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### Part One

#### The First Phase, c 1900 to 1950

At the end of the nineteenth century, the British colony of Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, had a well developed system of primary and secondary schools, but, unlike British India, had no University. In the early decades of that century, the island's most prestigious secondary school, the Colombo Academy, was the main if not sole centre for such courses of higher education as existed. Later known as Queen's College, it was affiliated to Calcutta University in 1859, and renamed Royal College. It became the first "College" to provide some form of post-matriculation education in so far as it prepared students for external examinations conducted by the University of London.

Few students, however, proceeded beyond the intermediate examination. The children of the elite were sent to British Universities for their education, and the less affluent went across to India to Universities there. Medical education was better organised through the Ceylon Medical College established in 1870 though, in general, the island continued to depend on overseas institutions to meet its needs for the education of medical personnel as well.

In the last quarter of the nineteenth century there was increasing pressure from among the island's educated elite for the establishment of a university here, and by the first decade of the twentieth century this agitation had developed into "the university movement". The early nationalists regarded a university as essential to "national existence" and vital for the purpose of arresting "the process of denationalisation". The two outstanding figures in the university movement were the great Orientalist Ananda Coomaraswamy and Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam, the foremost Ceylonese civil servant of his day and soon to emerge as a politician of the first rank. The major premise of the arguments of the leading lights of the university movement was that external examinations conducted by British universities were a poor substitute for a real university education in an indigenous university.

In the *Ceylon National Review*, the journal of the Ceylon Social Reform League founded in 1905, Coomaraswamy sketched his ideal of a Sri Lanka University: an institution which would impart an education and not merely "estimate the amount of knowledge possessed by examinees"; one in which students would acquire "culture and independence of thought", a residential institution which would revitalise and promote indigenous culture and oriental languages, while providing instruction at the same time "in modern science, medicine, commerce and agriculture". When Arunachalam, as the spokesman of the Ceylon University Association established in 1906, entered the fray, he spoke in much the same terms. He too urged the establishment of "a university adapted to local needs", which "while making provision for the study of English and the assimilation of western culture, (would) take care that our youth do not grow up strangers to their mother tongue and to their past history and traditions...". "The Vernacular literature of the day" he added "will then be rescued from its pedantry and triviality and be a worthy vehicle for the dissemination of what is best in western and eastern culture... Then at last the masses of our people will be really influenced for the better by western civilization which seems otherwise likely to leave no enduring mark than the addition of some European words to our vocabulary and the incorporation of some European customs in our social life".

It was assumed that the initiative as well as the bulk if not all of the money for the establishment of a university in the island should come from the state.

The colonial administration in the island was at every stage lukewarm, if not ambivalent, in its attitude to a university for the colony. In the early stages—the first decade of the twentieth century—the government viewed it as something to be "cautiously but firmly encouraged", but soon there were second thoughts: "...we must avoid the dictates of noisy impetuosity and rhetorical exaggerations and guard above all things against flooding the country with failed B.A.s!". But it was impolitic to oppose it openly, and, when a sub-committee of the island's Legislative Council appointed to consider the question recommended in 1912 that a university be established in a new building designed for Royal College, this received the endorsement of the government. It was only in 1921, however, that the decision was implemented. The delays were partly the inevitable consequences of the outbreak of the first world war; questions relating to the nature of the university and its site needed to be resolved, but in any case, the establishment of a university was not treated as something which deserved very high priority. What emerged in 1921—the Ceylon University College—was much less than the university which Coomaraswamy and Arunachalam had agitated for. The University College was affiliated to London University and prepared students for external examinations of that university.

From the outset, the University College in Colombo was treated as nothing more than a half-way house to a national University. The legislation for its transformation to this latter status was ready by 1925. Robert Marrs, the first principal of the Ceylon University College, had prepared a draft constitution for the new University after consultations in England. The Legislative Council decided in 1927, in favour of locating the university in Kandy, and resolved too that the university should be 'unitary and residential'. A commission appointed with Sir Walter Buchanan-Riddell as Chairman (then Chairman of the University Grants Committee of Great Britain) issued a report in 1929 (*Sessional Paper IV* of 1929) covering all aspects of the problem. Included as an appendix to the report was a draft constitution—a revision of the one prepared by Marrs—and this formed the basis of a bill which was read a second time in 1930 but proceeded no further because of larger national issues, in particular the introduction of the constitutional reforms of 1931.

The establishment of the University was postponed for over a decade for a number of reasons not the least important of which was the prolonged controversy over the question of where it was to be located. The choice was between a site (or sites) in Colombo and one near Kandy. Those who argued that the University should be in the national capital put up a bitter rearguard action, and it was only in 1938 that they conceded defeat.

Nor was the complex governmental structure of the Donoughmore system conducive to speedy decisions. As Sir Ivor Jennings, the first Vice-Chancellor of the University, pointed out...

"...the responsibility for university education (was placed) in a Committee of seven members, who, so far as can be judged, rarely agreed. What is more, the responsibility for planning and erecting a university rested with the Executive Committee of Communications and Works, which rarely (if ever) agreed with the Executive Committee of Education. The acquisition of land for a University was the responsibility of the Executive Committee of Local Government while the responsibility for medical education was vested in the Executive Committee of Health. When at a later stage the problems of enlarging the Peradeniya site came under discussion, it was found to be a matter for the Executive Committee of Agriculture and Lands. Strangely enough, the Executive Committees of House Affairs and Labour, Commerce and Industry seem not to have been concerned".

The Buchanan-Riddell Commission had recommended that the University of Ceylon should be unitary, residential and autonomous. *The Ceylon University Ordinance, No. 20 of 1942*, which sought to carry out this recommendation, was in effect, the draft University ordinance prepared by that Commission. Incorporated in it were additions and amendments by the then Principal of the Ceylon University College, Dr. (later Sir) Ivor Jennings.

If conferred on the University of Ceylon the familiar two-tier pattern of university government, with its allocation of power and responsibility between the lay Council, where *de jure* sovereignty lay, and the Senate, the supreme academic body. This system of university government had been developed in the nineteenth century for English civic Universities, and was then exported to the colonies and India in the twentieth.

With the establishment of the University of Ceylon on 1, July 1942, the Ceylon University College and the Ceylon Medical College lost their identity. The seat of the University was to be at Peradeniya but till the buildings were ready there, the University was to remain in Colombo. The master plan for the main portion of the Peradeniya University park had been prepared by 1940, but the outbreak of the second world war, and the subsequent shortage of building materials, caused considerable delays in putting up the buildings. The date of the first transfer to Peradeniya was postponed from 1948 to 1950 and then to 1952. In 1949, students of the departments of Law and Agriculture, and those in the third and final years in Veterinary Science were moved to Peradeniya. The numbers involved were relatively small. By the end of 1951, the first phase of the building programme at Peradeniya had progressed to the point when the largest faculties of all, Arts and Oriental Studies, could be accommodated. On 6 October, 1952 eight hundred and twenty students of these faculties came into residence at Peradeniya, the first major shift there. The faculties of Science, Medicine and Engineering continued to be in Colombo pending the completion of the second and third phases of the building programme at Peradeniya.

At Peradeniya, the University of Ceylon had a site of exhilarating scenic beauty which its architects used with remarkable skill as the setting for some elegant buildings designed in the ornate style of the traditional architecture of the region. Had Arunachalam and Coomaraswamy been alive to see the University in its new setting they would have enthusiastically approved of much that Jennings did. They may have had some misgivings, however, about the opulence of some of the buildings and would certainly have been perturbed by the striking evidence of 'anglicism' and 'elitism' in Jennings' conception of what a university should be—too much of a Cambridge on the Mahavali. As its first Vice-Chancellor (1942-55), Jennings gave the university a style and standing which enabled it to survive with its autonomous status intact, if not entirely inviolate, for a decade after his departure to Cambridge in 1955. With his established academic reputation buttressed by his influence with Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the island's first Prime Minister after independence—whose trusted confidential adviser on constitutional affairs he was—he had a prestige in the country which none of his successors ever enjoyed.

The elitism referred to earlier was the inevitable result of a conservative, if not actually restrictive, admissions policy. On this there was no great difference of opinion between the University and the government of the day. In its report for 1949, the Council of the University argued that '...since education is at the expense of the state... it would be difficult to justify the provision of University education beyond the employment needs of the country'. The report of the Council for 1954 was even more emphatic—it envisaged stabilisation of university admissions to all faculties at around 500 per annum... "partly due to restricted accommodation and partly due to the desire to relate the output of graduates to the demands of graduate employment". Indeed those who planned the university never thought in terms of large numbers of students: in 1938 the figure they had in mind was a student body of 500 in all; this was raised to 800 and then to 1000 in 1940. By the time the University was established at Peradeniya the total number of students was well over 2000. As early as 1950-51 however, Jennings warned that when this figure reached 3500 "steps must be taken in Thurstan Road to start a second unit".

Restrictive though this policy was, it was not without benefit to the newly established University which was given a decade of relatively quiet consolidation to build up a cadre of competent teachers, a university tradition, and very high academic standards at its examinations, as a result of which the first degrees of the University enjoyed an enviable reputation. At the time Sir Ivor Jennings left in 1955, the University of Ceylon had an established reputation and enormous potential for development into one of the great Universities of the Commonwealth.

The first rumblings of opposition to the restrictive admissions policy of the University were heard almost simultaneously with the shift of the Arts Faculty to Peradeniya. The University, it was alleged, was far too exclusive, and admitted too few students. Pressure for reversal of this policy became almost irresistible with the change of government at the general elections of 1956.

The University confronted this challenge under the leadership of Sir Nicholas Attygalle, who succeeded Sir Ivor Jennings in 1955. He had been Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for over a decade, and had helped build up the Medical Faculty which now served as the base from which he won three consecutive five-year terms of office as Vice-Chancellor.

## Part Two

### A Decade of Expansion-1956 to 1965

In the mid-1950's the University of Ceylon faced pressure from the government in regard to two issues: increased intake of students, especially in the arts and social sciences; and the medium of instruction in the University. In effect these were twin problems or two facets of the same problem, for the students who were seeking admission in increasing numbers had been educated in Sinhalese and Tamil and expected to be taught in those languages at the University. The University confronted formidable constraints in coping with this pressure. Because it was a residential University an increase in the intake of students was dependent on the expansion of the capacity of its halls of residence, or an increase in the number of such halls, and both processes were necessarily slow and expensive. As for teaching in the indigenous languages, the vast bulk of the academic staff were either unenthusiastic (because they had serious doubts about what they were being called upon to undertake) or hostile, and it was impossible to get teachers who were both academically qualified and competent in Sinhalese and Tamil to fill the gap at short notice.

The government regarded these problems as too urgent to await solution through negotiations with the University of Ceylon; it was decided instead to raise the Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara *pirivenas*—centres of traditional Buddhist learning—to the status of Universities. This was done through *The Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara University Act, No. 45 of 1958—An Act to make provision for the Establishment and Regulation of the Vidyodaya University of Ceylon and the Vidyalankara University of Ceylon*. With their establishment in 1958 the University of Ceylon lost its monopoly over university education.

Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara did not, in practice, enjoy the same autonomy as their better known contemporary. This was in no way due to the Act which raised them to the status of Universities, for that gave the government no greater control than it had with regard to the University of Ceylon at Peradeniya. It was merely that some senior officials in the Ministry of Education gained considerable leverage with the *bhikkhus* who were in nominal charge of these Universities, and this enabled them to impose their views in regard to policies, both administrative and academic, and appointments as well. One needs to distinguish, therefore, between the principle of state control *per se* and the personal interests and attitudes of officials of the Ministry of Education.



In the meantime, the University of Ceylon found that pressure from the government and the public at large for the accommodation of a substantially increased intake of arts and social science students and teaching them in Sinhalese or Tamil was too strong to resist, and gave way on both in the early 1960's. The change with regard to the medium of instruction was implemented by the University on the basis of a time-table determined by its own Council and Senate. The increase in the intake of students, on the other hand, came in the form of a series of concessions extracted by the government on an *ad hoc* basis with very little concern for the University's capacity to cope with the expansion.

With the first batch of students educated in the national languages due to enter the Arts faculty in the academic year 1959/60, government pressure on the University to begin teaching in Sinhalese and Tamil increased in intensity. It came through the University Council. A joint session of Council and Senate was called to discuss the issue. Though its deliberations were informal and the Senate outlined the obstacles in the way of taking so momentous a decision—an acute shortage of university level text books in these languages, the need to evolve a terminology for technical subjects, and the need to recruit academic staff to teach in these languages at a time when the staff available to teach in English was itself far from adequate—political and social pressures prevailed over academic doubts. The University of Ceylon began to provide classes in Sinhalese and Tamil in the Arts in the early 1960's, thus beginning a momentous and unique experiment of imparting instruction in three languages: its staff was required to be able to teach in English and Sinhalese or Tamil.

From the late 1950's there was an unprecedented—and basically uncontrolled increase in the size of the student population in the universities, especially in the arts and social sciences. The new admissions policy of the government of the day was that a "qualified" candidate had a right to a university education. Each of the Universities had an entrance examination of its own. Though student numbers at Peradeniya were now well over 2500, no attention was paid to planning the "second unit" at Thurstan Road to which Sir Ivor had drawn attention in 1950-51, a limited objective entirely within its ability to achieve. There were of course exhortations in the Council reports on "the need to establish additional Universities to cater to the growing demand for university education".

The pressure for increasing the intake was not merely in the humanities and social science streams but extended by the early 1960's to the sciences as well. One immediate consequence of this latter was that plans for the second phase in the shift of the Thurstan Road and Colombo units of the University of Ceylon to Peradeniya had to be changed. It was decided to retain the Science faculty at Thurstan Road and to establish a second faculty at Peradeniya. This was done in 1961,

followed a year later by a similar course of action in regard to the Medical faculty. The pattern, however, was not repeated in the case of the Engineering faculty. It was shifted from Colombo to Peradeniya and located on the left bank of the Mahavali. All these were carefully planned in sharp contrast to changes in the Arts and Oriental faculties in the University of Ceylon.

In 1961, the intake of Arts students to Peradeniya was doubled to 1600; half at least of them were non-residential, "external" students as they were called, with a right to attend lectures and to a limited access to library facilities. The position of these external students was anomalous in the extreme. They deeply resented their second-class status and formed a core of discontented and disgruntled students within the University community. Their admission to the University marked the first breach in the residential system at Peradeniya. In 1963 came the next phase in the expansion of the Arts faculties with the establishment, at last, of a second unit at Thurstan Road. Confined originally to the larger Arts and Social Science Departments, and teaching only in the Sinhalese medium at the general degree level, it was indeed a makeshift arrangement designed to cope with the sudden increase in the number of students qualifying for admission to the Art faculty. Between 1963 and 1965, the student population of the University of Ceylon doubled itself, and the proportion of Arts students there increased from 43% in 1959 to 68% in 1965. Indeed the rapid growth of the University of Ceylon in 1960's lay primarily in the Arts faculty, very nearly a four-fold increase from 1960, the year of the first intake of students in the Sinhalese and Tamil media, to 1965.

1965—66 was an especially difficult year. Admissions to the Arts and Social Science courses at the University of Ceylon rose to 3990, an increase of 2105 over that of the previous year. It was clearly impossible to accommodate this increase in student numbers in Peradeniya, and after toying for a while with the idea of establishing three new arts 'campuses' of that University at Galle, Kurunegala and Jaffna, 150, 30 and 200 miles from Peradeniya, respectively, and to do this within three months, a less complicated and expensive plan was devised. It was decided to accommodate these students at Thurstan Road, and the race course in Colombo, in conveniently close proximity to the university buildings there, was taken over for this purpose. Of the 3990 students, no less than 2904 were allocated to the Thurstan Road unit; in the previous year the intake there had been a mere 743.

In the meantime, student numbers in the humanities and social sciences kept increasing at Vidyodaya and Vidyalkankara as well and a beginning was made with regard to the establishment of Science faculties there. At that stage there were no female internal students at these Universities, a prohibition imposed by *Act No. 45 of 1958*.

Throughout the years 1956 to 1965, but more specifically after 1960, the Universities lost control over one vitally important aspect of university administration—the intake of students. Since there was no equivalent of a University Grants Committee (UGC) to take a long-term view, the controversial question of admission of students to the Universities and in particular to the University of Ceylon, was reduced to a brief encounter conducted annually without reference to any long-term plans (neither the government nor the University of Ceylon had any). The University of Ceylon had no alternative proposals to make, and was usually persuaded to accept the government's views on the subject of admissions without any compensating benefits to the University in the form of an enhancement of its grant commensurate with its vastly expanded intake of students.

With the Universities in this defensive mood, it was surprising that their autonomous status was not threatened more often or with greater persistence and that the government's pressure on the Universities was limited to the two issues we have discussed above. The explanation for this lies, one feels, in the events of 1960—61 in the field of primary and secondary education, when the great bulk of the denominational schools were brought under state control. Primary and secondary education was now the responsibility, in the main, of the state. (A small group of private schools survived, but their role was limited increasingly to one of survival). The administrative resources of the Ministry of Education were stretched for a year or two, in coping with this sudden expansion of its sphere of responsibility. There was no single administrative unit or division within the Ministry with special responsibility for formulating plans for higher education or indeed for maintaining any formal links with the Universities. By 1964, however, plans were afoot for greater control over the Universities by the Ministry. The target, in fact, was the University of Ceylon; Ministry officials always had informal but effective control over the two *pirivena* universities. These plans were implemented in mid-1966 with a new government in power.

## Part Three

### The Beginnings of State Control 1966 to 1970

*The Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*, was in every sense a major turning point in the history of University education in Sri Lanka. It gave formal shape and greater coherence to what had hitherto been the informal influence the state had in some areas of university education. Significantly enough, the new Act repealed *Ordinance No. 20 of 1942* (the 'charter' of the University of Ceylon) and *Act No. 45 of 1958* (which served as a 'charter' of the two *pirivena* Universities), and introduced instead a common administrative structure for all Universities, a practice which has been followed thereafter when University reforms were introduced in 1972 and 1978.

The new structure bore some resemblance in form though little in spirit to the ones that were superseded. In the Boards of Regents (which replaced the Councils) university representation was limited to the Deans who however had no vote in the deliberations of these bodies. Again, while the Senates retained their authority in the areas traditionally recognised as being within their purview, the Courts were abolished. These changes were controversial enough on their own, but coupled with the machinery for control by government envisaged in the first draft of the Act, they provoked a storm of opposition from the Universities.

