakistan and abroad for their degrees as mutually agreed.
- (x) provide career counselling and job search services to students and alumni;
- (xi) maintain linkages with alumni;
- (xii) develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- (xiii) provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the University;
- (xiv) confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (xv) 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 the University, as the University Authorities may decide , and to withdraw such acceptance;
- (xvi) co-operate with other University, public authorities or private organisations in Pakistan and abroad, in such manner and for such purposes as it may prescribe;
- (xvii) establish Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lectureships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xviii) create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xix) institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (xx) establish and affiliate institutes, teaching departments, schools, constituent colleges, faculties, museums and other centres of learning for the development of teaching and research and to make such

arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may be prescribed;

- (xxi) provide the residence to the students of the University and the colleges, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodging;
- (xxii) maintain order, discipline and security on the campuses of the University and the colleges;
- (xxiii) promote the extra-curricular and recreational activities of such students, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (xxiv) demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (xxv) make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other persons, institutions, public or private bodies, commercial and industrial enterprises under prescribed conditions;
- (xxvi) enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- (xxvii) 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;
- (xxviii) to use the University property and resources for any lawful business to earn revenue
- (xxix) provide for the printing and publication of research and other works;
and
- (xxx) 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, and research.

5. Jurisdiction.— (1) The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the whole of Pakistan.

(2) The principal seat of the University shall be at Islamabad and it may set up any number of campuses at such places in Pakistan or abroad as the Board of Governors may determine with prior necessary approvals of the Commission.

(3) The University shall be competent to initiate new academic programs including distance learning program or any other program in any discipline with the prior approval of the Board of Governors.

(4) The University may, with the approval of the Board of Governors, incorporate any existing program of the Rawal Institute of Health Sciences as a program under this Act.

6. University open to all classes, creeds, etc. — (1) The University shall be open to all persons of all genders and of whatever religion, race, creed, class, colour or domicile and no person shall be denied the privileges of the University on the grounds of religion, race, caste, creed, class, colour or domicile. As an objective preference shall be given to female students for admission.

(2) An increase in any fee or charge that is in excess of Twenty percent per annum on an annualised basis from the last announced fee may not be made except in special circumstances and only with the approval of the Patron.

(3) The University shall institute financial aid programmes for students in need to the extent considered feasible by the Board of Governors given the resources available, so as to enable admission and access to the University and the various opportunities provided by it to be based on merit rather than ability to pay:

Provided that the University may institute self-finance schemes not covering more than ten percent of the total number of candidates in any on-campus taught course or research-based programme of study.

7. Teaching at the University.— (1) All recognized teaching in various courses shall be conducted by the University or the colleges in the prescribed manner and may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, distance learning programs and other methods of instruction as well as practical work in its and affiliated laboratories, study centres, hospitals, workshops and other governmental or private organizations.

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

CHAPTER III

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

8. Principal Officers.— The following shall be the principal officers of the University, namely:—

- (a) the Patron;
- (b) the Chancellor
- (c) the Pro-Chancellor ;
- (d) the Advisor;
- (e) the Deans;
- (f) the Principals of the constituent colleges;
- (g) the Heads of the teaching and research departments;
- (h) the Registrar;
- (i) the Treasurer;
- (j) the Controller of Examinations; and
- (k) such other persons as may be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations or nominated by the Chancellor to be the principal officers of the University.

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

(2) The Patron shall, when present, preside at the convocation of the University or he may authorize the Chancellor or any other person of eminence to preside over the convocation of the University.

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

10. Visitation.— (1) The Patron may, in accordance with the terms and procedures as may be prescribed, cause an inspection or inquiry to be made on his own motion or at the request of the Commission in respect of any matter connected with the affairs of the University and shall, from time to time, direct any person or persons to inquire into or carry out inspection of-

- (a) the University, its building, laboratories, libraries and other facilities;
- (b) any institution, department or hostel maintained by the University;
- (c) the adequacy of financial and human resources;

- (d) the teaching, research, curriculum, examination and other matters of the University; and
- (e) such other matters as the Patron may specify.

(2) The Patron shall communicate to the Board of Governors his views with regard to the result of visitation and shall, after ascertaining the views of the Board of Governors, advise the Chancellor on the action to be taken by it.

(3) The Chancellor shall, within such time as may be specified by the Patron, communicate to him such action, if any, as has been taken or may be proposed to be taken upon the results of visitation.

(4) Where the Board of Governors does not, within the time specified, take action to the satisfaction of the Patron, the Patron may issue such directions as he deems fit and Board of Governors shall comply with all such directions.

11. Chancellor.- (1) The Chairman of the sponsoring body shall be the Chancellor of the University and the Chairperson of the Board.

(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chief Executive Officer and in the absence of the Patron, the Chancellor shall preside over the Convocation of the University.

(3) In the absence of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, the sponsoring body may elect and notify a director to act as Chancellor.

(4) The Chancellor shall appoint all employees, teachers, advisers and consultants on his own or on recommendations by the Board of Governors and may be competent to terminate the appointment of any person he had appointed.

