

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDIES IN ONITSHA TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC AND PRACTICAL TRAINING IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PROVISIONS FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Emeka Idu

[] Commencement

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

1 1.-(1) There is established a University of Entrepreneurship
2 Studies to be known as the Federal University of Entrepreneurship Studies,
3 Onitsha (in this Bill referred to as "the University").

Establishment
of the Federal
University of
Entrepreneurship
Studies

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

6 2. The objectives of the University are to-

Objectives of
the Bill

7 (a) encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all
8 persons without distinction of race, creed, sex, or political conviction, the
9 opportunity of acquiring tertiary education in Entrepreneurship Studies and
10 allied studies;

11 (b) develop and offer academic and professional programmes
12 leading to award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research in higher
13 degrees with emphasis on Entrepreneurship Studies and allied professional
14 disciplines to produce socially matured men and women with the capability
15 not only to understand, use and adapt existing technologies in the
16 Entrepreneurship Studies but also to improve on them and develop new
17 ones;

18 (c) prepare students for career opportunities by developing their

1 academic capabilities to identify and exploit opportunities locally and
2 globally;

3 (d) prepare the students to create new enterprises, develop new
4 businesses and expand existing industries;

5 (e) offer students the opportunity to develop professional skills and
6 capabilities from an integrated interdisciplinary perspective in a wide range of
7 vocational areas;

8 (f) produce graduates with confidence, significant interpersonal
9 leadership, and entrepreneurial skills;

10 (g) establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions
11 involved in Entrepreneurship Studies and to channel such collaborative efforts
12 to national development;

13 (h) encourage and promote scholarships and conduct research in
14 various fields of learning and human endeavour; and

15 (i) undertake other activities appropriate for an Entrepreneurship
16 University of the highest standard.

Constitution
of the University
and its Constituent
Bodies

17 **3.-(1)**The University shall consist of-

18 (a) a Chancellor;

19 (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;

20 (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;

21 (d) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;

22 (e) a body to be called Congregation;

23 (f) a body to be called Convocation;

24 (g) the campuses and colleges of the University;

25 (h) the schools, institutes, and other teaching and research units of the
26 University;

27 (i) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule of
28 this Act other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub-clause;

29 (j) all graduates and undergraduates; and

30 (k) all other persons who are members of the University in accordance

1 with provisions made by Statute in that behalf.

2 (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to
3 the Principal Officers of the University mentioned in sub-clause (1).

4 (3) Provisions shall be made by Statute with respect to the
5 constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation, and Convocation.

6 4.-(1) For the carrying out of its objects, the University shall have Powers of the
7 power to- University

8 (a) establish such Campuses, Colleges, Faculties, Institutes,
9 Schools, Extra-mural and consultancy departments and other teaching and
10 research units within the University as may from time to time seem
11 necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities
12 Commission;

13 (b) institute professorships, readerships, or associate
14 professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make
15 appointments related to such posts;

16 (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions,
17 bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of
18 assistance;

19 (d) provide for the residence, discipline and welfare of members of
20 the University;

21 (e) hold examinations and award degrees, diplomas, certificates
22 and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study
23 approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the
24 University may lay down;

25 (f) award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;

26 (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person
27 attending the University for instruction, such fees as the University may
28 from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the Minister;

29 (h) to acquire, hold, grant, charge, or otherwise deal with or dispose
30 of movable and immovable property;

1 (i) accept gifts, legacies, and donations, without obligation to accept
2 the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions
3 attached to it;

4 (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly
5 with any other person, and employ and act through agents;

6 (k) erect, provide, equip, and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture
7 halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields, and other
8 buildings or things necessary, suitable, or convenient for any of the objects of
9 the University;

10 (l) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing,
11 bookselling, and consultancy services;

12 (m) invest in any investment or securities;

13 (n) borrow such sums of money as the Council may from time to time
14 in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan,
15 advances or credit facilities;

16 (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;

17 (p) do anything which it is authorized or required by this Bill or any
18 other Statute to do; and

19 (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the
20 foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.

21 (2) The powers conferred to the University by sub-clause (1) of this
22 clause shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the
23 Senate or in any other manner which may be authorized by this Bill.