This Act was introduced as a remedy for some deep-rooted flaws in tertiary education in the island. Among the deficiencies identified by the Ministry of Education were: student indiscipline, inefficient administrative systems within the universities, and in general, a lack of co-ordination in the teaching programmes of the various universities. Some of these problems, especially the endemic student indiscipline and the regular eruption of violence, were the inevitable consequence of increasing student numbers without regard to the facilities by way of staff, buildings and library books available in the universities. The primary responsibility for this lay in fact with the Ministry of Education. Charges of maladministration and waste of public funds were levelled in the main against the new universities but interference by officials of the Ministry in appointments and in the day-to-day running of these universities had contributed in no small measure to the faults that Ministry officials drew attention to in the course of their campaign.

Opposition to the bill within the government parliamentary group succeeded in postponing its introduction for a few months and this gave the universities time to prepare their counter-attack and to lobby for elimination of what they regarded as the more obnoxious features of the bill. They were given a second such opportunity when the Prime Minister, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, decided to place the new bill before a Select Committee of the House of Representatives prior to the formal debate in Parliament. Though some of the more controversial features of the bill were deleted, the general principles embodied in it were not substantially altered. The Minister of Education and his officials won the day for many reasons. University opinion was divided, and decisive in this regard was factionalism in the University of Ceylon. The academic staff of the two new universities were in no position to mount a convincing campaign, and the drift of public opinion in the country was in favour of greater government control over the universities.

The key feature of the new structure was a National Council of Higher Education (NCHE) of nine members, which had a range of functions well beyond those normally performed by a University Grants Commission (UGC). This deviation from the UGC model was a deliberate act of policy. In the first draft of the Act, the Chairman and all its members were to be appointed by the Minister of Education. An official of the Ministry of Education was an *ex-officio* member, as were the Vice-Chancellors, but the latter, unlike the Ministry representative, had no vote. The Minister of Education was entitled under the Act to issue "directions" to the NCHE and these the NCHE was obliged to implement.

University opinion was critical of these proposals for a number of reasons. They were suspicious of the power conferred on the NCHE but realising that these were more or less the normal functions of a UGC with refinements introduced to suit the local academic environment, they concentrated their attack on the Minister's powers *vis-a-vis* the NCHE, his right to appoint its members and the range of the "directions" he was entitled to issue. In the final version of the Act, it was the Governor-General and not the Minister who appointed the members of the NCHE, a change in form rather than substance since the Governor-General acted on the advice of the Minister on these matters. There was greater dissatisfaction in regard to the Minister's power of issuing "general or special written directions". The strongest objection was to the "special" directions. The Ministry dropped the word "written" along with "special" and the second version of the draft read "general directions", but in the final version the word "written" was added after "general".

The original version of the Act gave the Minister a wide range of powers in academic matters within a University. His prior approval was required for the creation of new posts, for the establishment of faculties, for ordinances drafted by

the Universities, for the creation of departments of study within a faculty, and for the affiliation of a University with other institutions. The age of retirement of teachers was fixed at 62, but in the case of Professors their services could be extended to 65 with the approval of the Minister. The Minister was also the final point of appeal in regard to compulsory retirement and dismissal of university staff. In the second, and in the final versions of the Act, the Minister either lost all these powers or, as in the case of the creation of faculties and departments of study, shared them with the NCHE. The Minister's power to extend the services of Professors beyond the age of retirement was deleted, and the NCHE, not the Minister, became the final authority in regard to compulsory retirement and dismissals.

University opinion regarded the right to elect the Vice-Chancellor as an integral element in University autonomy. Up to 1966 he was elected by a University Court in which the overwhelming majority of members were University teachers. *The Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*, changed all that. The Vice-Chancellor was to be appointed by the Minister whose choice was limited to one of five names submitted to him by the NCHE. Much of the opposition to this Act stemmed from this change but the government—not merely the Ministry of Education—was inflexible on this. Its contention was that the elective principle in relation to the post of Vice-Chancellor had been the crucial factor in the factionalism that was rampant within the Universities. The only change made in the final version was to reduce the Minister's choice to one of three nominees of the NCHE. Besides, the Minister was given a free hand with regard to the first Vice-Chancellor under the new Act. In the case of the University of Ceylon, he picked a senior civil servant.

The Registrars of the Universities (they were called "Secretaries" under the new Act) were also appointed by the Minister, and for these positions, he chose officials from the Ministry of Education.

The members of the Boards of Regents were appointed by the NCHE. These appointees formed a clear majority in the Board and the academic representatives—the Deans elected by the faculties—were very much like the Vice-Chancellor within the NCHE, with a right to a voice but not to vote. This secondclass status of the Deans was one more point of opposition to the Act, but on this too no concessions were forthcoming.

In retrospect, however, the NCHE and the Boards of Regents appointed by them protected what remained of the autonomy of the Universities from encroachment by the Ministry of Education with greater dedication and conviction than they were given credit for. It was feared that Ministerial directives to the NCHE would follow in rapid succession, and with the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry

of Education in an influential role within the NCHE that body would be easily subordinated to the Ministry of Education. In practice this did not happen. The NCHE proved to be a more efficient buffer against Ministerial interference in University affairs than the advocates of the new machinery of control anticipated. The Boards of Regents, for their part, were more independent of the NCHE than anyone had the right to expect. Most of these "regents" were men of considerable achievement in their own spheres of activity and they discharged their duties with a keen regard for the interests of the Universities.

During its tenure of office (1966-70) the NCHE had some substantial achievements to its credit. Among these were: the preparation, for the first time, of long-term plans for tertiary education, the establishment of some uniformity in regard to appointments to University posts, and in the terms and conditions of service of University staff, all of which was done after close consultation with University opinion; and the establishment of a Central Admissions Bureau to co-ordinate admissions to the Universities through one common examination.

Two new Universities or Higher Educational Institutions were established: the Colombo campus of the University of Ceylon which was converted into a separate University from 1 October, 1967 and a College of Advanced Technology at Katubedde in the outskirts of Colombo. Moreover, Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara shed many of the traditional features of their parent *pirivenas*. While *Act No. 45 of 1958* conferred University status on these two major centres of Buddhist learning, and gave them a governmental structure modelled on that of the University of Ceylon, it incorporated some significant modifications as well. Thus, the Vice-Chancellors had of necessity to be *bhikkhus*; the parent institution had special representation in the Court; and no female students could enter these universities as internal students though they could be registered for examinations there through "affiliated" colleges. With the new Act and the abolition of the Court, the parent institutions lost much of their influence. Female students gained entry on the same terms as their male counterparts. Though the first Vice-Chancellors of these two universities under the new Act were *bhikkhus*, the NCHE took the decision to sponsor the appointment of the first lay Vice-Chancellors of Vidyodaya and Vidyalankara.

The NCHE also established five Junior University Colleges. These institutions sought to provide two types of courses: two-year courses at the diploma level in several branches of learning and generally with a practical bias; interim or transfer courses designed to equip students for admission to a university at the end of such a course.

With the passage of time, the NCHE became in all but name a UGC. This did not soften the opposition of the vast majority of University teachers to it, or to the *Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*. What they wanted was a return to the *status quo ante 1966*.

In 1969 the government appointed a Universities Commission to report on the re-organisation of University education in the island. Whatever prospect this held out for a reform of the existing system, it proved to be less attractive than the references to higher education in the manifesto of the United Front coalition framed with the general elections of 1970 in mind. This document promised to repeal the *Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*; to give "full academic freedom" to the Universities and to restore University autonomy. When the promises in this manifesto were embodied in the first throne speech of the new government after its resounding victory at the general elections of May 1970; the academic community in the island looked to the future in pleasant anticipation of the implementations of these proposals, and there were great hopes of a more harmonious relationship between the government and the Universities. What was expected was a reversal of some of the trends established in the years 1966—70; what happened between 1970 and 1977 was a consolidation of government control of the Universities.



## Part Four

### The State Calls the Tune - 1970 to 1977

Between their decisive victory at the general elections of May 1970 and the outbreak of the insurrection of April 1971, the United Front government made one attempt to re-define the relationship between the Ministry of Education and the Universities in keeping with their pledges on higher education in their election manifesto. In the first week of April 1971, a new Ordinance on the Universities was tabled before the House of Representatives and in this, provision was made for an UGC and for the restoration of some of the features of University government deliberately abolished in the *Higher Education Act of 1966*, viz., the election of the Vice-Chancellor and full voting rights to the Deans. Provision was made for student representation in University government at every level, as well as for the University's support staff. But this Ordinance was quickly abandoned in the aftermath of the insurgency which broke out on the day after it was tabled in Parliament. The prospect of a more constructive relationship between the Universities and the government vanished almost as soon as it had appeared. The government's attitude to the Universities changed to one of distrust and hostility upon the discovery that the insurgents had converted the halls of residence in the Universities, especially those at Peradeniya, into stores for collection and manufacture of bombs. The charge was that the University administrations had watched helplessly while the campuses had become a threat to the security of the state.

The full array of the government's legislative armoury was turned on the Universities. On 8 May, 1971, in terms of regulations framed under the Public Security Ordinance, the powers and functions of the NCHE were vested in the Minister of Education who in turn delegated such powers and functions to his Permanent Secretary. Using the same powers as well as "emergency" clauses of the Higher Education Act, the Minister reconstituted the Boards of Regents of the University of Ceylon, Colombo; Vidyalankara; and Vidyodaya from 20 June, 1971. The Board of Regents at Peradeniya had ceased to function from 3 February, 1971 with the resignation of the then Vice-Chancellor, Professor E. O. E. Pereira. A senior university teacher was appointed Competent Authority; that is to say he enjoyed emergency powers with the full backing of the government. He was in charge of the University at the time of the outbreak of the insurgency.

Immediately after the outbreak of the insurgency of April 1971 the government resolved on a policy of tighter control over the Universities and had hit upon the idea of effecting this through the device of a monolithic University structure with

the existing Universities forming constituent units with a central controlling authority situated in Colombo. A committee of academics was appointed in May 1971 to report on the re-organization of higher education in the island. They were asked to complete their work in seven weeks. This they did, and their report, more or less in keeping with the declared policy of the Minister of Education, recommended the creation of a single University consisting of several campuses, and the implementation of a scheme of re-organization and rationalization of departments of study and courses taught in these. The report argued that this would result in, administrative economies; the optimum utilization of scarce resources both in terms of finance and personnel; and the prevention of unnecessary duplication of courses of study. This report was accepted by the government and most of its recommendations were incorporated in the *University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972*, which became law on February 15, 1972.

This Act reduced the Universities in the island to the status of administrative units—campuses as they were called—of a single University with its headquarters, known as Senate House, in Colombo. It was envisaged that this massive exercise in University re-organization would take at least two years in the first instance, during which the Ministry of Education, acting through an appointed Vice-Chancellor, would have complete authority in the direction of University affairs. During the transitional period, section 85 of the Act gave *carte blanche* to a group of officials, a Vice-Chancellor, Presidents of the various campuses, a Registrar and a Treasurer, all appointed by the Minister, and the Deans of Faculties of the campuses all of whom were appointed by the Vice-Chancellor. The governing authority of the University (the Board of Governors) and the various academic bodies (such as the Senate, the Campus Boards, the Faculty Councils and the Faculty Academic Committees) for which provision had been made, would function in a purely advisory capacity to the Vice-Chancellor, the Campus President or the Dean of the Faculty, as the case may be. The spirited opposition to the Act from erstwhile supporters of the government and from others as well in all the then existing universities could not extract a single concession of any significance from the government.

The new Act empowered the Minister to extend this period of transition at his own discretion, and all it required was a notification published in the *Government Gazette*. The period of transition was extended from time to time from 15 February, 1974 (when the first two-year period was over) to 1 January, 1979—evidence of the amazing durability of purely temporary devices.

Whether these extensions were the inevitable result of the reluctance of the Ministry of Education to relax its grip on the University or whether Senate House had a vested interest in maintaining this centralised system of controls without change will be debated for years. There was another reason as well; the Act in the form in which it emerged could not possibly have been worked with any reasonable degree of smoothness. Its administrative machinery was inordinately complex

and the potential for conflict in the spheres of authority of its multitude of academic bodies was enormous. The outcome was that the *University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972*, was never implemented in full, and from 15 February, 1972 till its supersession on 1 January, 1979, its component campuses were governed under its transitional provisions.

The rationale behind the monolithic University structure had been that it would ensure administrative economies and also prevent needless duplication of courses of study and the resulting wastage and dispersal of resources. These objectives were never realised. On the contrary, the re-organization and rationalisation begun in 1972-73 resulted in a chaotic distribution of facilities as most campuses moved successfully to retain what they had. There was at the same time an enormous increase in personnel at Senate House without any corresponding reduction in administrative positions in the campuses. These increased as well. The results were predictable: bureaucratic lethargy, administrative chaos, over-centralization of decision making, and vastly increased expenditure on administration.

Only in one area was any real economy effected—the tight control over admissions to the campuses. In this and in this alone was there any continuity in policy between the NCHE and Senate House. Both have been far more restrictive than the pre-1966 regimes and consistent in increasing the number of students in the science-based courses at the expense, it would seem, of arts and social science candidates as the following figures would show:—

**University Admissions 1966—1979**

		Arts	Science	Total
			<i>Including Medicine and Engineering</i>	
1966/67	...	2858	790	3648
1967/68	...	2888	872	3760
1968/69	...	2762	809	3571
1969/70	...	2285	792	3077
1970	...	2503	955	3457
1972	...	2239	1099	3338
1973	...	2243	1177	3420
1974	...	2236	1296	3532
1975	...	2394	1395	3789
1976	...	2495	1447	3942
1977	...	2657	1493	4150
1978	...	3055	1941	4996
1979	...	3035	1917	4952

The one constructive achievement of the UF Government in the field of University education, the opening of a campus in the north of the island, serves to illustrate the constraints under which the new university structure worked. The finances for the establishment of the Jaffna Campus were obtained by the simple device of using for this new venture funds allocated to the Colombo Campus for its expansion programme.

With the implementation of the transitory provisions of the *University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972*, the government's influence intruded into every aspect of university administration with the possible exception of appointments to academic positions. Even with regard to this latter, the situation varied from campus to campus. The one area in which there was no systematic attempt to interfere was in the content of courses and allied to this, in teaching and research. Even so, morale in the University was so low and the atmosphere so restrictive that academic freedom barely survived. As for university autonomy, it was dismissed as an abstract, alien and irrelevant principle. The government's attitude to the question of autonomous academic bodies was expressed in the clearest possible terms in 1974 when the Law College, Sri Lanka's equivalent of one of England's Inns of Court, was brought under the control of the Ministry of Justice. The autonomy of this institution, it was asserted, was incompatible with the sovereignty of parliament.

On 30 September, 1975 amendments to the *University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972*, were published in the *Government Gazette*. Ostensibly they were designed to bring the period of transition to an end; the price the campuses were being asked to pay for this privilege was enormously high. Through these amendments the Minister was seeking power to appoint the Vice-Chancellor of the University, the Presidents of Campuses, and the Registrar and Additional Registrars, at his sole discretion, and to appoint the Deans of Faculties on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. More ominous were the provisions of clauses 4(5) (a) and (b) of the amending bill. These gave him the right to remove any or all of his appointees "when he considers it necessary to do so", and to prevent such removal from being "called in question in any court of law whether by way of writ or otherwise".

It was in November 1976 that these amendments came up for debate in the National State Assembly. University teachers and students in all campuses struck work in protest against these proposals. More effective was the strong opposition to the amending legislation in the National State Assembly. Confronted by overwhelming evidence of hostility to the policy of state control over Universities embodied in these amendments, the government withdrew them with a promise to introduce a fresh set after consultation with University opinion.

In retrospect, the most significant feature of the debate was the speech of Mr. Ronnie de Mel, M.P. (presently Minister of Finance and Planning), the chief spokesman of the opposition United National Party on the occasion. After describing the amending bill as a "Draconian piece of legislation... hatched in secrecy and incubated in darkness without any reference to, or without consultation with, the persons most concerned in University education" he proceeded to explain that this party was committed to the abandonment of the one-university system and the conversion of its component campuses into autonomous Universities; and to the appointment of an UGC vested with the powers and functions traditionally associated with such a body. For the party which ten years earlier had introduced the *Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*, this was a remarkable change of policy. These were incorporated in the manifesto on which the UNP fought the General Election of July 1977, and after its overwhelming victory on that occasion, they were embodied in the statement of government policy placed before the National State Assembly on 4 August, 1977. To demonstrate its commitment to these principles, the government appointed a Chairman-designate of the UGC in November 1977 and entrusted him with the responsibility of drafting a new University law which would convert the campuses of the University of Sri Lanka into autonomous Universities.

## Part Five

### **The Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, and the Restoration of University Autonomy**

*The Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978*, represents, in effect, a return to the traditions and practices of University government associated with the *University of Ceylon Ordinance, No. 20 of 1942*, and a deliberate departure from the principles embodied in the Acts of 1966 and 1972. The principal link between the Act of 1978 and the Ordinance of 1942 is a common commitment to autonomous status for Universities. In this the framers of the Act of 1978 had a more formidable task than their predecessors of the 1920's and 1930's, for the latter were working in an intellectual *milieu* which accommodated itself to the concept of autonomy much more readily than has been the case in recent years. In brief, it was easier to establish an autonomous university in 1942 than to restore that principle today after all that had happened in the two decades since 1956.

The first stage in the process of drafting the *Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978*, has been referred to earlier, viz. the appointment of a Chairman-designate of a UGC. This was followed by the appointment of four members-designate, three of whom were senior University teachers. They were entrusted with two closely linked tasks; the drafting of a new University law which would embody the principal features of the new government's policy on higher education, in particular its emphasis on the restoration of University autonomy, and to oversee the smooth transition from the existing system to the one envisaged under the new law they were in the process of drafting. For these purposes, the members-designate met on thirty separate occasions during 1978 alone; this was apart from meeting University staff for discussions in regard to the new Act. While the new University law was in the course of preparation, an important administrative innovation was decided upon by the government, the creation of a Ministry of Higher Education of which the Chairman—designate of the UGC was appointed Secretary. The establishment of this Ministry in March 1978 represented the first positive step taken in regard to the creation of a distinctive administrative structure for Higher Education. In the past there had either been no such administrative machinery or only the most rudimentary structure imaginable.

So far as the new University system was concerned, the guidelines given to the members-designate were: the establishment of a UGC with wider powers than those traditionally associated with such a body; the conversion of the 'Campuses'

of the monolithic University of Sri Lanka, established under the Act of 1972, into autonomous Universities; a democratisation of the processes of University government; and an Appeals Board for University staff.

