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On having been accepted by the Parliament, the following Act has duly been assented by the President of the Republic on 11 October 2006 (26 Ashwin 1413) and hence it is hereby notified for general information of all concerned:-

## ACT NO. 47 OF THE YEAR 2006

An Act to prescribe rules for the establishment of a new university in the name of SYLHET AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY at the Sylhet Government Veterinary College Campus by transforming the college into one of its Faculties for higher studies and research, cultivation of knowledge and imparting of instruction in agriculture and all other branches related to agricultural science, undertaking of research activities and developing and transferring of new technologies for the wellbeing of the nation in order to maintain coherence and attain equality with the advancing world in various fields of agricultural science.

Whereas, it is expedient to establish a university named as "Sylhet Agricultural University" at the Sylhet Government Veterinary College Campus by transforming the college into one of its Faculties for higher studies and research, cultivation of knowledge and imparting of instruction in agriculture and all other branches related to agricultural science, undertaking of research activities and developing and transferring of new technologies for the wellbeing of the nation in order to maintain coherence and attain equality with the advancing world in various fields of agricultural science,

Now, the following enactment is made thereby:

#### 1. Short Title and Commencement

- (i) This Act shall be called as "Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006."
- (ii) It shall come into force on that day on which the Government shall declare by notification in the official Gazette.

#### 2. Definitions

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

- (a) 'Faculty' means any Faculty of the university;
- (b) 'Finance Committee' means the Finance Committee of the university;
- (c) 'Institute' means any Institute established or recognized by the university;
- (d) 'Academic Council' means the Academic Council of the university;
- (e) 'Authority' means any Authorities specified in Section 16;
- (f) 'Officer' means the working officer of the university;
- (g) 'Employee' means the working employee of the university;
- (h) 'Treasurer' means the Treasurer of the university;
- (i) 'Chancellor' means the Chancellor of the university;
- (j) 'Student' means any student admitted to the regular programme of the university;
- (k) 'The Board of Trustees' means the Board of Trustees of the university;
- (l) 'Dean' means the Dean of a Faculty of the university;
- (m) 'Schedule' means the attached Schedule to this Act;
- (n) 'Supervisor' means the Supervisor of a dormitory or hostel;
- (o) 'Specified' means as specified by the Statutes, the Ordinances or the Regulations;
- (p) 'Director' means the Director of Institute;
- (q) 'Committee for Planning, Development and Works' means the Committee for Planning, Development and Works of the university;
- (r) 'Controller of Examinations' means the Controller of Examinations of the university;
- (s) 'Proctor' means the Proctor of the university;
- (t) 'Provost' means the Head of a Hall of the university;
- (u) 'Farm' means any farm of the university;
- (v) 'Department' means any Department of the university;

- (w) 'Departmental Chairman' means any Head of the Department;
- (x) 'University' means the Sylhet Agricultural University established under Section 3;
- (y) 'Board of Governors' means the Board of Governors of the Institute;
- (z) 'Vice-Chancellor' means the Vice-Chancellor of the university;
- (aa) 'Veterinary Clinics' means the Veterinary Clinics of the university;
- (ab) 'Grants Commission' means the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) formed under the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Order, 1973 (P.O. No. 10 of 1973);
- (ac) 'Grants Commission Order' means the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Order, 1973 (P.O. No. 10 of 1973);
- (ad) 'Registrar' means the Registrar of the university;
- (ae) 'Registered Graduate' means the Registered Graduate as provided in this Act;
- (af) 'Teacher' means any Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer of the university and any person recognized as teacher by the university;
- (ag) 'Syndicate' means the Syndicate of the university;
- (ah) 'Body' means a Body of the university;
- (ai) 'Statutes', 'Ordinances' and 'Regulations' mean Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, respectively, framed under this Act;
- (aj) 'Hall' means any Hall of student's residence under management and maintenance by the University for facilitating programmes on extra-curricular instructions and corporate life for university students;

#### 3. Establishment of University

- (i) A university named as "Sylhet Agricultural University" shall be established by incorporating the Sylhet Government Veterinary College as its Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science and instituting a few related Faculties within it in accordance with the provision of this Act;
- (ii) The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer and the Members of the Syndicate and the Academic Council of the university shall constitute a body corporate by the name of Sylhet Agricultural University;
- (iii) The university shall have a perpetual continuity and a common seal, and subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be competent to acquire, maintain and transfer all kinds of properties, both movable and unmovable, and may sue or be sued by the said name.

# 4. Powers of the University

Subject to the provisions of this Act, the university shall have the following powers, namely,

- (a) To provide for the instruction in such branches of learning on agricultural sciences and veterinary and animal science at degree and postgraduate levels, and to make provisions for research and for advancement and dissemination of knowledge in veterinary medicine, livestock and food science including research in the field of modern agricultural science and technology as the university may think to provide;
- (b) To determine and coordinate the course of studies of the Departments, Faculties and the Institutes;
- (c) To hold examinations and to grant and confer degrees and other academic distinctions to and on such persons who have completed a specific course of study prescribed by the university and have completed research work in accordance with the provisions of Statutes;
- (d) To confer honorary degrees in the manner prescribed by the Statutes;
- (e) To make arrangement for series of lectures and learning sessions for such persons who are not students of any Faculty and Institute in order to confer certificates and postgraduate diplomas prescribed by the university, and to confer such certificates and diplomas in accordance with the Statutes;
- (f) To cooperate and collaborate with other universities and related authorities within and outside the country for joint research venture in such manner and for such purposes as the university may determine;
- (g) To create the posts of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Supernumerary Professor and Emeritus Professor, and other posts of researchers and teachers required by the university, subject to the conditions laid down by the Grants Commission and allocation of budget by the Government, and to appoint persons to such posts on the basis of recommendations made by the concerned Selection Boards;
- (h) To establish dormitories for residence of university students and teachers, and the halls for students' residence, and to make arrangements for their maintenance and supervision, and to accord approval to hostels for students' residence along with provision of inspection;
- (i) To institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Prizes and Medals to accord recognition of merit in accordance with the Statutes, University Rules and Regulations;
- (j) To establish and maintain Academic Museums, Laboratories, Faculties and Institutes, and conduct Workshops for education and research, subject to the allocation of budget by the Government;

- (k) To supervise and control the moral discipline of the students of the university, and to make arrangements for promotion of their co-curricular activities and health;
- (1) To demand and receive payment of such fees as prescribed by the University Rules;
- (m) To receive grants and donations made to the university by any persons within the country or outside for expansion and development of university education;
- (n) To make and implement any contracts, and to make changes in such contracts or nullify them for achieving the objectives of the university in accordance with the provisions of this Act; provided that prior approval has to be taken for making contract with the foreign government, organizations or authorities;
- (o) To publish books and journals for development and advancement of education and research;
- (p) To appoint, either on contract basis or otherwise, visiting professor, emeritus professor, consultant, researcher, scholar or any other person who can serve best for attaining the purposes of the university;
- (q) To plan and prepare curriculum and syllabus for degree, certificate and postgraduate diploma;
- (r) To extend cooperation with the national and international institutes on agricultural education, research and development, professional bodies and organizations and to develop, extend and implement the academic, research and outreach activities of the university with their cooperation;
- (s) To establish or give announcement, with prior approval of the government, for establishing other centers or outer campus to conduct academic, research and outreach activities in any place of Bangladesh as considered appropriate by the university;
- (t) To undertake, subject to the approval by the government, a coordinated programme on agricultural extension, and higher education and research in agricultural sciences of the university along with the innovation and transfer of technologies; and
- (u) To do such other acts as may be requisite to further the objectives of the university.

#### 5. The University is Open to All Irrespective of Caste and Creed

The university shall remain open to all persons of either sex, male or female, and whatever religion, race, creed, colour and class.

## 6. Instructions of the University

- (i) Any recognized course of studies shall be conducted either by the university or the institute concerned, and it shall include all lectures and activities of laboratories and workshops.
- (ii) Teachers shall offer courses following the prescribed methods as prescribed by the Rules.
- (iii) Curricula and syllabi shall be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.
- (iv) The approved courses of studies shall be supplemented by tutorials as provided by the Ordinances and the Regulations.
- (v) Under the patronization of the university, courses may be offered for the college and institute, or college, institute or university on the basis of mutual cooperation.

## 7. Inspections by the Bangladesh University Grants Commission etc

- (i) The Grants Commission shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made, by a committee comprising of one or more persons formed by it, of the university and its buildings, dormitories, halls, hostels, libraries, laboratories, equipment, or associate institutions, and of the teaching and other works conducted by the university, and of the conduct of examinations held by the university.
- (ii) The Grants Commission shall, in every such case, give prior notice to the University of its desire to cause an inspection and evaluation to be made, and the university shall be entitled to be represented therein.
- (iii) The Grants Commission shall communicate to the Syndicate its views with regard to the result of such inspection and evaluation and shall advise the Syndicate on the actions to be taken, and the Syndicate shall report such action as has been taken by it to the Grants Commission.
- (iv) The university shall maintain registers and files specified by the Grants Commission, and shall, on demand, supply necessary statistical data and relevant reports and information to the Grants Commission.
- (v) The Grants Commission shall determine the academic requirements of the university and shall, on the basis of it, take necessary development plan.
- (vi) The Grants Commission shall scrutinize the university budget and other financial requirements and shall place them to the Government with its recommendations thereto.

