

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to provide for the establishment of Daanish University, Islamabad

WHEREAS the Government of Pakistan recognizes the critical importance of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, advanced materials, renewable energy systems, and data science for national development, economic competitiveness, and the welfare of its people;

AND WHEREAS it is the policy of Government of Pakistan to foster centres of excellence that can drive innovation, nurture highly skilled professionals, and generate research outcomes of global significance;

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

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title and commencement.** — (1) This Act shall be called the Daanish University Islamabad Act, 2026.

(2) It 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 constituted under section 24;

(ii) "Authority" means each of the Authorities of the University specified under section

- (iii) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (iv) "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (v) "Constituent College" means an educational institution or Unit, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University;
- (vi) "Dean" means the head of a faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty under this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
- (vii) "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner prescribed;
- (viii) "Director" means the head of an academic or administrative unit established by the University by Statutes or Regulations;
- (ix) "Emergency Committee" means a committee constituted by the Senate for the purposes as mentioned in sub-section (4) of section 12;
- (x) "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments, as may be prescribed;
- (xi) "Fund" means the Daanish University Fund established under section 31;
- (xii) "Government" means the Federal Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (xiii) "prescribed" means prescribed by this Statutes, Regulations or Rules made under this Act;
- (xiv) "Pro-Rector" means the Pro-Rector of the University;
- (xv) "Registrar" means Registrar of the University;
- (xvi) "Regulations" means Regulations made under this Act;

- (xvii) "Rector" means Rector of the University;
- (xviii) "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (xix) "Rules" means Rules made under this Act;
- (xx) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Senate under this Act;
- (xxi) "Senate" means the supreme governing body of the University as constituted under section 24;
- (xxii) "Schedule" means a Schedule to this Act;
- (xxiii) "Statutes" means Statutes made under this Act;
- (xxiv) "Teacher" includes Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Lecturers engaged full-time by the University or by a constituent and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations; and
- (xxv) "University" means the Daanish University, Islamabad.

CHAPTER II

THE UNIVERSITY

3. **Establishment and incorporation of the University.** – (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Daanish University, Islamabad.

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

- (a) the Chancellor, the members of the Senate, and the Rector;
- (b) the members of the Authority of the University established;
- (c) all Teachers and persons recognized as students of the University in accordance with terms prescribed from time to time; and

(d) all other University full-time officers and members of the staff of the University recognized as such officers and members of the staff of University in accordance with terms prescribed from time to time.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have the powers to sue and be sued.

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

(5) 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, professors, and other employees on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, subject to the provisions of this Act. In particular, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall neither have the power to question the allocation of resources approved by Senate in the annual budget of the University and its decision regarding *inter alia* investment of any property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, contributions representing immovable or movable property of the University, nor the policy underlying such allocation of resources and decision regarding investment of any property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, contributions representing immovable or movable property of the University.

(6) The University may provide facilities to the representatives of the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Engineering Council, Pakistan Medical & Dental Council, and other relevant organizations for visitation to enable them to verify that the university is maintaining appropriate academic standards.

(7) The University shall be required to strictly comply with the constitutional provisions, ideology of Pakistan, law and abide by the social, religious, ethical, and cultural ethos, values, and respect cultural and religious sensitivities.

4. Powers and functions of the University.— The University shall have complete power and authority to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be necessary, expedient, ancillary or desirable to achieve its objectives as a centre of education, learning, research, innovation and commercialization, and for the effective administration, governance, development and financing of the

University. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the University may,-

- (i) provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- (ii) prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the constituent institutions or units;
- (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 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) 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;
- (vii) institute programme for the exchange of students and professors between the University and other universities, educational institutions and research organizations, inside as well as outside Pakistan;
- (viii) provide career counselling and job search services to students and alumni;
- (ix) maintain linkage with alumni;
- (x) develop and suggest fund-raising plans;
- (xi) provide and support the academic development of the Faculty of the University;
- (xii) confer degrees on persons who have carried on independent research under prescribed conditions;
- (xiii) accept the examinations passed and the period of study spent by students of the University and places of learning equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University, as it may prescribe, and to withdraw such acceptance;
- (xiv) 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;
- (xv) institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and Lectureships and any other posts and to appoint persons thereto;