The University Grants Commission, as envisaged in the new Act, will be a buffer between the Universities and the government, interpreting the one to the other; and a source of expert and disinterested advice to the government on University affairs. Under the present law, the UGC consists of a Chairman and four other members appointed by the President of the Republic for a five-year term. The Chairman-designate and the four members-designate were appointed as its first members. The members have been selected to represent five major areas of academic studies: Biological Sciences (including Agriculture); Humanities and Social Sciences; Physical Sciences; Education and Legal Studies; and Medicine. The main functions of the UGC under this Act will be: the traditional one of allocating funds to Universities; the co-ordination of teaching and research programmes in Universities; and ensuring that Universities accept the obligation of conforming to nationally formulated policies in such matters as University admission and the language of instruction in Universities. In the range of the powers conferred on it, the UGC has much in common with the NCHE established under the *Higher Education Act, No. 20 of 1966*.

Under the new Act, the Minister in charge of Higher Education has three sets of powers: (1) "to issue ...general written directions" to the Commission "in pursuance of national policy in matters such as finance, University places and medium of instruction;" (2) to direct the UGC to order all or any of the activities, or the administration of any University to be investigated and reported upon by the Commission; and (3) emergency powers of intervention in the event of a complete breakdown of law and order in any University. These powers are regarded as adequate for the purpose of discharging "effectively his responsibility for University education and the administration of this Law". They are more limited in scope than those enjoyed by the Minister under the previous Act, and for that matter, under the Act of 1966. This limitation is both natural and inevitable, given the government's avowed intention of restoring University autonomy.

The six campuses of the University of Sri Lanka established under the Act of 1972 were converted into autonomous Universities, as follows:

Colombo	:	University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Peradeniya	:	University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Vidyodaya	:	University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka
Vidyalandara	:	University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
Katubedde	:	University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
Jaffna	:	University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

At the same time, a new University institution was established under the Act: the Ruhuna University College, which will in course of time develop into the University of Ruhuna. A new campus of the Peradeniya University was established at Polgolla—the Dumbara Campus. It is envisaged that this too will be a separate University in time.

In regard to University government, the new Act reverted to the conventional two-tier system; each University has, in addition, a Court. The first Vice-Chancellors under this law were appointed by the President of the Republic for a three-year term. Their successors will be elected by the Court of each University, also for a three-year term of office. They will not be eligible for a second consecutive term though they may serve another term of office after a period of three years from the end of their previous term.

Apart from its function as an electoral college, the Court will also serve as a forum for public criticism and review of the University administration. The composition of the Court is set out in section 41(1) of the Act; non-university persons (including six Members of Parliament) will be a substantial element, if not a majority, in the Court. It will also contain two student representatives, and two from the support staff, and eight persons elected by professional and cultural bodies.

The Councils of the Universities all have a lay majority but for the first time since the supersession of Ordinance 20 of 1942 and 45 of 1958, University representatives on the Council (the Deans and three members elected by the Senate) have full voting rights. Deans of Faculties are elected from among the Heads of Departments by the permanent teachers who have been confirmed in their appointments. Heads of Departments are appointed by the Council for a three-year term of office on being recommended by the Vice-Chancellor.

Student representation in University government is confined under this Act to three areas (1) the Court (2) the Faculties and (3) welfare bodies. There is no representation for students in the Council and the Senate. Support staff have representation in the Court. The composition of the support staff varies from University to University and this makes their representation in other University bodies a matter of considerable difficulty.

*The University Services Appeals Board* (its powers are defined in Part XI of the Act, sections 80—88) is a novel device in University government. It is a quasi-judicial body independent of the UGC and the Universities, serving as a final board of appeal against decisions of the UGC and the University Councils in all disciplinary matters and in the redress of grievances with regard to appointments,



promotions and related problems. This Board has wide investigative powers in regard to these matters.

This new Universities law, it is hoped, will be the basis of a more positive and constructive relationship between the government and the Universities than we have seen in recent years. Much will depend on the establishment of conventions and traditions within Universities, and a recognition of common interests and responsibilities between them and the state, in ensuring the viability of what is potentially a new and more liberal order in University government in Sri Lanka.

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(Certified on 21st December, 1978)

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**An act to establish a University Grants Commission and a University Services Appeals Board; to provide for the establishment, maintenance and administration of Universities with their Campuses and Faculties, and other Higher Educational Institutions; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.**

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, and shall come into operation in respect of all or any of its provisions on such date or dates as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Short title  
and date of  
operation.

PART I

**Establishment of the University Grants Commission**

2. (1) There shall be established a University Grants Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”), which shall consist of the persons who are for the time being members of the Commission under this Act.

Establishment  
of a University  
Grants Commi-  
ssion.

(2) The Commission shall by the name assigned to it by subsection (1), be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with full power and authority—

(a) in such name to sue and be sued in all courts;

(b) to alter the seal at its pleasure;

(c) to acquire by way of purchase or otherwise, both movable and immovable property, and to hold, take or give on lease or hire, mortgage, pledge and sell or otherwise dispose of property, both movable and immovable.

Objects of the Commission.

3. The objects of the Commission shall be—

- (1) the planning and co-ordination of university education so as to conform to national policy;
- (2) the apportionment to Higher Educational Institutions, of the funds voted by Parliament in respect of university education, and the control of expenditure by each such Higher Educational Institution;
- (3) the maintenance of academic standards in Higher Educational Institutions;
- (4) the regulation of the administration of Higher Educational Institutions;
- (5) the regulation of the admission of students to each Higher Educational Institution; and
- (6) the exercise, performance and discharge of such powers, duties and functions as are conferred, or imposed on, or assigned to, the Commission by or under this Act.

Constitution of the Commission.

4. (1) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and four other members all of whom shall be appointed by the President.

(2) The Commission may, from time to time, appoint such Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Committees consisting of such number of members and with such powers, duties and functions as may be determined by the Commission, so, however that the Chairman of each such Committee shall be a member of the Commission.

Terms of office of members of the Commission.

5. (1) Every member of the Commission, including the Chairman, shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of five years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for reappointment :

Provided, however, that if any member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless such successor vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

(2) A member of the Commission may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the President, but shall continue in office until such time as his resignation has been accepted.

(3) If the Chairman, or other member of the Commission, is, by reason of illness or other infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka or other cause, temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the President may appoint another member to act for such Chairman, or a fit person to act in the place of such other member, as the case may be.

(4) The Chairman and other members of the Commission shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

6. (1) The Chairman of the Commission shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Commission, the members shall elect any member from among the members present, to preside at such meeting.

Proceedings of  
the Commission.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Commission shall be three members.

(3) The Commission shall meet as often as necessary, and in any case not less than once in each month, at such time and place as the Commission may determine, and shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), observe such rules of procedure in regard to the transaction of business as it may make under this Act.

7. (1) The Chairman of the Commission shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission.

Chairman of  
the Commission

(2) The Chairman of the Commission shall be in control of the day to day administration of the affairs of the Commission.

(3) The Commission may, by resolution, delegate to the Chairman any of the powers, duties and functions conferred, imposed on or assigned to it under this Act other than such powers, duties and functions under sections 15, 16 and 18.

(4) In the exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on or assigned to him, or delegated to him, under this Act, the Chairman shall be subject to the general or special directions of the Commission.

(5) The Chairman shall, notwithstanding that he is the chief executive officer of the Commission, be deemed not to be a member of the staff of the Commission.

Staff of the  
Commission.

8. (1) The Commission shall appoint the staff of the Commission which shall consist of:—

- (a) a Secretary; and
- (b) such other officers and employees as the Commission may deem necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of its business.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Act, the Commission may—

- (a) appoint, dismiss and exercise disciplinary control over the staff of the Commission;
- (b) fix the wages or salaries or other remuneration of such staff;
- (c) determine the terms and conditions of service of such staff; and
- (d) establish and regulate welfare schemes for the benefit of the staff of the Commission and may make, to such schemes, contributions in respect of such staff.

Appointment of  
Public Officers  
to the staff of  
the Commission.

9. (1) At the request of the Commission, any officer in the Public Service may, with the consent of that officer, the Secretary to the Ministry by or under which that officer is employed and the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Public Administration, be temporarily appointed to the staff of the Commission for such period as may be determined by the Commission with like consent, or be permanently appointed to such staff.

(2) Where any officer in the Public Service is temporarily appointed to the staff of the Commission, the provisions of subsections (3) and (5) of section 26 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, other than paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 26, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to him.

(3) Where any officer in the Public Service is permanently appointed to the staff of the Commission, the provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 26 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to him.



(4) Where the Commission employs any person who has entered into any contract with the Government by which he has agreed to serve the Government for a specified period, any period of service to the Commission by that person shall be regarded as service to the Government for the purpose of discharging the obligations of such contract.

(5) At the request of the Commission any officer or other employee of any Higher Educational Institution may, with the consent of that officer or employee and the principal executive officer of that Higher Educational Institution, be temporarily appointed to the staff of the Commission for such period as may be determined by the Commission with like consent, or be permanently appointed to such staff, on such terms and conditions, including those relating to pension or provident fund rights, as may be agreed upon by the Commission and such principal executive officer.

(6) Where any officer or other employee of any Higher Educational Institution is temporarily appointed to the staff of the Commission, he shall be subject to the same disciplinary control as any other member of such staff.

10. (1) The Commission shall have its own Fund.

Fund of the  
Commission.

(2) There shall be paid into such Fund—

(a) all such sums of money as may be provided by Parliament for the use of the Commission;

(b) all such sums of money as may be received by the Commission by way of donations, gifts or grants from any source whatsoever and fees charged for services rendered by the Commission; and

(c) all such sums of money as are required to be paid into such Fund by or under this Act.

(3) There shall be paid out of such Fund—

(a) all sums of money required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Commission in the conduct of its business or in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under this Act, or any other written law; and

(b) all such sums of money as are required to be paid out of such Fund by or under this Act.

Accounts of the Commission and financial year.

11. (1) The Commission shall cause its accounts to be kept in such form and manner as may be determined by the Treasury in consultation with the Auditor-General.

(2) The books of accounts of the Commission shall be kept at the office of the Commission.

(3) The financial year of the Commission shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

Audit of the accounts of the Commission.

12. (1) The Commission shall have its accounts audited each year by the Auditor-General. For the purpose of assisting him in the audit of such accounts, the Auditor-General may employ the services of any qualified auditor or auditors who shall act under his direction and control.

(2) For the purpose of meeting the expenditure incurred by him in auditing the accounts of the Commission, the Auditor-General shall be paid from the Fund of the Commission such remuneration as the Minister may, with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine. Any remuneration received from the Commission by the Auditor-General shall, after deducting any sums paid by him to any qualified auditor employed by him for the purpose of such audit, be credited to the Consolidated Fund.

(3) For the purpose of this section, the expression "qualified auditor" means—

(a) an individual who, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practise as an Accountant issued by the Council of such Institute; or

(b) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka or of any other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practise as an Accountant issued by the Council of such Institute.

(4) The Auditor-General shall examine the accounts of the Commission and furnish a report—

(a) stating whether he has or has not obtained all the information and explanations required by him;

- (b) stating whether the accounts referred to in the report are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the financial position of that Commission; and
- (c) drawing attention to any item in the accounts which in his opinion may be of interest to Parliament in any examination of the activities and accounts of that Commission.

(5) The Auditor-General shall transmit his report to the Commission.

(6) The Auditor-General's report referred to in subsection (5) shall be considered by the Commission and the Commission shall, within three months of the transmission of such report to the Commission, inform the Auditor-General of the steps taken or proposed to be taken with regard to the matters pointed out in such report.

(7) The Commission shall, each year, within three months of the receipt by it of the Auditor-General's report, transmit such report together with any comments made thereon by the Commission under subsection (6) and the statement of accounts to which the report relates, to the Minister who shall cause copies thereof to be tabled in Parliament before the end of the year next succeeding the year to which such accounts and report relate, and the Chairman of the Commission shall attend and answer any questions arising therefrom before the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.

(8) The provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution shall apply to and in relation to the audit of the accounts of the Commission by the Auditor-General.

13. (1) No suit or prosecution shall lie—

- (a) against the Commission for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by the Commission under this Act, or any appropriate Instrument; or
- (b) against any member of the Commission or of the staff thereof for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument, or on the direction of the Commission.

Protection for action taken under this Act etc. or on the direction of the Commission.

(2) Any expense incurred by the Commission in any suit or prosecution brought by or against the Commission before any court shall be paid out of the Fund of the Commission, and any costs paid to, or recovered by, the Commission in any such suit or prosecution shall be credited to that Fund.

(3) Any expense incurred by any such person as is referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) in any suit or prosecution brought against him before any court in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument, or on the direction of the Commission, shall, if the court holds that the act was done in good faith, be paid out of the Fund of the Commission, unless such expense is recovered by him in such suit or prosecution.

(4) No writ against person or property shall issue against a member of the Commission in any action brought against the Commission.

## PART II

### **Powers, Duties and Functions of the University Grants Commission**

Succeeding provisions of this Part not to prejudice the operation of certain other provisions.

Powers of the Commission.

14. The succeeding provisions of this Part shall be without prejudice to the operation of the provisions of any other Part of this Act which confers or imposes on or assigns to the Commission any power, duty or function.

15. The Commission shall have and exercise all or any of the following powers—

- (i) to inquire into or investigate, from time to time, the financial needs of each Higher Educational Institution;
- (ii) to prepare, from time to time, in consultation with the governing authority of each Higher Educational Institution, triennial budgets for its maintenance and development, or for any other general or special purpose;
- (iii) to make recommendations, from time to time, to the Minister as to the nature and amount of grants, out of public funds, which it is desirable or necessary to make to each Higher Educational Institution;

- (iv) to determine, from time to time, within the overall wage and salary policies of the Government, the quantum of remuneration that should be paid to different grades of the staff of the Higher Educational Institutions and the nature and extent of the other benefits that the staff should receive;
- (v) to determine, in consultation with the governing authority of each Higher Educational Institution, the courses which shall be provided therein, and the degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded;
- (vi) to determine, from time to time, in consultation with the governing authority of each Higher Educational Institution, the total number of students which shall be admitted annually to each Higher Educational Institution and the apportionment of that number to the different courses of study therein;
- (vii) to select students for admission to each Higher Educational Institution, in consultation with an Admissions Committee whose composition, powers, duties and functions shall be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (viii) to determine in consultation with the governing authority of each University, the external examinations which it shall conduct for enabling those who are not students of the University or of any recognized institution, to obtain degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions of the University;
- (ix) to formulate schemes of recruitment and procedures for appointment of the staff of the Higher Educational Institutions;
- (x) to investigate or to cause investigation into such matters pertaining to the discipline of the students of any Higher Educational Institution, as may be brought to the notice of the Commission by the principal executive officer of that Higher Educational Institution, and to take remedial measures; and
- (xi) to do all such other acts or things as may be necessary for effectively exercising any of the powers specified by this Act and for the attainment of the objects set out in section 3.

Annual Report of the Commission.

16. The Commission shall, before the expiry of a period of six months after the closure of each financial year of the Commission, transmit a report giving a full account of its activities during that year to the Minister who shall cause copies thereof to be tabled in Parliament. The Commission shall cause copies of that report to be made available for sale to the public at such price as may be determined by the Commission.

Power of the Commission to call for information and returns.

17. The Commission may by notice require the governing authority of any Higher Educational Institution to furnish to the Commission within such period as shall be specified in the notice, all such returns or information relating to all such matters as may be necessary to enable the Commission to effectively exercise, perform and discharge any of its powers, duties and functions under this Act, and it shall be the duty of that governing authority to comply with the requirements of such notice.

Power of the Commission to make Ordinances.

18. (1) The Commission may make Ordinances in respect of all such matters as it may deem necessary to enable it to effectively exercise, perform and discharge its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by subsection (1), the Commission may make Ordinances in respect of all or any of the following matters:—

- (a) all matters to be prescribed by Ordinance, in respect of which Ordinances are authorized or required to be made by the Commission by any other provision of this Act;
- (b) the terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Commission and of the Higher Educational Institutions;
- (c) the schemes of recruitment, and the procedures for appointment, to the staff of the Commission and of the Higher Educational Institutions;
- (d) the establishment and maintenance of standards of instruction in Higher Educational Institutions for the grant of degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions;
- (e) the co-ordination of facilities in and around Higher Educational Institutions;
- (f) the nature and scope of extension services which may be provided and organized by Higher Educational Institutions;

- (g) the recognition of foreign degrees and diplomas and other academic distinctions; and
- (h) any other matter connected with, or incidental to, any of the matters aforesaid.

(3) Every Ordinance made by the Commission under this Act shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into operation on the date specified therein.

### PART III

#### Powers of the Minister

19. The Minister shall be responsible for the general direction of university education and the administration of this Act.

Responsibility of Minister.

20. (1) (a) The Minister may from time to time issue to the Commission such general written directions as he may deem necessary in pursuance of national policy in matters such as finance, university places and medium of instruction, to enable him to discharge effectively, his responsibility for university education and the administration of this Act. Every such direction shall as soon as possible be tabled in Parliament.

Power of the Minister to issue directions to the Commission.

(b) The Commission shall comply with such directions and the governing authority of every Higher Educational Institution shall afford such facilities, and furnish such information, to the Commission or any member or officer thereof as may be necessary to enable the Commission to comply with such directions.

(2) (a) For the purpose of enabling him to discharge effectively his responsibility for university education and the administration of this Act, the Minister may from time to time, order all or any of the activities, or the administration, of any Higher Educational Institution to be investigated and reported upon by the Commission.

(b) The Commission shall comply with such order and the governing authority of any Higher Educational Institution to which that order relates shall afford such facilities and furnish such information, to the Commission or any member or officer thereof as may be necessary to enable the Commission to comply with any such order.

(3) Where the Minister is satisfied that the situation prevailing in a Higher Educational Institution is likely to endanger national security or is detrimental or prejudicial to national policy, he may direct the Commission to take all such steps as he may deem necessary to bring such situation under control.

(4) Where the Minister is satisfied that, due to any strike or lockout or any other cause, the work or administration of any Higher Educational Institution has been seriously dislocated and that the Authorities of such Higher Educational Institution have failed to restore normal conditions, the Minister may take all such measures as may be necessary to ensure the restoration of normal conditions in such Higher Educational Institution. Pending the restoration of normal conditions, the Minister may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, make all such provisions as he may deem necessary in respect of all or any of the following matters relating to such Higher Educational Institution :—

- (a) the closure of such Higher Educational Institution;
- (b) the appointment of any person by name or by office, to be a competent authority for the purpose of exercising, performing or discharging, in lieu of any Officer, Authority or other body of such Higher Educational Institution, any power, duty or function under this Act or any appropriate Instrument, and
- (c) any other matter connected with or relating to any of the matters aforesaid.