#### 8. Officers of the University

The university shall have the following officers, namely,

- (a) The Chancellor,
- (b) The Vice-Chancellor,
- (c) The Treasurer,
- (d) The Dean of Faculty,
- (e) The Director of Institute,
- (f) The Registrar,
- (g) The Chairman of Department,
- (h) The Librarian,
- (i) The Provost,
- (j) The Assistant Provost,
- (k) The Proctor,
- (l) The Assistant Proctor,
- (m) The Director (Students' Counseling and Guidance),
- (n) The Director (Finance and Accounts),
- (o) The Director (Planning, Development and Works),
- (p) The Controller of Examinations,
- (q) The Superintendent,
- (r) The University Engineer,
- (s) The Director (Farm),
- (t) The Director (Veterinary Clinics)
- (u) The Chief Medical Officer,
- (v) The Director (Physical Education),
- (w) The Director (Research),

- (x) The Director (Outreach Programmes) and
- (y) Such other persons as may be prescribed by the Statutes to be the officers of the university.

# 9. The Chancellor

- (i) The Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall be the Chancellor of the university;
- (ii) The Chancellor shall preside at the convocations of the university for awarding academic degrees or honorary degrees;

Provided that the Chancellor may nominate any other person to preside over any convocation of the university.

- (iii) The Chancellor shall be entitled to the powers vested on him/her by this Act or Statutes.
- (iv) Every proposal for conferment of honorary degree shall be subjected to the confirmation of the Chancellor.
- (v) The Chancellor may cause an enquiry to any event of the university, and if any report on enquiry is sent by the Chancellor to the Syndicate, it shall take necessary actions thereon.
- (vi) The Chancellor may, if he/she is satisfied that exceptional circumstances seriously interfering normal activities of the university exist, pass such orders or directives as he/she may consider necessary in the interest of the university; and such orders shall be binding on the University Authorities, the teachers, officers and employees of the university.
- (vii) The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to such orders or directives, and shall, from time to time, report to the Chancellor on the actions taken.

#### 10. Appointment of the Vice-Chancellor

(i) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from amongst the academicians with specialization in the field of agricultural science and technology or a reputed professor from any university for a period of four years on such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may determine;

Provided that, no person shall be eligible for re-appointment as the Vice-Chancellor for more than two terms consecutively or otherwise.

- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor shall remain in his/her office as long as the Chancellor is satisfied, notwithstanding whatever contains in the sub-clause (i).
- (iii) When the office of the Vice-Chancellor falls vacant temporarily by reason of leave, absence, illness or other causes, or until the Vice-Chancellor regains to

discharge his/her duties, the Treasurer will carry the duties of the Vice-Chancellor provided that the Chancellor does not have different order thereto.

#### 11. Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chancellor

- The Vice-Chancellor shall be the full-time principal executive and academic officer of the university and shall be ex-officio Chairman Syndicate, Academic Council, Finance Committee and Planning, Development and Works Committee.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor, in discharging his/her duties, shall remain responsible to the Chancellor.
- (iii) The Vice-Chancellor shall ensure that the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Ordinances are faithfully observed and carried out, and he/she shall exercise all powers necessary for this purpose.
- (iv) The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to attend any meeting of any Authority or Body of the university and to take part in its proceedings; however, he/she will have no voting right if he/she is not a member thereof.
- (v) The Vice-Chancellor shall convene the meetings of Syndicate and Academic Council.
- (vi) The Vice-Chancellor shall take effective measures to implement the decisions of Syndicate, Finance Committee, Planning, Development and Works Committee and Academic Council.
- (vii) The Vice-Chancellor may, if he/she so considers, delegate any of his/her powers and functions, with the approval of Syndicate, to any teacher or officer of the university.
- (viii) With prior approval of the Syndicate, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the powers to appoint teachers, officers and employees of the university and to take punitive measures against them.
- (ix) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise his/her powers to regulate in general the teachers, students, officers and employees of the university.
- (x) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for maintenance of academic, administrative and financial discipline of the university.
- (xi) In an emergency arising out of the business of the university, and requiring in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor immediate action, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he/she may deem necessary, and shall report the action so taken to the Authority or the Body concerned as early as possible.
- (xii) In case of disagreement in opinion with the decision taken by any Authority or Body of the university, the Vice-Chancellor may keep its implementation suspended and send it back with his/her own opinion on it to the Authority and

Body concerned for reconsideration in its next regular meeting; and after reconsideration by the concerned Authority or Body, if the Vice-Chancellor still holds different opinion, he/she may send the matter to the Chancellor for his/her decision thereto, and the decision of the Chancellor shall be final thereon.

- (xiii) The Vice-Chancellor shall have overall responsibilities for implementing the approved budget of the university.
- (xiv) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.
- (xv) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to appoint any teacher other than Professor and Associate Professor, and any officer other than Treasurer, and any administrative and subordinate employee for not more than a period of 6 (six) months, and shall report such appointments to the Syndicate;

Provided that no such appointments can be made in any posts, which have not been approved by the appropriate Authority.

## 12. The Treasurer

- (i) The Chancellor shall appoint a Professor having 20 (twenty) years' teaching experience or a person with 20 (twenty) years' experience in financial management in any public university as Treasurer for a period of four years on such terms and conditions as the Chancellor may determine; and the Treasurer shall be a full-time officer of the university and all financial matters shall be regulated by him/her.
- (ii) When the office of the Treasurer falls vacant temporarily by the reason of leave, illness or other causes, the Syndicate shall immediately report the matter to the Chancellor, and the Chancellor may make such arrangement for carrying out the duties of the office of the Treasurer as he/she may deem fit.
- (iii) The Treasurer shall ensure overall superintendence over the university fund and shall advise the Vice-Chancellor, relevant Committees, institutions and related bodies on the financial policy of the university.
- (iv) The Treasurer shall, subject to be regulated by the Syndicate, administer the property and investment of the university, and he/she shall remain responsible to the Syndicate for placement of annual budget and statement of accounts.
- (v) The Treasurer shall, subject to the powers vested on him/her by the Syndicate, remain responsible for superintendence over the expenditure of those heads, for which the specific fund has been allocated or granted.
- (vi) The Treasurer shall, on behalf of the university, sign all contracts related to finance.

(vii) The Treasurer shall also exercise other powers as prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

## 13. The Registrar

The Registrar shall be the resident officer of the university and he/she shall

- (a) act as the Secretary of Syndicate and Academic Council;
- (b) maintain all records, documents and common seal as well as all confidential reports under his/her custody as assigned by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) maintain a Register of Registered Graduates in accordance with the provisions of Statutes;
- (d) have superintendence over all properties of the university as assigned to him/her by the Syndicate;
- (e) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Vice-Chancellor, or as assigned from time-to-time or prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances;
- (f) maintain liaison with the Deans of Faculties about their respective plan, programme or schedule;
- (g) be responsible for all official communications on behalf of the university; and
- (h) sign on behalf of the university all contracts other than those related to finance.

#### **14.** The Controller of Examinations

The Controller of Examinations shall be responsible for all matters related to conduct of university examinations and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him/her by the Vice-Chancellor or as prescribed by the University Ordinances.

# 15. Appointment, Duties and Functions of Other Officers

The procedures of appointment along with duties and functions of all other officers of the university, not mentioned anywhere of this Act, shall be determined by the Syndicate as prescribed by the Statutes.

#### **16.** The University Authorities

The following shall be the Authorities of the university, namely,

- (a) The Syndicate;
- (b) The Academic Council;

- (c) The Faculties;
- (d) The Board of Studies;
- (e) The Finance Committee;
- (f) The Planning, Development and Works Committee;
- (g) The Selection Boards;
- (h) The Disciplinary Board
- (i) The Board of Advanced Studies; and
- (j) Such other Authorities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

## 17. The Syndicate

- (i) The Syndicate shall consist of the following members:
  - (a) The Vice-Chancellor (the Chairman of Syndicate);
  - (b) The Treasurer;
  - (c) Two Deans, on rotation, to be nominated by Syndicate;
  - (d) Two Representatives, at least not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, to be nominated by the Government;
  - (e) Two Representatives from research institutes on Agricultural Science and Technology to be nominated by the Government;
  - (f) Two Representatives from research institutes on higher education to be nominated by the Government;
  - (g) Two MPs to be nominated by the Leader of the House;
  - (h) The Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet;
  - (i) Two Scientists or Educationists of eminence in the field of Agricultural Science and Technology to be nominated by the Chancellor;
  - (j) Two Representatives from among the teachers of the university, not below the rank of Professor, to be nominated by the Academic Council.
- (ii) The term of office of the nominated members of the Syndicate shall be two years from the date of their nomination. Provided that
  - (a) A nominated member may, however, resign his/her office through an application to the Chairman of the Syndicate duly signed by him/her;

- (b) He/she shall, however, continue his/her office till he/she is taken over by his substitute in spite of the expiry of his/her term; and
- (c) A member nominated from a research institute or with a specific position shall cease to be the member of Syndicate, if he/she is no more in that position or in the specific research institute.

## **18.** Meetings of the Syndicate

- (i) The Syndicate shall, subject to other provisions of this clause, be entitled to determine the procedures to be followed in its meetings.
- (ii) The meeting of the Syndicate shall be held on such date, place and time as may be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor;

Provided that the Syndicate shall meet at least once in every six months.

