

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND THERAPY, BIRNI-KEBBI, KEBBI STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR COURSES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, DENTAL THERAPY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 1. There is established a Federal College of Dental Technology
2 and Therapy Birnin-Kebbi State (in this Bill referred to as "the College")
3 which shall have the functions and powers conferred on it by this Bill.

Establishment
of the College

4 (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a
5 common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

6 2.-(1) There is established for the College the Governing Council
7 (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").

Establishment
and Composition
of the Governing
Council of the
College

8 (2)The Council shall consist of:

9 (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President on
10 recommendation of the Minister;

11 (b) a representative each of the following Federal Ministries:

12 (i) Health;

13 (ii) Education;

14 (c) a representative of each of the following professional bodies:

15 (i) Dental Technologists Registration Board of Nigeria;

16 (ii) Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria;

17 (d) two persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, selected on
18 their personal merit based on their contribution either to the development of
19 dental technology and dental therapy, or their special interest in

1 technological education;

2 (e) the Rector of the College;

3 (f) a representative of the Academic Board of the College.

4 (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill

5 shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other

6 matters contained therein.

Tenure of office
of member of
Council

7 **3.**-(1) A member of the Council (other than an ex-officio member)

8 shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to subsection (2) of this

9 section, shall be eligible for re appointment for a further period of four years

10 and no more.

11 (2) A member of Council other than an ex officio member may, by

12 notice addressed to the Council, resign his appointment.

13 (3) The Minister may, in writing, with the approval of the President,

14 remove any member of the Council if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest

15 of the College that the member concerned should continue in office.

16 (4) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall be

17 paid such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be

18 determined by the President.

Functions of the
College

19 **4.** The functions of the College shall be to:

20 (a) provide courses of instruction, training and research in:

21 (i) Dental Technology;

22 (ii) Dental Therapy;

23 (iii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the

24 development of Nigeria in the areas of Dental Technology and Dental Therapy

25 and other Para-dental courses, and for research in the development and

26 adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine

27 leading to award of relevant degrees and certificates;

28 (b) produce technical, professional and such other skilled personnel

29 normally required for dental technology and dental therapy;

30 (c) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to the

1 fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) above;

2 (d) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council
3 may serve to promote the objectives of the College.

4 **5.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall be the
5 Governing Body of the College and shall control the management of the
6 affairs, property and finances of the College and shall have power to
7 promote the interest of the College.

Functions of the
Council

8 (2) The Council may acquire and hold such movable or immovable
9 property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the
10 provisions of this Bill and for the same purpose may sell, lease, mortgage or
11 otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired.

12 (3) The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary
13 or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill.

14 **6.** The College shall have power to-

Powers of the
College

15 (a) award degrees, diplomas and certificates for courses provided
16 by it under section 4 of this Bill;

17 (b) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for
18 carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;

19 (c) acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or
20 dispose of any property, moveable or immovable;

21 (d) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may
22 think necessary or expedient;

23 (e) establish and maintain a library, comprising such books,
24 journals, records, reports and other publications and information systems as
25 may be required for the discharge of the functions conferred on the College
26 by this Bill;

27 (f) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms
28 and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization
29 making the gift, but shall not accept any gift(s) if the terms and conditions

1 attached thereto are inconsistent with the functions of the College under the
2 Bill.

3 (g) establish and maintain such colleges and other teaching units
4 within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to
5 time decide.

Directives by
the Minister

6 **7.** The Minister may give the Council directives of a general character
7 or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the
8 Council of functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to
9 comply with such directives.

Appointment of
the Rector of
the College

10 **8.**(1) There shall be a Rector for the College (in this Bill referred to as
11 "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the
12 provisions of this section.

13 (2)The Rector shall be the head of the College.

Qualification
for the post of
Rector

14 **9.** A person to be appointed Rector shall possess:

15 (a) PhD in Dental Technology or Dental Therapy with evidence of
16 publications in the relevant fields;

17 (b) appropriate professional qualifications in Dental Technology or
18 Dental Therapy and be registered with the Dental Technologists or Dental
19 Therapists Board of Nigeria;

20 (c) not less than 15 years cognate experience in the field of Dental
21 Technology or Dental Therapy;

22 (d) evidence of community service or hospital administration
23 experience.

Duties of the
Rector

24 **10.** The Rector shall be responsible for:

25 (a) the day to day affairs of the College;

26 (b) the exercise of authority over the employees of the College; and

27 (c) the discipline of the students in the College.