(5) Any Order made by the Minister under subsection (4) shall come into force on such date as may be specified therein. Any such Order shall, as soon as possible thereafter, be tabled in Parliament and shall, unless earlier rescinded, remain in force for a period not exceeding three months thereafter.

## PART IV

### Universities, Campuses and University Colleges

Establishment  
of a University.

21. The Minister may, in consultation with the Commission, by an Order (hereinafter referred to as a "University Order")—

- (a) establish a University, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in all such branches of learning as shall be specified in such Order;
- (b) assign a name and style to such University;
- (c) specify the location or site which shall be the seat of such University;



- (d) assign a Faculty or Faculties to such University; and
- (e) specify the Departments of Study comprising such Faculty or Faculties.

22. The Minister may, in consultation with the Commission, by an Order (hereinafter referred to as a "Campus Order")—

Establishment of a Campus.

- (a) establish a Campus of a University;
- (b) assign a name and style to such Campus;
- (c) specify the location or site of such Campus, being a location or site which shall not be the seat of the University to which the Campus will be attached;
- (d) assign a Faculty or Faculties to such Campus; and
- (e) specify the Departments of Study comprising such Faculty or Faculties.

23. (1) The Minister may, in consultation with the Commission, by an Order (hereinafter referred to as an "Open University Order")—

Establishment of an Open University.

- (a) establish an Open University, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal for the purpose of providing higher educational facilities to those who are not students of any of the institutions referred to in sections 21, 22, 24 and 25;
- (b) assign a name and style to such Open University; and
- (c) specify the location or site which shall be the seat of such Open University.

(2) The structure, powers, duties and functions of an Open University shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

24. The Minister may, in consultation with the Commission, by an Order (hereinafter referred to as a "University College Order")—

Establishment of a University College.

- (a) establish a University College, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in all such branches of learning as shall be specified in such Order;
- (b) assign a name and style to such College;

- (c) specify the location or site which shall be the seat of such College;
- (d) assign a Faculty or Faculties to such College;
- (e) specify the Departments of Study comprising such Faculty or Faculties; and
- (f) specify the University or Universities to which such College shall be affiliated.

Recognition of existing institutions for providing approved courses of study.

25. The Commission may, with the concurrence of the Minister and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Ordinance, recognize institutions for the purpose of providing courses of study approved for the examinations of a Higher Educational Institution.

Every Order under sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 to be tabled in Parliament.

26. Every University Order, Campus Order, Open University Order and University College Order shall be published in the *Gazette*. Each such Order shall come into force on the date specified therein and shall, as soon as possible thereafter, be tabled in Parliament.

Altering of Order under sections 21, 22, 23 or 24.

27. (1) A University Order, Campus Order, Open University Order or University College Order may, on the recommendation of the Commission, be amended, varied or revoked by the Minister.

(2) Every Order made under subsection (1) shall be published in the *Gazette*. Each such Order shall come into force on the date specified therein and shall, as soon as possible thereafter, be tabled in Parliament.

## PART V

### Powers, Duties and Functions of a University

University Order and general powers of a University.

28. (1) Upon the coming into force of a University Order made under section 21, a University shall be deemed to have been established with the name and style assigned to it by that Order, and with full power and authority—

- (a) in such name, to sue and to be sued in all courts;
- (b) to alter the seal at its pleasure;
- (c) to acquire by way of purchase or otherwise property, both movable and immovable, and to take, accept and hold any such property which may become vested in it by virtue of any such purchase, or by any grant or donation, lease, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

- (d) to sell, hypothecate, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any such property :

Provided, however, that any sale, hypothecation, lease, exchange or other disposition of any such property shall be invalid if the same is made in contravention of any restriction, condition or prohibition imposed by law or by any appropriate Instrument or Order, by which any such property was vested in the University; and

- (e) to exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the University by this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The powers conferred on a University by the preceding provisions of this section shall, unless otherwise expressly provided by this Act or any appropriate Instrument, be exercised by its Council.

29. Subject to the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, a University shall have power—

Powers of a University.

- (a) to admit students and to provide for instruction in any approved branch of learning;
- (b) to hold examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in different branches of learning;
- (c) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with other Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the University;
- (d) to provide postgraduate courses, and for this purpose, to co-operate with other universities or authorities in Sri Lanka or abroad, in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine;
- (e) to grant and confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have pursued approved courses of study in the University or in any recognized institution and who have passed the examinations of the University prescribed by By-law;

- (f) to conduct with the concurrence of the Commission, external examinations for enabling those who are not students of the University or of any recognized institution to obtain degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions of the University;
- (g) to grant and to confer with the concurrence of the Commission, degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions, to and on persons who, not being students of the University or of any recognized institution, shall have passed the external examinations of the University;
- (h) to admit graduates or students of other Universities to equal or similar degrees and courses of study in the University on such conditions as may be prescribed by By-law and to register them as graduates or students of the University;
- (i) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions on persons recommended by the Senate of the University and approved by the Council of such University;
- (j) to recognize the examinations passed and periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of, the University at other universities or places of learning of university status as are equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the University, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;
- (k) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the University, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional or residential purposes;
- (l) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships Senior Lectureships or Lectureships, and other posts, as may be required for the purposes of the University,
- (m) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (n) to regulate and provide for the residence, discipline and well-being of students and teachers, officers and other employees of the University;

- (o) to establish and manage halls of residence, to licence lodging-houses providing residential facilities to students and to provide such other services and facilities as may be necessary for the residence of students of the University;
- (p) to assist students of the University to obtain loans from banks and other agencies in accordance with By-laws providing for the same;
- (q) to provide for extension services to the general public, including employees and school-leavers, in trades and industry and in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (r) to make arrangements for conducting courses or parts of courses in educational institutions outside the University, in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (s) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Regulation providing for the same; and
- (t) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University.

30. Subject to the provisions of sections 29 (c) and 31, a University shall be open to all persons of either sex and whatever race, creed or class, who are citizens of Sri Lanka, and other persons who are lawfully in Sri Lanka, and no test of religious belief or profession shall be adopted or imposed in order to entitle any such person to be admitted as a teacher or student of the University, or to hold any appointment therein or to graduate thereat or to hold, enjoy or exercise any advantage or privilege thereof.

Distinctions of race, creed, class or religion prohibited.

31. Nothing in the provisions of section 30 shall be deemed or construed to prevent religious instruction being given in a University in any manner which may be prescribed by By-law, to those willing to receive it, by persons approved for that purpose by its Council.

Certain restrictions on the application of section 30.

## PART VI

### The Chancellor and the Officers of Universities

32. The President shall nominate the Chancellor of each University. The Chancellor shall be the Head of the University, hold office for a period of five years reckoned from the date of his

The Chancellor.

nomination, and shall, when present, preside at any meeting of the Court and at any Convocation of the University.

Officers of the University.

33. The Officers of a University shall be the following :—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, if any;
- (iii) the Rector of each Campus, if any;
- (iv) the Dean of each Faculty;
- (v) the Registrar;
- (vi) the Librarian;
- (vii) the Bursar; and
- (viii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this section.

The Vice-Chancellor.

34. (1) (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (7) of this section, the Vice-Chancellor of a University shall be appointed by the Chancellor for a term of three years on being elected by the Court of that University. He shall not be eligible for reappointment as Vice-Chancellor of the same University unless re-elected after the expiry of a period of three years since the completion of his last term of office. The procedure for the election of a Vice-Chancellor shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

(b) The Vice-Chancellor of a University shall be removed from office by the Chancellor on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Court, at a special meeting convened for the purpose.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a full-time officer of the University, and shall be the principal executive officer and principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex officio* member of the Court, and an *ex officio* member and Chairman of both the Council and the Senate. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside at meetings of the Court. The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any other Authority of the University or other body, but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or other body.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Council, to ensure that the provisions of this Act and of any appropriate Instrument are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Council and of the Senate.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Accounting Officer of the University.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within a University.

(7) The Vice-Chancellor shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under subsection (1) (b) of this section, hold office for a term of three years, or until he has completed his sixty fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(8) If the Vice-Chancellor, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(9) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chancellor, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under the preceding provisions of this section; and until such arrangements are made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

35. The Council of a University may, at its discretion and with the prior approval of the Commission, appoint a Deputy Vice-Chancellor. The procedure for the appointment of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and his powers, duties and functions shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

The Deputy  
Vice-  
Chancellor.

36. (1) The Rector of a Campus shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University to which such Campus is attached. He shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three years immediately succeeding the aforesaid period.

The Rector  
of a Campus.

(2) If the Rector, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-Chancellor shall, within seven

days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as he may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(3) The Rector shall be a full-time officer of the Campus and shall be the academic and administrative Head of the Campus.

(4) The Rector shall be the Chairman of the Campus Board.

(5) The Rector shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor, be responsible for the maintenance of discipline in the Campus.

**The Registrar.**

37. (1) The Registrar of a University shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of that University and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The Registrar shall be responsible for the custody of the records and the property of the University.

(3) The Registrar shall be the *ex officio* secretary of the Court, the Council and the Senate.

(4) The Registrar shall be the Assistant Accounting Officer of the University.

(5) The Registrar shall, subject to the direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor, be responsible for the general administration of the University and the disciplinary control of its non-academic staff.

**The Bursar.**

38. (1) The Bursar of a University shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of that University and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The Bursar shall, subject to the direction and control of the Registrar, be responsible for the administration of the finances of the University and maintain its accounts in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall have the custody of the funds of the University.



39. (1) The Librarian of a University shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of that University and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

**The Librarian.**

(2) The Librarian shall, subject to the direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor, be responsible for the administration of the library or libraries of the University.

## PART VII

### The Authorities of a University

40. The Authorities of a University shall be the following :—

**The Authorities  
of a University.**

- (i) the Court;
- (ii) the Council;
- (iii) the Senate;
- (iv) the Campus Board or Boards, if any;
- (v) the Faculty or Faculties; and
- (vi) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

41. (1) The Court of a University (hereinafter referred to as "the Court"), shall consist of the following persons :—

**The Court.**

(a) *Ex officio members* :—

- (i) the Chancellor;
- (ii) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, if any;
- (iv) the members of the Council;
- (v) the Rector of each Campus, if any; and
- (vi) the Dean of each Faculty.

(b) *Elected members* :—

- (i) one member from each Faculty elected from among members of the Faculty who are also members of the Senate;

- (ii) two members of the University teaching staff elected by all the permanent teachers of the University who are not members of the Senate;
- (iii) two members, one of whom shall be elected by the administrative staff, and the other, by the non-academic staff, of the University;
- (iv) two students elected by the Students' Assembly of the University from among its own members;
- (v) six Members of Parliament elected from among its Members; and
- (vi) one member elected from among their members by each of eight professional and cultural institutions determined by the Commission from time to time.

(2) Each elected member shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years reckoned from the date of his election, but so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Court.

**Meetings of  
the Court.**

42. (1) There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Court to be held on a date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall, whenever he thinks necessary, or within two weeks upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Court, convene a Special Meeting of the Court.

(3) The quorum for any meeting of the Court shall be one-third of its total membership.

(4) The members elected under section 41 (1) (b) (iv) shall be excluded from proceedings of any meeting of the Court relating to examinations and connected matters, and any such meeting shall, notwithstanding such exclusion, be deemed to have been duly held.

**Powers, duties  
and functions  
of the Court.**

43. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :—

- (a) to make Statutes and by Statute to amend, add to, vary or repeal any Statute so made;
- (b) to elect the Vice-Chancellor and, if it thinks necessary, to recommend his removal to the Chancellor;
- (c) to consider and, if necessary, to amend or rescind By-laws made by the Council, without prejudice to anything previously done under such By-laws;
- (d) to consider and, if necessary, to amend or adopt the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts of the University;

Provided that no such amendment shall be made unless the opinion of the Council thereon has first been obtained; and

- (e) to do any other act or to perform any other duty authorized or imposed upon the Court by this Act or by Order, Ordinance or Statute made under this Act.

44. (1) The Council of a University (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), shall be the executive body and governing authority of the University and shall consist of the following persons :—

The Council

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Rector of each Campus, if any;
- (iii) the Dean of each Faculty;
- (iv) three members elected by the Senate from among its own members; and
- (v) such number of members as is equal to the total number of members under paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, increased by three. All such members shall be appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, commercial, industrial, scientific or administrative spheres.

(2) The Chairman of the Council shall be the Vice-Chancellor who shall preside at all meetings of the Council. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (4), any appointed member of the Council shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

Provided, however, that if any appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

(4) An appointed member of the Council may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(5) An appointed member of the Council who, for whatever reason, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Council, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Council and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(6) A member of the Council shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member appointed under subsection (1) (v) may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(7) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be one-third of its total membership.

(8) The Council shall meet whenever necessary so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

(9) The Chairman of the Council shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third the total membership of the Council, convene a Special Meeting of the Council.

**Powers, duties  
and functions  
of the Council.**

45. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council shall exercise the powers and perform and discharge the duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by subsection (1), the Council shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :—

- (i) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the University;

- (ii) to select a coat of arms for the University, and to determine the form, to provide for the custody and to direct the use, of the common seal of the University;
- (iii) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act and of any appropriate Instrument;
- (iv) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the University for specific purposes;
- (v) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and grants of property to the University;
- (vi) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the University, and to submit such report and such accounts to the Court and to the Commission;
- (vii) to prepare the financial estimates of the University and to submit such estimates to the Commission;
- (viii) to draft Statutes as and when it seems fit for any matter required by this Act and to submit the same to the Court;
- (ix) to make By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorized to be made;
- (x) to make such Regulations as are not provided to be made by any other Authority of the University;
- (xi) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the University;
- (xii) to appoint persons to, and to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of, the University;

Provided that, except in the case of Officers and teachers, these powers may be delegated to the Vice-Chancellor;

- (xiii) to appoint examiners, whether from the staff of the University or from elsewhere, after consi-

deration of the recommendations of the Senate, and to determine any fees which may be paid to such examiners;

- (xiv) to appoint a Board of Welfare, which shall also include representatives of the students, for the promotion of the general well-being of the students of the University. The composition, powers, duties and functions of such Board shall be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (xv) to enter into, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the University, and to invest any moneys belonging to the University including any unapplied income, in any security in which, under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or of any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys; or, with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place on fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure;
- (xvi) to determine, after consultation with the Senate, the academic dress or insignia, or both, of the Chancellor, the Officers, the graduates and the students of the University;
- (xvii) to advise the Commission on—
  - (a) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Lecturerships and any other academic post, in consultation with the Senate;
  - (b) the institution, abolition or suspension of any non-academic post; and
  - (c) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees of the University; and
- (xviii) to exercise all other powers of the University the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Act or any appropriate Instrument:

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Council in relation to any academic matter unless the Senate has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting to the Council its opinion thereon.

In this section, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the Senate.

46. (1) A University shall have a Senate which shall be the academic authority of the University. **The Senate.**

(2) The Senate of a University shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, if any;
- (c) the Rector of each Campus, if any;
- (d) the Dean of each Faculty;
- (e) the Head of each Department of Study;
- (f) the Librarian; and
- (g) two teachers, other than those referred to in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e), elected by the permanent teachers of each Faculty from among their number.

(3) Each elected member shall hold office for a period of two years reckoned from the date of his election.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall be one-fourth of its total membership.

(5) The Senate shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the University.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (5), the Senate shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :—

- (i) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Faculty or the Faculties concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Council for approval;

- (ii) to recommend to the Council, after consideration of reports from the Faculty or Faculties concerned, the names of persons suitable for appointment as examiners;
- (iii) to recommend to the Council the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships, and other academic posts in the University;
- (iv) to recommend to the Council after consideration of reports from the Faculty or the Faculties concerned—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Faculties and Departments of Study and the organization of new Faculties and Departments of Study; and
  - (b) the assignment of subjects of study to the respective Faculties;
- (v) to recommend to the Council the mode and conditions, of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (vi) to award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes on such conditions as may be approved by the Council;
- (vii) to appoint such number of Standing Committees, or *ad hoc* Committees or Boards of the Senate as it may deem fit, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this sub-section—
  - (a) a Library Committee;
  - (b) an Admissions Committee;
  - (c) a Research Committee;
  - (d) a Curriculum and Evaluation Committee; and
  - (e) a Probationary Study Leave Committee and to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports; and



- (viii) to recommend to the Council requirements for the admission of students to courses of study.

47. (1) A Campus shall have a Board, (hereinafter referred to as the "Campus Board"), whose composition shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

The Campus Board.

- (2) The Campus Board shall be responsible—
  - (i) for the internal administration of the Campus;
  - (ii) for making arrangements for the general well-being of, and the provision of amenities for, persons attached to the Campus; and
  - (iii) for the performance of any other duties as may be prescribed by Statute.

(3) The Campus Board may, with the approval of the Council, make Rules in respect of all matters relating or incidental to or connected with, the internal administration of the Campus.

48. (1) Each Faculty of a University shall consist of the following persons:—

Faculties of the University.

- (a) all Professors, Associate Professors, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers of the Departments of Study comprising the Faculty who have been confirmed in their appointments;
- (b) the Librarian or his nominee;
- (c) two members elected by the permanent Assistant Lecturers of the Faculty from among their number;
- (d) two members of the permanent staff imparting instruction in the Faculty, excluding those referred to in (a) and (c), elected from among their number;
- (e) two students elected by the students of the Faculty from among their number; and
- (f) three persons, not being members of the University, elected by the Faculty from among persons of eminence in the areas of study relevant to the Faculty.

(2) A member elected under paragraph (e) of subsection (1) shall hold office as a member for a period of one year, and any other elected member for a period of three years, reckoned from his date of election, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a Faculty shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions—

- (i) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Senate;
- (ii) subject to the control of the Senate, to regulate matters connected with teaching, examinations and research in the Departments of Study in the Faculty;
- (iii) to present recommendations and reports to the Senate on all matters connected with the courses of study and examinations in the Faculty;
- (iv) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Faculty, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects; and
- (v) to recommend to the Senate persons suitable for appointment as examiners.

(4) The members elected under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) shall be excluded from the proceedings of any meeting of the Faculty relating to examinations and connected matters, and any such meeting shall, notwithstanding such exclusion, be deemed to have been duly held.

The Dean of  
the Faculty.