- (iii) The Vice-Chancellor shall convene the special meeting of the Syndicate whenever he/she considers appropriate.
- (iv) The Vice-Chancellor shall, on the requisition of at least one-third of the members of the Syndicate, convene its special meeting. Only one specific agendum shall be placed for discussion in the special meeting.

#### **19.** Powers and Duties of the Syndicate

- (i) The Syndicate shall be the apex executive body of the university and, subject to the provisions of the powers as assigned to the Vice-Chancellor, shall have the general management and superintendence over the affairs, concerns and properties of the university and its bodies; and, shall oversee whether the provisions of this Act, Statutes and University Rules and Regulations are properly implemented or not;
- (ii) Without hampering the totality of applicable power under sub-clause (i) the Syndicate
  - (a) shall amend and approve the Statutes;
  - (b) shall consider and pass the annual report, the annual statement of accounts and the annual estimated expenditures of the university;
  - (c) shall acquiesce and receive the property and the fund of the university and hold, control and administer them;
  - (d) shall consider the suggestions about finance related matters made by the Finance Committee;
  - (e) shall determine the form of the Common Seal of the university and provide for the custody and regulation of its use;

- (f) shall submit to the Grants Commission the annual detailed report on the financial requirement of the university for the relevant year along with another report of financial resources as received from other sources other than that of Grants Commission during the previous year;
- (g) shall administer any fund received by the university for specific purpose;
- (h) shall, on behalf of the university, receive wills, donations and other movable and non-movable properties transferred otherwise;
- (i) shall, as per recommendations of the Academic Council, hold examinations, publish results thereof and award degrees and other academic honours on those persons who completed specific curricula of the university and completed research work in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;
- (j) shall appoint teachers, officers and employees and determine their duties and conditions of services, if no such provisions are there in this Act or Statutes;
- (k) shall arrange for and direct the inspection of institutes and halls of students' residence;
- (1) shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, frame University Rules;
- (m) shall, following the Statutes and the recommendations of the Academic Council and with prior approval of the University Grants Commission, create, abolish or temporarily suspend the posts of Lecturer, Assistant Professor, and other teachers and researchers and the posts of officers and employees in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;
- (n) shall, in accordance with the provision of Statutes and on having prior approval of the University Grants Commission and the Government, following the recommendations of the Academic Council, create posts of Professor and Associate Professor and institute new departments and enhance the opportunity of education and research;
- (o) shall, in accordance with the provisions of Statutes and on recommendations made by the Academic Council, abolish or suspend temporarily any Department or Institute;
- (p) shall, in accordance with provisions of Statutes and on recommendations made by the Academic Council, give recognition to a highly scholarly person as the teacher of the university;
- (q) may, on the specific conditions as laid down in the Regulations and on the recommendations made by the Vice-Chancellor, delegate to a specific person or Authority the powers for appointment of various classes of employees of the university;

- (r) shall, on the recommendations made by the Academic Council, undertake new educational and research programmes, establish an advanced centre of learning, introduce or close any inter-departmental and inter-institutional educational and research programmes, and reject any old programmes;
- (s) shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and Statutes, appoint all teachers, officers and employees of the university, determine their duties and conditions of services, and make arrangement to fill up the posts as they fall vacant permanently;
- (t) shall award prizes as recognition of merit and wisdom to any teacher or scholar for his/her special contributions to education and research;
- (u) shall consider and pass the university budget keeping consistency between the grants received from the Grants Commission and the income accrued from own sources;
- (v) shall administer all funds given to the university for general or specific purposes;
- (w) shall exercise and administer all other powers and duties as provided to it by this Act and Statutes; and
- (x) shall exercise such other powers that have not been provided to any other Authorities by this Act or Statutes.

# 20. The Academic Council

- (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members:
  - (a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - (b) The Deans of Faculties;
  - (c) The Chairmen of Departments;,
  - (d) The Directors of Institutes;
  - (e) All Professors and Associate Professors of the university;
  - (f) The Proctor;
  - (g) The Librarian of the university;
  - (h) Two Assistant Professors to be nominated by the Associate Professors and Lecturers of the university;
  - (i) Two Distinguished Persons employed in research institutes and higher centers of education to be nominated by the Chancellor;

- (j) Five Distinguished Persons to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- (k) The Controller of Examinations; and
- (1) The Registrar (Member-Secretary).
- (ii) The term of the nominated members of the Academic Council shall be two years;

Provided that -

- (a) Any nominated member may resign his/her office through an application duly signed by him/her addressed to the Chairman;
- (b) A nominated member --
  - (i) shall continue his/her office till he/she is taken over by his/her substitute in spite of the expiry of his/her term; and
  - (ii) shall cease to be the member of the Academic Council, if he/she is no more in that position or the research institute from which he/she had been nominated.

#### 21. Powers and Duties of the Academic Council

- (i) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the university, and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Ordinances, shall be responsible for ascertainment and management of the standard of overall teaching, education and examination of the university and shall have powers to control and maintain all these matters within its purview.
- (ii) The Academic Council shall, subject to this Act, Grants Commission Order, Statutes and the powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate, make Regulations for developing curricula and syllabi, and for determining proper standard of teaching, research and examinations.
- (iii) Under the jurisdiction of the overall powers as mentioned in sub-clause (i), the Academic Council shall have the following powers:
  - (a) to advise the Syndicate on all academic matters;
  - (b) to make proposals to the Syndicate for making Ordinances on academic matters;
  - (c) to summon reports from the persons engaged in research and to make recommendations on them to the Syndicate;
  - (d) to propose to the Syndicate the scheme for the constitution of the university Departments and the Boards of Studies;

- (e) to make arrangement for development of quality teaching and research of the university;
- (f) to prescribe, subject to the approval by the Syndicate and upon the recommendations of the Faculties, the courses of studies, the syllabuses, and the outline of research;

Provided that the Academic Council may only accept, refine, reject or send back the recommendations of the Faculties;

Further provided that if the Academic Council differs with the decision of the Departmental Board of Studies, which has later been accepted by the Faculty, the matter shall be placed to the Syndicate, and the decision of the Syndicate on it shall be final;

- (g) to give decision on the thesis proposal of any candidate for PhD degree in accordance with the Statutes, if any;
- (h) to accord recognition of the examinations of other universities as equivalent, if they are similar with corresponding examinations of this university;
- (i) to advise the Syndicate on any new development proposal about teaching and research of the university;
- (j) to make Regulations about the use of University Library and take steps to make its administration effective;
- (k) to make recommendations for the development of research of this university and advise the Syndicate on other academic matters sent to it for consideration;
- to place the proposals for instituting a new Faculty or a Department, and for introducing a new subject in any Faculty, Institute and Museum for consideration of the Syndicate;
- (m) to consider the proposals to create, abolish or suspend any posts of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, and other teaching and research posts, and to make recommendations to the Syndicate thereon;
- (n) to make recommendations for the award of degrees, certificates, postgraduate diplomas, stipends, fellowships, scholarships, prizes, medals etc. and recommend to the Syndicate for awarding them to deserving candidates;
- (o) to place proposals to the Syndicate on policy matters related to training of teachers and increase in their efficiency;
- (p) to take initiatives for awarding of fellowships and teachers' training;

- (q) to assess the courses and syllabi as recommended by relevant committees, approve panel of examiners for each course, and accord approval to the research proposals on each subject and appoint examiners for taking examination of each of those subjects;
- (r) to give decision about exemption of any course for any students or examinees;
- (s) to take decisions on qualitative improvement of different Departments and Faculties of the university and maintenance thereof, and take decision about establishment of collaborations and bi-lateral cooperation with other universities and research institutes of home and abroad; and
- (t) to recommend to the Syndicate for according affiliation to or for withdrawal of affiliation from a college and institute.
- (iv) The Academic Council shall exercise such other powers and duties as assigned to it by the Syndicate and as prescribed by the Statutes.

## 22. The Faculties

- (i) The university shall have the following Faculties at its initial phase:
  - (a) The Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science;
  - (b) The Faculty of Agriculture;
  - (c) The Faculty of Fisheries;
  - (d) Subject to the recommendations of the Academic Council and approval by the Syndicate, some other Faculties incorporating specific subjects therein to be instituted from time to time.
- (ii) Each Faculty shall, subject to the control of the Academic Council, be responsible for conduct of academic and research activities on specific disciplines as prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.
- (iii) The constitution, powers and activities of the Faculties shall be determined by the Statutes and the Ordinances.
- (iv) Each Faculty shall be headed by a Dean and he/she shall, subject to the control and general supervision of the Vice-Chancellor, be responsible for proper functioning of the Statutes, the Ordinances and Regulations.
- (v) The office of the Dean shall be rotated amongst the Professors, to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, on the basis of seniority within the Faculty.

(vi) No Dean shall be appointed for two terms consecutively:

Provided that the rule of the sub-clause shall not be applicable in such cases where only one Professor is there within a Faculty.

- (vii) When the office of the Dean falls vacant by reason of leave, health, absence or any other causes, the Vice-Chancellor shall take appropriate measures for assigning the next senior Professor to carry out the duties of the Dean.
- (viii) A Dean can attend any meeting of any committee on academic matters and can participate in the proceedings of the meeting; however, the Dean-in-charge shall have no voting right in taking decision on a matter.