(5) The Chancellor shall be responsible for-

- (a) all administrative and academic functions of the University;
- (b) ensuring faithful compliance with the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Regulations, and Rules to promote the University's efficiency and good order; and
- (c) exercising all powers necessary for these purposes, including:
 - (i) administrative control over officers, teachers, and other employees.
 - (ii) **authority** entrusted by the Patron, Board, Committee, and Council.

(6) The Chancellor shall be entitled to attend any meeting of any Authority or body of the University, if present.

(7) The members of the Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Chancellor in the prescribed manner.

(8) If the Chancellor is satisfied that serious irregularity or mismanagement has occurred in the affairs of the University, he may-

- (a) regarding the Board of Governors-
 - (i) direct that specified proceedings be reconsidered and appropriate action taken within one month; and
 - (ii) If such reconsideration is not carried out or fails to address the concerns, the Chancellor may-
 - (a) call upon the Board to show cause in writing;
 - (b) appoint a five-member Review Panel comprising persons of eminence in academics, law, accountancy, and administration to examine and report on the Board's functioning; and
 - (c) the Review Panel shall submit its report within a specified time as determined by the Chancellor; and
- (b) in the case of other Authorities or matters within their competence, he may direct the Board of Governors to exercise powers under this Act in relation to such proceedings.

12. Pro-Chancellor .— (1) There shall be a Pro Chancellor of the University who shall be the Co Chairperson of the sponsoring Body.

(2) In the absence of Chancellor, the Pro Chancellor shall exercise powers of Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall be in charge of all administrative and financial affairs of the University and shall be the chief financial officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall be equal in power and status to that of the Chancellor.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have power to -

- (a) Take all decisions of financial nature of and for the University
- (b) Shall be the head of the Finance side of the University and will be assisted by the Treasurer in his work.
- (c) Shall be the head of the administrative side of the University and will be assisted by the Registrar in his work
- (d) liaise with government, agencies, local bodies and other authorities in connection with financial and administrative affairs of the University;
- (e) administer the financial resources of the University;

- (f) administer the residences of the students, teachers, and other staff members of the University;
- (g) supervise the extra-curricular and recreational activities of the University including the matters of the health and general welfare;
- (h) maintain discipline in the University;
- (i) sanctions expenditures provided for the approved budget in accordance with the rules;
- (j) perform such other functions and exercise such other powers as may be entrusted to or delegated to him by the board, the committee, the council or the Chancellor; and
- (k) delegate any of his power to appropriate level of management subject to such conditions as may seem fit.

13. Vice Chancellor.- (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the Board of Governors on recommendations of a search committee on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed and then the appointment approved by the Chancellor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the head of academics and shall oversee academic direction, standards, and quality of education, research, and engagement of the University and shall have the following powers and duties :-

- (a) direct teachers, officers and other employees of the University to take up such assignments in connection with examination, administration and such other activities in the University as he may consider necessary for the purposes of the University;
- (b) sanction by re-appropriation an amount not exceeding an amount prescribed by the Board of Governors for an unforeseen educational activity not provided for in the budget and report it to the Board of Governors at the next meeting;
- (c) make recommendations to the Chancellor for appointments of such categories of employees of the University and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;
- (d) make recommendations to the Chancellor to suspend, punish and remove, in accordance with prescribed procedure, from service officers,

teachers and other employees of the University except those appointed by or with the approval of the Board of Governors;

- (e) delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any of his powers under this Act to an officer or officers of the University; and
- (f) exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be prescribed.

(3) The Vice Chancellor shall preside at the convocation of the University in the absence of the other authorities nominated under this Act.

(4) The Vice Chancellor shall present an annual report before the Board of Governors within three months of the close of the academic year. The annual report shall present such information as regards the academic year under review as may be prescribed, including disclosure of all relevant facts pertaining to-

- (a) academics;
- (b) research;
- (c) administration

Provided that the Vice Chancellor's annual report shall be made available, prior to its presentation before the Board of Governors, to all officers and University teachers and shall be published in such numbers as are required to ensure its wide circulation.

14. Appointment and Removal of the Vice Chancellor.— (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor upon recommendations of the Board of Governors.

(2) A Search Committee for the recommendation of persons suitable for appointment as Vice Chancellor may be constituted by the Chancellor by nomination and shall consist of three members comprising of one member of the society, one member of the Board of Governors and one Teacher of the University. The Search Committee shall remain in existence till such time that the appointment of the next Vice Chancellor has been made by the Chancellor.

(3) The Chancellor may also appoint the Vice Chancellor directly without constituting the Search Committee as specified in the Sub-section (2) of this section.

(4) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as determined by the Chancellor. The period of employment of the Vice Chancellor shall be renewed by the Chancellor on yearly basis upon receipt of a resolution of the Board of Governors in support of such renewal.

(5) The Board of Governors may be pursuant to a resolution passed by three-fourths of its membership, recommend to the Chancellor the removal of the Vice Chancellor on the ground(s) of inefficiency, of his service being not suitable or not in the interest of the University and its growth targets and name, moral turpitude, mental incapacity or gross misconduct in the affairs of the University including misuse of position for personal advantage of any kind reported by an inquiry commission setup by the Chancellor:

Provided that prior to a resolution for the removal of the Vice Chancellor being voted upon, the Vice Chancellor shall be given an opportunity of being heard.

(6) A resolution recommending the removal of the Vice Chancellor shall be submitted to the Chancellor and that the Chancellor may accept or decline the recommendation of the Board of Governors and accordingly order removal of the Vice Chancellor or otherwise.

(7) 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 such other cause(s), the Board of Governors shall make such arrangements for the performance of the duties of the Vice Chancellor as it may deem fit.

15. Advisor.- An advisor to Chancellor and BOG shall be appointed by the Chancellor for a period of two (02) years and further extendable to similar terms on such remunerations and conditions as determined by Chancellor. Advisor shall preferably have a law degree accepted by the Commission and he can be stationed in Pakistan or abroad and attend meetings in person or by internet mediums. The Adviser shall be responsible to render written advise to the Chancellor and BOG on-

- (a) academic and operational issues;
- (b) national and international membership and accreditation matters and their maintenance
- (c) support and encourage the board member in carrying out the vision, mission and values of the institution; and
- (d) proper conduct of Board Business and regarding meetings of the Board of Governors.

16. The Pro-Vice Chancellor.- (1) There shall be a Pro-Vice Chancellor(s) of the University and shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors.

(2) The Pro-Chancellor shall assist the Vice Chancellor on matters relating to teaching, research academic program, extension and other development projects.

(3) Subject to the overall supervision of the Vice Chancellor, he shall formulate and recommend to the committee or the council for approval rules and regulations relating to the academic and research matters of the University

(4) In the absence of a Pro- Vice Chancellor, his duties will be performed by the Adviser where the Chancellor can assign any power or duty of a pro chancellor to the adviser even in the presence of the Pro Vice Chancellor.

(5) The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall have power and duty to-

- (a) liaise with other universities, learning institutions, industry and research organization for apprenticeship and placement of the students, training of the teachers, and other academic and research activities;
- (b) submit recommendations to the Vice Chancellor on the courses of study to be taught in the University giving due consideration to the advice of the advisory board constituted for the purpose;
- (c) supervise the admission of the students, to the courses of the study and examination of the University
- (d) co-ordinate the award of fellow ships, stipends, medals, and prizes;
- (e) arrange convocations;
- (f) make such arrangements of the scrutiny of the papers marks and results as he may consider necessary;
- (g) co-ordinate the teaching and the research work of the schools or faculties of the University;
- (h) control and manage the publications and circulation of periodicals magazines, journals, and books and dissemination of scientific technological and other related information;
- (i) perform such other functions and exercise such other powers as may be entrusted or delegated to him by the board, the committee, the council or the Chancellor; and
- (j) delegate any of his power(s) to appropriate level of management subject to such conditions as may deem fit.

17. Dean.- (1) There shall be a Dean of each faculty or institution or centre to be appointed by the Board of Governors on recommendation of the Chancellor, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Dean shall be incharge of the faculty and shall assist the Chancellor on the matters related to teaching, research, academic program and extension of other development projects.

(3) Subject to overall supervision of the Chancellor, the Dean shall formulate and recommend to the Academic Council, rules and regulations relating to academic and research matters of the faculty.

(4) The Dean shall also have the power to-

- (a) collaborate with universities, industry and other research organizations;
- (b) formulate recommendations to the Academic Council on the courses of study to be taught in different departments of the faculty;
- (c) co-ordinate the award of fellowships, stipends, medals and prizes;
- (d) co-ordinate the teaching and research work of the faculty;
- (e) perform such other functions and exercise such other powers as may be entrusted or delegated to him by the board or the Chancellor: and
- (f) delegate any of his powers to appropriate levels of management subjects to such conditions as he may deem fit.

18. Registrar.— (1) There shall be a Registrar of the University to be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Chancellor, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The experience as well as the professional and academic qualifications necessary for appointment to the post of the Registrar shall be as may be prescribed.

(3) The Registrar shall be a full-time officer of the University and shall—

- (a) be the administrative head of the secretariat of the University and be responsible for the provision of secretariat support to the Authorities of the University;

- (b) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University;
 - (c) maintain a register of registered graduates in the prescribed manner;
 - (d) supervise the process of election, appointment or nomination of members to the various authorities and other bodies in the prescribed manner; and
 - (e) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.
- (4) The Registrar will report to and work under the Pro Chancellor.
- (5) The term of office of the Registrar shall be a renewable period of three years:

Provided that the Board of Governors may, on the advice of the Pro Chancellor, terminate the appointment of the Registrar on grounds of inefficiency or misconduct in any affair of the University in accordance with prescribed procedure by an order of the Chancellor.

19. Treasurer.— (1) There shall be a Treasurer of the University to be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Chancellor, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The experience and the professional and academic qualifications necessary for appointment to the post of the Treasurer shall be as may be prescribed.