49. (1) There shall be a Dean of each Faculty who shall be a full-time officer of the University and the academic and administrative Head of that Faculty. The Dean shall be elected by the Faculty from among the Heads of the Departments of Study comprising such Faculty, and shall, when so elected, cease to be the Head of the Department of Study concerned.

(2) The Dean shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instrument, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his election and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election.

(3) Where owing to leave of absence, illness or other cause, the Dean of a Faculty is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint another Head of a Department of that Faculty to act in the post of Dean, for such period. Where however a Dean of a Faculty retires or resigns, or is for any other

reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Dean of that Faculty shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Dean shall be elected in accordance with sub-section (1). The person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

50. A University may, from time to time, make recommendations to the Commission as to the establishment of such Faculties and Departments of Study as it may deem necessary for developing its teaching, research and extension programmes.

University to make recommendations regarding Faculties.

51. (1) The Head of a Department of Study shall be a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

The Head of a Department of Study.

(2) The Head of a Department shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instrument, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for reappointment.

(3) Where owing to leave of absence, illness, or other cause, the Head of a Department is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint another Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer of that Department to act in the post of Head of Department for such period. Where however a Head of a Department retires or resigns, or is for other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Head of Department shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Head of Department shall be appointed in accordance with sub-section (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

52. The constitution, powers, duties and functions and the terms of membership, other than of *ex officio* membership, of such other bodies as shall be declared by the Commission to be Authorities of a University, shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

Constitution powers, duties and functions of bodies declared by the Commission to be Authorities to be prescribed.

## PART VIII

### Convocation of a University

53. (1) A University shall hold once in every year on such date or dates as may be approved by the Chancellor, a Convocation for the purpose of conferring degrees;

Holding of a Convocation of a University.

Provided that, a University may hold a Special Convocation at such other time as the Chancellor may determine :

Provided further that, first degrees may be conferred without the holding of a Convocation.

(2) The procedure of a Convocation shall be prescribed by By-law.

(3) The President shall, when present, preside at a Convocation. In his absence, the Chancellor shall preside at such Convocation, and in the absence of both the President and the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall so preside.

## PART IX

### **Officers and Authorities of a University College, and their Powers, Duties and Functions**

University  
College Order  
and general  
powers of a  
University  
College.

54. (1) Upon the coming into force of a University College Order under section 24, the University College established with the name and style assigned to it by that Order, and the Director and the members for the time being of the Board of Management and the Academic Syndicate shall have full power and authority by and in such name to do all the things a University is empowered or authorized to do under section 23 (1) of this Act.

(2) The powers conferred on a University College by the preceding provisions of this section shall, unless otherwise expressly provided, be exercised by its Board of Management.

Powers of a  
University  
College.

55. Subject to the relevant University College Order, and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, a University College shall have power—

- (a) to admit students;
- (b) to provide for instruction in such branch or branches of learning as may with the concurrence of the Commission, be approved by the University or by any one of the Universities to which such College has been affiliated;
- (c) to conduct with the approval of each appropriate University, examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in such branch or branches of learning as have been with the concurrence of the Commission approved by such University, and to recommend to such University person who, having passed such examinations and

having satisfied such other conditions as such University may prescribe by By-laws, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of such University;

- (d) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the University College;
- (e) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the University College, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional or residential purposes;
- (f) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lecturerships or Lecturerships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the University College;
- (g) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (h) to manage halls of residence, to license lodging-houses providing residential facilities to students and to provide such other services and facilities as may be necessary for the resident of students of the University College;
- (i) to regulate and provide for the residence, discipline and well-being of officers, teachers, students and employees of the University College;
- (j) to assist students of the University College to obtain loans from banks and other agencies and to frame appropriate By-laws for the purpose;
- (k) to demand and receive such fees as may from time to time be prescribed by Regulation; and
- (l) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University College :

Provided, however, that no such other act or thing affecting the provision of instruction or the conduct of examinations shall be done except with the prior approval of the University to which that University College is affiliated.

Officers of a University College.

56. The Officers of a University College shall be the following:—

- (1) the Director,
- (2) the Dean of each Faculty,
- (3) the Secretary,
- (4) the Librarian, and
- (5) the Treasurer.

The Director.

57. (1) The first Director of a University College shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Every subsequent Director shall be appointed by the Commission from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the University College. Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release the member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) A Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under subsection (4) of this section, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year or until the University College is granted the status of a University by a University Order made under section 21, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) A Director, not being the first Director appointed under subsection (1), shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose.

(5) A Director who resigns or is removed from office or is unable to function as such by reason of the University College being granted the status of a University, may if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

58. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the University College, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex officio* member and Chairman of the Board of Management and the Academic Syndicate, and shall convene all meetings of the Board of Management and of the Academic Syndicate. He shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any other Authority or body of the University College, but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of this Act and of any appropriate Instrument are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Board of Management and of the Academic Syndicate.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the University College.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the University College.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Secretary shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under section 57 (2). Until such arrangements are made, the Secretary shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

The Secretary.

59. (1) The Secretary of a University College shall be appointed by the Board of Management upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of the University College, and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The Secretary shall be responsible for the custody of the records and the property of the University College.

(3) The Secretary shall be the *ex officio* secretary of the Board of Management and the Academic Syndicate.

(4) The Secretary shall be the Assistant Accounting Officer of the University College.

(5) The Secretary shall, subject to the direction and control of the Director, be responsible for the general administration of the University College and the disciplinary control of its non-academic staff.

The Librarian.

60. (1) The Librarian of a University College shall be appointed by the Board of Management upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of the University College, and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The Librarian shall, subject to the direction and control of the Director, be responsible for the administration of the library or the libraries of the University College.

The Treasurer.

61. (1) The Treasurer of a University College shall be appointed by the Board of Management upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall be a full-time officer of the University College, and shall exercise, perform and discharge such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on or assigned to him by this Act or by any appropriate Instrument.

(2) The Treasurer shall, subject to the direction and control of the Secretary, be responsible for the administration of the finances of the University College and maintain its accounts in



such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance. He shall have the custody of the funds of the University College.

62. The Authorities of a University College shall be the following:—

The Authorities of a University College.

- (1) the Board of Management;
- (2) the Academic Syndicate;
- (3) the Faculty or Faculties; and
- (4) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

63. (1) The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") shall consist of the following persons:—

The Board of Management.

- (i) the Director;
- (ii) the Dean of each Faculty; and
- (iii) such number of members as is equal to the total number of members under paragraphs (i) and (ii) increased by three, appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, commercial, industrial, scientific or administrative spheres.

(2) The provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) of section 44 of this Act shall apply to the Board, subject to the modification that there shall be substituted—

- (a) for the expression "Vice-Chancellor", the expression "Director";
- (b) for the expression "Council", the expression "Board of Management",

wherever those expressions appear in those subsections.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on or assigned to the Council of a University by section 45 of this Act, subject to the following modifications:—

- (a) there shall be substituted—
  - (i) for the expression "Council", the expression "Board";

- (ii) for the expression "University", the expression "University College"; and
- (iii) for the expression "Senate", the expression "Academic Syndicate"

wherever these expressions appear in that section; and

(b) by the omission of:—

- (i) any reference to the Court, in that section; and
- (ii) paragraphs (viii) and (xvi) of subsection (2) of that section.

The Academic Syndicate.

64. (1) The Academic Syndicate shall consist of the following persons:—

- (a) the Director,
- (b) the Dean of each Faculty,
- (c) the Head of each Department of Study,
- (d) the Librarian,
- (e) two representatives nominated from among its members, by the Senate of each University to which the University College has been affiliated, and
- (f) two members, not being persons referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c), elected by the permanent teachers of each Faculty from among their number.

(2) Each nominated or elected member shall hold office as a member for a period of two years reckoned from the date of his nomination or election, as the case may be.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Academic Syndicate shall be one-fourth its total membership.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Academic Syndicate shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions, conferred or imposed on or assigned to the Senate of a University by section 46 of this Act, subject to the following modifications:—

There shall be substituted—

(i) for subsection (5) of that section, the following subsection:—

“(5) The Academic Syndicate shall, with the concurrence of each appropriate University have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the University College”;

(ii) in subsection (6), in paragraph (i) thereof, for the expression “or the Faculties concerned”, the expression “or the Faculties concerned and with the concurrence of each appropriate University”;

(iii) for the expression “Council”, the expression “Board”;

(iv) for the expression “University”, the expression “University College”; and

(v) for the expression “Senate”, the expression “Academic Syndicate”.

65. (1) A University College shall have such Faculty or such number of Faculties as may be specified in the relevant University College Order.

Faculties of a University College.

(2) Each Faculty shall consist of the following persons:—

(a) all Professors, Associate Professors, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers of the Departments of Study comprising the Faculty who have been confirmed in their appointments;

(b) the Librarian or his nominee;

- (c) three representatives, nominated from among its *ex officio* members, by the corresponding Faculty of each University to which the University College has been affiliated;
- (d) one member, elected from among their number by the permanent Assistant Lecturers of the Faculty;
- (e) one member of the permanent staff imparting instruction in the Faculty, excluding those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (d), elected from among their number; and
- (f) two students elected by the students of the Faculty, from among their own number.

(3) The members elected under paragraph (f) of subsection (2) shall be excluded from the proceedings of any meeting relating to examinations and connected matters, and any such meeting shall, notwithstanding such exclusion, be deemed to have been duly held.

(4) Each nominated member shall hold office for a period of two years and each elected member for a period of one year reckoned from the date of his nomination or election, as the case may be.

(5) A Faculty of a University College shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on or assigned to the Faculty of a University by section 48 (3) of this Act, subject to the modification that there shall be substituted for the expression "Senate", the expression "Academic Syndicate", wherever that expression appears in that section.

Section 49 to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to Dean of Faculty.

**66.** The provisions of section 49 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the Dean of each Faculty of a University College.

Recommendation of establishment of Faculties and Departments of Study.

**67.** A University College may from time to time make recommendations to the Commission as to the establishment of such Faculties and Departments of Study as it may deem necessary for developing its teaching, research and extension programmes.

68. The provisions of section 51 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the Head of each Department of Study of a University College.

Section 51 to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Head of each Department of Study.

69. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of sections 135, 136 and 137 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the Board, the Academic Syndicate and any other Authority or other body of a University College respectively :

Sections 135, 136 and 137 to apply *mutatis mutandis*, to Academic Syndicate &c.

Provided, however, that no By-law or Regulation pertaining to an academic matter shall be made except with the concurrence of the appropriate University.

70. For the purposes of this Part—

Interpretation.

“academic matter means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the Academic Syndicate; and

“appropriate University” means the University to which a University College has been affiliated for the purpose of providing instruction or conducting examinations prescribed for a degree, diploma or other academic distinction of such University.

## PART X

### Appointments to the Staff

71. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), every appointment to the staff of a Higher Educational Institution shall be made by the governing authority of such Institution, in accordance with the schemes of recruitment and the procedures for appointment prescribed by Ordinance.

Appointments to staff to be made by the governing authority.

(2) The Commission shall, in accordance with the schemes of recruitment and the procedures for appointment prescribed by Ordinance, make the following appointments to the staff of a Higher Educational Institution—

- (i) appointment to a post of officer, except where other provision has been specifically made under this Act in respect of that post;
- (ii) appointment to a post other than that of teacher, carrying an initial salary of not less than rupees nine thousand per annum or such other higher initial salary as the Commission may from time to time determine by Ordinance; and

- (iii) appointment to such posts as may be prescribed by Ordinance, other than posts of teacher, involving the promotion of the appointee from one grade or class of post to another. ●

Appointment to post of teacher.

72. Every appointment to a post of teacher shall, in the first instance, be for a probationary period of three years, which period may be extended by the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which such teacher is attached, by one year at a time for a further period not exceeding three years. Such appointment shall be subject to such requirement or conditions as to confirmation as may be provided in the appropriate schemes of recruitment prescribed by Ordinance.

Retirement of teachers.

73. The holder of a post of teacher, who has been confirmed in his post, shall continue in that post until he has completed his sixty-fifth year or if he completes his sixty-fifth year in the course of an academic year, until the last day of such academic year, and shall thereafter be deemed to have retired from service :

Provided, however, that the holder of any such post may, at any time, be suspended, pending an inquiry by the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which such teacher is attached, for misconduct, inefficiency or dereliction of duty or be dismissed or compulsorily retired, if found guilty after such inquiry, on a resolution adopted by such governing authority.

Appointment to a post other than that of teacher.

74. Every appointment to a post, other than that of teacher, shall in the first instance, be for a probationary period of three years, and shall thereafter be subject to confirmation by the Commission or by the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which such appointment relates.

Retirement of persons other than teachers.

75. The holder of any post, other than that of teacher, shall continue in office until he completes his fifty-fifth year, and shall thereafter be deemed to have voluntarily retired from service :

Provided, however, that the holder of any such post may upon a written request made by him, be given by the Commission or by the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which he is attached, extension of service for a period of one year at a time until he completes his sixtieth year, and shall thereafter be deemed to have retired :

Provided further that the holder of any such post may, at any time, be suspended, pending an inquiry by the Commission or by the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which he is attached, as the case may be, for misconduct, inefficiency or dereliction of duty or be dismissed or compulsorily retired, if found guilty after such inquiry, on a resolution adopted by such Commission or governing authority.

76. Every holder of a post in the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution, who is dismissed or is compulsorily retired from his post or is otherwise punished for misconduct, inefficiency or dereliction of duty, may appeal against such dismissal or retirement or other punishment to the University Services Appeals Board whose decision thereon shall be final.

Appeal against dismissal, compulsory retirement or other punishment

77. (1) At the request of a Higher Educational Institution, an officer in the Public Service may, with the consent of that officer, the Secretary to the Ministry by or under which that officer is employed, and the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Public Administration, be temporarily appointed to the staff of that Higher Educational Institution for such period as may be determined by such Institution with like consent, or be permanently appointed to such staff.

Appointment of public officers and Local Government officers to the staff of a Higher Educational Institution.

(2) Where any officer in the Public Service is temporarily appointed to the staff of a Higher Educational Institution, the provisions of subsections (3) and (5) of section 26 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, other than paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 26, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to him.

(3) Where any officer in the Public Service is permanently appointed to the staff of a Higher Educational Institution, the provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 26 of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No. 49 of 1957, shall, *mutatis mutandis* apply to and in relation to him.

(4) At the request of a Higher Educational Institution, an officer or servant of the Local Government Service or any local authority may, with the consent of that officer or servant and the Local Government Service Advisory Board or authority, as the case may be, be temporarily appointed to the staff of that Higher Educational Institution for such period as may be determined by that Institution with like consent or be permanently appointed to such staff, on such terms and conditions including those relating to

pension or provident fund rights, as may be agreed upon by that Higher Educational Institution and the Local Government Service Advisory Board or authority.

(5) Where a Higher Educational Institution employs any person who has entered into a contract with the Government by which he has agreed to serve the Government for a specified period, any period of service to that Higher Educational Institution by that person shall be regarded as service to the Government for the purpose of discharging the obligations of such contract.

Transfers.

78. The holder of any post other than that of teacher, shall be transferable within the Higher Educational Institutions, from a Higher Educational Institution to the Commission or from the Commission to a Higher Educational Institution. Such transfers shall be made by the Commission which may for this purpose appoint a Transfer Board, the composition of which shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

Interpretation

79. In this Part, "teacher", shall be deemed to include Librarian, Deputy Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

## PART XI

### University Services Appeals Board

Establishment of the University Services Appeals Board.

80. There shall be established a University Services Appeals Board, (hereinafter referred to as the "Appeals Board"), which shall consist of the persons who are for the time being members of the Appeals Board under this Act.

Members of the Appeals Board.

81. The Appeals Board shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and another member, all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

Term of office of the members of the Appeals Board.

82. (1) Every member of the Appeals Board, including the Chairman, shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of five years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided, however, that if any member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless such successor vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.



(2) A member of the Appeals Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister, but shall continue in office until such time as his resignation has been accepted.

(3) If any member of the Appeals Board is, by reason of illness or other infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka or other cause, temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister may appoint a fit person to act in the place of such member.

(4) The Chairman and the other members of the Appeals Board shall be paid such remuneration or allowances as the Minister shall in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

83. (1) The Chairman, and in his absence the Vice-Chairman, of the Appeals Board shall preside at all meetings of such Board.

Proceedings of  
the Appeals  
Board.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the Appeals Board shall be two members.

(3) The procedure for the conduct of business at meetings of the Appeals Board shall be prescribed by Rules made by such Board.

84. (1) The staff of the Appeals Board shall consist of a Secretary and such other officers and employees as such Board may deem necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of its business, all of whom shall be provided by the Commission, from its staff or from the staff of any Higher Educational Institution.

Staff of the  
Appeals Board.

(2) The staff of the Appeals Board shall be subject to the disciplinary control of that Board.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the Commission—
- (a) to make payments to the members of the Appeals Board as determined under section 82 (4);
  - (b) to pay the salaries and wages of the staff of the Appeals Board ; and
  - (c) to provide such other facilities as the Board may require for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions.

Protection for  
action taken  
under this Act  
etc. or on the  
direction of the  
Board.

85. (1) No suit or prosecution shall lie—

- (a) against the Appeals Board for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by the Appeals Board under this Act, or any appropriate Instrument ; or
- (b) against any member of the Appeals Board or of the staff thereof for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument, or on the direction of the Appeals Board.

(2) Any expense incurred by the Appeals Board in any suit or prosecution brought by or against the Appeals Board before any court shall be paid out of the Fund of the Commission and any costs paid to, or recovered by, the Appeals Board in any such suit or prosecution shall be credited to that Fund.

(3) Any expense incurred by any such person as is referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) in any suit or prosecution brought against him before any court in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument, or on the direction of the Appeals Board, shall, if the court holds that the act was done in good faith, be paid out of the Fund of the Commission, unless such expense is recovered by him in such suit or prosecution.

(4) No writ against person or property shall issue against a member of the Appeals Board in any action brought against the Appeals Board.

Powers, duties  
and functions  
of the Appeals  
Board.

86. The Appeals Board shall have and may exercise the following powers, duties and functions ;

- (a) to conduct investigations into appointments and promotions alleged to have been made to the staff of the Commission and to Higher Educational Institutions in contravention of the schemes of recruitment and the procedures for appointment in force at the time such appointments or promotions were made ;
- (b) to consider appeals from employees of the Commission or any Higher Educational Institution, who have been dismissed, compulsorily retired, or otherwise punished against such dismissal, compulsory retirement or other punishment ;

- (c) to consider appeals from employees of the Commission who were employees of the old University or any Higher Educational Institution, relating to compensation payable to employees of the old University under section 142 of this Act; and
- (d) to convey to the Chairman of the Commission or the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution concerned, as the case may be, the decisions arrived at after considering such appeals or conducting such investigations.