- (xvi) create posts for research, extension, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;
- (xvii) recognize selected members of the teaching staff of university or educational universities admitted to the privileges of the university or such other persons as it may deem fit, as University Professors,
- (xviii) institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes under prescribed conditions;
- (xix) establish teaching Constituent Colleges, Departments, Faculties, institutes, museums and other centers of learning for the development of teaching and research, professional and technical training and special studies and to make such arrangements for their maintenance, management and administration as it may prescribe;
- (xx) provide for the residence of the students of the University and the Constituent Colleges, to institute and maintain halls of residence and to approve or license hostels and lodging;
- (xxi) maintain order, discipline and security on the campuses of the University and the Constituent Colleges;
- (xxii) promote the extra-curricular and recreational activities of such students, and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (xxiii) demand and receive such fees and other charges as it may determine;
- (xxiv) make provision for research, advisory consultancy or placement services and with these objects to enter into arrangements with other Universities, public or private bodies, commercial and industrial enterprises under prescribed conditions;
- (xxv) enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts;
- (xxvi) receive and manage property transferred and grants, contributions made to the University and to invest any fund representing such property, grants, bequests, trusts, gifts, contributions with the approval of the Senate; and
- (xxvii) provide for the printing and publication of research and other works.

5. **University open to all classes, creeds, etc.** — (1) The University shall be open to all persons of any gender religion, race, creed, class, colour or domicile and no person shall be denied privileges of the University on these grounds. The University shall uphold the principle of merit in performing all of its functions including admission of students, selection and promotion of faculty and staff, and grant of specific degree and certificates.

(2) An increase in any fee or charge that is in excess of ten percent per annum on an annualized basis from the last such increase may not be made except in special circumstances, and only with the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) The University shall initiate financial aid programmes for students in need, to the extent considered feasible by the Senate given the resources available, 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.

6. Teaching at the University. — (1) All recognized teaching, professional and technical training in various courses shall be conducted by the University in the prescribed manner which may include lectures, tutorials, discussions, seminars, demonstrations, online and blended learning and other methods of instruction as well as practical work in the laboratories, hospitals, workshops and other governmental or private organizations.

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

7. Sub Campuses. — The University may have sub-campuses within Pakistan and abroad with the prior approval of Senate relevant Provincial Government and the Commission.

CHAPTER III

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

8. Principal Officers. — The University may from time to time appoint such officers as it may deem necessary or desirable to achieve its objectives as a center of education, learning, research, innovation and commercialization, and for the effective administration, governance, development and financing of the University. Without prejudice to generality of the foregoing, the University may have the following officers:

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Rector;
- (c) the Pro Rector;
- (d) the Deans;
- (e) the Principals of the Constituent Colleges or units;

- (f) the Chairpersons of the teaching departments;
- (g) the Registrar;
- (h) the Controller of Examinations;
- (i) the Resident Auditor; and
- (j) such other persons as may be prescribed by the Statutes or Regulations to be the principal officers of the University.

9. Patron. — (1) The Prime Minister of Pakistan shall be the Patron of the University:

(2) The Patron shall preside over the convocation of the University, and in his absence the Chancellor shall preside over the convocation.

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

(4) In addition to those powers provided for expressly in this Act, the Patron may in writing delegate any of his powers and functions to the Chancellor.

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

- (a) the University, its building, laboratories, libraries, and other facilities.
- (b) any University, 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; or
- (e) such other matters as the Chancellor may specify.

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

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

the results of visitation.

11. **Chancellor** — The Patron shall appoint the Chairman of Daanish University Trust as the University's Chancellor and Chairperson of the Senate.