## 23. The Institutes

- (i) The university may establish one or more Institutes for higher education and research in any important discipline in the manner as prescribed in the Statutes.
- (ii) The university may establish an Institute of its own for higher education and research in Fisheries and Marine Fisheries at Cox's Bazaar on the shore of the Bay of Bengal.
- (iii) The Institute shall have a Director for proper implementation of its programmes.
- (iv) The composition, powers and functions of the Board of Governors of the Institute shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

# 24. The Departments

- (i) One or more than one Department shall be constituted comprising of all teachers of a subject taught in the university.
- (ii) The Departmental Chairman shall, under the general supervision of the Dean, be responsible for planning and coordination of activities of the relevant Department with cooperation of its other members
- (iii) The Departmental Chairman shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the basis of seniority, to be rotated, among the Professors and Associate Professors of the Department for a term of two years.

Provided that, if any Department does not have any teacher with the minimum rank of Associate Professor, the most senior teacher of the Department shall be its Chairman.

Explanation: The seniority shall be determined on the basis of designation and rank, and in the case of two persons having similar posts with equal designation, the seniority shall be determined on the basis of length of service to fulfill the purpose of this clause.

- (iv) The Departmental Chairman shall, ensure proper implementation of academic programmes within the concerned Department and shall remain responsible to the Dean for all such affairs
- (v) The Departmental Chairman shall exercise powers and perform duties as prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

#### 25. The Boards of Studies

Each Department shall have a specific Board of Studies and its constitution, powers and functions shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

## 26. The Board of Advanced Studies

The university shall have a Board of Advanced Studies for proper management of postgraduate studies and research and it shall be constituted in the manner to be determined by the Statutes.

## 27. The University Fund

- (i) The university shall have a fund of its own and the following incomes shall be deposited therein, namely,
  - (a) Grants released from the Government and the Grants Commission;
  - (b) Tuitions and other fees paid by the students;
  - (c) Donations given by the Alumni;
  - (d) Income as received from properties of the university and other accumulated income;
  - (e) Income as received from other sources of the university;
  - (f) Grants or donations received from foreign organizations subject to the prior approval of the Government;
  - (g) Donations given by the local authorities, any other organizations, company or individuals;
  - (h) Loans received by the university; and
  - (i) Income or profit received from investments of university fund.
- (ii) The fund shall be kept deposited in any schedule bank in the name of the university as approved by it and be withdrawn any amount from this fund in the manner as prescribed by the Regulations of the university.
- (iii) All necessary expenditures of the university shall be executed from this fund.

(iv) The university fund may be invested in any sector approved by the Syndicate.

## 28. Scholarships and Stipends for the Students of the University

- (i) The University Authority is entitled to distribute scholarships or stipends among the students from the income or grants received from the Government and other sources in the light of their necessity.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything repugnant in the sub-clause (i), the matter of distributing scholarship and stipend shall depend on the regular attendance, active participation in studies and learning competence of the student concerned of the university.

## **29.** The Finance Committee

- (i) The Finance Committee shall be constituted with the following members:
  - (a) The Vice-Chancellor (the Chairman);
  - (b) The Treasurer;
  - (c) One Dean, to be nominated rotationally by the Academic Council on the basis of seniority;
  - (d) One Member of the Syndicate, not in employment in any job of the university, to be nominated by the Syndicate;
  - (e) One Planner or Specialist in Finance, to be nominated by the Government;
  - (f) The University Engineer; and
  - (g) The Director (Accounts), who shall act as its Member-Secretary.
- (ii) The term of office of any of the nominated members shall be two years; provided that he/she shall continue functioning beyond his/her tenure until he/she is taken over by his/her substitute.

#### **30.** Powers and Duties of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall -

- (a) supervise the income and expenditure of the university;
- (b) advise the Syndicate on all matters related to finance and fund, property and accounts of the university; and
- (c) perform such other duties as assigned by the Vice-Chancellor or the Syndicate or as prescribed by the Statutes.

#### 31. Planning, Development and Works Committee

- (i) The university shall have a Planning, Development and Works Committee and it shall consist of the following members:
  - (a) The Vice-Chancellor (the Chairman);
  - (b) The Treasurer;
  - (c) Two Deans to be nominated rotationally by the Vice-Chancellor on the basis of seniority;
  - (d) Two Members of the Syndicate, not employed in any job of the university, to be nominated by the Syndicate;
  - (e) One Engineer, not below the rank of Superintendent Engineer of Public Works Department, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (f) One Architect, not employed in any job of the university, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (g) One Planner or Specialist in Finance to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - (h) The Director (Finance & Accounts);
  - (i) The Director (Research);
  - (j) The University Engineer; and
  - (k) The Director (Planning, Development and Works), who shall act as its Member-Secretary.
- (ii) The term of the office of a nominated member of the Planning, Development and Works Committee shall be two years,

Provided that he/she shall, even beyond his/her term, continue functioning until he/she is taken over by his/her substitute.

- (iii) The Planning, Development and Works Committee shall be the principal planning body of the university and shall prepare development plan of the university in agreement with the objectives of the university and evaluate its development programmes.
- (iv) The Committee shall also perform such other duties and functions as assigned by the Syndicate or the Vice-Chancellor or as prescribed by the Statutes.

## **32.** Selection Boards

- (i) There shall be one or more Selection Board/s for recommending appointments of teachers, officers and employees of the university.
- (ii) The constitution and functions of Selection Boards shall be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (iii) In the case of difference of opinion in the Syndicate regarding the recommendation made by the Selection Board, the matter shall be forwarded to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final.

# 33. Other Authorities of the University

The constitution, powers and functions of other Authorities of the university shall be prescribed by the Statutes as those announce as the University Authorities by the Statutes.

## 34. The Disciplinary Board

- (i) There shall be a Disciplinary Board of the university.
- (ii) The constitution, powers and functions of the Disciplinary Board shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

# **35.** The University Teachers

(i) All teachers of the university shall be appointed as full-time teachers;

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor may appoint one or more part-time teachers, so that no academic and related programmes of the university have to face any sorts of problems.

- (ii) The university teachers shall
  - (a) teach the students through lectures, tutorials, discourses, seminars, practical demonstrations, workshops and similar other media;
  - (b) conduct and supervise research activities;
  - (c) communicate personally with the students, guide them and supervise their activities;
  - (d) assist the relevant Authorities in preparing curricula and syllabuses of the university, its faculties and various co-curricular bodies, in fixing up and conducting examinations, in evaluating the answer scripts and research papers, and in organizing various curricular and co-curricular programmes by the university;

- (e) be entitled to act as consultant subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and be bound to deposit to the university fund one-fifth of the total emolument received as remuneration for the similar service;
- (f) perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Vice-Chancellor, Dean, Chairman of the department and/or prescribed by the statutes; and
- (g) no teacher of the university can perform any other jobs and tasks without having prior formal permission of the University Authorities.

## 36. The Statutes

- (i) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely,
  - (a) Powers and duties of the Treasurer;
  - (b) Creation of the Chair of Professor in honour of eminent persons in the fields of science and related knowledge at national and international levels;
  - (c) Conferment of honorary degrees and other academic distinctions;
  - (d) Introduction of fellowship, scholarship, stipend, prize and medal;
  - (e) Pattern of research programmes;
  - (f) Award of postgraduate diploma and certificate;
  - (g) Development of curricula and syllabuses;
  - (h) Framing of conditions of service along with designation, powers and duties of teachers and officers of the university;
  - (i) Constitution, powers and functions of the university Authorities;
  - (j) Establishment of colleges, institutes, dormitories, halls and hostels and their maintenance;
  - (k) Framing of conditions related to the approval of hostels;
  - (1) Determining the mode of appointment, promotion and retrenchment of the teachers, officers and the employees of the university;
  - (m) Forming of pension, group insurance, welfare funds and provident fund for the benefit of the teachers, officers and the employees of the university;

- (n) The provisions for the creation, abolition or suspension of the posts of teachers and researchers;
- The provisions for establishment, suspension or abolition of new department(s) or institute(s); and provisions for the creation of academic and research facilities;
- (p) The aims and objectives of the Academic Council;
- (q) The selection of the title(s) of thesis for MPhil and doctorate degrees;
- (r) The constitution, powers and functions of the Faculties;
- (s) The constitution, powers and functions of the Selection Board(s);
- (t) The provisions related to admission and examinations in the bachelor, master and other courses of studies;
- (u) The provisions related to constitution of committee(s);
- (v) The provisions related to the maintenance of register of the Registered Graduates;
- (w) Extending assistance to relevant Authorities in organizing the library, laboratories, and other curricular and co-curricular activities along with the preparation of syllabuses and curricula, and fixing up and holding of examinations and evaluation of answer-scripts of research thesis of the university and its Faculties and other Co-curricular Bodies; and
- (x) All other matters which, by this Act, are to be or may be, prescribed by the Statutes.

# **37.** Framing of Statutes

- (i) The Syndicate may make, amend or annul the Statutes in a manner as provided in this clause.
- (ii) The Statutes provided in the Schedule shall be the First Statutes of the University.
- (iii) The Academic Council or any other Authorities of the university may forward proposals for amendment of statutes to the Syndicate.
- (iv) All Statutes proposed by the Syndicate shall be forwarded to the Chancellor for his/her approval.
- (v) The Chancellor may, on receipt of the proposal of the Statutes for his/her approval, refer it, or any of its clauses, or any amendment thereto as indicated by the Chancellor, back to the Syndicate for its considerations; however, if it is forwarded again to the Chancellor with the indicated amendment or without,

and then if it is not assented to by the Chancellor within 30 days of its submission, the Statutes shall be treated as assented;

Provided that the Statutes related to the conditions of service of the teachers, officers and employees of the university shall have to be submitted to the Chancellor, although it shall require no formal approval of the Chancellor.