87. A decision made by the Appeals Board in the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions under section 86 shall be final, and where remedial action has to be taken in consequence of such a decision, the Chairman of the Commission or the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution concerned, as the case may be, shall implement such decision.

A decision of the Appeals Board to be final.

88. The Appeals Board may make Ordinances in respect of all such matters as it may deem necessary to enable it to effectively exercise, perform and discharge its powers, duties and functions under this Act.

Power of the Appeals Board to make Ordinances.

## PART XII

### Universities Provident Fund

89. In this Part of this Act—

Interpretation of this Part of this Act.

“age of retirement” in relation to a contributor—

- (a) who is the holder of a post of teacher in a Higher Educational Institution, means sixty-five years ; and
- (b) who is the holder of any other post in a Higher Educational Institution or a member of the staff of the Commission, means the age at which he ceases to be in the employment of such Higher Educational Institution or the Commission, as the case may be ;

“contributor” means any member of the staff of the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution who is a contributor to the provident fund ;

“earnings” means earnings as defined in the Employees’ Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 ;

“Fund” in relation to—

- (a) the Commission means the Fund of the Commission established under section 10 of this Act ; and
- (b) a Higher Educational Institution means the University Fund established under section 99 of this Act;

“provident fund” means the provident fund established by the Commission under this Part of this Act :

“salary” means the emoluments of the substantive post or appointment held by any contributor and includes any such allowances as may by Ordinance be declared to constitute part of his salary ; and

“teacher” includes Librarian, Deputy Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

Establishment of the Universities Provident Fund.

90. The Commission shall establish a fund which shall be called and known as the Universities Provident Fund.

Regulation of the provident fund.

91. Ordinances may be made by the Commission for the regulation, administration and management of the provident fund and for all matters incidental to or connected with such fund, for which no express provision is made in this Act, and such Ordinances shall conform to the requirements of the Employees’ Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958.

Contributions to the Provident Fund.

92. (1) Every member of the staff of the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution, except in such cases as may be prescribed by Ordinance, shall, from the date of his employment on such staff, contribute to the provident fund by means of equal monthly deductions from his salary, an amount equal to ten *per centum* of his earnings; and the Commission or the Higher Educational Institution shall, in addition, out of its Fund, at the same time contribute to the provident fund in respect of every contributor, a sum equal to fifteen *per centum* of the earnings of that contributor, or such other sum as the Minister may, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(2) The Secretary of the Commission shall open and keep a general account for the provident fund and a separate account in respect of each contributor to that provident fund. All contributions made by a contributor to the provident fund and all contributions made by the Commission or the Higher Educational Institution to the provident fund in respect of that contributor shall be placed to the credit of a separate account of that contributor in the provident fund.

(3) The amount lying to the credit of the account of a contributor shall subject to the provisions of any Ordinance made in that behalf accumulate at compound interest at a rate to be fixed by the Minister in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance until the day on which that contributor ceases to be in the employment of the Commission or the Higher Educational Institution and the account of that contributor shall be closed on that date.

**93.** (1) When the account of any contributor is closed as provided in section 92 (3), the Secretary of the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of section 94, pay to that contributor the full amount lying to the credit of his account in the provident fund, together with the accumulated interest thereon.

Payment out of  
the provident  
fund.

(2) Where a contributor, before he has completed his age of retirement, ceases to be employed by the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution either on account of ill health or incapacity or on account of the abolition of the post in which he is employed, or voluntarily leaves the service of such Commission or Higher Educational Institution, the Secretary of the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of section 94, pay to that contributor the full amount lying to the credit of his account in the provident fund together with the accumulated interest thereon at the date on which he ceased to be so employed, or on the date on which he voluntarily left the service of such Commission or Higher Educational Institution, as the case may be.

(3) Where a contributor, before he has completed his age of retirement is dismissed or compulsorily retired from the service of the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution, the Secretary of the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of section 94, pay to the contributor the full amount lying to the credit of his account in the provident fund, together with the accumulated interest thereon, up to the date of his dismissal or compulsory retirement, as the case may be.

(4) Where a contributor dies while in the service of the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution, the Secretary of the Commission shall, subject to the provisions of section 94, pay the full amount lying to the credit of his account in the provident fund, together with the accumulated interest thereon, to the estate of the deceased contributor or to the person or persons lawfully entitled to such amount.

Deductions prior to payment from the provident fund.

**94.** Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Part and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the amount of any loss or damage sustained by the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution by reason of the dishonesty or negligence of a contributor at any time during the period of his employment by such Commission or Higher Educational Institution and payments due on any loan taken by the contributor from the Commission or a Higher Educational Institution or the Government, as the case may be, shall be a first charge upon the amount lying to the credit of the account of that contributor in the provident fund; and such amount may be deducted at the time when any payment is made in accordance with the provisions of section 93.

Unpaid provident fund to accumulate compound interest in certain cases.

**95.** Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Part and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, where the full amount lying to the credit of a contributor in the provident fund is not paid to him within a period of three months from the date on which his account was closed, the amount lying to his credit shall accumulate compound interest at such rate as determined for the purpose of section 92(3) up to the last day of the month preceding that in which the full amount lying to the credit of his account is paid :

Provided that such interest shall not be paid in cases where the delay in the payment of such amount to such contributor was due to any fault of the contributor.

Certain assets of contributor exempt from seizure in execution.

**96.** Notwithstanding anything in any written law other than this Act, the moneys lying to the credit of a contributor in the provident fund shall not at any time be attached, sequestered or seized in execution of the decree or process of any court.

Establishment of pension scheme and widows' and orphans' pension fund.

**97.** The Minister may, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, establish a pension scheme and a widow's and orphans' pension fund as an alternative, or in addition, to the provident fund established by the Commission under this Part. Ordinances may be made by the Commission for the regulation, administration and management of such pension scheme and such widows' and orphans' pension fund.

## PART XIII

### Financial Provisions

**98.** The financial year of a Higher Educational Institution shall be the same as the financial year of the Government. Financial year.

**99.** (1) Each Higher Educational Institution shall have a fund to be called the University Fund, into which shall be paid— The University Fund.

- (a) fees to be paid to the Higher Educational Institution in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument;
- (b) income from endowments;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed
  - by the Commission as grants in aid of Higher Educational Institutions; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Higher Educational Institution from whatsoever source derived.

(2) Particulars of each sum of money paid into the University Fund shall within one month of such payment be submitted by the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned to the Commission for its information.

**100.** (1) The Deputy Secretary to the Treasury shall, as soon as may be practicable after the commencement of each financial year, pay to a Higher Educational Institution such sums of money as may be provided by Parliament by way of annual appropriation, supplementary vote or otherwise as a grant or grants in aid of such Higher Educational Institution. Grants in aid of Higher Educational Institutions.

(2) All moneys paid to a Higher Educational Institution under the preceding subsection shall be applied or expended by such Higher Educational Institution for all or any of the purposes authorized by this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

**101.** It shall be the duty of the Bursar of a University or Open University or the Treasurer of a University College, as the case may be— Duties of Bursar or Treasurer.

- (a) to keep the accounts of such University, Open University or University College in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance;

- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the University Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorized payments; and
- (d) to prepare for the governing authority such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission, the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing financial year, and any supplementary estimate under section 105;

Provided however that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purpose of such University, Open University or University College, or for any purposes or objects other than those for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

Governing authority to consider triennial estimates and annual appropriations.

**102.** The triennial estimates and the annual appropriations of a University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, prepared under paragraph (d) of section 101 shall be considered by the governing authority before such date as may be prescribed by Ordinance. Such governing authority may make such alterations in such estimates and appropriations as it thinks fit and shall submit them to the Commission together with the accounts of the University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, for the last completed financial year.

The Commission to consider triennial estimates and annual appropriations.

**103.** The triennial estimates and annual appropriations of a University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, and its annual accounts shall be considered by the Commission, and it shall be lawful for the Commission by resolution, to adopt or amend such estimates and appropriations as it thinks fit.

Transfer of moneys.

**104.** The Commission shall return the triennial estimates and annual appropriations of a University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, to the governing authority of that University, Open University or University College, together with any resolutions passed under the preceding section and that governing authority shall thereupon accept such estimates and appropriations as adopted or amended by the Commission:



Provided, however, that subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 100, such governing authority may, with the concurrence of the Commission, transfer moneys assigned under one head of expenditure to any other head :

Provided further, that every such transfer shall be reported by the principal executive officer of that University, Open University or University College, as the case may be, to the Commission as soon as possible thereafter.

105. In case of necessity and in order to meet unforeseen expenditure, it shall at any time be lawful for the Bursar of a University or Open University or the Treasurer of a University College, as the case may be, to prepare supplementary estimates of expenditure and for the governing authority of that University, Open University or University College, to pass such estimates :

Supplementary estimates.

Provided, however, that such supplementary estimates shall be forwarded to the Commission to be submitted to the Minister together with the annual appropriations for the ensuing year :

Provided further, that such supplementary estimates shall not exceed the grant voted by Parliament for the financial year and no financial liability of a recurrent nature shall be incurred without the prior approval of the Minister, given with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance.

106. (1) Each Higher Educational Institution shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may specify from time to time.

Annual statement of accounts and statistics.

(2) The books of accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall be kept in the office of that Institution.

107. (1) (a) Each Higher Educational Institution shall have its accounts audited each year by the Auditor-General and, for the purpose of assisting him in the audit of such accounts, the Auditor-General may employ the services of any qualified auditor or auditors who shall act under his direction and control.

Audit of accounts.

(b) The accounts of a Higher Educational Institution for each financial year shall, within four months after the closure of that financial year, be submitted by its principal executive officer, to the Auditor-General for audit.

(2) The Auditor-General and any person assisting the Auditor-General in the audit of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall have access to all such books, records, deeds, agreements, vouchers and other documents of that Institution as the Auditor-General may consider necessary for the purpose of the audit and shall be furnished by that Institution and its officers with such information within their knowledge as may be required for such purpose.

(3) For the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred by him in auditing the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution, the Auditor-General shall be paid from the University Fund of that Institution, such remuneration as the Minister may determine with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance. Any remuneration received from a Higher Educational Institution, by the Auditor-General shall, after deducting any sums paid by him to any qualified auditor or auditors employed by him for the purpose of such audit, be credited to the Consolidated Fund.

(4) For the purpose of this section, the expression "qualified auditor" means—

- (a) an individual who, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accounts of Sri Lanka or of any other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practise as an Accountant issued by the Council of such Institute, or
- (b) a firm of Accountants each of the resident partners of which, being a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, or of any other Institute established by law, possesses a certificate to practise as an Accountant issued by the Council of such Institute.

(5) The provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution shall apply to and in relation to the audit of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution by the Auditor-General.

- (6) (a) The Auditor-General shall disallow every item of the accounts which is in his opinion irregular or contrary to law and surcharge the same on the officer, teacher or employee making or authorising the making of such payment, and shall charge against any officer, teacher, or employee any sum which ought to have been, but is not brought into account by such officer, teacher or employee, and the Auditor-General shall in each such case, certify the amount due from such person.

(b) Before certifying any surcharge or disallowance against any officer, teacher or employee of a Higher Educational Institution under paragraph (a), the Auditor-General shall notify such person of such proposed surcharge or disallowance and inform such person of his right to make representations or be heard against such surcharge or disallowance, and fix a time and place for the hearing and inquiry into such representations not less than fourteen days from the date of despatch of such notice and, upon completion of such hearing and inquiry, the Auditor-General shall record the same and make his decision thereon giving the reasons for such decision, and inform such person and the Registrar of that University or Open University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, of the same.

(c) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Auditor-General may, within fourteen days from the communication to such person of such decision, appeal therefrom to the Commission :

Provided, however, that any person who, upon being informed of the proposed surcharge or disallowance by the Auditor-General, refuses or neglects to attend or take part in any inquiry or hearing before the Auditor-General, as to such surcharge or disallowance under paragraph (b) shall not be entitled to appeal to the Commission under this paragraph.

(d) Upon receipt of any appeal under paragraph (c), the Commission shall consider such appeal and—

(i) if, in the circumstances of the case, it considers it fair and equitable that such surcharge or disallowance should be remitted, make such order; or

(ii) vary or confirm the amount of such surcharge or disallowance; and

(iii) make an order as regards the costs incurred by the Auditor-General in respect of such surcharge or disallowance and inform such person and the Registrar of the University or Open University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, and the Auditor-General, of such decision.

(e) Where a surcharge or disallowance against any person has been certified by the Auditor-General, such certification or such certification varied as regards the amount, by the Commission under sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (d) shall be prima facie proof of the matters stated therein.

(f) Where—

(i) an appeal has been confirmed by the Commission under paragraph (d); or

(ii) no right of appeal is available to any person under the proviso to paragraph (c),

the principal executive officer or a person authorized by such officer in writing, shall, where no payment or an agreement to pay has been made within three months of such surcharge or three months of the date of communication of the decision of the Commission, institute in a court of competent jurisdiction, against the person against whom such surcharge or disallowance has been certified, an action for the recovery of the amount so certified to be recoverable, together with the costs thereon.

Auditor-  
General's  
report.

108. (1) The Auditor-General shall examine the accounts of each Higher Educational Institution and furnish a report—

(a) stating whether he has or has not obtained all the information and explanations required by him;

(b) stating whether the accounts referred to in the report are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the financial position of that Higher Educational Institution; and

(c) drawing attention to any item in the accounts which in his opinion may be of interest to Parliament in any examination of the activities and accounts of that Higher Educational Institution.

(2) The Auditor-General shall transmit his report in respect of a Higher Educational Institution, to that Institution and to the Commission.

(3) The report of the Auditor-General referred to in subsection (2) shall be considered by the governing authority of that Higher Educational Institution and after such consideration, that Higher Educational Institution shall, within three months of

the transmission of such report to the Higher Educational Institution and to the Commission, inform the Auditor General of the steps taken or proposed to be taken with regard to the matters pointed out in such report.

109. The accounts of a Higher Educational Institution for each financial year shall, when audited, be published in the *Gazette*.

Publication of audited accounts.

110. Each Higher Educational Institution shall within three months of the receipt by it of the Auditor-General's report in respect of each year, transmit to the Minister and to the Commission such report with any comments made thereon by its governing authority together with the statement of accounts to which the report relates, and the Minister shall cause copies thereof to be tabled in Parliament before the end of the year next succeeding the year to which such accounts and report relate, and the principal executive officer of that Higher Educational Institution shall attend and answer any questions arising therefrom before the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.

Annual accounts and Auditor-General's report to be transmitted to Minister.

111. The provisions of subsections (3), (4) and (7) of section 13, and the provisions of section 15 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to, and in relation to, the audit of the accounts of any Higher Educational Institution.

Certain provisions of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 to apply.

## PART XIV

### Students Assemblies and Associations

112. (1) Each Higher Educational Institution shall have a Student Assembly consisting of student representatives elected from among the persons who are for the time being students of that Higher Educational Institution.

Student Assembly.

(2) Every election to the Student Assembly shall be conducted by secret ballot at the commencement of each academic year, by such person or persons as may be nominated by the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

(3) The term of office of a Student Assembly shall expire at the end of the academic year in which the Student Assembly was elected.

113. (1) Each Student Assembly shall elect from among its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and a Junior Treasurer who shall be the office-bearers of the Student Assembly.

Office-bearers of Student Assembly.

(2) Each Student Assembly shall have a Senior Treasurer who shall be a teacher nominated by such Assembly and whose nomination has been approved by the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution to which such Assembly belongs.

(3) Each Student Assembly may for the purpose of conducting its business appoint such Standing Committee or Committees as may be prescribed by Ordinance :

Provided, however, that the Chairman or the Secretary of any Student Assembly shall not be a member of any such Standing Committee or Committees.

Student Assembly to have no affiliation.

114. A Student Assembly shall have no affiliation with any organization or body outside the Higher Educational Institution to which such Assembly belongs.

Recognition of certain unions, societies and other associations.

115. (1) A Higher Educational Institution may, with the concurrence of the Commission, recognize any union, society or other association of students of that Institution, established for the sole purpose of furthering academic or social objectives, provided that the membership of such union, society or other association consists entirely of students of that Institution.

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 117, the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution concerned may prescribe by By-Law, the mode of registration of unions, societies and other associations recognized under subsection (1), their functions, the mode of conducting elections for the appointment of their office-bearers, and the duties and functions of such office-bearers.

Governing authority to allocate money to Student Assembly, for approved activities.

116. The governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution concerned may from time to time allocate to the Student Assembly, or to any union, society or other association of such Institution recognized under section 115, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary by such governing authority, for their approved activities.

The Commission to prescribe constitution, duties and functions of Student Assembly and its office-bearers.

117. The Commission shall by Ordinance prescribe—

- (i) the duties and functions of the Student Assembly;
- (ii) the number of student representatives constituting each Student Assembly and their mode of election;
- (iii) the Standing Committee or Committees which a Student Assembly may appoint, and the duties and functions of such Committee or Committees ;

- (iv) the duties and functions of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and the Junior Treasurer of the Student Assembly ;
- (v) the purpose or the purposes for which the funds allocated to the Student Assembly and any union, society or other association under section 116 shall be utilized; and
- (vi) the form and the manner in which the accounts of the Student Assembly and any union, society or other association shall be maintained and audited.

118. (1) If any Student Assembly or union or society or other association of a Higher Educational Institution conducts itself in a manner, which, in the opinion of the principal executive officer of that Institution, is detrimental or prejudicial to the good name of that Institution, or acts in contravention of this Act or any appropriate Instrument, such principal executive officer may suspend or dissolve such Student Assembly, union, society or other association, as the case may be.

Suspension or dissolution of a Student Assembly, union, society or other association.

(2) Where any Student Assembly has been dissolved under subsection (1), the principal executive officer may, subject to the provisions of section 112, fix a date for the purpose of electing a new Student Assembly. Such new Student Assembly shall hold office until the end of the academic year in which it was elected.

## PART XV

### **Application of the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance**

119. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Housing and Town Improvement Ordinance it shall be lawful for the Minister on the recommendation of the Commission and in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Local Government, if he deems it expedient so to do in order to preserve the amenities of the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution, to declare by Notification published in the *Gazette*, that Chapter I of Part II of that Ordinance shall apply, subject to the modifications specified in subsection (2) of this section, to any area of land within the precincts or in proximity to the precincts of such Higher Educational Institution specified in such Notification, to which the said Ordinance does not otherwise apply, as if such area were an area comprised within the limits of a local authority.