Functions of
the Chancellor

24 **5.**-(1) The Chancellor shall in relation to the University, take
25 precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present,
26 shall preside at all meetings of convocation held for conferring degrees.

27 (2) Every proposal to confer an honorary degree shall be subject to
28 the confirmation of the Chancellor.

29 (3) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such
30 other duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Act or by Statute.

1	6.	The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take	Functions of the Pro-Chancellor
2		precedence before all other members of the University except the	
3		Chancellor, and except for the Vice Chancellor when acting as Chairman of	
4		Congregation or Convocation, and the Pro-Chancellor shall when present,	
5		be the Chairman at all meetings of the Council.	
6		7. -(1) There shall be a Council for the University consisting of-	Establishment and Composition of the Council
7		(a) the Pro-Chancellor;	
8		(b) the Vice-Chancellor;	
9		(c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;	
10		(d) one person from the Ministry responsible for Education;	
11		(e) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly	
12		representative of the whole Federation;	
13		(f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;	
14		(g) two persons appointed by the Congregation from among its	
15		members; and	
16		(h) one person appointed by Convocation from among its	
17		members.	
18		(2) Persons to be appointed to the Council shall be persons of	
19		proven integrity, knowledgeable, and familiar with the affairs and traditions	
20		of the University.	
21		8. -(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor,	Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committees
22		the Council shall be the Governing Body of the University and shall be	
23		charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy,	
24		finances, and property of the University, including its public relations.	
25		(2) There shall be a committee of the Council to be known as the	
26		Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the	
27		directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure	
28		of the Council as the Council may, from time to time, delegate it.	
29		(3) Provision shall be made by Statute with respect to the	
30		Constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.	

1 (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University
2 are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by auditors
3 appointed by the Council from the list and in accordance with guidelines
4 supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

5 (5) The Council shall ensure that an annual report is published by the
6 University together with certified copies of the audited accounts.

7 (6) The Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make
8 rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of
9 regulating their own procedure.

10 (7) There shall be paid to the members of the Council, the Finance and
11 General Purposes Committee, and any other committee set up by the Council,
12 allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates
13 as may from time to time be fixed by the extent of government circulars.

14 (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance
15 of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least four times every year.

16 (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the
17 Chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of
18 the Council.

19 (10) Where after 28 days of the receipt of such request, the chairman
20 fails or neglects to call a meeting, the Registrar shall within 14 days thereafter,
21 cause a meeting of the Council to be convened for that purpose.

22 (11) Any request made under sub-clause (9) or (10) of this clause shall
23 specify the business to be considered at the meeting and any business not so
24 specified shall not be transacted at that meeting.

Functions of
the Senate

25 **9.**-(1) Subject to clauses 5 & 6 of this Bill and sub-clauses (3) and (4)
26 of this clause, and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the
27 general function of the Senate to organize and control teaching in the
28 University, admission to Postgraduate courses and other admission of students,
29 the discipline of students and to promote research in the University.

1 (2) Specifically, the Senate has the responsibility to make
2 provision for the-

3 (a) establishment, organization and control of campuses, colleges,
4 faculties, departments, schools, institutes and other teaching and research
5 units of the University, and the allocation of responsibility for different
6 branches of learning;

7 (b) organization and control of courses of study in the University
8 and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including
9 the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;

10 (c) award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be
11 prescribed, in connection with examinations conducted by the University;

12 (d) making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the
13 award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title
14 of professor emeritus;

15 (e) establishment, organization and control of halls of residence
16 and similar institutions in the University;

17 (f) supervision of the welfare and security of students in the
18 University and the regulation of their conduct;

19 (g) granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes, and similar
20 awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and

21 (h) determination of what description of dress shall be academic
22 dress for the purposes of the University and regulating the use of academic
23 dress.

24 (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college,
25 faculty, department, school, institute, other teaching, consultancy, and
26 research units of the university, or any hall of residence or similar institution
27 at the University without the approval of the Council.

28 (4) Subject to this Bill, the Senate may make regulations to
29 exercise any function conferred on it by this Bill.

30 (5) The Senate shall provide that at least one of the persons

1 appointed as examiners at each final or professional examination held in
2 conjunction with any course of study in the University is not a teacher at the
3 University but is a teacher at the branch of learning to which the course relates
4 in some other university of high repute.