(vi) No Statutes made by the Syndicate shall be valid until it is assented to or treated as assented thereto, by the Chancellor.

## **38.** The University Rules

Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the University Rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely,

- (a) The admission and enrolment of students to the university;
- (b) The appearance at the examinations of the degree, postgraduate diploma or certificate courses of the university and the conditions of qualifications for receiving the degrees, postgraduate diplomas and certificates;
- (c) The procedures of conducting teaching and tutorial classes, laboratories and workshops;
- (d) The conditions of residence of students and their behaviour and discipline;
- (e) The fees payable for admission to the university courses, university examinations, degrees, certificates and postgraduate diplomas;
- (f) The constitution of various Standing Committees of the university and their powers and duties;
- (g) The mode of teaching and conduct of examinations;
- (h) The constitution of the Faculties of the university and prescribing their powers and duties;
- (i) The introduction of fellowships, scholarships, awards and medals;
- (j) The constitution of various bodies of the university and their powers, duties and functions;
- (k) The management of the dormitories, halls and hostels;
- (1) The constitution of the Disciplinary Board along with its powers, responsibilities and duties; and
- (o) All other matters which are to be or may be prescribed by the University Rules under this Act or the Statutes.

#### **39.** Framing of University Rules

The University Rules shall be made by the Syndicate;

Provided that no University Rules shall be made on the following matters without the recommendations of the Academic Council, namely,

- (a) The establishment of teaching Department(s) and Faculty/ Faculties;
- (b) The registration of students of the university;
- (c) The conditions of dormitories, halls and hostels of students' residence;
- (d) The conduct of examinations;
- (e) The introduction of fellowships and scholarships;
- (f) The syllabuses and curricula for all degree, postgraduate diploma and certificate courses offered by the university;
- (g) The admission and enrolment of students to the university;
- (h) The conditions of qualifications for admission to the degree, postgraduate diploma or certificate courses of the university, appearance at its various examinations, and the receipt of its degrees, certificates and postgraduate diplomas;
- (i) The equivalence of examinations conducted by the universities and the academic institutions; and
- (j) The procedures of appointment of examiners.

# 40. The Regulations

- (i) The university Authorities and other Bodies may make regulations, consistent with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances to attain the following objectives, namely,
  - (a) to lay down the procedure to be followed at their meetings and to fix up the required number of members to form the quorum of a meeting.
  - (b) to make provisions for all matters as provided by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances; and
  - (c) to make provisions for all matters solely concerning such Authorities and not provided for by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances.
- (ii) Each Authority of the university shall make regulations providing for giving of notice to the members of such Authority, of the dates of meeting, and of the business to be transacted at the meetings and for keeping the records of the proceedings of the meetings.

(iii) The Syndicate may direct the amendment, in such a manner as it may specify, of any regulation, or the annulment of any Regulations, and it shall be binding upon the concerned Authority to act according to its direction;

Provided that any Authority or Body, which is dissatisfied with any such direction may appeal to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

#### 41. Place of Students' Residence

- (i) Each student of the university shall either reside or remain attached to a specific Hall, Hostel or a place under such conditions as prescribed by the University.
- (ii) The Provost and supervising officers along with other supervisory staff of the Hall shall be appointed in the manner as prescribed by the Statutes.
- (iii) Each Hall shall be under visitation by an officer of the university as assigned by the Disciplinary Board.
- (iv) The university may suspend or withhold its approval to such Hall or place of students' residence failing to manage it in accordance with the Statutes.

## 42. Dormitories

- (i) The specifications of the university dormitories shall be determined by the Statutes.
- (ii) All supervisory staff of the dormitory shall be appointed in the manner as specified by the Statutes.

# 43. Admission to the Courses of the University

- (i) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the admission of students to the undergraduate, postgraduate and other courses of this university shall be conducted by the Rules to be framed by the Admission Committee, as may be assigned to it by the Academic Council for a specific purpose.
- (ii) Any student failing to pass the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination held under any the Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education of Bangladesh or currently prevalent in under any rules in Bangladesh, or failing to pass any examination of equivalent or similar level held by some educational institute or organization as recognized in the foreign countries, and lacking other qualifications as prescribed by the University Ordinances, shall not be eligible for admission to any courses of studies of the university.
- (iii) The conditions of admission of students to the degree, postgraduate diploma, certificate and postgraduate courses shall be prescribed by the Statutes and the Ordinances.

- (iv) The university may, in consistence with the methods prescribed in its Ordinances, accept any degree conferred by another university or some recognized institute as an equivalent degree, or accept any examination as equivalent of Higher Secondary Certificate examination other than the Secondary and Higher Secondary examination of any Board or recognized university.
- (v) If any student is admitted to the university on the basis of false statement provided at the time of admission, and if it is proved subsequently, his/her admission shall be cancelled.
- (vi) If any student is adjudged guilty on the charges of moral turpitude by the appropriate court, his/her admission shall be cancelled.

## 44. Examinations

- (i) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Syndicate shall on recommendations made by the Academic Council, determine the mode of examinations of the undergraduate, postgraduate and other courses of the university.
- (ii) The Controller of Examinations shall, under the general supervision of the Vice-Chancellor, make necessary arrangements for conducting examinations.
- (iii) The Academic Council shall appoint the Examination Committees as prepared and constituted by the Departments concerned and their composition, powers and functions shall be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (iv) If any examiner fails to perform his/her duty in any examination for any purpose, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint another examiner in his/her place.

#### 45. Examination System

- (i) The examinations shall be conducted on the basis of fixed number of credit hours and semester system of the university.
- (ii) The whole course shall be divided into several semesters and the maximum time limit for obtaining the degree on the basis of specific number of courses and credit hours in a specific degree/postgraduate diploma shall be fixed up and the examinees shall be awarded grade on the successful completion of each courses and after the examinations are taken thereon.
- (iii) The examinees shall be awarded degrees on the basis of coordinated grades as received in all of the semester examinations.

#### 46. Conditions of Services

- (i) Each of the salaried teachers and officers of the university shall be appointed on the basis of a written contract, and this contract shall be kept under the custody of the Registrar of the university, and a copy of it shall be given to the concerned teacher and officer.
- (ii) All teachers, officers and employees of the university shall always perform their duties with honesty and dutifulness and shall remain strictly fair and impartial in discharging their responsibilities related to the post.
- (iii) Each of the teachers, officers and employees shall be treated as a full-time teacher, officer or employee, if not mentioned otherwise in the conditions of appointment in clear terms.
- (iv) No teacher, officer or employee shall get himself/herself involved in any activities against the interest of the university or any of its establishment.
- (v) The conditions of services of any teacher, officer or employee shall be so determined as not to restrict his/her freedom of holding political opinion, however, he/she shall be debarred from making such opinion in public or getting involved with any political organization.
- (vi) If any (salaried) teacher, officer or employee of the university intends to be a candidate for election as a Member of Parliament or any post of Local Government, he/she shall have to tender resignation from the university service prior to submission of nomination paper.
- (vii) The conditions for services for the teachers, officers and employees of the university shall be determined by the Statutes in agreement with aims and objectives of the university and keeping intact their civil and other rights.
- (viii) Any (salaried) teacher, officer or employee may, for his/her negligence in duty, misconduct, moral turpitude or inefficiency, be removed or dismissed from the service or be imposed any penalty, for the reasons and procedures as set out in the Statutes;

Provided that none be removed or dismissed from the service unless he/she is given opportunity of self defense, either personally or through a representative and till the investigation is completed by an Inquiry Committee on the allegations brought against him/her.

#### 47. Annual Report

As per directives of the Syndicate, the Annual Report of the university shall have to be prepared and be submitted to the Government through University Grants Commission within or before thirty days of the commencement of next academic session.

#### 48. Annual Accounts

- (i) As per directives of the Syndicate, the Annual Accounts Report along with Balance Sheet shall have to be prepared, and it shall be audited by an authority nominated by the Grants Commission.
- (ii) The Annual Report along with the copy of the audit report shall be submitted to the Government through the Grants Commission.

## 49. Restrictions to Become Members of Authorities

No person shall be eligible to become a member or hold such position in any Authority or Body of the university or its Institute or continue to hold any office of the university or the institute, if he/she –

- (a) is incapacitated to perform his/her functions due to mentally derangement, deafness and dumbness;
- (b) is not acquitted of the charge after he/she is declared bankrupt;
- (c) has been convicted by a court of law of an offense involving moral turpitude; and
- (d) is involved, without special permission of the Syndicate, as a partner of, or in any other financial interest with, a publishing, collecting or supplying firm of any books, either self-composed or edited, prescribed in the syllabus for any examinations conducted by the university;

Provided that in case of conflict and doubt as to whether any person is undeserving as per this clause shall be determined by the Chancellor, whose decision shall be final thereon.