Application of Chapter 268 to areas within the precincts or in proximity to the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution.

(2) Upon the publication of any Notification under subsection (1) of this section, the said Chapter shall apply accordingly, subject to the following modifications—

(i) the words “principal executive officer” shall be substituted for the word “Chairman” wherever the latter word occurs therein;

(ii) the following section shall be substituted for section 7 thereof:—

7. The principal executive officer of a Higher Educational Institution shall not refuse—

(a) to approve any plan, drawing, or specification of any building; or

(b) to consent to any alteration in any building,

unless the building or the alteration of the building is of such nature as to be likely, in his opinion, to injure the amenities of the precincts of the Higher Educational Institution or unless the application for such approval or consent fails to comply with any requirement made under section 8”:

(iii) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (a) of section 8 thereof:—

“(a) the submission of plans, drawings, and specifications in such form and containing such particulars as may be prescribed by the principal executive officer”;

(iv) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (b) of section 8 thereof:—

“(b) the amendment of any plan, drawing or specification so submitted so as to bring it into accordance with such form or so as to contain any such particulars”;

(v) in paragraph (c) of section 8 thereof, the words “this Chapter” shall be substituted for the word “Ordinance”;

(vi) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 13 thereof:—

“(c) execute any building operation in contravention of any of the provisions of this Chapter ;”

“Circumstances in which approval or consent may be refused.”



(vii) the following subsection shall be substituted for subsection (2) of section 13 thereof :—

“(2) In any case in which any person is convicted under this section, the Magistrate may, on the application of the principal executive officer, make a mandatory order requiring such person or the owner of the building, or both, within a time limited in the order, to demolish the building in question or to alter it so as not to injure the amenities of the precincts of the Higher Educational Institution, and in the event of such mandatory order not being complied with, may authorize the principal executive officer to demolish, alter or otherwise deal with the building in such a manner as to secure compliance with the order and any expenses thereby incurred shall be recovered upon an order made by the Magistrate in the same manner as a fine imposed by him and upon recovery shall be paid to the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution”;

(viii) the following subsection shall be substituted for subsection (1) of section 15 thereof :—

“(1) No building constructed after the commencement of this Ordinance shall be occupied, except by a caretaker, until the principal executive officer has given a certificate that such building as regards construction, drainage and in all other respects, does not injure the amenities of the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution;” and

(ix) the reference to the tribunal of appeal in section 16 thereof shall be deemed to be a reference to the District Court having jurisdiction in the district in which the said area is situated.

(3) The exercise of any of the powers conferred on the principal executive officer of a Higher Educational Institution under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the consent of its governing authority, and if such principal executive officer refuses to approve any plan, drawing or specification of

any building or to consent to any alteration in any building within the said area on the ground that it will injure the amenities of the precincts of the Higher Educational Institution, the Higher Educational Institution shall make compensation to any person for any loss or damage he may sustain in consequence of such refusal; and any person aggrieved by the failure of the Higher Educational Institution to make such compensation or to make adequate compensation, may appeal to the District Court having jurisdiction in the district in which such area is situated, and the decision of the District Court on any such appeal be final and conclusive.

## PART XVI

### **Application of the Government Quarters (Recovery of Possession) Act.**

Application of Act No. 7 of 1969 to University quarters.

120. (1) The provisions of the Government Quarters (Recovery of Possession) Act, No. 7 of 1969 shall—

- (a) apply to University quarters subject to the modifications set out in subsection (2); and
- (b) be deemed at all times to have been, and to be, an implied condition of the occupation by persons of University quarters.

(2) The provisions of the Government Quarters (Recovery of Possession) Act, in their application to University quarters are modified as follows :—

(i) the words "University quarters" shall be substituted for the words "Government quarters" wherever those words appear in that Act ;

(ii) in section 9 thereof, for the definition of—

(a) "competent authority", there shall be substituted the following definition :—

"competent authority" means the Secretary of the Commission, or the Registrar of a University or the Secretary of a University College, as the case may be, authorized by the Secretary of the Commission to be a competent authority for the purposes of the Act' ; and

(b) "Government quarters" there shall be substituted the following definition :—

"University quarters" means any building, room or other accommodation occupied or used for the purposes of residence which is provided by or on behalf of the Commission or University or University College to any person, and includes any land or premises in which such building room or accommodation is situated."

## PART XVII

### General Provisions

121. A person shall be disqualified from being appointed to, or from being a member of, the Commission, the Appeals Board, or any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution—

- (a) if he is an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent; or
- (b) if he is convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude; or
- (c) if he is, under any law in force, found or declared to be of unsound mind; or
- (d) if he, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any person on his behalf or for his use or benefit, holds or enjoys any right or benefit under any contract, other than his contract of employment, made by or on behalf of any Higher Educational Institution.

Disqualification from being members of the Commission, the Appeals Board or any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution.

122. All members and the staff of the Commission and of the Appeals Board, and all members of the staff of each Higher Educational Institution shall be deemed to be Public Servants within the meaning and for the purposes of the Penal Code.

Members and staff of Commission and Appeals Board and staff of Higher Educational Institutions deemed to be public servants.

123. The Commission, the Appeals Board, and each Higher Educational Institution shall be deemed to be a Scheduled Institution within the meaning of the Bribery Act, and the provisions of that Act shall be construed accordingly.

The Commission, Appeals Board and each Higher Educational Institution to be a scheduled institution within the meaning of the Bribery Act.

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors.

124. There shall be established a Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors for the purpose of considering all matters of common interest to the Universities or University Colleges and for advising the Commission on such matters.

Questions as to validity of elections, appointments etc.

125. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or as to whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution, the question shall be referred to the Commission whose decision thereon shall be final.

Vacancies or defects not to invalidate resolutions or proceedings.

126. No act, resolution or proceeding of the Commission, the Appeals Board or any Authority or other body or a Higher Educational Institution shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members, or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member or any member or members thereof being disqualified under section 121.

Gifts, etc.

127. The Commission, the Appeals Board or any Higher Educational Institution shall not grant any bonus or make any gift or division of money, other than a death gratuity, to or between any of its members, except in accordance with this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

No person or body other than a University to grant or confer degrees.

128. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other written law, no person, institution, corporation, or professional or other body, other than a University, Open University or the Buddha Sravaka Dharmapithaya established under Act, No. 16 of 1968, shall grant or confer on any person or persons any degree or other academic distinction whatsoever :

Provided, however, that academic distinctions may be granted by professional bodies or research institutes by arrangement with such University and the concurrence of the Commission.

(2) Where there is a contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) by any person, institution, corporation or professional or other body, such person or the governing authority, proprietor, director or other person or persons responsible for the management of such institution, corporation or professional or other body shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be liable to a fine of two hundred and fifty rupees.

Transfer of other institutions to a Higher Educational Institution.

129. (1) The Minister may in concurrence with the Minister in charge of the subject of Education, by Order published in the *Gazette*, transfer to a Higher Educational Institution, any

institution, school or college maintained and managed by the Government, together with any movable property therein, and any immovable property of such institution, school or college may, by a like Order by the Minister in charge of the subject of Lands, be vested in such Higher Educational Institution.

(2) Upon the publication of such Order, the movable and the immovable property of such institution, school or college shall vest in the Higher Educational Institution with effect from the date specified in that Order.

130. (1) On or after such date as may be appointed for the purposes of this section by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette*, no educational institute other than a Higher Educational Institution shall be established or maintained by or under a name which contains the word "University".

Restrictions on the use of the word "University".

(2) Where there is a contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) in respect of any educational institute, the governing authority or the proprietor of that institute shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction by a Magistrate, be liable to a fine of one hundred rupees for each day after the date appointed under subsection (1) of this section, for which the word "University" was used as its name or part of its name.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply to the Buddha Sravaka Dharmapithaya established under Act No. 16 of 1968.

## PART XVIII

### Special Provisions

131. (1) Where the presence of any person in the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution, is, in the opinion of the governing authority of that Institution, undesirable, the principal executive officer of that Institution, after giving such person an opportunity of being heard, may, with the consent of that governing authority, by writing under his hand served on such person, prohibit such person from entering or remaining within such precincts or within such part thereof as may be specified in such writing. Such prohibition shall be and remain in force until revoked by such principal executive officer with the consent of such governing authority.

Prohibition of certain persons from entering precincts of a Higher Educational Institution.

(2) A certificate under the hand of the principal executive officer of a Higher Educational Institution to the effect that any person named in the certificate has been prohibited, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) from entering or remaining within the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution or any specified part thereof, shall be received and accepted by a Court as evidence of the facts stated in such certificate until the contrary is proved.

(3) A document purporting to be a certificate issued by the principal executive officer of a Higher Educational Institution and signed by him shall be received in evidence and shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be a certificate issued by such officer under subsection (2).

Penalty for offence of disobeying prohibition.

132. Any person who is prohibited under the provisions of section 131 from entering or remaining within the precincts of a Higher Educational Institution or part thereof and who, without reasonable cause, enters or remains within such precincts or part thereof in contravention of such prohibition, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall, on conviction by a Magistrate, be liable to a fine of one hundred rupees in respect of each day or part thereof on which he has entered or during which he has remained within such precincts or part thereof.

Offences under section 131 to be cognizable and bailable.

133. An offence under section 131 shall be cognizable and bailable within the meaning of the Administration of Justice Law, No. 44 of 1973.

## PART XIX

### Statutes, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules

Statutes.

134. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and of the Orders and Ordinances made thereunder, Statutes may be made by the Court of a University in respect of all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) where not otherwise provided for, the filling of vacancies in, and the convening of, any Authority or other body;
- (b) the determination of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be conferred ;

- (c) the conferment of honorary degrees ;
  - (d) the institution and award of fellowships, scholarships exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes for which funds or property may in any manner whatsoever be provided ;
  - (e) all matters for which, under the provisions of this Act, Statutes are authorized or required to be made, and
  - (f) all matters which, under the provisions of this Act, are to be, or may be, prescribed by Statute.
- (2) Every Statute shall, when assented to by the Court, be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into force on such date as may be specified therein.

135. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and of the Orders, Ordinances and Statutes made thereunder, By-Laws may be made by the governing authority of a Higher Educational Institution in respect of all or any of the following matters :—

By-laws.

- (a) the courses of study prescribed for degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (b) the conditions subject to which students shall be admitted to courses of study and examinations prescribed for degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions and shall be eligible for such academic distinctions ;
- (c) the fees to be charged for courses of study, examinations, residence and the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions ;
- (d) the conditions of residence and the discipline of students ;
- (e) where not otherwise provided for, the constitution powers, duties and functions and the terms of membership, of any Authority, or other body ;
- (f) all matters connected with the election of representatives to the various Authorities and other bodies ;
- (g) the conditions and mode of appointment, duties and emoluments of examiners, and the conduct and maintenance of standards of examinations ;

(h) all matters for which, under the provisions of this Act or of the Ordinances and Statutes made thereunder, By-laws are authorized or required to be made; and

(i) all matters which, under the provisions of this Act or of the Ordinances and Statutes made thereunder, are to be, or may be, prescribed by or provided for by By-laws.

(2) No By-law shall be made by the governing authority of a Higher Educational Institution in respect of any matter relating to, or connected with, teaching in, or the examinations of, that Institution, unless a draft of such By-law has been prepared and submitted to such governing authority by the Senate or the Academic Syndicate, as the case may be, of that Institution.

(3) Every By-law made by the governing authority of a Higher Educational Institution shall come into force on such date as shall be specified therein.

**Regulations.**

136. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Orders, Ordinances, Statutes and By-laws made thereunder, Regulations may be made by the Senate or the Academic Syndicate, as the case may be, of a Higher Educational Institution in regard to any academic matter and for the amendment, variation or revocation of an existing Regulation.

In this section "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of such Senate or Academic Syndicate.

**Rules.**

137. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and of any appropriate Instrument, the Commission, the Appeals Board, and any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution may make Rules—

(a) for all matters which, under the provisions of this Act or of any appropriate Instrument, are to be, or may be, prescribed by Rules;

(b) for all matters in respect of which, under the provisions of this Act or of any appropriate Instrument, Rules are required or authorized to be made; and

(c) for all other matters solely concerning the Commission, the Appeals Board, or any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution and not provided for by this Act or any appropriate Instrument.



(2) Any Rule made by the Commission, by the Appeals Board, or by any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution, may at any time, be amended, added to, varied or rescinded by a like Rule made by such Commission, Appeals Board, Authority or other body.

## PART XX

### Repeal and Transitory Provisions

138. The University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, is hereby repealed with effect from the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act.

Repeal of Act No. 1 of 1972.

139. (1) Upon the repeal of the University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, each Campus specified in Column I below shall be deemed to be a University established by Order made under section 21 of this Act, and having the name and style specified in the corresponding entry in Column II below, and accordingly, all the provisions of this Act shall, *mutatis, mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such University—

Certain provisions applicable upon the repeal of Act No. 1 of 1972.

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
Colombo	.. University of Colombo, Sri Lanka;
Peradeniya	.. University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka;
Vidyodaya	.. University of Sri Jayewardenepura; Sri Lanka;
Vidyalankara	.. University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka;
Katubedda	.. University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka;
Jaffna	.. University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

(2) Every Faculty of such Campus shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be a Faculty of such University; and

(3) Every Department of Study of such Faculty shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be a Department of Study therein.

140. (1) Upon the repeal of the University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, every Institute established or deemed to be established under that Act and in existence on the day immediately preceding the date of such repeal shall be attached to such Higher Educational Institution as the Commission may determine, and shall as nearly as may be possible, continue to function as an Institute under such Higher Educational Institution in accordance with the Statute under which such Institute was established.

Institutes established under Act No. 1 of 1972 deemed to be established under this Act.

(2) For the purposes of this section, Statutes made under the aforesaid Act in relation to each Institute shall be deemed to be Ordinances made by the Commission under section 18 of this Act.

(3) The Commission shall, within one year of the date of such repeal, determine the structure and composition of such Institute.

Effect of repeal  
of Act No. 1  
of 1972.

141. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the following provisions shall apply as from the date of coming into operation of this Act—

(1) All teachers, officers and other employees in the service of the old University on the day immediately preceding the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, who have not reached their respective ages of retirement shall be deemed to be teachers, officers and other employees in the service of such Higher Educational Institution as the Commission may determine and shall hold their offices with as nearly as may be the same status and on the same terms, including terms relating to salaries or wages, the termination of employment allowances or other benefits as they had or enjoyed in the service of the old University.

(2) The Commission may within one year of the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, review the appointments held by teachers, officers and other employees of the old University who were in the service of that University on the day immediately preceding the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, and order the abolition of such posts which are found to be superfluous or the termination of services of such persons as had been appointed to their respective posts in contravention of the schemes of recruitment which were in force at the time when such appointments were made, with due notice given to them.

(3) All debts, obligations and liabilities incurred and all contracts, deeds, bonds, agreements and other instruments executed or entered into, and all matters and things engaged to be done, by, with, or for, the old University prior to the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act shall be deemed to have been incurred, executed, entered into or engaged to be done by, with or for, a Higher Educational Institution established under this Act. The Commission shall indicate to the parties concerned the appropriate Higher Educational Institution to which such debt, obligation, contract, deed, bond, agreement or other instrument relates.

(4) (a) All suits, prosecutions, appeals or other legal proceedings civil and criminal which have been instituted in any court or tribunal by or against the old University prior to the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act shall be deemed to have been instituted by or against the Commission.

(b) Where such suit, prosecution, appeal or other legal proceeding civil and criminal has been instituted, the Commission may make an application to court for an order to substitute the appropriate Higher Educational Institution to which such suit, prosecution, appeal or other legal proceeding relates, and the court shall make such order as it thinks fit. Where an application is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code relating to substitution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such application.

(5) (a) All decrees or orders made by a competent court or tribunal in favour of or against, the old University prior to the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act shall be deemed to have been made in favour of or against, the Commission.

(b) Where such decrees or orders have been made by a court, the Commission may make an application to that court for an order to substitute the appropriate Higher Educational Institution to which such decree or order relates, and the court shall make such order as it thinks fit. Where an application is made under this paragraph, the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code relating to substitution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to such application.

(6) The University Provident Fund of the old University together with the interest thereon as at the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act shall be transferred to the Universities Provident Fund established under this Act, and every contributor to the University Provident Fund on the day immediately preceding the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act and every person who was a contributor to that Fund until the date of his voluntary retirement under the repealed Act, No. 1 of 1972, shall be deemed to be a contributor to the Universities Provident Fund. Where any contributor who ceased from the date of his voluntary retirement under the University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, to contribute to the provident fund established under that Act becomes a contributor to the Universities Provident Fund under this Act, compound interest at the rate determined under section 46 (3) of that Act shall be deemed to have accrued to the amount lying to the credit of that person in such fund as from the date of such retirement until the date of

coming into operation of this Part of this Act and accordingly such amount shall be credited to the account of that person in the Universities Provident Fund.

(7) All property, movable and immovable, which has been vested, in, or legally purchased or acquired by, or leased to, or placed at the disposal of, or in any other manner transferred to the old University, or which is held in trust for the old University, or is in its possession or control at the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, shall be held by or in trust for the Commission or such Higher Educational Institution as the Commission shall determine, subject to the trusts, charges, liabilities, reservations, servitudes or other encumbrances and on the terms and conditions appertaining, attaching or applicable thereto at that date.

Special provisions relating to transferred members of staff of old University.

142. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the following provisions shall apply to teachers, officers and other employees of the old University after the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act—

(a) Where the post or office held by such teacher, officer or other employee is abolished under subsection (2) of section 141, the Higher Educational Institution to which such teacher, officer or other employee was attached shall pay him compensation for loss of employment. Such compensation shall be determined by the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

(b) Any teacher, officer or other employee of the old University may, within two years of the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, retire from the service of the Higher Educational Institution to which he was attached, after his having given to such Institution at least two months' written notice of this intention to retire :

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply—

- (i) to a teacher, officer or other employee who has not been confirmed in his appointment; or
- (ii) to a teacher, officer or other employee who, having availed himself of leave for study or other purpose, is under an agreement to serve the Higher Educational Institution, the old University or a University deemed to be established under the Higher Educational Act, No. 20 of 1966, for a specified period ; or

- (iii) to an officer or other employee who has completed his fifty-fifth year.

(2) Where a teacher, officer or other employee of the old University has retired under the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section, the Higher Educational Institution concerned shall pay him by way of gratuity or retiring allowance, such compensation as might have been granted to him had his post been abolished under subsection (2) of section 141, and for the purpose of determining such gratuity or retiring allowance his service under the old University and under any one or more of its predecessors shall be deemed to be service to the Higher Educational Institution of which he was an employees at the time of retirement.