5 (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the
6 Senate, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma, or other
7 award of the University that has been conferred on him if after due inquiry he is
8 shown to have been guilty of any dishonorable or scandalous conduct in
9 gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award.

Functions of
the Vice-Chancellor

10 **10.**-(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take
11 precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor
12 and Pro-Chancellor, and any other person for the time being acting as
13 Chairman of the Council.

14 (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall
15 have general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him/her
16 by this Bill, of directing the activities of the University, and shall be the Chief
17 Executive and Academic Officer of the University and Ex-Officio Chairman of
18 the Senate.

Transfer of
Property

19 **11.**-(1) All property held by or on behalf of the Provisional Council
20 shall vest in the University and be held by it for the University.

21 (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect
22 with respect to the transfer of property by this clause and to matters arising
23 from it and with respect to other matters mentioned in the Schedule.

Power of the
University to
make Statutes

24 **12.**-(1) The University may make Statutes for the following
25 purposes-

26 (a) making provisions with respect to the composition and
27 constitution of any authority of the University;

28 (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority;

29 (c) regulating the admission of students where it is done by the
30 University, and their discipline and welfare;

1 (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as
2 academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill; and

3 (e) making provision for other matters for which provision by
4 Statute is authorized or required by this Bill.

5 (2) Subject to clause 25 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall
6 apply in relation to any Statute made under this clause as it applies to a
7 subsidiary instrument within the meaning of clause 27 (1) of that Act.

8 (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be
9 deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall
10 be deemed to have been made under this clause by the University.

11 (4) The power to make Statute conferred by this clause shall not be
12 prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of
13 any matter in or from the Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill
14 or any subsequent Statute.

15 **13.**-(1) The power of the University to make Statutes shall be
16 exercised in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

Mode of exercising
the power to make
Statutes

17 (2) A proposed Statute shall not become law unless it has been
18 approved at a meeting of the-

19 (a) Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
20 present and voting; and

21 (b) Council by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members
22 present and voting.

23 (3) A proposed Statute may originate either in the Senate or
24 Council, and may be approved as required by sub-clause (2) of this clause by
25 both bodies in no particular order.

26 (4) A Statute which-

27 (a) makes provision for, or alters the composition or constitution of
28 the Council, the Senate, or any other authority of the University;

29 (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college; or

30 (c) provides for the amendment or revocation of any Statute

1 whereby a campus or college is established;
2 shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the Visitor.

3 (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a Statute
4 shall-

5 (a) be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the
6 Council and the Senate in accordance with sub-clause (3) of this clause; or

7 (b) be treated as being made on the date on which it is approved by the
8 President, where it falls within the categories provided for in sub-clause (4) of
9 this clause.

Proof of Statute

10 **14.** A Statute may be proved in any Court by the production of a copy
11 bearing or having affixed to it a certificate signed by the Vice- Chancellor or the
12 Registrar to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a Statute of that University.

Power to decide
the meaning of
Statute

13 **15.-(1)** In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time as to the
14 meaning of any provision of a Statute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor,
15 who shall take such advice and make such decisions as he deems fit.

16 (2) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under this
17 clause shall be binding upon the authorities, staff, and students of that
18 University.

19 (3) Where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a Statute
20 has been decided by the Visitor under this clause, no question as to the meaning
21 of that provision shall be entertained by any other authority in Nigeria:

22 Provided that nothing in this sub-clause shall affect the power of a
23 court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a Statute
24 is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the
25 Constitution.

The Visitor

26 **16.-(1)** The President shall be the Visitor of the University.

27 (2) The Visitor shall, as often as the circumstances may require, not
28 being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or
29 direct that such a visitation be conducted by such persons as the Visitor may
30 deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.

1 (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the
2 University to-

3 (a) make available to the Visitor, and to any other persons
4 conducting a visitation in pursuance of this clause, such facilities and
5 assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the visitation; and

6 (b) give effect to any instructions consistent with the provision of
7 this Bill which may be given by the Visitor in consequence of the visitation.

8 17.-(1) Where it appears to the Council that a member, other than
9 the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from office
10 on grounds of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office,
11 the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister
12 of the Federal Executive Council and if the Federal Executive Council after
13 making such enquiries as may be considered necessary, approves the
14 recommendation, it may direct the removal of the member from office.

Removal of certain
members of the
Council

15 (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to cause a copy of the
16 instrument embodying a direction under sub-clause (1) of this clause to be
17 served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

18 18.-(1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for
19 believing that any person employed as a member of the academic,
20 administrative, or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-
21 Chancellor, should be removed from office on grounds of misconduct or
22 inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall-

Removal and
discipline of
Academic
Administrative
and Professional
Staff

23 (a) give notice of the reason to the person in question;

24 (b) afford such person an opportunity of making representation in
25 person on the matter to the Council; and

26 (c) decide to terminate or not terminate the appointment.

27 (2) If the affected staff or any three members of the Council so
28 request within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the notice of
29 the Council's decision, the Council shall make arrangements for-

30 (a) a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate to review the

1 matter and to report on it to the Council; and

2 (b) the person in question to be afforded an opportunity to appear and
3 be heard by an investigating Committee with respect to the matter.

4 If the Council, after considering the report of the Investigating Committee, is
5 satisfied that the person in question should be removed, the Council may so
6 remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.

7 (3) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of gross misconduct by a staff,
8 suspend such staff for a specified period of time and any such suspension shall
9 immediately be reported to the Council.

10 (4) Any staff may be suspended from duty, or his appointment may be
11 terminated by Council for a good cause, and for the purposes of this sub-clause,
12 "good cause" means-

13 (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to render
14 the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office;

15 (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after
16 obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person
17 concerned unfit to continue to hold office;

18 (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council
19 considers to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or

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

23 (5) Any person suspended pursuant to sub-clause (3) of this clause
24 shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of
25 three months from the date of such suspension consider the case against that
26 person and come to a decision as to whether to-

27 (a) continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms;

28 (b) reinstate such person in which case the Council shall restore his
29 full emoluments with effect from the date of suspension;

30 (c) terminate the appointment of the person concerned, and such a

1 person will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld
2 during the period of suspension; or

3 (d) take such lesser disciplinary action against such person as the
4 Council may determine.

5 (6) Where the Council, pursuant to this clause, decides to continue
6 a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against
7 the person, the Council shall, before the expiration of three months from
8 such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning
9 such a person.

10 (7) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of
11 removal is signed in pursuance of sub-clause (1) to cause a copy of the
12 instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to
13 whom it relates.

14 (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this clause shall prevent
15 the Council from making regulations for the discipline of staff and workers
16 of the University as may be appropriate.

17 19.-(1) If, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, it
18 appears to the Senate that a person appointed as an examiner for any
19 examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or
20 appointment, then, the Senate may, after affording the examiner an
21 opportunity of making representations in person on the matter, direct the
22 Vice-Chancellor to remove the examiner by an instrument in writing signed
23 by the Registrar.

Removal of
Examiners

24 (2) Subject to the provisions of any regulation made pursuant to
25 clause 9(4) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of
26 Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the
27 examiner removed.

28 (3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar on signing an instrument of
29 removal pursuant to this clause, to cause a copy of the instrument to be
30 served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.

Discipline of
Students

1 **20.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, where after due
2 process it appears to the Vice- Chancellor that any student is guilty of
3 misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may without prejudice to any other
4 disciplinary powers conferred on him by Statute or regulations, direct that the-

5 (a) student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the
6 direction, participate in such activities of the University or make use of such
7 facilities of the University as may be so specified;

8 (b) activities of the student shall, during such period as may be
9 specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified;

10 (c) student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the
11 direction.

12 (2) Where a direction is given under sub-clause (1) of this clause in
13 respect of any student, the student may, within the prescribed period and in the
14 prescribed manner, appeal against the direction to the Senate.

15 (3) Where an appeal is brought pursuant to sub-clause (2) of this
16 clause, the Senate shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter,
17 either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the
18 Senate thinks fit.

19 (4) The appeal provided in sub-clause (3) of this clause shall not affect
20 the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

21 (5) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this clause to
22 a disciplinary Board consisting of such members of the University as he may
23 nominate.

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

24 **21.**-(1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to race,
25 ethnic group, sex, place of birth, family origin, religious or political
26 persuasion, as a condition for becoming or continuing to be a-

27 (a) student in the University;

28 (b) holder of any degree, appointment or employment in the
29 University; or

30 (c) member of any body established under this Bill.

1 (2) No person shall be subjected to any disadvantage or accorded
2 any advantage in relation to the University by reference to any of the matters
3 referred to in subclause (1) of this clause.

4 22.-(1) For the purpose of the Land Use Act, which provides for the
5 compulsory acquisition of land for public purposes, any purpose of the
6 University shall be the same as that of the Federation.

Transfer of Land
to the University

7 (2) Where an estate or interest in land is acquired by the
8 Government pursuant to this clause, the Government may, by a certificate
9 under the hand and seal of the person so authorized or any other person
10 authorized in that behalf, transfer it to the University.

11 23. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the
12 University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land
13 except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the Visitor.

Restriction on
disposal of land
by University

14 Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any
15 lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding twenty-one years of
16 any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purposes.

17 24.-(1) Anybody of persons established by this Bill shall have the
18 power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of
19 members of that body and authorize a Committee established by it to-

Appointment of
Committees, etc.

20 (a) exercise on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;
21 and

22 (b) co-opt members and direct whether or not co-opted members
23 shall be entitled to vote in that Committee.

24 (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of
25 joint meetings of those bodies or for the appointment of committees
26 consisting of members of those bodies, to consider any matter within the
27 competence of those bodies.

28 (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by Statute or Regulations,
29 the quorum and procedure of a Committee established or meeting held
30 pursuant to this clause shall be such as may be determined by the body or

1 bodies which have decided to establish the Committee or hold the meeting.

2 (4) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of
3 every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the
4 Council, except a Committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of an
5 officer.

6 (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of every Committee of
7 which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate.

Miscellaneous

8 25.-(1)The seal of the University shall be such as may be determined
9 by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal
10 shall, in the case of any other document, be authenticated by any member of
11 Council, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Registrar, or any other person authorized
12 by Statute.

13 (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the
14 seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the
15 contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.

16 (3) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person
17 not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be
18 made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or
19 specially authorized to do so by the Council without seal.

20 (4) The validity of the proceedings of anybody established pursuant to
21 this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body or
22 by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any
23 person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.

24 (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any
25 matter proposed to be considered by that body shall disclose his interest to the
26 body and shall not vote on any question relating to that matter.

27 (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act, which provides for
28 the application, in relation to subordinate legislation, of certain incidental
29 provisions, shall apply to Statutes or Regulations made pursuant to this Bill.

30 (7) The power conferred by this Bill on anybody to make Statute or

1 Regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any Statute or Regulation.

2 (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any
3 transfer of property to the University by virtue of clauses 11, 22, and the
4 Second Schedule to this Bill.

5 (9) Any notice or other instrument authorized to be served by virtue
6 of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by
7 post.

8 (10) Where in any provision of this Bill, it is laid down that
9 proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one
10 authority to another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be
11 the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or
12 recommendations received by it pursuant to that provision to the appropriate
13 authority.

14 **26. In this Bill-**

Interpretation

15 "Appropriate authority" means any person, body or authority by law to act in
16 a specific or general capacity in relation to a subject matter;

17 "Campus" means any campus which may be established by the University;

18 "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

19 "Graduate" means a person on whom a degree (other than an honorary
20 degree) has been conferred by the University;

21 "Gross misconduct" means any act of misconduct and improper behaviour
22 that may be designated as gross misconduct by any Statute or Regulation
23 made, pursuant to this Bill;

24 "Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for education;

25 "Misconduct" means any conduct which is prejudicial to the good name of
26 the university and or discipline and the proper administration of the business
27 of the University;

28 "Notice" means notice in writing;

29 "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statute or Regulation made under this
30 Bill;

- 1 "President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;
- 2 "Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in
3 accordance with provisions made in that behalf by Statute or by Regulations;
- 4 "Property" includes rights, liabilities, and obligations;
- 5 "Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or Council;
- 6 "Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the
7 teaching or research staff of the University;
- 8 "Undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari in the University, other than-
- 9 (a) a graduate; and
- 10 (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purposes
11 of this definition.
- 12 "University" means the Federal University of Entrepreneurship Studies,
13 Onitsha, established under clause 1 of this Bill.
- 14 **27.** This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of
15 Entrepreneurship Studies Bill, 2025.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Clause 3(2)

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor

1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

The Pro-Chancellor

2.-(1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment.

The Vice-Chancellor

3. The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provision of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

4.-(1) There shall be for the University, two Deputy Vice-Chancellors or such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as the Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of the University.

(2) The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 as amended.

(3) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall-

- (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
- (b) act in place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
- (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor or the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.

1 *Office of the Registrar, Bursar and University Librarian*

2 5.-(1) There shall be for the University, a Registrar, who shall be the
3 Chief Administrative Officer of the University and shall be responsible to the
4 Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University except as
5 regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with
6 paragraph 6 (2) below.

7 (2) The person holding the office of Registrar shall be virtue of that
8 office by Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

9 (3) The Registrar shall hold office for such period and on such terms
10 and conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of
11 appointment.

12 6.-(1) There shall be for the University, the following Principal
13 Officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:

14 (a) the Bursar; and

15 (b) the University Librarian

16 (2) The Bursar shall be the chief Financial Officer of the University
17 and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day
18 administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

19 (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-
20 Chancellor for the administration of the University Library and the co-
21 ordination of all library services in the University and its campuses, colleges,
22 faculties, schools, departments and institutions and other teaching or research
23 units.

24 (4) The Bursar and the University Librarian:

25 (a) Shall each hold office for such period and on such terms and
26 conditions as to emoluments as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

27 *Other Officers of the University*

28 7. There shall be for the University, a Director of Works, who shall be
29 responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the Works
30 Department. He shall be responsible for all works, services and maintenance of

1 University Facilities.

2 8. There shall be for the University, a Director of Health Services,
3 who shall be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for the administration of the
4 Health Centre. He shall be the Chief Medical Officer of the University and
5 shall coordinate all matters relating to the health of all staff and students.

6 *Resignation and re-appointment*

7 9.-(1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this
8 schedule may resign his office in:

9 (a) the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the
10 Visitor;

11 (b) The case of the Vice-Chancellor by notice to the Council which
12 shall immediately notify the Minister; and

13 (2) A person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned
14 otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-
15 appointment to that office.

16 SECOND SCHEDULE

17 *Clause 11 (2)*

18 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

19 *Transfer of Property to the University*

20 1. Without prejudice to the generality of clause 11 (1) of this Bill-

21 (a) The reference in the sub-clause to property held by the
22 provisional Council and the University shall include a reference to the right
23 to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions that may
24 have been voted or promised to the provisional Council and the University;
25 and

26 (b) all outstanding debts and liabilities of the provisional Council
27 shall become debts and liabilities of the University established by this Bill.

28 2.-(1) All agreements, contracts, deeds, and other instruments to
29 which the provisional Council was a party shall, so far as possible and
30 subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University

1 established by this Bill had been a party to it in place of the provisional Council.

2 (3) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) above, including
3 enactments, which refer whether specially or generally to the provisional
4 council shall be construed in accordance with that subparagraph so far as
5 applicable.

6 (4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by
7 or against the provisional Council may be continued by or against the
8 University established by this Bill.

9 *Registration of Transfers*

10 3.-(1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by
11 this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the
12 kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or
13 otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but
14 not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees of any other matter) apply,
15 with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property in question.

16 (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred
17 by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the proper officer of the
18 registration authority and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

19 4.-(1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-
20 Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.

21 (2) The persons who were members of the provisional Council shall
22 be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council set up
23 under the Third Schedule to this Bill must have been duly constituted.

24 (3) The first meetings of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be
25 convened by the Vice-Chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may
26 determine.

27 (4) The persons who were members of the Senate immediately before
28 the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the
29 University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule of
30 this Bill must have been duly constituted.

1 (8) The Council constituted by this Bill shall have a four-year
2 tenure from the date of its inauguration, provided that where a Council is
3 found to be incompetent and corrupt, it shall be dissolved by the visitor, and
4 a new Council shall be immediately constituted for the effective functioning
5 of the University.

6 (9) The powers of the Council shall be exercised in accordance
7 with the laws and Statutes of the University, and to that extent, establishment
8 circulars that are inconsistent with the laws and Statutes of the University
9 shall not apply to the University.

10 *The Finance and General Purpose Committee*

11 2.-(1) The Finance and General-Purpose Committee of the Council
12 shall consist of-

13 (a) The Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the
14 committee at any meeting at which he is present;

15 (b) The Vice-Chancellor and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor;

16 (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council two
17 of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the council
18 appointed by the Senate and one of whom shall be selected from among
19 members of the Council appointed by the congregation; and

20 (d) The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in
21 his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent
22 him.

23 (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be six.

24 (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the committee
25 may regulate its own procedure.

26 *The Senate*

27 3.-(1) There shall be a Senate for the University consisting of-

28 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;

29 (b) The Deputy Vice - Chancellor;

30 (c) all Professors of the University;

1 (d) all Deans, Provosts and Directors of Academic units of the
2 University;

3 (e) all Heads of Academic Departments, Units and Research Institutes
4 of the University;

5 (f) The University Librarian; and

6 (g) academic members of the congregation who are not Professors as
7 specified in the laws of the University.

8 (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of the
9 Senate when he is present and in his absence, one of the Deputy Vice-
10 Chancellors appointed by him shall be the chairman at the meeting.

11 (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one-quarter (or the nearest
12 whole number less than one quarter), and subject to paragraph (2) above the
13 Senate may regulate its own procedure.

14 (4) If so requested in writing by any ten members of the Senate, the
15 Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence a person duly appointed by him, shall
16 convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day
17 following that on which the request was received.

18 *Congregation*

19 4.-(1) Congregation shall consist of-

20 (a) The Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

21 (b) The full-time members of the academic staff;

22 (c) the Registrar;

23 (d) the Bursar; and

24 (e) every member of the administrative and technical staff who holds
25 a degree of any University recognized for the purpose of this Statute by the
26 Vice-Chancellor, not being an honorary degree.

27 (2) Subject to clause 5 of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the
28 Chairman at all meetings of congregation when he is present, and in his
29 absence one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors appointed by him shall be the
30 chairman at the meeting.

1 (3) The quorum of congregation shall be one-third (or the nearest
2 whole number to one third) of the total number of members of congregation
3 or fifty, whichever is less.

4 (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:

5 (a) The total number of members of Congregation for the purposes
6 of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or

7 (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation
8 during a particular period;

9 Shall be conclusive evidence of that number or as the case may be of the
10 names of those persons.

11 (5) Subject to the provisions of this schedule, congregation may
12 regulate its own procedure.

13 (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolution or
14 otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the
15 University and shall have such other functions in addition to the function of
16 electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by Statute or
17 Regulations.

18 *Convocation*

19 5.-(1) Convocation shall consist of-

20 (a) The Officers of the University mentioned in Schedule 1 to this
21 Bill;

22 (b) All teachers within the meaning of this Bill; and

23 (c) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with
24 paragraph 2 below

25 (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a
26 member of convocation if he:

27 (a) is either a graduate of the University or a person satisfying such
28 requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and

29 (b) applies to the registration of his name in the prescribed manner
30 and pays the prescribed fee.

1 (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance
2 of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and, subject to paragraph (3)
3 below, may provide for the payment from time to time of further fees by
4 persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register
5 of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.

6 (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without
7 the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the
8 time being members of the convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of
9 this paragraph are entered and retained on the register.

10 (5) A person who reasonable claims that he is entitled to have his name
11 on the register shall be entitled to demand to inspect the register, or a copy of the
12 register at the principal offices of the University at all reasonable times.

13 (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient
14 evidence that any person named therein is, and that any person not named
15 therein is not, a member of convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining
16 whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries
17 in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be
18 disregarded.

19 (7) The quorum of convocation shall be fifty or one-third (or the
20 whole number nearest to one-third) of the total number of members of
21 convocation whichever is less.

22 (8) Subject to clause 5 of this Bill, the Chancellor shall be chairman at
23 all meetings of convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-
24 Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.

25 (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function
26 of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute.