12. **Rector.** — (1) There shall be a Rector of the University who shall be an eminent academician or a distinguished administrator and shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Rector shall be the chief officer of the University responsible for all administrative and academic functions of the University, and for ensuring that the provisions of this Act, Statutes, Regulations and Rules are faithfully observed to promote the general efficiency and good order of the University. The Rector shall have all powers prescribed for this purpose, including administrative control over the officers, Professors, and other employees of the University.

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

(4) The Rector may, in an emergency that in his opinion requires immediate action ordinarily not in the competence of the Rector, take such action and forward, within seventy-two hours, report of the action taken to the Emergency Committee duly constituted by the Senate for the purposes of dealing with emergencies. The Emergency Committee may direct such further action as is considered appropriate.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of powers in the foregoing sections, the Rector shall also exercise the following powers, namely: —

- (a) direct professors, 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 specified by the Senate for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget and report it to the Senate at the next meeting;
- (c) make appointments of such categories of employees of the University and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

- (d) suspend, punish and remove, in accordance with prescribed procedure, from service officers, professors and other employees of the University except those appointed by or with the approval of the Senate;
- (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.

(6) The Rector shall present an annual report before the Senate 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; and
- (d) finances.

(7) The Rector's annual report shall be made available, prior to its presentation before the Senate, to all officers and University Professors and shall be published in such numbers as are required to ensure its wide circulation.

13. **Appointment and removal of the Rector and Search Committee.** — (1) The Rector shall be appointed by the Senate in the following manner, namely :-

- (a) a Search Committee for the recommendation of persons suitable for appointment as Rector shall be constituted by the Senate on the date and in the manner prescribed by the Statutes and shall consist of two eminent members of society nominated by the Senate and approved by the Chancellor, of whom one shall be appointed the convener, one member of the Senate, one University Professor who is not member of the Senate, and one academician of eminence not employed by the University. The University's Professor shall be selected by the Senate through a process, to be prescribed by Statute, that provides for the recommendation of suitable names in general:

Provided that for the appointment of the first Rector, in lieu of the Professor of the University, the Chancellor shall appoint as a member of the Search

Committee a professor from any other public or private sector university in Pakistan. The Search Committee shall remain in existence till the time of appointment of the Rector is made by the Senate; and

- (b) the Search Committee shall recommend a panel of three to the Senate for the appointment as Rector:

Provided that the Senate may decline to appoint any of the three persons recommended and seek recommendation of a fresh panel. In the event of a fresh recommendation being sought, the Search Committee shall make a proposal to the Senate in the prescribed manner. The Senate shall have the authority to choose any one of the three recommended names.

(2) The Rector shall be appointed for a term of four years on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes, and may, upon a resolution of the Senate supporting such renewal, be re-appointed once only for a further term of four years.

(3) The Senate may, pursuant to a resolution in this behalf passed by three-fourths of its membership, remove the Rector on the grounds of inefficiency, moral turpitude, physical or mental incapacity, gross misconduct or misuse of position for personal advantage of any kind.

(4) At any time when the office of the Rector is vacant, or the Rector is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to illness or some other cause, the Senate shall ask the senior most Pro-Rector to perform the duties of the Rector in his absence.

14. **Pro-Rector.** (1) The Senate may from time to time, on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe, appoint one or more Pro-Rectors of the University as it may deem fit. Subject to the overall supervision of the Rector, the Pro-Rectors shall assist the Rector on affairs of the University and may exercise such powers as may be prescribed by Senate. The Pro Rector may delegate any of his power to an appropriate level of management subject to such conditions as he may deemed fit.

(2) The Pro-Rector shall preside at the convocation of the University in the absence of the Chancellor and Rector.

15. **Directors.** — (1) In such manner as may be prescribed, the Senate may from time to time on such terms and conditions and having such powers as it may prescribe, appoint such number of

Directors as it deems appropriate, including, *inter alia*, Director Finance, Director Human Resources.

(2) A Director shall hold office for a term of four years and may, upon a resolution of the Senate supporting such renewal, be re-appointed once only for a further term of four years.