Tenure of office
of the Rector

28 **11.** The Rector shall hold office for a period of four years and may be
29 re-appointed for a further period of four (4) years and no more.

1 before the Council or be counted towards a quorum unless such a person is so
2 entitled as a member of the Council.

Tenure of office
of the Registrar

3 **15.**-(1) A Registrar-

4 (a) shall hold office for a period of five years effective from the date of
5 his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the
6 letter of his appointment; and

7 (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no
8 more.

9 (2) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Registrar has held
10 office-

11 (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term
12 of office and may be re-appointed for a further term of five years;

13 (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete
14 the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his position and be
15 assigned other duties in the College;

16 (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as
17 Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish
18 his post and be assigned other duties in the college.

Appointment of
the Deputy Rector

19 **16.**-(1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector.

20 (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the
21 chief lecturers in the College in one of the following ways-

22 (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by
23 the Rector; or

24 (b) on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted for the
25 College.

26 (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section-

27 (a) shall consist of-

28 (i) the Chairman of the Council;

29 (ii) the Rector;

1 (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the
2 Academic Board;

3 (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and

4 (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the
5 recommendation required under subsection (2)(b).

6 (3) The Deputy Rector shall:

7 (a) assist the Rector in the performance of his functions;

8 (b) perform the functions of the Rector when the post of Rector is
9 vacant or if the Rector is for any reason absent or unable to perform his
10 functions as Rector; and

11 (c) perform such other functions as the Rector may, from time to
12 time, assign to him.

13 (4) The Deputy Rector-

14 (a) shall hold office for a period of two(2) years and on such terms
15 and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and

16 (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no
17 more.

18 **17.-(1)** There shall be for the College the following other principal
19 officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:

Other Principal
Officers of the
College

20 (a) the Bursar; and

21 (b) the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the
22 recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 16 (3) of
23 this Bill.

24 (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College
25 and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration and
26 control of the financial affairs of the College.

27 (3) The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the
28 administration of the College Library and the co-ordination of the library
29 services in the teaching units of the College.

30 (4) The Bursar or Librarian-

1 (a) shall hold office for a period of four(4) years in the first instance
2 and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of
3 appointment;

4 (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four(4) years and no
5 more.

6 (5) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Bursar or Librarian
7 has held office:

8 (a) for four(4) years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first
9 term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of four(4) years;

10 (b) for more than four(4) years but less than eight(8) years, he shall
11 complete the maximum period of eight(8) years and thereafter relinquish his
12 post and be assigned other duties in the College;

13 (c) for eight(8) years or more, he shall relinquish his post and be
14 assigned to other duties in the College.

Resignation of
appointment by
Principal Officers

15 **18.**A principal officer may resign his appointment:

16 (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the President;

17 (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council.

Appointment
of other employees
of the College

18 **19.**-(1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees
19 of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the
20 principal officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this
21 Bill.

22 (2) The power to appoint all other staff of the College apart from the
23 Rector and the principal officers shall be exercised:

24 (a) in the case of a senior staff, by the Council on the recommendation
25 of the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under the
26 provisions of paragraph 2(2)(a) of the Schedule to this Bill;

27 (b) in the case of a junior staff, by the Rector on the recommendation
28 of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under
29 paragraph 2(2)(b) of the Schedule to this Bill.

30 (3) The remuneration and tenure of office of staff of the College shall

1 be determined by the Council with the approval of the Minister.

2 **20.**-(1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill,
3 make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the
4 staff of the College and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing,
5 such regulations may provide for:

Staff regulations

6 (a) the appointment, promotion and discipline of employees of the
7 College; and

8 (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other
9 disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument
10 relating to the conditions of service of public officers in the university
11 system shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to
12 employees of the College.

13 (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall
14 not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved, the
15 regulations need not be published in the Gazette but the Council shall cause
16 them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it
17 may, from time to time, determine.

18 **21.**-(1) There shall be established for the College a board to be
19 known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following
20 members:

Establishment
of an Academic
Board of the
College

21 (a) the Rector of the College, as the Chairman;

22 (b) the Deputy Rector of the College;

23 (c) all Heads of Departments;

24 (d) the Librarian; and

25 (e) not more than two members of the academic staff other than
26 heads of departments who may be appointed by the Academic Board.

27 (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

28 (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the
29 College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of

1 certificates and diploma, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;

2 (b) presenting to the Council of such periodic reports on such
3 academic matters as the Academic Board may think fit or as the Council may
4 from time to time direct; and

5 (c) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may
6 delegate to it.