27 *Organization of Faculties and Branches*

28 6. Each Faculty shall be divided into such number of branches as may
29 be prescribed.

30 7.-(1) There shall be established in respect of each Faculty, a Faculty

1 Board, which subject to the provisions of this Bill, and subject to the
2 directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall-

3 (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of
4 examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the faculty;

5 (b) deal with other matters assigned to it by Statute, by the Vice-
6 Chancellor or by the Senate; and

7 (c) advice the Vice-Chancellor or Senate on any matter referred to
8 it by the Vice-Chancellor or Senate.

9 (2) Each Faculty Board shall consist of-

10 (a) The Vice-Chancellor;

11 (b) The persons severally in charge of the branches of the faculty;

12 (c) such number of the teachers assigned to the faculty and having
13 the prescribed qualifications as the Board may determine; and

14 (d) such person whether or not members of the University as the
15 Board may determine with the general or special approval of Senate.

16 (3) The quorum of the Board shall be eight members or one-quarter
17 of the members of the Board for the time being, whichever is greater.

18 (4) Subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision
19 made by regulations on that behalf, the Board may regulate its own
20 procedure.

21 *The Dean of the Faculty*

22 8.-(1) The Dean of a faculty shall be a professor elected by the
23 Faculty Board, and such Dean shall hold office for a term of two years. He
24 will be eligible for re-election for another term of two years, after which he
25 may not be elected again until two years have elapsed.

26 (2) If there is no professor in a faculty, the Vice-Chancellor shall
27 appoint an Acting Dean who shall not be below the rank of Senior Lecturer
28 for the faculty, who will act for a period of one year in the first instance,
29 renewable for another one year only.

30 (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean shall be the

1 chairman at all meetings of the Faculty Board when he is present, and he shall
2 be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the faculty.

3 (4) The Dean of a faculty shall exercise general superintendence over
4 the academic and administrative affairs of the faculty and it shall be the
5 function of the Dean to present to the convocation for the conferment of
6 Degrees, persons who have qualified for the Degrees of the University at
7 examinations held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is
8 allocated to that faculty.

9 (5) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of
10 Deans, which shall consist of all the Deans of the several faculties and that
11 committees shall advice the Vice- Chancellor on all academic matters and
12 particular matters referred to the Committee by the Senate.

13 (6) The Dean of a faculty may be removed from the office for a good
14 cause by the Faculty Board after a voce would have been taken at a meeting of
15 the Board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of the
16 Dean, an Acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor provided that
17 at the next faculty board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

18 *Selection of Certain Principal and other key Officers*

19 9.-(1) When a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Registrar, Bursar,
20 the University Librarian, or Director of Health Services, a Selection Board
21 shall be constituted by the Council and shall consist of:

22 (i) The Pro-Chancellor;

23 (ii) The Vice-Chancellor;

24 (iii) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of
25 Senate; and

26 (iv) two members appointed by the Senate not being members of
27 Council.

28 (2) The Selection Board, after making such inquiries as it thinks fit,
29 shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant
30 office, and after considering the recommendation of the Board the Council may

1 make an appointment to that office.

2 (3) A person appointed to the office of Director of Works or
3 Director of Health Services shall hold office for such period and on such
4 terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.

5 *Creation of Academic Post*

6 10. Recommendation for the creation of posts other than those
7 mentioned in paragraph 9 of this Schedule shall be made by the Senate to the
8 Council through the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

9 *Appointment of Academic Staff*

10 11. Subject to this Act and the Statutes derived from it, the filling of
11 vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be as
12 prescribed from time to time by Statutes.

13 *Appointment of Administrative and Technical Staff*

14 12.-(1) The administrative and technical staff of the University,
15 other than those mentioned in paragraph 9 of this schedule, shall be
16 appointed by the Council on its behalf by the Vice-Chancellor or the
17 Registrar in accordance with any delegation of powers made by the Council
18 in that behalf.

19 (2) In the case of administrative or technical staff that has close and
20 important contacts with the academic staff, there shall be senate
21 participation in the process of selection.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Entrepreneurship Studies in Onitsha to provide academic and practical training in entrepreneurship, innovation, and business development, and provide comprehensive provisions for its management and administration.