- (3) The Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the University and shall—
- (a) manage the assets, liabilities, receipts, expenditures, funds and investments of the University;
 - (b) prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the University and after due approval of the Pro Chancellor, present them to the Executive Committee or a committee thereof for approval and incorporation in the budget to be presented to the Board of Governors;
 - (c) ensure that the funds of the University are expended on the purposes for which they are provided;
 - (d) have the accounts of the University audited annually so as to be available for submission to the Board of Governors within six months of the close of the financial year; and
 - (e) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.
- (4) The Treasurer will report to and work under the Pro Chancellor.

(5) The term of office of the Treasurer shall be a renewable period of three years:

Provided that the Board of Governors may, on the advice of the Pro Chancellor, terminate the appointment of the Treasurer on grounds of inefficiency or misconduct in the affairs of the University accordance with prescribed procedure by an order of the Chancellor.

20. Controller of Examinations.— (1) There shall be a Controller of Examinations, to be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Chancellor, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The minimum qualifications necessary for appointment to the post of the Controller of Examinations shall be as may be prescribed.

(3) The Controller of Examinations shall be a full-time officer of the University and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

(4) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a renewable term of three years:

Provided that the Board of Governors may, on the advice of the Chancellor, terminate the appointment of the Controller of Examinations on grounds of inefficiency or misconduct in accordance with prescribed procedure.

21. Functions and Powers of the Board of Directors.- (1) The Board of Directors of the sponsoring body shall be responsible for financial viability of the University including responsibility for ensuring effectiveness of its operations and their continuity and with respect to the University the Board shall have the following primary responsibilities

- (a) to own, hold, control and administer the property, funds, and resources of the University and raise funds for the purpose of the University upon such security as may be required under Regulations and be entitled for any profit the University makes by its activities;
- (b) undertake responsibility for the financial viability of the University, including responsibility for ensuring effectiveness of its operations and their continuity;
- (c) consider and pass the resolution of the annual report, plan of work, statement of accounts and the annual budget estimates as recommended by the Board of Governors of the University.

- (d) to provide strategic leadership and guidance to the University;
- (e) determine policy framework for investment of unapplied income of the University in securities and acquisition of immovable property.
- (f) Pass resolution for appointment of the Chancellor and Pro Chancellor of the University and
- (g) to hire a firm of Chartered Accountants for audit of the University accounts.

CHAPTER IV

AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

22. Authorities.— (1) The following shall be the Authorities of the University, namely:-

- (a) Authorities established by the Act-
 - (i) the Board of Governors;
 - (ii) the Executive Committee;
 - (iii) the Academic Council; and
 - (iv) the Board of Advance Study and Research;
 - (v) the Tribunal
- (b) Authorities to be established by the Statutes,-
 - (i) Board of Studies;
 - (ii) Recruitment, Development, Evaluation and Promotion Committees for teachers and other staff whether at the level of the department, the Faculty or the University;
 - (iii) Search Committee for the appointment of the Vice Chancellor;
 - (iv) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC);
 - (v) Finance and Planning Committee;
 - (vi) Discipline Committee;
 - (vii) the Representation Committees for appointment to the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee and the Academic Council;
 - (viii) Faculty Council; and
 - (ix) Departmental Council.

(2) The Board of Governors, the Executive Committee and the Academic Council may set up such other committees or sub-committees, by whatever name described, as are considered desirable through Statute or Regulations as appropriate. Such committees or sub-committees shall be Authorities of the University for the purposes of this Act.

23. Board of Governors.— (1) The body responsible for the governance of the University shall be described as the Board of Governors, and shall consist of the following, namely:-

- (a) the Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of the Board of Governors and member of the Board as an *ex officio* member;
- (b) the Pro Chancellor who shall be the Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors and member of the Board as an *ex officio* member;
- (c) nominee of Federal Government not below the rank of Additional Secretary of the Federal Ministry dealing with the subject of education;
- (d) two members of the sponsoring body who are not Chancellor or Co Chancellor of the sponsoring body to be nominated by the Sponsoring Body;
- (e) one retired Judge of the High Court or the Supreme Court to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- (f) four persons from society at large being persons of distinction in the fields of administration, 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 as nominated by the Chancellor:

Provided that the special focus of the University, to be declared in the manner prescribed, may be reflected in the number of persons of distinction in an area of expertise relevant to the University who are appointed to the Board of Governors;

- (g) two teachers from amongst the alumni of the University to be nominated by the Chancellor;

- (h) two persons from the academic community of the country, other than an employee of the University, at the level of professor or principal of a college to be nominated by the Chancellor; and
- (i) one person nominated by the Commission.

(2) The numbers of the members of the Board of Governors described against sub-section 1 may be increased by the Board of Governors through Statute subject to condition that the total membership of the Board of Governors does not decrease to five members.

(3) All appointments to the Board of Governors shall be made by the Chancellor by nomination and notification. Appointments of persons described in clauses (d) to (h) of sub-section (1) can be proposed by the Representation Committee and in accordance with procedure as may be prescribed:

Provided that effort shall be made, without compromising on quality or qualification, to give fair representation to women on the Board of Governors:

(4) Members of the Board of Governors, other than *ex officio* members, shall hold office for three years.

Provided that no person, other than an *ex officio* member, may serve on the Board of Governors for more than two consecutive terms:

Provided further that the University Teachers appointed to the Board of Governors may not serve for two consecutive terms.

(5) The Board of Governors shall meet at least twice in a calendar year or whenever required by its Chairman.

(6) Service on the Board of Governors shall be on honorary basis:

Provided that actual expenses may be reimbursed as prescribed.

(7) The Registrar shall be the secretary of the Board of Governors.

(8) In the absence of the Chancellor, meetings of the Board of Governors shall be presided over by the Pro Chancellor. Whereas, in case of absence of Co Chancellor the meeting shall be presided by such member, not being an employee of the University or the Government, as the Chancellor may, from time to time, nominate. The member so nominated shall be the convener of the Board of Governors.

(9) Unless otherwise prescribed by this Act, all decisions of the Board of Governors shall be taken on the basis of the opinion of a majority of the members present. In the

event of the members being evenly divided on any matter the person presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(10) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Governors shall be two thirds of its membership, a fraction being counted as one.

24. Removal from the Board of Governors.- (1) The Chancellor may, upon the recommendation of the Review Panel, remove any person from the membership of the Board of Governors on the ground that such person has-

- (a) become of unsound mind; or
- (b) become incapacitated to function as member of the Board of Governors; or
- (c) been convicted by a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude in matters related to his position in the University; or
- (d) absented himself from two consecutive meetings without just cause; or
- (e) been guilty of misconduct, including use of position for personal advantage of any kind, or gross inefficiency in the performance of functions in matters related to his position in the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall remove any person from the membership of the Board of Governors on a resolution calling for the removal of such person supported by a majority of the membership of the Board of Governors:

Provided that before passing such resolution the Board of Governors shall provide the member concerned a fair hearing:

Provided further that the provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the Pro Chancellor in his capacity as a member of the Board of Governors.

25. Powers and functions of the Board of Governors.— (1) The Board of Governors shall have the power of general supervision over the University and shall hold the Chancellor and the Authorities accountable for all the functions of the University. The Board of Governors shall have all powers of the University not expressly vested in an Authority or officer by the Act and all other powers not expressly mentioned by this Act that are necessary for the performance of its functions.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Board of Governors shall have the power to—

- (a) approve the proposed annual plan of work, the annual and revised budgets, the annual report and the annual statement of account;
- (b) oversee the quality and relevance of the University's academic programmes and to review the academic affairs of the University in general;
- (c) make recommendations to the Chancellor of appointment of the Deans, Professors, Associate Professors and such other senior faculty and senior administrators as may be prescribed;
- (d) institute schemes, directions and guidelines for the terms and lay down conditions of appointment of all officers, teachers and other employees of the University;
- (e) approve strategic plans;
- (f) consider the drafts of Statutes and Regulations proposed by the Executive Committee and the Academic Council and deal with them in the manner as provided under this Act, as the case may be:

Provided that the Board of Governors may frame a Statute with respect to any matter in its power or with respect after calling for the advice of the Executive Committee as the case may be.

- (g) annul by order in writing the proceedings of any Authority or officer if the Board of Governors is satisfied that such proceedings are not in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Statutes or Regulations after calling upon such Authority or officer to show cause why such proceedings should not be annulled;
- (h) recommend to the Chancellor removal of any member of the Board of Governors in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (i) delegate its power (s) to the Chancellor
- (j) make appointment of members of the Executive Committee, other than *ex officio* members, in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (k) make appointment of members of the Academic Council, other than *ex officio* members, in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (l) appoint Emeritus Professors on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe;

- (m) remove any person from the membership of any Authority of the University if such person:
 - (i) has become of unsound mind; or
 - (ii) has become incapacitated to function as member of such Authority; or
 - (iii) has been convicted by a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude
- (n) determine the form, provide for the custody and regulate the use of the common seal of the University.

(3) The Board of Governors may, subject to the provisions of the Act delegate all or any of the powers and functions of any Authority, officer or employee of the University at its main campus, to any Authority, committee, officer or employee at its additional campus for the purpose of exercising such powers and performing such functions in relation to such additional campus, and for this purpose the Board of Governors may create new posts or positions at the additional campuses.

26. Inspections.— The Board of Governors may, in accordance with the terms and procedures as may be prescribed, cause an inspection to be made in respect of any matter connected with the University.

27. The Executive Committee.— (1) There shall be an Executive Committee of the University consisting of the following, namely:—

- (a) the Chancellor; who shall be its Chancellor;
- (b) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (c) the Advisor;
- (d) the Deans of the Faculties of the University;
- (e) three professors from different departments, who are not members of the Board of Governors, to be elected by the University Teachers in accordance with procedure to be prescribed by the Board of Governors;
- (f) Principals of the constituent colleges;
- (g) the Registrar;
- (h) the Treasurer; and
- (i) the Controller of Examinations;

(2) Members of the Executive Committee, other than *ex officio* members, shall hold office for three years.

(3) As regards the three professors described in clause (e) of sub-section (1) the Board of Governors may, as an alternative to elections, prescribe a procedure for proposal of a panel of names by the Representation Committee setup under section 31. Appointment of persons proposed by the Representation Committee may be made by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Chancellor.

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

(5) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in each quarter of the year.