# 50. Conflict in Constituting University Authority or Body

In the absence of relevant provisions in the Act, the Statutes or the University Ordinances, if any question does arise on the right of any person to become the member of any Authority or any other Body of the university, the matter shall be put forward to the Chancellor, whose decision shall be final thereon.

#### **51.** Constitution of Committees

If any Authority is authorized to constitute committee/s by this Act or Statutes, such committee/s, in the absence of any other rules contrary to it, shall be constituted by that Authority, comprising of members as prescribed by it and some other persons, if necessary; but it has to be approved by the Syndicate.

# 52. Filling of Unexpectedly Fallen Vacant Posts

Any post of membership, other than ex-officio members of any Authority, or Institute of the university, if fallen vacant unexpectedly, shall be filled up as early as possible by such person or Authority by whom he/she was appointed, selected or nominated, and the person so appointed, selected or nominated to such vacant post shall succeed to that position in the Authority or Body for the remaining period left by his/her predecessor.

## 53. Legality of the Course of Business etc.

No action or course of business of any Authority, Institute or Body of the university shall be illegal merely due to vacancy of any post, or failure or lapse in appointing, nominating or selecting some person to that position, or any flaws in the constitution of that Authority or Body. No questions shall be accepted thereon.

#### 54. Chancellor's Decision on Matters of Debate

If ever any conflict arises between the university and any teachers or officers of the university on such matters and contracts as have not been included in this Act or Statutes, the matter shall, on written request by the concerned teacher or officer, be sent to the Chancellor by the Vice-Chancellor and the decision of the Chancellor shall be final thereon.

## 55. Appeals to the Chancellor

- (i) Any person aggrieved of an order issued by the Authority or any officer of the university can, through proper channel, submit an appeal to the Chancellor against such orders.
- (ii) The Chancellor shall, after having received such appeal, send its copy to the Authority or the officer concerned giving it to him/her an opportunity to show cause as to why the appeal shall not be accepted.
- (iii) The Chancellor may reject such appeal outright or shall resolve it by giving the appellant a hearing personally or by a Committee within the period of (2) two months.

#### 56. The Board of Trustees

- (i) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the management and administration of Benevolent Fund of the university.
- (ii) The constitution, powers and functions of the Board of Trustees shall be determined by the Statutes.

#### 57. Pension and Provident Fund

Subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by the Statutes, the university shall, for the welfare of its teachers, officers and other employees, make arrangements for instituting pension, group insurance, welfare fund or provident fund, or awarding grants and gratuity, as it deems fit.

#### 58. Statutory Grants

In order to attain the goals of this Act, the university shall receive each year a financial grant fixed by the Government through the Grants Commission.

## 59. Abolition of the Sylhet Government Veterinary College and Its Custody

- (i) As soon as this Act is introduced, the Sylhet Government Veterinary College shall be abolished;
- (ii) Soon after the abolition of the Sylhet Government Veterinary College, hereinafter referred to as the 'abolished college' -
  - a) All kinds of movable and immovable properties, and all other demands and rights of the abolished college including all of its cash money and deposited funds in banks and securities shall be treated as liabilities and debts; however, an inventory of all such movable and immovable properties, cash money and deposited funds in banks and all other wealth has to be prepared;
  - b) The development projects under implementation along with their responsibilities of the abolished college shall be treated as the development projects under implementation and responsibilities of the university;
  - c) All funds of the abolished college shall be treated as the University Fund;
  - d) Any law-suit or some legal proceedings lodged or initiated either by the abolished college or against it shall be treated as the law-suit or legal proceedings lodged or initiated by the university or against it;
  - e) The affiliation of the abolished college with the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology shall be nullified and the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology shall have no jurisdictions over the measures taken according to this Act, regarding the assets and properties, teachers, employees or the students of the abolished college under this Act;
  - f) The students, who had been studying in the abolished college before the Act was introduced, shall be treated as the students of the university in the subjects to be fixed by the university, and the students of the abolished college shall be treated as the students of the university till the end of the ongoing courses; and the Registration Number, and the relevant regulations of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology shall no more be applicable for them; but if anybody so intends may be granted opportunity for admission in other institutions affiliated to the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, keeping intact the Registration Number given by it;
  - g) The service of all teachers, officers and employees of the abolished college, including its Principal and Vice-Principal, shall immediately be placed to the university service:

However, the conditions of their services before such placement shall remain intact till those conditions are not changed, and they shall continue their services in the university following the same conditions, and be entitled to receive full pension benefit counting the period of their previous services;

Provided that anybody not having at least one first class either in Degree or in Masters examination shall not be eligible for absorption to the posts of teachers; however, this condition shall not be applicable to those having postgraduate Diploma, MPhil, and PhD degrees.

Further provided that any teacher in service, lacking 1<sup>st</sup> Class in any one of the BSc or MS examination, can continue his/her service in the university on the conditions of completing postgraduate Diploma or MPhil or PhD degree within the period of not more than five years.

- h) All teachers, officers or employees working on deputation, if any, at the abolished college shall be treated as transferred to the university service until a further order is issued by the Government;
- i) If any teacher, officer or employee placed under clause (g) submits a written application to the government expressing his/her intention to discontinue the university job within the period of 3 (three) months from the introduction of this Act, or becomes ineligible for appointment, he/she shall retire from the service on and from the date to be fixed by the government with all financial benefits permissible under the service conditions of the abolished college, or, shall get released as the case may be.

#### 60. Removing Inconveniences

If any inconveniences arise in respect of carrying out any activities of the university or in holding the first meeting of any Authority or in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Chancellor may, if it appears to him/her proper and necessary to remove those inconveniences at any time before the formation of Authorities of the university, appoint person/s in any post/s or take any other measures, by order, in conformity with this Act and Statutes as far as possible, and each of such orders shall be given effect as though those appointments and measures taken have been done following the provisions of this Act.

# Schedule

# The First Statutes of the University

[Under Clause 37(2)]

# 1. Definitions

In this Statutes, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

- a) 'Act' means the Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006;
- b) 'College' means the Sylhet Government Veterinary College;
- c) 'Academic Committee' means the Academic Committee constituted as per Article 4(3) of the Statutes;
- d) 'Planning Committee' means the Planning Committee constituted as per Article 4(3) of the Statutes;

## 2. The Faculties

- i) A Faculty shall be constituted comprising of a Dean and all teachers of the Departments under the respective Faculty.
- ii) Each Faculty shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the following members:
  - a) Dean, the Chairman of the Committee;
  - b) Chairmen of the Departments under the Faculty;
  - c) Ten Professors and Associate Professors of the Faculty, to be nominated rotationally by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - d) Five teachers of different subjects of the Faculty, other than Professors, Associate Professors and Chairmen, to be nominated by the Academic Council;
  - e) Not more than three teachers of such subjects that do not belong to the subjects of the Faculty, but in the opinion of the Academic Council are significantly related to the subjects of the Faculty, to be nominated by the Academic Council; and
  - f) Three persons well-versed in one or more subjects of the Faculty, not employed in any jobs of the university, to be nominated by the Academic Council.

- iii) The nominated members of the Executive Committee shall hold their office for a period of two years from the date of their assignment;
- iv) Subject to the provisions of this Act, each Faculty shall have the following powers:
  - a) to determine the syllabus, curriculum and courses of studies for the Faculty;
  - b) to allot the number of each syllabus and curriculum and to constitute Curriculum Committees for all these purposes;
  - c) to recommend to the Controller of Examinations the names of examiners for conducting all necessary activities related to examinations on various subjects of the Faculty;
  - d) to recommend to the Academic Council on the conditions for awarding Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas, Certificates and other Distinctions;
  - e) to recommend to the Academic Council for creating posts of teachers and researchers of different Departments within the Faculty; and
  - f) to take measurers on matters referred to it by the Academic Council.

## **3.** The Curriculum Committee

- i) Each Department shall have a Curriculum Committee consisting of the following members:
  - a) Departmental Chairman, the Chairman of the Committee;
  - b) All teachers of the Department;
  - c) Two teachers from other universities belonging to, or having relevance with the subject, to be nominated by the Dean; and
  - d) Two expert members belonging to, or having relevance with the subject, one of them from among the actively involved persons with some relevant research institute, and the other with some commercial or industrial organizations; both of them shall be nominated by the Academic Council on the basis of recommendation made by the Academic Committee.
- ii) The Curriculum Committee shall be responsible for preparing syllabuses and curricula and shall perform such other duties as assigned to it by the Faculty, the Academic Council and the provisions of the university;
- iii) In the case of absence of teaching Department on any subject of the university, a Curriculum Committee shall be formed with the Dean of the Faculty and five teachers on that subject from this university and other universities to be nominated by the Dean;

- iv) Members nominated in the Committee shall hold their office for a period one year from the date of their assignment;
- v) The Curriculum Committee shall have the following powers and responsibilities, namely,
  - a) to advise the Academic Council to determine syllabuses and curricula at the Department level;
  - b) to prepare list of courses in the light of the approved syllabus;
  - c) to form Supervisory Committees for students under different academic programmes and recommend for appointment of Research Supervisors to the Academic Council;
  - d) to recommend the names of Examiners of various examinations including research papers and thesis by departmental students to the Academic Council;
  - e) to perform such other responsibilities as assigned to it by the Syndicate or the Academic Council.

## 4. The Departments

- i) Each Department shall perform its functions under the general supervision of the relevant Departmental Chairman and the routine works of the Department shall be done by the Chairman.
- ii) The policy matters of the Department shall be controlled by the Academic Committee and the Planning Committee of the Department.
- iii) The Academic Committee shall be constituted consisting of all teachers of the Department and the following shall make its terms of reference:
  - a) Admission of students,
  - b) Preparation of Syllabuses,
  - c) Conducting Examinations,
  - d) Teaching, and
  - e) Co-curricular activities for the students.
- iv) The Departmental Planning Committee shall be constituted with one-third of the total teachers of the Department on the basis of seniority;

Provided that the Committee must have at least three members; and

v) The Planning Committee shall forward all proposals related to extension of the Department, and appointment of teachers, other officers and staff of the Department and carry out other activities as specified in the Ordinances.

## 5. The Board of Advanced Studies

- i) The Board of Advanced Studies shall be constituted with the following members:
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) The Treasurer;
  - c) The Deans of all Faculties;
  - d) Ten Professors to be nominated by the Academic Council;
  - e) Seven Departmental Chairmen to be appointed rotationally by the Vice-Chancellor; and
  - f) Three Professors from other universities to be co-opted by the Board of Advanced Studies.
- ii) The Registrar shall act as the Secretary of the Board of Advanced Studies;
- iii) The terms of office of the nominated and co-opted members of the Board of Advanced Studies shall be two years from the date of their appointments;
- iv) The Board of Advanced Studies shall
  - a) advise the Vice-Chancellor, the Syndicate and the Academic Council on all academic matters related to the teaching and research at the postgraduate level;
  - b) recommend to the appropriate Authorities for according approval to various academic, and research projects, and awarding all grants, prizes and fellowships;
  - c) review the achievements of research activities done under the supervision of different Departments and recommend for awarding MS, MPhil, PhD and other research degrees and ensure availability of skilled training staff with necessary scientific equipment and instruments to attain quality teaching and research; and
  - d) no Department shall be allowed to undertake any research programme leading to PhD degree on the specific subject until the Board of Advanced Studies is satisfied that it is properly equipped with necessary facilities including an effective system of supervision and guidance.

## 6. Planning, Development and Works Committee

The Planning, Development and Works Committee shall perform the following functions, namely,

- a) Enlistment of contractors, selection of tenders and making contracts with the contractors,
- b) Implementation of works, and observation of the progress of works along with their coordination, and
- c) Carrying out of other activities as directed by the Vice-Chancellor or the Syndicate.

## 7. The Selection Boards

- i) A Selection Board for the appointment of Professors and Associate Professors shall be constituted comprising of the following members, namely,
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman),
  - b) Two members to be nominated by the Syndicate,
  - c) Three experts, of whom at least one from some other university to be nominated by the Chancellor.
- ii) A Selection Board for appointment of Assistant Professors and Lecturers shall be constituted comprising of the following members, namely,
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) The Treasurer;
  - c) Two members from other universities and research institutes to be nominated by the Syndicate;
  - d) The Chairman of the Department concerned; and
  - e) One expert on the relevant subject to be nominated by the Syndicate.
- iii) A Selection Board for appointment of Registrar, Librarian and other officers with equal status shall be constituted comprising of the following members, namely,
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) The Treasurer;
  - c) One member of the Academic Council to be nominated by it;

- d) One member of the Syndicate to be nominated by it;
- e) One expert on matters related to the post of the officer to which the appointment shall be made, to be nominated by the Syndicate.; and
- f) A Distinguished educationist to be nominated by the Chancellor.
- iv) Another Selection Board for appointment of officers other than those mentioned in sub-section (iii) shall be constituted comprising of the following members:
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) The Treasurer;
  - c) One Dean to be nominate by the Academic Council;
  - d) One Member of the Syndicate, not employed in any job of the university to be nominated by the Syndicate; and
  - e) One expert to be nominated by the Syndicate.
- v) A Selection Board shall be formed for appointment of employees consisting of the following members:
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor or a person nominated by the Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) The Treasurer;
  - c) The Registrar;
  - d) One expert to be nominated by the Syndicate; and
  - e) One member of the Academic Council to be nominated by it.
- vi) The term of office of the nominated members in any of the Selection Boards shall be two years;

Provided that, he/she shall continue his/her office till he/she is taken over by his/her substitute in spite of expiry of his/her term;

- vii) If the Syndicate does not accept the recommendation made by any Selection Board, the case shall be referred to the Chancellor by the same Board, and his/her decision on the matter shall be treated as final;
- viii) The Syndicate shall order to make the appointment to the posts of teachers, officers and employees of the university on the basis of recommendations made by the Selection Boards;
- ix) The Selection Board may recommend to the Syndicate for awarding special facilities for any highly qualified candidate.

## 8. The Dormitories

- i) The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint the supervisor of a Dormitory for a period of two years on the specific term.
- ii) The Dormitories of the university shall be given names by the Syndicate on approval by the Chancellor.

## 9. The Halls

- i) The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint the Provost and the Assistant Provost of a Hall on the specific terms.
- ii) The name of the Halls of the university shall be given by the Syndicate on approval by the Chancellor.

## **10.** Honorary Degrees

Any proposal for awarding an Honorary Degree to a person made by the Academic Council, when placed before the Syndicate, and if it is accorded approval by the Syndicate, shall be submitted to the Chancellor for his/her final approval, and the Honorary Degree may be awarded only when such proposal is approved by the Chancellor.

#### **11. Registered Graduates**

- i) Any graduate of the university is entitled to register his/her name in the Register of Registered Graduates after passing minimum five years of graduation on payment of Taka two hundred only;
- The applicant shall be enlisted to be a Registered Graduate on and from the date of payment of registration fees as per sub-section (i) and shall continue to remain enlisted till his/her name has not been excluded from the Register of Registered Graduates as per sub-section (v);
- iii) Any person enlisted as a Registered Graduate shall be entitled to enjoy the facilities of a life-long Registered Graduate by paying annual fees amounting to Taka five hundred only;

Provided that if any Registered Graduate makes payment of annual fees successively fifteen years from the first year of enlisting his/her name in the Register, he/she may enjoy the facilities of Registered Graduate without further paying any fees till his/her death or resignation;

Further provided that if any Registered Graduate, after enlistment in the Register in the manner stated above, makes payment of a total of Taka five thousand only as annual fees at any time, he/she may enjoy the facilities of Registered Life Member without paying any other fees till his/her death or resignation;

Further provided that if any Registered Graduate, whose name has been excluded from the list of Registered Graduates for not paying the outstanding fees, makes payment of Taka five thousand only at a time, he/she may be registered as a Life Member;

- iv) Any Registered Graduate may make payment of annual fees due to him/her at any time of the academic session; however, if he/she fails to pay the outstanding fees for an academic year within the date specified by the provisions of the Ordinances, he/she shall be debarred from enjoying the facilities or apply the rights of a Registered Graduate for that specific academic session and his/her name shall be struck off from the list of Registered Graduates;
- v) If any Registered Graduate fails to pay the annual fees in any academic session, his/her name shall be struck off from the list of the Registered Graduates;

Provided that he/she may be enlisted again as a Registered Graduate the following academic session if he/she pays all outstanding fees up to the year of re-enlistment;

vi) The application for enlistment or re-admission as a Registered Graduate has to be made in the form prescribed by the provisions of the Ordinances;

Provided that no such application for re-enlistment or re-admission shall be accepted unless Taka five hundred as fees has been paid;

- vii) All conflicts related to enlistment or registration of graduates shall be settled by a Tribunal consisting of the following members:
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman),
  - b) One member of the Syndicate to be nominated by it,
  - c) One member of the Academic Council to be nominated by it;
- viii) The Tribunal constituted under sub-section (vii) shall determine its working method;
- ix) The decision of the Tribunal constituted under sub-section (vii) in settling all conflicts related to enlistment and registration shall be final;
- x) The Registered Graduates are entitled to use the University Library in the manner prescribed by the provisions of the Ordinances.

#### **12.** Duties of Other Officers

The officers, other than those stated in the clause 8 of the Act, shall have to perform duties as determined by the Ordinances, and as assigned by the Syndicate and the Vice-Chancellor.

## 13. The Curricula

The Academic Council shall determine curricula of the university by Regulations in accordance with the rules as provided in the Act.

## **14.** The Director (Research)

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Research) for a term of two years from among the Professors on the basis of his/her experiences in academic and administrative administration.
- ii) The responsibilities and powers of the Director (Research) shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## **15.** The Director (Veterinary Clinics)

The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Veterinary Clinics) for a term of two years from among the Professors having experiences in veterinary clinics.

## **16.** The Director (Farms)

The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Farms) for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in planning and management of livestock, fisheries, agricultural and related farms.

#### **17.** The Director (Finance and Accounts)

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Finance and Accounts) for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration and accounts management.
- ii) The responsibilities and powers of the Director (Finance and Accounts) shall be determined by the Syndicate.

#### **18.** The Director (Students' Counseling and Guidance)

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Students' Counseling & Guidance) for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration.
- ii) The Director (Students' Counseling & Guidance) shall, under the control of the Vice-Chancellor, provide the students counseling, supervision and overall welfare, on various disciplinary and co-curricular matters.

iii) The responsibilities and powers of the Director (Students' Counseling & Guidance) shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## **19.** The Director (Outreach Programmes)

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Director (Outreach Programmes) for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic and research administration.
- ii) The responsibilities and powers of the Director (Outreach Programmes) shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## **20.** The Director (Physical Education)

The Director (Physical Education) shall be appointed by the Syndicate, on recommendation by the Selection Board, from among the physical education officers of equal status or through a new appointment of one having sufficient experiences in sports and physical education.

## 21. The Proctor

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Proctor for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration.
- ii) The responsibilities and powers of the Proctor shall be determined by the Syndicate.

#### 22. The Assistant Proctor

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Assistant Proctor for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Assistant Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration.
- ii) The Assistant Proctor shall, under the control of the Proctor, co-operate the Proctor.
- iii) Other responsibilities and powers of the Assistant Proctor shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## 23. The Provost

i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Provost for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Associate Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration.

- ii) The Provost shall, under the control of the Vice-Chancellor, perform the duties of the Executive Administrative Officer of the residential hall.
- iii) The responsibilities and powers of the Provost shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## 24. The Assistant Provost

- i) The Syndicate shall, on recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, appoint the Assistant Provost for a term of two years from among the teachers with the minimum rank of Assistant Professor of the university on the basis of his/her experiences in academic administration.
- ii) The Assistant Proctor shall, under the control of the Provost, co-operate the Provost in the administration of the residential hall.
- iii) Other responsibilities and powers of the Assistant Provost shall be determined by the Syndicate.

## 25. Financial Benefit

No teacher, officer or employee shall perform more than one duty of the university for which financial benefits are given.

#### 26. Gratuity

If a teacher, officer or an employee of the university retires, resigns or is selected for discharge owing to abolition of his/her post, or dies, after completing a qualifying service of minimum five years, but less than ten years, he/she or his/her family may be granted a gratuity equal to 2 (two) months' emolument for each full year he/she had been in service.

#### 27. Retirement

- i) All teachers, officers and employees of the university shall retire at the age of 60 (sixty) years.
- ii) On prior approval of the Chancellor, the Syndicate can, if needed, extend the period of service of a teacher up to the age of 65 (sixty-five) years, whatever there may be in the sub-clause (i) above;

Provided that the extended period shall not be taken into account in granting retirement benefits to any teacher.

#### 28. Pension

If any teacher, officer or employee of the university retires, resigns or is selected for discharge owing to abolition of his/her post, or dies after completing ten years of

service, pension shall be granted to him/her or his/her family in case of his/her death at the rates as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.

## 29. General Provident Fund

- i) A General Provident Fund shall be formed for the teachers, officers and employees of the university and all teachers, officers and employees of the university shall subscribe to this fund as per Rules of the sub-clause (ii);
- ii) The Rules on Provident Fund as framed by the Government for its teachers, officers and employees shall be applicable to the teachers, officers and employees of the university.

## **30.** Abolition of the Effectiveness of Provident Fund Formed Earlier

The effectiveness of any Provident Fund formed by the College immediately before introduction of this Statutes shall be abolished soon after the Statutes is introduced and the whole amount along with the accrued interests thereon shall be transferred to the General Provident Fund formed under the Section 29.

## **31.** Benevolent Fund, the Board of Trustees and Management of Funds

i) The university shall establish 'The Sylhet Agricultural University Teachers, Officers and Employees' Benevolent Fund', hereinafter referred to as the Benevolent Fund; and the fund shall be used for the benefit and interests of the teachers, officers and employees of the university and their families;

Provided that no persons as stated in the sub-clause (ii), who are not allowed to subscribe the Benevolent Fund, be entitled to deserve any benefit or grants from this Fund, if no otherwise decision is there by the Board of Trustees in favour of sanctioning any benefit or grants in some cases for specific purpose;

- ii) All teachers, officers and employees of the university shall, during their service period, regularly subscribe to the Benevolent Fund on monthly basis, except when on leave without pay; however, this rule is not applicable for the following persons:
  - a) The persons who are over the age of 60 (sixty) years when appointed;
  - b) The person who has been appointed by the Government on deputation;
  - c) The persons appointed on part-time basis;
  - d) Temporary appointment against vacant post due to leave;
  - e) Pensioners from the Government or any other statutory organizations;
- iii) The rate of subscription for the Benevolent Fund shall be as follows:
  - a) Teachers, 1% of the basic pay;

- b) Class I and class II officers, 1% of the basic pay;
- c) Class III employees, 0.25% of the basic pay;
- d) Class IV employees, 0.125% Of the basic pay;

Provided that, the Board of Trustees, with concurrence of the Syndicate, can change this rate from time-to-time;

- iv) The Benevolent Fund shall be formed in combination with the funds as received from the following sources:
  - a) All subscriptions to the Fund as deducted from the monthly pay-bills of the teachers, officers and employees;
  - b) Any grants made by the university;
  - c) Any grants made by the Government;
  - d) All income, profit and interests from the investments made out of the Benevolent Fund;
- v) An account shall be opened in the name of Benevolent Fund and all money credited to the Fund shall be deposited in that account; one or more than one persons authorized by the Board of Trustees shall, subject to the methods as specified by the Board of Trustees, and following the conditions, if any, attributed by it, take all necessary actions regarding administering the account including the withdrawal of money; all money credited to the Fund shall have to be deposited to the account by the first-half of each month;
- vi) The Treasurer shall, on the basis of approximation, determine the estimated amount of money payable in favour of the beneficiaries of the Benevolent Fund in each financial year, and that amount of money shall have to be invested in the securities as specified by the Syndicate; the investment shall be made in the name of the university, however, what amount of money shall be invested in which securities shall be determined by the Board of Studies;
- vii) The Treasurer shall transparently maintain the accounts of transactions of all money of the Fund in a Form as specified by the Finance Committee, and that accounts shall be audited simultaneously by the Government auditors like other accounts of the university; however, the accounts of this Fund may be pre-audited by the University Authority;
- viii) The Benevolent Fund shall be administered by a Board of Trustees, which will be formed with the following members:
  - a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman);
  - b) One Member of the Syndicate to be nominated by the Syndicate;

- c) Two Members to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- d) The Registrar;
- e) The Treasurer (Member-Secretary);
- ix) The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at such time and date as may be determined by its Chairman;
- x) The Board of Trustees shall have the powers to do or get done all necessary related works including the expenditures related to management and proper utilization of the amount credited to the Fund, and the Board of Trustees shall apply its powers in accordance with this Act, the Ordinances and the Statutes;
- xi) The financial assistances from this Fund may be granted in the following cases:
  - a) To the incumbent concerned, in the event of removal from the service of a teacher, officer or employee for the reason of his/her being incapacitated physically or mentally, or to his/her family, in the event of his/her death;
  - b) To his family, if a teacher, officer or employee dies during the continuance of his/her service;
  - c) To him/her or his/her family, if a teacher, officer or employee retires from the service before attaining the age of sixty years;
  - d) For any such reasons, which are beneficial for the teachers, officers and employees, as the Board of Trustees may determine;

Provided that --

- 1. Such financial assistance from the Benevolent Fund shall be for a period of less than ten years or up to the date on which the teacher, officer or employee attains the age of sixty years, whichever is earlier;
- 2. In case a teacher, officer or employee dies after having drawn a portion of financial grant, the said period of ten years shall be reckoned from which he/she had withdrawn that grant for the first time;
- 3. A teacher, officer or employee can, while in service, nominate one or more persons in a form prescribed by the Board of Trustees in order that the family of that teacher, officer or employee can withdraw the financial benefit under this sub-section; and those nominated person or persons can receive the financial grants on behalf of the family; and if, no such nomination is there, the Board of Trustees shall take necessary decision on the matter;

xii) The Board of Trustees may take necessary actions on related matters by issuing a written order in favour of implementing the purpose of this section and all other matters as may be determined by the Board of Trustees in accordance with this section.

## **32.** Quorum of the Meetings by the Authorities

The quorum for the meetings of each Authority shall be one-third of the total number of members, fractions being counted as one; if, by some means, there has not been specified any quorum for the meetings of an Authority.

## **33.** Explanations of Statutes

When it so arises to explain any rule of this Statutes, the matter, along with a report of the Syndicate, has to be sent to the Chancellor, and the decision of the Chancellor shall be final thereon.

A T M Ataur Rahman Secretary

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#### SRO No. 287-Law/2006.

The Government, in exercise of the power vested by the sub-clause (ii) of the Article 1 of the Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006 (Act No. 47 of the year 2006), is pleased to declare the said Act to have taken effect on 18 Kartik 1413 BS/ 02 November 2006.

By order of the President

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## THE BANGLADESH NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

Dhaka, 14 July 2009/ 30 Ashar 1416

The following Act as taken by the Parliament has been assented by the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 14 July 2009 (30 Ashar 1416) and hence the Act is published for the general information of public.

### The Act No. 52 of the year 2009 For the amendment of the Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006

Whereas, it is expedient to amend the Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006 (The Act No. 47 of the year 2006) for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

Now, therefore, the following Act is made hereby:

- 1. Brief Title. The Act may be called as the Sylhet Agricultural University (Amendment) Act, 2009.
- 2. Amendment of Article 9 of the Act No 47 of the year 2006. In the sub-clause (i) of the Article 9 of the Sylhet Agricultural University Act, 2006 (The Act No. 47 of the year 2006) the words 'The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh'' shall be substituted for the words "The Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh''.

Ashfaq Hamid Secretary

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