(3) A Director shall hold office until the expiry of his term, or earlier resignation, or removal by the Senate on grounds of misconduct or as may otherwise be prescribed.

(4) The job descriptions, terms and conditions of service, and criteria for performance evaluation of the Directors shall be such as may be determined by the Senate.

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

(2) The experience as well as the professional and academic qualification necessary for appointment to the post of 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 term of office of the Registrar shall be four years, and may be renewed once for a further term of four years:

Provided that the Senate may, on the advice of the Rector, terminate the appointment of the

Registrar on grounds of inefficiency or misconduct in the prescribed manner.

17. **Controller of Examination.** — (1) There shall be a Controller of Examination of the University, to be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Selection Board, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

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

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

(4) The Controller of Examination shall be appointed for a renewable term of four years:

Provided that the Senate may, on the advice of the Rector, terminate the appointment of the Controller of Examination on the grounds of inefficiency or misconduct in the prescribed manner.

18. **Resident Auditor.** — (1) There shall be a Resident Auditor of the University, to be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Selection Board, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Resident Auditor shall be a full-time officer of the University and shall be responsible for pre-audit of all payments from the Fund. He shall perform any other duty assigned by the Senate, Academic Council and Rector.

(3) The minimum experience as well as the professional and academic qualifications necessary for the appointment to the post of Resident Auditor shall be as may be prescribed.

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Auditor

appointed on regular basis on grounds of inefficiency or misconduct, in the prescribed procedure.

CHAPTER IV AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

19. **Authorities.** — (1) The following shall be the Authorities of the University,

namely:-

- (a) Authorities established by this Act: -
 - (i) the Senate;
 - (ii) Executive Committee; and
 - (iii) the Academic Council.

- (b) Authorities that may be established by the Statutes: —
 - (i) Board of Advanced Studies and Research;
 - (ii) Board of Studies;
 - (iii) Selection Board;
 - (iv) Finance and Planning Committee;
 - (v) Search Committee for the appointment of the Rector;
 - (vi) Quality Enhancement Committee; and
 - (vii) Discipline Committee.

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

20. **Senate.** — (1) The general supervision and control of the affairs, and power to lay down policies of the University shall vest in the Senate. The members of the Board of Trustees of Daanish University Trust, a Not-For-Profit Trust registered under the Punjab Trust Act, 2020 shall be the members of the Senate of the University. The Chancellor of the University shall also serve as the chairperson of the Senate.

(2) The nominated members of the Senate shall hold office for a period of four years and

shall be eligible for re-nomination on the expiry of his term unless earlier terminated under the law.

(3) The office of a nominated member of the Senate shall become vacant if he ceases to be a member of the board of trustees of the Daanish University Trust or resigns or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Senate without sufficient cause or leave of absence.

(4) A casual vacancy in the office of a member of the Senate shall be filled by a person nominated by the nominating authority which had nominated the member whose vacancy is to be filled.

(5) The quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall be two-thirds of the total number of its members. Every member shall have one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have and may exercise a second or casting vote.

(6) The Senate shall meet at least twice in a calendar year.

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

(8) Service on the Senate shall be on an honorary basis, however, actual expenses may be reimbursed as prescribed.

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

(2) The Senate 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.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:-

- (a) to approve the proposed annual plan of work, the annual and revised budgets, the annual report and the annual statement of account;
- (b) to hold, control and lay down policy for the administration of the property, funds and investments of the University, including the approval of the sale and purchase or acquisition of immovable property;
- (c) to oversee the quality and relevance of the University's academic programmes and to review the academic affairs and ensure its alignment with vision and mission of Danish University;