Removal of the
Rector from
office

7 **22.**-(1) Where it appears to the Council that the Rector should be
8 removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the
9 functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect
10 to the President and if the President, after making such inquiries as he considers
11 necessary, approves the recommendation, the President shall in writing,
12 declare the office of the Rector vacant.

Removal of staff
of the College
from office

13 **23.**-(1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
14 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,
15 administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Rector, should be
16 removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the
17 functions of his office, the Council shall:

18 (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;

19 (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on
20 the matter to the Council within a specific period of time; and

21 (c) if the person in question is an administrative staff, he may request
22 in writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
23 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board of
24 the College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the
25 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and
26 the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

27 (d) if the person in question is an academic staff, he may request in
28 writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
29 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Academic Board of the
30 College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the

1 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee
2 and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

3 (e) if the person in question is a technical staff, he may request in
4 writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
5 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Technical Board of the
6 College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the
7 Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee
8 and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;

9 (f) on the other hand, any three (3) members of the Council may
10 request that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint
11 investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board,
12 Academic Board or Technical Board of the College depending on category
13 of the person sought to be removed notwithstanding that the person sought
14 to be removed did not make such request, and the joint investigation
15 Committee shall submit its report to the Council within one month of
16 constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the
17 Council on the matter shall be final.

18 (2) The Rector may, in the case of misconduct by a member of the
19 staff which in the opinion of the Rector is prejudicial to the interests of the
20 College, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be
21 reported to the Council.

22 (3) A member of staff may be suspended from office for good
23 cause, or his appointment may be terminated by the Council. For the purpose
24 of this subsection, 'good cause' means:

25 (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
26 obtaining advice from a panel of two(2) medical experts constituted by the
27 Council, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the
28 discharge of the functions of his office; or

29 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
30 obtaining medical advice from a panel of two(2) medical experts constituted

1 by the Council, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to
2 continue to hold his office; or

3 (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council
4 considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold
5 his office; or

6 (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute
7 failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his
8 office or to comply with the terms and conditions of service.

9 (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this
10 section, shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration
11 of the three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against
12 that person and come to a decision as to:

13 (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what
14 terms (including the proportion of the emoluments to be paid to him);

15 (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall
16 restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;

17 (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person in question, in
18 which case such a person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his
19 emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or

20 (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person
21 (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might
22 have been withheld) as the Council may determine, and in any case where the
23 Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or
24 decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall
25 before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a
26 final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

27 (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of
28 removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best
29 endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably
30 practicable on the person to whom it relates.

1 (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent
2 the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other
3 categories of staff and workers of the College as it may think fit.

4 24.-(1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to
5 enquire into alleged acts of misconduct and indiscipline among students.

Discipline of
Students

6 (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence
7 to be followed at enquiries under this section.

8 (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the
9 Rector that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the
10 Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on
11 him by this Bill or regulations, made hereunder direct:

12 (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified
13 in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of
14 such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or

15 (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may
16 be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so
17 specified; or

18 (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be
19 specified in the directions; or

20 (d) that the student be expelled from the College.

21 (4) Where the post of the Rector is vacant or where the Rector
22 refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly
23 or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified
24 in subsection (1) of this section to any student of the College who is
25 considered guilty of misconduct.

26 (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) above
27 in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of twenty one (21)
28 days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal
29 from the direction to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the
30 Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the

1 Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in
2 such manner as the Council may think fit.

3 (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is pending pursuant to
4 subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while
5 the appeal is pending.

6 (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a
7 disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may
8 nominate.

9 (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as terminating a
10 student's activity (ies) at the College except on the ground of misconduct.

11 (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of
12 this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this
13 section.

14 (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Governing
15 Council shall be final.

Audit of
accounts

16 **25.**-(1) The Council shall keep proper records and accounts of its
17 activities and shall cause to be prepared not later than 1st October in each
18 financial year an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing
19 financial year and when prepared the estimates shall be submitted to the
20 Minister for approval.

21 (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30th June, the
22 Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure
23 during the previous financial year. The statement referred to in subsection (2)
24 above shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors
25 appointed by the Council from a list of four (4) firms in accordance with the
26 guidelines supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation and shall be
27 published in the annual report of the College.

Establishment
of fund for the
College

28 **26.**-(1) The College shall establish and maintain a fund from which
29 shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the College in the performance of
30 its functions under this Bill.