28. Powers and duties of the Executive Committee.— (1) The Executive Committee shall be the executive body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and the Statute, 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 the Act, the Statute and directions of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee shall have the power to—

- (a) consider the annual report, the annual and revised budget estimates and to submit these to the Board of Governors;
- (b) enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- (c) receive and manage any property transferred and grants, bequests, trust, gifts, donations, endowments, and other contributions made to the University;
- (d) provide the buildings, libraries, premises, furniture, apparatus, equipment and other means required for carrying out the work of the University;
- (e) establish and maintain halls of residence and hostels or approve or license hostels or lodgings for the residence of students;

- (f) recommend to the Board of Governors for admission of educational institutions to the privileges of the University and withdraw such privileges;
- (g) arrange for the inspection of colleges and the departments;
- (h) establish Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships, Lectureships, and other teaching posts or to suspend or to abolish such posts;
- (i) create, suspend or abolish such administrative or other posts as may be necessary;
- (j) prescribe the duties of officers, teachers and other employees of the University;
- (k) report to the Board of Governors on matters with respect to which it has been asked to report;
- (l) appoint members to various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- (m) propose drafts of Statutes for submission to the Board of Governors;
- (n) regulate the conduct and discipline of the students of the University;
- (o) take actions necessary for the good administration of the University in general and to this end exercise such powers as are necessary;
- (p) delegate any of its powers to any Authority or officer or a committee; and
- (q) perform such other functions as have been assigned to it by the provisions of the Act or may be assigned to it by the Statutes.

29. Academic Council.— (1) There shall be an Academic Council of the University consisting of the following, namely:—

- (a) the Chancellor; who shall be its Chancellor;
- (b) the Advisor;
- (c) the Pro-Chancellor (Academics and Research);
- (d) the Deans of Faculties and such Heads of departments as may be prescribed;
- (e) all Heads of the department;

- (f) five members representing the departments, University and the constituent colleges to be elected in the manner prescribed by the Board of Governors;
- (g) five Professors including Emeritus Professors;
- (h) the Registrar;
- (i) the Controller of Examinations; and
- (j) the Librarian.

(2) The Board of Governors shall appoint the members of the Academic Council, other than the *ex officio* and the elected members, on the recommendation of the Chancellor:

Provided that as regards the five professors and the members representing the departments, University and the constituent colleges the Board of Governors may, as an alternative to elections, prescribe a procedure for proposal of a panel of names by the Representation Committee set up in terms of section 31. Appointment of persons proposed by the Representation Committee may be made by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Chancellor.

- (3) Members of the Academic Council shall hold office for three years.
- (4) The Academic Council shall meet at least once in each quarter.
- (5) The quorum for meetings of the Academic Council shall be one half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.

30. Powers and functions of the Academic Council.— (1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the Rules, have the power to lay down proper standards of instruction, research and examinations and to regulate and promote the academic life of the University and the colleges.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, and subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the power to—

- (a) approve the policies and procedures pertaining to the quality of academic programmes;
- (b) approve academic programmes;

- (c) approve the policies and procedures pertaining to student related functions including admissions, expulsions, punishments, examinations and certification;
- (d) approve the policies and procedures assuring quality of teaching and research;
- (e) propose to the Executive Committee schemes for the constitution and organization of Faculties, teaching departments and boards of studies;
- (f) appoint paper setters and examiners for all examinations of the University after receiving panels of names from the relevant authorities;
- (g) establish programmes for the continued professional development of University Teachers at all levels;
- (h) recognize the examinations of other Universities or examining bodies as equivalent to the corresponding examinations of the University;
- (i) regulate the award of studentships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (j) frame Regulations for submission to the Board of Governors;
- (k) prepare an annual report on the academic performance of the University; and
- (l) perform such functions as may be prescribed by Regulations.

31. Representation Committees.— (1) There shall be a Representation Committee constituted by the Board of Governors through Statute for recommendation of persons for appointment to the Board of Governors in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) There shall also be a Representation Committee constituted by the Board of Governors through Statute for the recommendation of persons for appointment to the Executive Committee and the Academic Council in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(3) Members of the Representation Committee for appointments to the Board of Governors shall consist of the following, namely:—

- (a) three members of the Board of Governors who are not University Teachers;
- (b) two persons nominated by the University Teachers from amongst themselves in the manner prescribed;
- (c) one person from the academic community, not employed by the University, at the level of professor or college principal to be nominated by the University Teachers in the manner prescribed; and
- (d) one eminent citizen with experience in administration, philanthropy, development work, law or accountancy to be nominated by the Board of Governors.

(4) The Representation Committee for appointments to the Executive Committee and the Academic Council shall consist of the following, namely:-

- (a) two members of the Board of Governors who are not University Teachers; and
- (b) three persons nominated by the University Teachers from amongst themselves in the manner prescribed.

(5) The tenure of the Representation Committees shall be three years:

Provided that no member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

(6) The procedures of the Representation Committees shall be as may be prescribed.

(7) There may also be such other Representation Committees set up by any of the other Authorities of the University as are considered appropriate for recommending persons for appointment to the various Authorities and other bodies of the University.