- (d) to approve establishment of Faculties and appointment of the Deans, Professors, Associate professors and such other senior faculty and senior administrators as may be prescribed;
- (e) to University schemes, directions and guidelines for the terms and conditions of Appointment of all officers, professors and other employees of the University;
- (f) to approve strategic plans;
- (g) to approve financial resource development plans of the University;
- (h) to consider the drafts of Statutes and Regulations proposed by the Senate and the Academic Council and deal with them in the manner under this Act, however, the Senate may frame a Statute or Regulation on its own initiative and approve it after calling for the advice of the Academic Council as the case may be;
- (i) to annul by order in writing the proceedings of any Authority or officer if the Senate is satisfied that such proceedings are not in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes or Regulations after calling upon such Authority or officer to show cause why such proceedings should not be annulled;
- (j) to approve the removal of any member of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (k) to make appointment of members of the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (l) to approve appointment of the members of the Academic Council, in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (m) to appoint Emeritus Professors on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
- (n) to remove any person from the membership of any Authority 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, and
- (o) to regulate the use of the common seal of the University.

(4) The Senate may, subject to the provisions of this 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 other campus for the purpose of exercising such powers and performing such functions in relation to such other campus, and for this purpose the Senate

may create new posts or positions at the other campus.

22. **Visitation.** — The Senate 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.

23. **Executive Committee.** — (1) The Executive Committee shall comprise the following, namely: —

- (a) Rector (Chair)
- (b) Pro Rector
- (c) Registrar
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Dean of each Faculty
- (f) One Faculty Members elected by each Faculty
- (g) One Alumni to be nominated by the Chancellor:

Provided that the first Executive Committee constituted under this Act shall not include the alumni member:

Provided further that the members mentioned at serial numbers (a) to (c) shall be ex officio members, while the members mentioned at serial numbers (f) and (g) shall hold office for a term of four years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be fixed by the Chair, but shall meet at least once in every quarter of the calendar year.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be two-third of the total number of its members.

(4) Every member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have and may exercise a second or casting vote.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the detailed procedure in respect of *inter alia* convening meetings, issuance of notice and agenda, circulation of papers, recording and confirmation of minutes, and conduct of business of the Executive Committee shall be such as may be prescribed and until so prescribed, as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

(6) The Executive Committee shall deliberate on various aspects related to the functioning of the University and recommend specific measures to the Senate for approval and shall, in particular,-

- (a) delineate priorities for research;

- (b) recommend allocation of training and research funds to the University and Constituent Colleges;
- (c) guide and direct the Academic Council and Faculty Board of Studies of the University and each Constituent College on all matters relating to the academics, including syllabi and duration of various courses;
- (d) recommend disciplines for all academic studies in the colleges and institutes and help in creation of necessary infrastructure or the same;
- (e) help induct highly competent scientific and technical talent into the faculty of the University and each Constituent College to enhance the quality of education and research;
- (f) lay down guidelines for proper and efficient conduct of professional examination at the University and each Constituent College;
- (g) recommend such measures which would foster and enhance interaction and collaboration between the University and the existing national and international organisations, institutions and research centres and the industrial base;
- (h) recommend apportioning of the national research and development budget for the University;
- (i) workout and propose affiliation measures with foreign institutions of repute;
- (j) decide methods and strategies in order to ensure the most effective scientific and technological programmes;
- (k) coordinate with relevant Government Ministries, Universities and higher education Commission; and
- (l) propose drafts of Statutes, Regulations and Rules to the Senate for approval.

24. **Academic Council.** — (1) There shall be an Academic Council of the University appointed in the manner, for a term, and with powers as may prescribed by the Senate.

(2) While exercising its powers under sub-section (1) the Senate may seek

recommendations of the Rector who shall make such recommendations after having due regard to best international practices and interests of relevant stake holders including but not limited to trade and industry.

(3) Members of the Academic Council shall hold office for four 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.

25. Appointment of committees. — (1) The Senate may, from time to time, on such terms and conditions and powers as it may prescribe, constitute committees as it may deem fit.

26. Faculties — (1) The University may inter alia consist of the following Faculties, namely: -

- (a) Faculty of Civil, Environmental and Renewable Energy Sciences;
- (b) Faculty of Computing and Innovation Technologies;
- (c) Faculty of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering;
- (d) Faculty of Arts and Architecture;
- (e) Faculty of Business and Law; and
- (f) Faculty of Space Science and Technology.