- 1 (2) The funds of the College shall include:
- 2 (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be granted to the College
- 3 by the Federal Government of Nigeria;
- 4 (b) fees charged and payable to the College by the students;
- 5 (c) any other amount, charged or dues recoverable by the College;
- 6 (d) revenue from time to time accruing to the College by way of
- 7 subvention, grants-in-aid, endowment or otherwise;
- 8 (e) interest on investments; and
- 9 (f) donations and legacies accruing to the College from any source,
- 10 for the general or special purpose of the College.

11 **27.**-(1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose

12 shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the

13 Council until such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such

14 purpose.

Donations for
particular purposes

15 (2) The Council shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a

16 particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attached to

17 such donation.

18 **28.** All sums of money received on account of the College shall be

19 paid into such bank as may be approved for the credit of the College's

20 general, current or deposit account.

Payment into
Bank

21 **29.** The Council shall on or before 31st December in each year

22 prepare and submit to the President through the Minister a report of its

23 activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report,

24 the audited accounts of the College in respect of that financial year and the

25 auditor's comments on the account.

Annual report

26 **30.**-(1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter

27 within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision

28 is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph (6) of the Schedule to

29 this Bill.

Power to make
bye-laws

30 (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force

1 when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for their
2 commencement is prescribed therein.

3 (3) Nothing in subsection (2) above shall make it obligatory for the
4 Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette but the Governing
5 Council shall bring such bye-laws to the notice of all affected persons.

Exclusion or
discrimination
on account of
race, religion, etc.

6 **31.**-(1) A person shall not on ground of race, place of birth, sex,
7 family background, religious or political interest be denied:

8 (a) admission into the College;

9 (b) appointment at the College;

10 (c) membership of anybody established in pursuant to this Bill; or

11 (d) be given/preferential advantage or be subjected to any other form
12 of discrimination.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) above, the
14 College shall not be prevented from imposing any restriction on any person(s)
15 where a person willfully refuses on grounds of the above circumstances to
16 undertake any duty which may be imposed on national interest or any other
17 justifiable reasons.

Interpretation

18 **32.** In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

19 "Academic Board" means the board established under section 21 of this Bill;

20 "Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that
21 name established under paragraph 2(2)(a) of the Schedule to this Bill;

22 "Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that
23 name set up under paragraph 2(2)(b) of the Schedule to this Bill;

24 "Minister" means Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to
25 Health;

26 "Registrar" means the Registrar of the College appointed under section 14(1)
27 of this Bill;

Citation

28 **33.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Dental
29 Technology and Therapy, Birnin-Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024.

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SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

1. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

Committees

2. -(1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subparagraph (1) of this Schedule, the Council shall appoint the following committees, that is:

(a) The Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall:

(i) consist of a chairman and four(4) members who shall be appointed by the Council, and four(4) other members who shall be appointed by the Rector from members of the senior staff of the College;

(ii) be charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the academic and senior staff of the College and have a quorum of five(5) members; and if the Chairman of the committee is absent from any meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman for that particular meeting;

(b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) other members to be appointed by the Rector and shall have the powers set out in sections 19(2)(b) of this Bill.

(c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members:

(i) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Rector from among the senior employees of the College;

(ii) one member of the Council;

- 1 (iii) two members of the academic staff of the College; and
2 (iv) four (4) students of the College;
3 (d) the Committee on Students' Affairs shall be charged with the duty
4 of:
5 (i) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students;
6 (ii) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or students of
7 the College;
8 (e) any matter which the students refer to the Council shall be referred
9 to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
10 (3) No decision of a committee shall have effect unless same is
11 confirmed by the Council.

12 *Proceedings of the Council*

- 13 3.-(1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times
14 as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but the meeting of the Council
15 shall hold not less than twice in a year.
16 (2) The Chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the
17 request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a
18 meeting of the Council.
19 (3) Particulars of the business to be transacted by the Council shall be
20 circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least two weeks before
21 the date of the meeting.
22 4.-(1) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on
23 any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting
24 whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular
25 matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or considered as part of
26 the quorum.
27 5.-(1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be
28 decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
29 (2) Seven members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the
30 Council.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Birnin-Kebbi State, to make the institution more effective in the discharge of its functions by strengthening the organisational framework; and to bring its provisions in conformity with current democratic principles and operations of existing educational and technological institutions, and the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Bill also empowers the College to provide Courses of instruction leading to the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy.