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PART I - PRELIMINARY

A Law to make provisions for the establishment and management of the African Thinkers University and to provide for other matters incidental thereto.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Law may be cited as the African Thinkers University Law,

Short ti

2. In this Law –

Interpretation

"appointment authority" means the person or body that has power to appoint.

"University" means African Thinkers University established by section 3 of this Law.

"Council" means Council of the University established by section 8 of this Law.

"proprietor" means the founder and owner of the University. Very Rev. Fr. Prof Stan Anih:

"academic staff means those members of staff of the University whose sole and primary duty is teaching or research:

" academic year" means such period not exceeding twelve consecutive months as the Council may from time to time so designate:

"administrative staff" means those persons in the employ of the University other than the academic stall who hold administrative, professional or technical posts designated by Council as senior posts.

"*alumni* association" means any association recognized by the Council as being representative of former students of the University;

"Board" means Board of the University;

"commission" means commission of the University;

"community of inquiry" means an education paradigm that assists in the development and implementation of teacher-student education;

"function" includes powers and duties;

"other staff" means those persons in the employ of the University who are neither members of the academic staff nor of the senior administrative staff:

‘State’ means Enugu State of Nigeria;

“student" means person who has been registered as student of the university during a current academic year for a first or higher degree, diploma, certificate or such other qualification of the university as may be approved by the Council as qualifying a person for the status of a student;

“teacher” means a person appointed as a member of the staff of the university on full-time or part-time teaching duties and shall include such persons employed on research duties in the university as are required also to teach.

“undergraduate” means a person who has matriculated and registered as a student undergoing a course of studies for a first degree of the University or such other course in the University as qualifying a student undergoing it for the status an undergraduate;

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Establishment of University

3. (I) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary but subject to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, permission is hereby granted to the proprietor and founder. Very Rev, Fr, Prof Stan Anih from his financial resource to establish and manage and conduct the University in Enugu State and in such other places as he may deem fit.

(2) the University shall be a university of higher learning with special emphasis on Philosophy, Education and Management Sciences using the values of critical, creative and caring community of inquiry

(3) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold

and dispose of moveable and immoveable property for the purposes of its function under this Law.

(4) The University shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, colour, religion, national origin, age or physical capacities in the administering other educational programmes or activities.

(5) The University shall consist of such faculties and departments as may from time to time be established by the founder or his representative and the Council.

4. The University may award graduate and post graduate degrees with other higher academic research distinctions proper to her field

Award of
graduate
and post
graduate
Degrees

5. (1) The University may accept and exchange candidates with other Universities. It shall attract specialists of related faculties and departments of other authorities whose duty shall be to participate in reviewing and moderating examinations thereof.

Acceptance
Exchange and
attraction of
personnel.

(2) University may allow affiliaton of other institutions on request.

6.The University may form an African Branch of the International Council for Philosophical Inquiry with Children with other interested institutions.

Membership of
International
Council for
philosophical
Inquiry with
Children

7. (1) The functions of the University are—

(a) to provide courses of study, training and instruction in the relevant faculties and departments, especially in academic and professional field for the candidates of the University as well as for other persons in the fields especially in the critical, creative and caring community of inquiry, and education philosophy and related fields.

Functions
of the
University

(b) to promote inter-disciplinary research and multidimensional research making use of most available modem scientific methods to foster reading, writing. rhythmic and reasoning for creative democratized citizenship.

(c) to organize, improve and develop courses for the training of categories of teachers in critical, creative and caring community of inquiry.

(d) to organize, direct, supervise and make arrangements with institutions for workshops,

seminar courses and for in-service training, as the case may require

(e) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the institution for the purpose of receiving instructions such fees as the University may determine from time to time.

(f) to undertake or carry out such other functions as may be necessary, incidental, or expedient in connection with the promotion of the ideals of the University.

8.(1) The proprietor shall establish a Council for the University consisting of such persons as the proprietor may determine, including—

(a) the proprietor's representative

(b) A person appointed by the proprietor to be the chair person of the Council:

(c) the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-chancellor, the Deans and the Heads of Departments of the University'

(d) tutorial staff representative

(e) non-tutorial staff representative

(f) four students representatives (male and female)

(e) the legal adviser to the University

(f) a Dean of the faculty of philosophy of any Nigeria University

(g) a representative of I.A.PC Montclair State University upper Montclair New Jersey U.S. A.

(j) Registrar of the University who shall be the Secretary

(k) The representative of the State Ministry of Education

(2). The University shall have a Special Council of Honour consisting of the Vice-

Chancellor. Registrar, the academic and non-academic staff, elected students representatives two of whom shall be elected from each level of every department of the institution reflecting both genders.

(3) This community safety valve must meet at least twice in each semester to handle the general welfare of the institution or a particular problematic matter of the institution

The Vice-chancellor shall be the Chief Executive of the University.

10. The Council may establish such Boards and Commissions, as it may deem fit including the Academic Board Examination Board. Cultural Revival Commission and confer on such Boards and Commissions powers and functions as it may deem fit and grant powers to those bodies to carry out their duties effectively

PART III GENERAL

11.(1) (a) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Council shall meet for the dispatch of business at such times and places as the Vice-chancellor shall appoint

(2) A quorum shall be formed provided that the proprietor or the Vice-chancellor is present along with 2/3 of the various units that make up the Council.

(3) There shall be at least four meetings in every period of twelve months commencing on the first day of January.

(4) At any meeting of the Council the Vice-Chancellor shall preside, but in his absence the members present may appoint one of their number to preside, and the person so appointed shall have all the powers of the Vice-chancellor, only at that particular meeting.

(5) Except where a special resolution is required under the provisions of this Law or statutes, the Council shall act by resolution passed by simple majority of members

present and voting.

12. There shall be paid to the members of the Council, or any of them, such fees or allowances for expenses, or both, as the Proprietor may determine.

Fees and
allowances

13. The Deans of several faculties shall constitute the Council of Deans which shall be advisory to the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters, and on particular matters referred to the University Council.

Functions
of council

14. Professors, Teachers. Lecturers, the Registrar, the Bursar, the Librarian and other members of the academic staff and administrative staff shall be appointed in accordance with other relevant Statutes, and shall have such duties as may be allocated to them by or under the Statutes

Academic
and
administrat
ive staff

15. Save as may otherwise be expressly provided by this Law or the Statutes, the rates of remuneration, scales of-salary and allowances mid conditions of service in general for all members of the staff shall be such as the Council may from time to time determine.

Condition
of service

16. The revenue of the University shall include

- (a) fees charged by and payable to the university by or on behalf of the university;
- (b) such sums as may accrue to the university by way of grants, endowments, subventions or other gifts;
- (c) donations and legacies accruing to the University from any source or sub-head for general or special purpose of the I university;
- (d) any other amounts, or charges or dues recoverable by the University;
- (e) and other monies, as may accrue to the university from any other source or sub-head;

17. The university fees to be paid by the students shall be determined by the

University
fees

Revenue
of the
university