(2) The Senate may establish such other Faculties as it may from time to time determine.

CHAPTER V

STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND RULES

27. Statutes. — Subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes may be made by the Senate to regulate or prescribe all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) contents of and the manner in which the annual report is to be presented by the Rector before the Senate shall be prepared;
- (b) University fees and other charges;

- (c) constitution of any pension, insurance, gratuity, provident fund and benevolent fund for University employees;
- (d) scales of pay and other terms and conditions of service officers, Professors and other University employees;
- (e) maintenance of the register of registered graduates,
- (f) admission of educational Universities to the privileges of the University and the withdrawal of such privileges;
- (g) establishment of Faculties, Departments, University and other academic divisions;
- (h) conditions under which the University may enter into arrangements with other universities or with public bodies for purposes of research and advisory services;
- (i) conditions for appointments of Emeritus Professors and award of honorary degrees;
- (j) efficiency and discipline of University employees;
- (k) constitution and procedure to be followed by the Search Committee for appointment of the Rector;
- (l) constitution, functions and powers of the Authorities of the University; and
- (m) all other matters which by this Act are to be or may be prescribed.

28. Regulations.— (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, and any powers granted to it by the Senate, the Academic Council may make Regulations for the courses of study for degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University.

(2) In particular and without any prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Regulations may be made for the following inter alia-

- (a) manner in which the teaching referred to in sub-section (1) of section 6 shall be organized and conducted;
- (b) admission and expulsion of students to and from the University;
- (c) 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;
- (d) conduct of examinations;

- (e) conditions under which a person may carry on independent research to entitle him to a degree;
- (f) universities of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (g) use of the Library;
- (h) formation of Faculties, Departments and Board of Studies; and
- (i) all other matters which by this Act or the Statutes are to be or may be prescribed by Regulations.

(3) Regulations shall be proposed by the Academic Council and shall be submitted to the Senate 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 Senate.

29. **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.

30. **Rules.** — Subject to approval of the Senate, the Authorities and the other bodies of the University may make rules, consistent with this Act, Statutes or the Regulations, to regulate any matter relating to the affairs of the University which has not been provided for by this 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.

CHAPTER VI UNIVERSITY FUND

31. **University Fund.** — The University shall have a Fund to be called the Daanish University Fund to which shall be credited its income from fees if any, charges, donations, trusts, bequests, endowments, contributions, grants and all other sources.

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

(2) The teaching Departments, and Constituent Colleges and all other bodies designated as such by the Senate under 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.

(3) All funds generated by a Department, Constituent Colleges or other Units 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 University or other Unit for its development. A part of the funds so generated may be shared with the University Professor or researchers in charge of the consultancy, research or service concerned in the manner and to the extent prescribed by Statute.

(4) No expenditure shall be made from the funds, 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 Director Finance 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.

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

(6) Without prejudice to the requirement of audit by an auditor appointed, 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 and signed by the Director Finance.

(7) The observations of the Auditor if any, together with such annotations as the Director Finance may make, shall be placed before the Senate within six months of closing of the financial year.

CHAPTER VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

33. **University Procurement.** — (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance 2002 (XL of 2002), or any rules regulations or directives made thereunder, the University shall have the power to frame, adopt and administer its procurement policies, procedures and guidelines for the acquisition of goods, works and services.

(2) The provisions of Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance 2002 (XL of 2002) and any rules and regulations made thereunder shall not apply to any procurement made by the University under this Act.

34. **Opportunity to show cause.** — Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no full-time officer, teacher or other employee of the University shall be removed from office, reduced in rank, or compulsorily retired from office unless he is given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken.

35. **Appeal to the Senate.**— Where an order is passed punishing any officer other than the Rector, 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 professor of the University other than the Rector, have the right to appeal to Rector against the order, and where the order is passed by the Rector, have the right to appeal to the Senate against the order.

36. **Service of the University.** — (1) All persons 'employed' by the University in accordance with the terms and conditions of service prescribed by Statutes shall be persons in the service of the University.