32. Board of Studies.- (1) The Board of advance studies and research shall consist of,

- (a) Chancellor;
- (b) Pro-Chancellor
- (c) All the deans;
- (d) One University professor from each faculty other than dean to be appointed by the Board;
- (e) One member nominated by the Chancellor; and

- (f) Three members from the relevant research organizations and Government department to be nominated by the board of Governors;
- (g) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of Board of Studies;

(2) Term of the members of board of advance studies other than the *ex-officio* member shall be three years and the quorum will be one half of total number of members.

33. Appointment of Committees by certain Authorities.— (1) The Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, the Academic Council and other Authorities may, from time to time, appoint such standing, special or advisory committees, as they may deem fit, and may place on such committee persons who are not members of the Authorities appointing the Committees.

(2) The constitution, functions and powers of the Authorities for which no specific provision has been made in this Act shall be such as may be prescribed by Statutes or Regulations.

CHAPTER V

STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND RULES

34. First Statutes.— (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, Statutes, to be published in the University's Gazette, may be made to regulate or prescribe all or any of the following matters:—

- (a) the contents of and the manner in which the annual report to be presented by the Chancellor before the Board of Governors shall be prepared;
- (b) the University fees and other charges;
- (c) the constitution of any pension, insurance, gratuity, provident fund and benevolent fund for University employees;
- (d) the scales of pay and other terms and conditions of service of officers, teachers and other University employees;
- (e) the maintenance of the register of registered graduates;
- (f) admission of educational institutions to the privileges of the University and the withdrawal of such privileges;

- (g) the establishment of Faculties, departments, University, colleges and other academic divisions;
- (h) the powers and duties of officers and teachers;
- (i) conditions under which the University may enter into arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies for purposes of research and advisory services;
- (j) conditions for appointment of Emeritus Professors and award of honorary degrees;
- (k) efficiency and discipline of University employees;
- (l) the constitution and procedure to be followed by Representation Committees in carrying out functions in terms of this Act;
- (m) the constitution and procedure to be followed by the Search Committee for appointment of the Chancellor;
- (n) constitution, functions and powers of the Authorities of the University; and
- (o) all other matters which by this Act are to be or may be prescribed or regulated by Statutes.

(2) The draft of Statutes shall be proposed by the Executive Committee to the Board of Governors which may approve or pass with such modifications as the Board of Governors may think fit or may refer back to the , as the case may be, for reconsideration of the proposed draft:

Provided that Statutes concerning any of the matters mentioned in clauses (a) and (i) of sub-section (1) shall be initiated and approved by the Board of Governors, after seeking the views of the Executive Committee:

Provided further that the Board of Governors may initiate a Statute with respect to any matter in its power or with respect to which a Statute may be framed in terms of the Act and approve such Statute after seeking the views of the Executive Committee.

35. Regulations.— (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the Statues, the Academic Council may make Regulations, to be published in the University's Gazette, for all or any of the following matters, namely:--

- (a) the courses of study for degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University;

- (b) the manner in which the teaching referred to in sub-section (1) of section 7 shall be organized and conducted;
- (c) the admission and expulsion of students to and from the University;
- (d) the conditions under which students shall be admitted to the courses and the examinations of the University and shall become eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas and certificates;
- (e) the conduct of examinations;
- (f) conditions under which a person may carry on independent research to entitle him to a degree;
- (g) the institution of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (h) the use of the Library;
- (i) the formation of Faculties, departments and board of studies; and
- (j) all other matters which by the Act or the Statutes are to be or may be prescribed by Regulations.

(2) Regulations shall be proposed by the Academic Council and shall be submitted to the Board of Governors which may approve them or withhold approval or refer them back to the Academic Council for reconsideration. A Regulation proposed by the Academic Council shall not be effective unless it receives the approval of the Board of Governors.

(3) Regulations regarding or incidental to matters contained in sub clauses (g) and (i) shall not be submitted to the Board of Governors without the prior approval of the Executive Committee.

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

37. Rules.— (1) The Authorities and the other bodies of the University may make Rules, to be published in the University's Gazette, consistent with the Act, Statutes or the Regulations, to regulate any matter relating to the affairs of the University which has not been provided for by the Act or that is not required to be regulated by Statutes or Regulations, including rules to regulate the conduct of business and the time and place of meetings and related matters.

(2) Rules shall become effective upon the approval of the Board of Governors.

CHAPTER VI

UNIVERSITY FUND

38. University fund.— (1) The University shall have a fund to which shall be credited its income from fees, charges, donations, trusts, bequests, endowments, contributions, grants and all other sources by persons or organisations in Pakistan or abroad.

(2) No contribution, donation or grant which may directly or indirectly involve any immediate or subsequent financial liability for the University, shall be accepted except for grants, donations, contributions for research, development by national and international donors, bodies, where a liability is created by mutual agreement.

(3) The University may take up loans and source financing to support any of its operations and developmental projects with the approval of the Chancellor.

(4) An expense from the University fund will be legal only if approved by the Chancellor or the Board of Governors.