(2) An officer, professor, or other employee of the University shall retire from service on the attainment of such age or tenure of service as may be prescribed.

37. **Benefits and insurance.** — The University shall constitute for the benefit of its officers, professors 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.

38. **Commencement of term of office of members of Authority.** — (1) When a member of a newly constituted Authority is elected, appointed, or nominated, his term of office as fixed under this Act, shall commence from such date as may be prescribed.

(2) Where a member who has accepted any other assignment or for any other similar reason remains absent from the University for a period of not less than six months he shall be deemed to have resigned and vacated his seat.

39. **Filling of casual vacancies in Authorities.** — Any casual vacancy in any Authority shall be filled, as soon as conveniently may be, in the same manner and by the same person or authority which had appointed him and the person appointed to the vacancy shall be a member of such Authority for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills

would have been a member.

40. **Flaws in the constitution of Authority.** — Where there is a flaw in the constitution of an Authority, as constituted by this Act, the Statutes or the Regulations on account of the abolition of a specified office or because an organization, universities or other body outside the University has been dissolved or has ceased to function, or because of some other similar reason, such flaw shall be removed in such manner as the Senate may direct.

41. **Proceedings of Authorities not invalidated by vacancies.** — No act, resolution or decision of any Authority shall be invalid by reason of any vacancy in the Authority doing, passing, or making it or by reason of any want of qualification or invalidity in the election, appointment or nomination of any de facto member of the Authority, whether present or absent.

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

(2) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Senate 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 as respects the authority by whom, or the time at which, or the manner in which, it shall be done, then it shall be done by such authority, at such time, or in such manner as the Senate may direct after obtaining the views of, the Commission.

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

44. **First Statutes.** — Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Statutes set out in the Schedule shall be deemed to have been respectively framed or made under Section 27 of this Act, and shall remain in force until they are amended or replaced by new Statutes framed or made by the Senate in accordance with this Act and upon such replacement, the Statutes set out in the Schedule shall cease to have effect to the extent of replacement.

SCHEDULE

FIRST STATUTES

[see section 44]

- I. Each Faculty shall include such University, teaching Department's centres or the other teaching or research units as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- II. The University may establish a new Department or Departments with the approval of its Senate.

1. The Board of Faculty:

- (a) There shall be a board of each Department and Faculty consisting of:
 - (i) Dean of the Faculty (Chairperson);
 - (ii) Professors and Heads of Departments;
 - (iii) Two Professors, to be nominated by the Academic Council owing to their specialized knowledge of the 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;
 - (iv) Two Experts, in the field from outside the University to be appointed by the Senate;
 - (v) One member to be nominated by the Rector; and
 - (vi) Relevant Director.
- (b) The members mentioned in sub clause; a (iii) and (iv) above shall hold office for a period of four (04) years.
- (c) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Faculty shall be one half of the total number of members, a fraction being counted as one.
- (d) The Board of each faculty shall subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Senate has powers to:-
 - (i) Co-ordinate the teaching and research work in the subject assigned to the Faculty.
 - (ii) Scrutinize the schemes of courses and syllabus proposed by the Board of Studies comprised in the Faculty and forward them to the Academic Council along with its observation.
 - (iii) Scrutinize the recommendations made by the Board of studies comprised in the Rector on appointment of paper setters and examiners, except for

- research and degree examiners who shall be scrutinized by Rector;
- (iv) Consider any other academic matter relating to the Faculty and to report there on the Academic Council and;
 - (v) Perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

2. Deans:

There shall be a Dean of each Faculty who shall be the Chairman and the convener of the Board of Faculty. The Dean of a Faculty:

- (i) Shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendations of the Pro Rector from amongst the three (03) senior most Professors in the Faculty for a term of four (04) years and shall be eligible for another term:
Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained herein, the first Deans shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of a Search Committee constituted by the Senate. Shall present candidates for admission to degrees, except honorary degrees, to the Chancellor in the courses falling within the purview of the Faculty.
- (ii) Shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed.
- (iii) If the office of Dean is vacant, the Chancellor may, for the time being, assign the functions of Dean to any teacher of the relevant teaching department until a Dean is formally appointed.

3. Teaching Department:

- (a) There shall be a teaching department for each subject, or a group of subjects as may be prescribed by the Regulations, and each teaching department shall be headed by Chairman.
- (b) The chairman of a teaching department shall be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Rector from amongst the three most senior Professors and three most senior Associate Professors of the Department for a period of four years.
- (c) 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.

- (d) Chairman of the department shall plan, organize, and supervise the work of the Department and shall be responsible to the Dean for the work of this department.

4. Board of Studies:

- (1) There shall be a separate Board of Studies for each subject or group of subjects as may be prescribed by the Regulations.
- (2) Each board of studies shall consist of:
 - (i) The Chairman of the Department who shall act its Chairman and convenor.
 - (ii) All Professor and Associate Professors in the Department or the University;
 - (iii) Three professors other than the University professors to be appointed by the Faculty Board. The number will be determined by the Faculty Board according to the needs of each Board and;
 - (iv) Three experts to be appointed by the Rector.

5. Function of the Board of Studies:

- (1) To advise the authorities on all academic matters connected with instructions, research and examination in the subject or subjects concerned.
- (2) To propose curricula and syllabi for all degrees, diplomas, and certificate courses in the subject or subject concerned;
- (3) To suggest a panel of names of paper setters and examiners in the subject or subject concerned and;
- (4) To perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

6. The Board of Advance Studies and Research:

The Advanced studies and research Board shall consist of,—

- (i) The Rector who shall be the Chairman.
- (ii) The Deans.
- (iii) Three University Professors other than Deans.
- (iv) Three scholars of eminence in a field not represented on the Board of Advance Studies and Research.

Provided that the quorum of Board of Advance Studies and Research shall two-thirds of the total membership:

Provided further that if any member of the Board of Advance Studies and Research is unavailable because no person has been appointed to that post, Board of Advance Studies and Research may, for the time being, co-opt any other officer of the University to serve in place of that member until the post is filled.

7. The Functions of the Board of Advance Studies and Research:

- (a) To advise the authorities on all matters connected with the promotion of Advance studies and research in the University;
- (b) To consider and report to the Authorities on the universities of research degree in the University;
- (c) To appoint supervisors for research studies; and
- (d) To recommend the name of examiners for the research degrees.

8. The Selection Board:

There shall be the Selection Board of the University, which shall consist of:

- (i). Rector (Chairperson);
- (ii). Dean of the Faculty Concerned;
- (iii). Head of the Department Concerned;
- (iv). one member of the Board to be nominated by the Senate;
- (v). two eminent scholars to be nominated by the Senate;
- (vi). Two relevant Directors appointed by the Rector; and
- (vii). Registrar (Secretary of the Selection Board).

- (a) Member of Board shall hold office for four (04) years;
- (b) The quorum for a meeting of the Selection Board shall be half of its total membership;
- (c) No member of the Selection Board who is a candidate for the post to which appointment to be made shall take part in such proceedings of the Board;
- (d) In selecting candidates as Professors and Associate Professor, the Selection Board shall co-opt three experts in the subject concerned.
- (e) While selection of other teaching posts, two experts in the subject concerned. The experts will be nominated by the Rector, from a standing list of experts approved by the Board on recommendations of Selection board.
- (f) If any member of the Selection Board is unavailable because no person has been appointed to that post, the Selection Board may, for the time being, co-opt any other officer of the University to serve in place of that member until the post is filled.

10. **Functions of the Selection Board:**

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

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

The Federal Cabinet has ratified the Draft Charter of Daanish University as proposed by the Cabinet Committee for Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC) on 2nd January 2026. In order to ensure compliance of the Cabinet decision, there is a need to bring the Bill titled as **Daanish University Islamabad Bill, 2026** before the parliament to be enacted as **Daanish University Islamabad Act, 2026**. The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.



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