39. Audits and Accounts.— (1) The Accounts of the University shall be maintained in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Scheduled Banks in Pakistan will facilitate the sponsors to open bank account of the University with them in the Pakistan Currency and Foreign currencies.

(3) The University may open and operate accounts in Pakistan or in a foreign country in the local or foreign currency to receive fees and funds and make payments for the operation of the University or engage a third party or an SPV in Pakistan or abroad in a foreign country through which the University can receive fees and finances and send portions to any person or to another University as decided by it or as per any mutual agreement and the amount or portion of amount and mode of disbursement shall be decided by the Chancellor.

(4) The teaching departments, constituent colleges or University and all other bodies designated as such by the Executive Committee in terms of Statutes shall be independent cost centres of the University with authority vested in the head of each cost centre to sanction expenditure out of the budget allocated to it. Provided that re-

appropriation from one head of expenditure to another may be made by the head of a cost centre in accordance with and to the extent prescribed by the Statutes.

(5) All funds generated by a teaching department, constituent college or other unit of the University through consultancy, research or other provision of service shall be made available without prejudice to the budgetary allocation otherwise made, after deduction of overheads in the manner and to the extent prescribed by Statute, to the teaching department, constituent college or other unit for its development. A part of the funds so generated may be shared with the University Teachers or researchers in charge of the consultancy, research or service concerned in the manner and to the extent prescribed by Statute.

(6) No expenditure shall be made from the funds of the University, unless a bill for its payments has been issued by the head of the cost centre concerned in accordance with the relevant statutes and the Treasurer has verified that the payment is provided for in the approved budget of the cost centre, subject to the authority to re-appropriate available to the head of the cost centre.

(7) Provision shall be made for an internal audit of the finances of the University.

(8) Notwithstanding the requirement of audit by an auditor appointed by Government in accordance with the provisions of any other law in force, the annual audited statement of accounts of the University shall be prepared in conformity with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) by a reputed firm of chartered accountants appointed by the Chancellor and report signed by the Treasurer. The annual audited statement of accounts so prepared shall be submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan for information or observation.

(9) The observations on the audit report, if any, together with such annotations as the Treasurer may make, shall be considered by the Executive Committee and shall be placed before the Board of Governors within six months of closing of the financial year.

CHAPTER VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

40. Employment of the employees .— All employees and teachers of the University appointed under this Act shall be governed by the principle of Master and servant.

41. Opportunity to show cause.— Except as otherwise provided by law 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 for cause arising out of any act or omission on the part of the person concerned unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken.

42. Appeal to the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors.—Where an order is passed punishing any officer (other than the Chancellor or Pro Chancellor), teacher or other employee of the University or altering or interpreting to his disadvantage the prescribed terms or conditions of his service, he shall, where the order is passed by any officer or teacher of the University other than the Chancellor or Pro Chancellor, have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee against the order, and where the order is passed by the Chancellor or Pro Chancellor, have the right to appeal to the meeting of Board of Governors where Chancellor or Pro Chancellor will abstain and proceedings are conducted by a chancellor elected for such meeting only.

43. Service of the University.— (1) The University may employ such persons in its service as may be necessary, on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board of Governors.

44. Benefits and Insurance.— (1) The University shall constitute for the benefit of its officers, teachers and other employees schemes, as may be prescribed, for the provision of post-employment benefits as well as health and life insurance while in service.

45. Indemnity.— No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the University or any Authority, officer or employee of the University or any person in respect of anything which is done in good faith under the Act.

46. Removal of difficulties.- (1) If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Act, it shall be placed before the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Chancellor may make such order, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as may appear to him to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

(3) Where this Act makes any provision for anything to be done but no provision or no sufficient provision has been made in respect of the authority who, or the time at which, it shall be done, then it shall be done by such authority, at such time or in such manner as the Chancellor may direct.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Rawal International University, a private sector entity, is a project of the sponsors who are duly registered with the Security Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and are legally empowered for working in the realm of education and for establishing a new Degree Awarding Institution DAI in Pakistan subject to fulfilment of all requirements and formalities.

The premises of the educational institution is appropriate and prominently situated.

Education plays a pivotal role in the development of vital human resources whose skills and knowledge are acceptable in the international job market and by the society at large. An internationally acceptable workforce with such attributes is essential for the economic revival of our country. The establishment of this university is to augment the Government initiative to establish Education Institutions at all levels and particularly in Higher Education and the sponsors have come forward to do its part with the same mission and shall be investing Billions of Rupees for this cause and will create jobs for its graduates internationally by getting all international and national accreditations for the University and prepare its graduates accordingly. Such huge investment for establishment of a University in the education Sector solely by a private party underlines the dedication and determination of the sponsors.

The Rawal International University Islamabad institution will be a duly accredited comprehensive University offering programmes which are in demand nationally and internationally and will also have international collaborative programs and University will be ensuring that its degrees are accepted worldwide. This will bring immense social benefits for the local population and adjoining areas/ regions as well as to students from all parts of the world and Pakistan. The University and its sponsors have given a commitment to abide by all HEC rules and guidelines and even after grant of charter , the University shall only commence operation with written consent of the HEC.

The bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objectives through establishment of the Rawal International University Islamabad in the private sector.

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