(4) Any teacher, officer or other employee of the old University who is dissatisfied with the compensation payable to him under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may appeal to the Appeals Board, whose decision thereon shall be final.

143. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other provision of this Act, the following provisions shall apply for the purpose of enabling all such arrangements and measures to be made and taken as are necessary for the operation of this Act :—

Special provisions pending the establishment of a Higher Educational Institution under this Act.

(a) The Commission shall be appointed by the President, and shall commence to function as from such date as may be specified by the Minister.

(b) The first Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed by the Commission, and when so appointed—

(i) he shall commence to function as from such date as may be specified by the Commission; and

(ii) he shall exercise, perform and discharge in respect of the Commission all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

(c) Any officer or other employee of the old University may with the consent of that officer or other employee and the principal executive officer of that University, be temporarily appointed to the staff of the Commission for such period as may be

determined by the Commission, with like consent, or be permanently appointed to such staff on such terms and conditions, including those relating to pension or provident fund rights, as may be agreed upon by that Commission and that principal executive officer.

- (d) The first Vice-Chancellor of every University deemed to be established under section 139 shall be appointed by the President and when so appointed—
- (i) he shall commence to function as from the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act ;
  - (ii) he shall exercise, perform and discharge in respect of the University to which he is so appointed, all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument ;
  - (iii) he may exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of any or all the Authorities of the University to which he is so appointed until such time as such Authorities are duly constituted under this Act; and
  - (iv) he shall, unless he vacates office earlier, and subject to the provisions of section 34 (1) (b), hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment under section 34 (1) (a) for a further period of three years immediately succeeding the aforesaid period.
- (e) The first Registrar of each University deemed to be established under section 139 shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall when so appointed exercise, perform and discharge in respect of the University to which he is so appointed, all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

- (f) The first Bursar of each University deemed to be established under section 139, shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall, when so appointed, exercise, perform and discharge in respect of the University to which he is so appointed, all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

144. Notwithstanding anything in any other provision of this Act, the following provisions shall apply during the transitional period pending the establishment of a University under this Act for the purpose of enabling all such arrangements and measures to be made and taken as are necessary to enable such University to commence to function as such, and to carry out its objects, as early as possible after the date of its establishment :—

Special provisions pending the establishment of a University under this Act.

- (a) The first Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the President, and when so appointed—
- (i) he shall exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument ;
  - (ii) he may exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of any or all the Authorities of the University, until such time as such Authorities are duly constituted under the Act; and
  - (iii) he shall, unless he vacates office earlier, and subject to the provisions of section 34 (1) (b), hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall be eligible for re-appointment under section 34 (1) (a) for a further period of three years immediately succeeding the aforesaid period.
- (b) The first Registrar of the University shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall, when so appointed, exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

- (c) The first Bursar of the University shall be appointed by the Commission and shall, when so appointed, exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Act or any appropriate Instrument.

For the purpose of this section, "transitional period" means the period commencing on the date on which a University Order is published under this Act, and ending on the date on which such Order comes into force.

Removal of difficulties.

145. In connection with the preliminary arrangements for the functioning of a University deemed to be established under section 139 or for the establishment of a Higher Educational Institution under sections 21, 22, 23 and 24, either generally or with reference to any special matter, the Minister may on the recommendation of the Commission and by Order published in the *Gazette*, issue all such directions as he may deem necessary with a view to providing for any special or unforeseen circumstances, or to determining or adjusting any question or matter for the determination or adjustment of which no provision or effective provision is made by this Act.

Special provisions relating to the powers of the Commission.

146. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 139, the Commission shall have during the period of two years commencing on the date of coming into operation of this Part of this Act, the power to do any or all of the following things :—

- (a) to determine the structure and composition of each Higher Educational Institution ;
- (b) to determine the Faculty or Faculties and the Departments of Study thereof to be assigned to each such Higher Educational Institution, and to assign the same ;
- (c) to determine the subjects or disciplines of study to be provided or taught in each such Higher Educational Institution ; and
- (d) to transfer or re-allocate the staff, students, equipment, land, buildings and other facilities of the old University among such Higher Educational Institutions.



## PART XXI

### Interpretation

147. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“administrative staff” means members of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution, who are not teachers, holding posts carrying an initial salary of not less than nine thousand rupees per annum or such other higher initial salary as the Commission may from time to time determine by Ordinance made under this Act;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of this Act ;

“By-law” means a By-law made by the governing authority of a Higher Educational Institution under this Act ;

“governing authority” in relation to—

- (i) a University, means the Council of that University ;
- (ii) an Open University, means the Council of that Open University; and
- (iii) a University College, means the Board of Management of that University College ;

“Higher Educational Institution” means a University, Campus, Open University or University College established or deemed to be established under this Act ;

“non-academic staff” means all the members of staff of a Higher Educational Institution who are not teachers ;

“old University” means the University of Sri Lanka established under the University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972;

“Order” means an Order made by the Minister under this Act ;

“Ordinance” means an Ordinance made by the Commission or by the Appeals Board under this Act ;

“other employee” means any person holding a post other than that of a teacher or officer in a Higher Educational Institution ;

“President” means the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka ;

“principal executive officer” in relation to—

- (i) a University, means the Vice-Chancellor of that University ;
- (ii) an Open University, means the Vice-Chancellor of that Open University; and
- (iii) a University College, means the Director of that University College ;

“recognized institution” means any institution recognized under section 25 ;

“Regulation” means any Regulation made by the Senate or the Academic Syndicate, as the case may be, of a Higher Educational Institution, under this Act ;

“Rule” means any Rule made under this Act by the Commission, the Appeals Board, or an Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution ;

“Statute” means any Statute made by the Court of a University under this Act ;

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer and Assistant Lecturer and the holder of any post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is a teacher; and

“University” means a University established or deemed to be established under this Act.

Chapter 3

**ORDERS**

ORDER

## CHAPTER THREE

### ORDERS

#### PART I

##### Order under Section 1 of the Act

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L. D. — B. 21/78

HE/1/2/2

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978.

Order under Section 1

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 1 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, do by this Order appoint—

- (a) December 22, 1978, as the date on which the provisions of Part I, Part II, Part III, Part IV and Part XXI, and of section 143 of Part XX of the aforesaid Act shall come into operation; and
- (b) January 1, 1979, as the date on which the provisions of all the other Parts and of all the other sections of Part XX of the aforesaid Act shall come into operation.

N. Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, 22nd December, 1978.

**PART II**

**Order under Section 22 of the Act**

**DUMBARA CAMPUS ORDER**

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**Important :** This Order was amended by the Order at Page. 113

L.D.—B. 21/78.

HE/1/2/2

**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 22**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 22 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, in consultation with the University Grants Commission, do by this Order, with effect from January 1, 1979—

- (i) establish the Dumbara Campus of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka ;
- (ii) assign the name and style of the Dumbara Campus of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, to such Campus ;
- (iii) specify the location of such Campus to be the premises of the former Government Teacher Training College in Polgolla, situated within the limits of the Pata Dumbara Pallegampala Korale of the Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of Pata Dumbara;
- (iv) assign a Faculty of Arts to such Campus; and
- (v) specify that the following Departments of Study shall comprise such Faculty :—
  - (a) English;
  - (b) Geography;
  - (c) History;
  - (d) Languages and Cultural Studies
  - (e) Mathematics ;
  - (f) Philosophy ;
  - (g) Sinhala ;
  - (h) Sociology ; and
  - (i) Tamil;

Nissanka Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, 29. 12. 1978.

### PART III

#### Order under Section 24 of the Act

#### RUHUNA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ORDER

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L.D.—B. 21/78.

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

#### Order under Section 24

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 24 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, in consultation with the University Grants Commission, do by this Order, with effect from January 1, 1979—

- (i) establish a University College which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in the branches of learning of Agriculture, Humanities and Social Science, Medicine and Science;
- (ii) assign the name and style of the Ruhuna University College to such College;
- (iii) specify the location which shall be the seat of such College to be—
  - (a) the premises of the former Government Technical College, Meddawatte, Matara and of the former Government Teacher Training College, Eliyakanda, Matara, both of which are situated within the limits of Wellaboda Pattu (West) of the Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of the Four Gravets in the Matara District; and
  - (b) the premises of the Government Farm, Mapalana, situated within the limits of Gangaboda Pattu (North) of the Divisional Revenue Officer's Division of Gangaboda Pattu (North);
- (iv) assign the Faculties of Agriculture, Arts, Medicine and Science to such College;
- (v) specify that each Faculty of such College specified in Column I below shall be comprised of the Departments of Study specified in the corresponding entry in Column 2 below :—

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Faculty of Agriculture	... Department of Agricultural Economics Department of Agronomy Department of Animal Science
Faculty of Arts	... Department of Economics Department of Geography Department of History Department of Sinhala
Faculty of Medicine	... Department of Anatomy Department of Biochemistry Department of Community Medicine Department of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of Paediatrics Department of Pathology Department of Physiology Department of Surgery
Faculty of Science	... Department of Botany Department of Chemistry Department of Mathematics Department of Physics Department of Zoology and

- (vi) specify that such College shall be affiliated to the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Nissanka Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, 29. 12. 1978.

**PART IV**

**Order under Section 23(1) of the Act**

**OPEN UNIVERSITY ORDER**

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**Important:** This Order was revoked by the Order at page 117

L.D.—B. 21/78.

**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 23 (1)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 23 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978. I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, in consultation with the University Grants Commission, do by this Order, with effect from October 1, 1979—

- (i) establish an Open University, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, for the purpose of providing higher educational facilities to those who are not students of any of the institutions referred to in sections 21, 22, 24 and 25 of the aforesaid Act;
- (ii) assign the name and style of the “Open University of Sri Lanka” to such Open University; and
- (iii) specify Colombo to be the seat of such Open University.

Nissanka Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, July 21, 1979.



## PART V

### Order under Section 27 of the Act

#### DUMBARA CAMPUS (AMENDMENT) ORDER

(Published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 55/26 of Friday, September 28, 1979)

**Important:** This Order amended the Order at page 110

L.D.—B 21/78.

#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

##### Order under Section 27

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 27 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, do by this Order, with effect from 1st October, 1979, amend the Order made under section 22 of the aforesaid Act and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 16/16 of December 29, 1978, establishing the Dumbara Campus of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, by the substitution for paragraph (v) thereof, of the following new paragraph:—

“(v) specify that the following Departments of Study shall comprise such Faculty:—

- (a) Economics (including Political Science and Commerce);
- (b) English;
- (c) Geography;
- (d) History;
- (e) Languages and Cultural Studies;
- (f) Mathematics;
- (g) Philosophy;
- (h) Sinhala;
- (i) Sociology; and
- (j) Tamil’.

Nissanka Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, 28th September, 1979.

## PART VI

### Order under Section 145 of the Act

(Published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 63/8 of Wednesday, November 21, 1979)

L.D.—B. 21/78.

### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

#### Order under Section 145

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 145 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, do by this Order authorize—

- (i) each University specified in Column I of the Schedule hereto, and deemed by section 139 of the aforesaid Act to have been established under such Act to grant and to confer, on behalf, and in respect, of the University of Sri Lanka established under the University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions on persons who had been students of the Campus of the said University of Sri Lanka specified in the corresponding entry in Column II of such Schedule, and who had passed the prescribed examinations and satisfied all other requirements for such degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions on or before December 31, 1979; and
- (ii) the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar of each University specified in Column I of such Schedule to sign, on behalf, and in respect, of the said University of Sri Lanka, the degree, diploma and other certificates to be issued by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (i).

Nissanka Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, 21st November, 1979.

#### Schedule

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka	... Colombo
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	... Peradeniya
University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka	... Vidyodaya
University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka	... Vidyalankara
University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka	... Katubedda
University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka	... Jaffna

**PART VII**

**Order under Section 20 (4) (b) of the Act**

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**Important :** This Order was rescinded by the Order at page 116

L.D.—B. 21/78.

HE/3/3/18

**UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 20 (4) (b)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 20 (4) (b) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Nissanka Parakrama Wijeyeratne, Minister of Higher Education, do by this Order with effect from January 29, 1980, appoint Professor Patikirige Dharmasena Gunatilake of the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, to be a competent authority for the purpose of exercising, performing and discharging in lieu of the Vice-Chancellor and the Council of the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, such Vice-Chancellor and such Council under the aforesaid Act and any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-Law, Regulation or Rule made thereunder.

N. Wijeyeratne  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, January 28, 1980.

**PART VIII**

**Order under Section 20 (5) of the Act**

(Published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 84/2 of Sunday, April 13, 1980)

**Important :** This Order rescinded the Order at page 115

L.D.—B. 21/78.

HE/3/3/18

**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 20 (5)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by section 20 (5) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Junius Richard Jayewardene, Minister of Higher Education, do by this Order rescind with effect from April 14, 1980, the Order made under section 20 (4) (b) of such Act and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 73/5 of January 29, 1980.

J. R. Jayewardene  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, April 09, 1980.

PART IX

Order under Section 27 (1) of the Act

OPEN UNIVERSITY (REVOCATION) ORDER

(Published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 36/3 of Monday, April 28, 1980)

**Important :** This Order revoked the Order at page 112

L.D.—B. 21/78.

HE/4/3/10

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

Order under Section 27 (1)

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Junius Richard Jayewardene, Minister of Higher Education, on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, do by this Order revoke with effect from April 30, 1980, the Order made under section 23 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 46/1A of July 22, 1979.

J. R. Jayewardene  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, April 25, 1980.

**PART X**

**Order under Section 23 (1) of the Act**

**OPEN UNIVERSITY ORDER**

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L.D.—B. 21/78

HE/4/3/10

**THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978**

**Order under Section 23 (1)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by sub-section (1) of section 23 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, I, Junius Richard Jayewardene, Minister of Higher Education, in consultation with the University Grants Commission, do by this Order, with effect from July 22, 1980—

- (i) establish an Open University, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, for the purpose of providing higher educational facilities to those who are not students of any of the institutions referred to in Sections 21, 22, 24 and 25 of the aforesaid Act ;
- (ii) assign the name and style of the "Open University of Sri Lanka" to such Open University ; and
- (iii) specify Colombo to be the seat of such Open University.

J. R. Jayewardene  
Minister of Higher Education

Colombo, May 06, 1980.

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### ORDINANCES

#### PART I

##### Student Assembly Ordinance, No. 1 of 1979

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L.D.—B. 21/78.

#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 117 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, February 27th, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance shall be cited as the Student Assembly Ordinance, No. 1 of 1979.
2. Each Student Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the "Assembly") shall consist of not less than 25 and not more than 100 members, to be constituted as follows :—
  - (a) where the total number of students of a Higher Educational Institution does not exceed 750, the Assembly shall consist of 25 members.
  - (b) where the total number of students of a Higher Educational Institution exceeds 750 but does not exceed 1500, the Assembly shall consist of 50 members; and
  - (c) where the total number of students in a Higher Educational Institution exceeds 1500, the Assembly shall in addition to the 50 members referred to in paragraph (b) consist of one additional member for every 50 students in excess of the first 1500 students, so however that the total number of members does not exceed 100 members.
3. (1) For the purpose of electing members to the Assembly, the students of each Faculty of a Higher Educational Institution shall constitute a constituency.  
(2) Approximately one-third of the total membership of the Assembly, determined in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Ordinance shall be divided equally amongst the constituencies. Where such one-third or such division of one-third is an integer and fraction, the integer immediately higher to that integer and fraction shall be deemed to be one-third for the purpose of this sub-paragraph.  
(3) The number of members of the Assembly remaining after the division referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph shall be distributed amongst the constituencies in proportion to the number of students in each constituency. If any such distribution results in an integer and fraction, the integer immediately higher to that integer and fraction shall be deemed to be the number of members allocated to the constituency for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, notwithstanding that such allocation may result in the Assembly having one or more than one member in addition to the total number of members determined in accordance with paragraph 2.
4. No student of a Higher Educational Institution shall be eligible to vote or to stand for election—
  - (a) unless he has been duly registered as a student of such Institution for the academic year in which the election is held ;
  - (b) if he is under suspension from the Institution ; or
  - (c) if he owes any money to that Institution at the time of such voting or standing for election, as the case may be, and he has not entered into any written agreement with that Institution to re-pay such money.

5. (1) Within seven days of commencement of the first term of each academic year, the Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, shall publish within that University or University College, a notice containing—

- (a) the name of each constituency in the Assembly ;
- (b) the number of members to be elected from each such constituency determined in terms of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 3 ; and
- (c) the names of students who are eligible to vote in each such constituency (hereinafter referred to as “eligible students”) :

Provided that, for the purpose of the first election of members to the Assembly, the names of, and the number of members to be elected from, each constituency, and the names of eligible students, shall be published before such date as may be prescribed by the principal executive officer of the University or University College, as the case may be.

(2) Any question as to whether the number of members to be elected to the Assembly has been duly determined or not, or whether such members have been duly divided or distributed amongst the constituencies or not, or whether a student is eligible to vote or to seek election or not, shall be referred to the principal executive officer of the University or University College, as the case may be. The decision of such principal executive officer on such question shall be final.

6. The Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, shall within such University or University College publish in respect of each constituency, the name of the person nominated by the principal executive officer of that University or University College, to conduct the election of members to the Assembly hereinafter referred to as the “Elections Officer”).

7. (1) For the purpose of electing members to the Assembly, the eligible students of a constituency may organize themselves into one or more than one student group ;

Provided that, each such group shall consist of a number of eligible students, not less than the number of members to be elected to the Assembly from that constituency (hereinafter referred to as the “minimum number”) :

Provided further that no eligible student shall stand for election unless he is a member of a student group recognized in terms of paragraphs 10 and 11 (1).

(2) No eligible student shall be a member of more than one student group in a constituency.

(3) No eligible student of one constituency shall be a member of a student group of any other constituency.

(4) Each student group shall bear a name which shall not be the name of any political party or religious group or a name associated with any religious group.

(5) Each student group shall have a Secretary (hereinafter referred to as the “Group Secretary”) who shall be elected by the students of such group.

8. (1) The principal executive officer of the University or the University College, as the case may be, shall fix in respect of each constituency, a date for the receipt of nominations for the election of members from that constituency to the Assembly. Such date shall be a date prior to the expiry of fourteen days from the date of publication under paragraph 5 (1) of the names of, and the number of members to be elected from, each constituency, and the names of eligible students.

(2) The Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, shall publish within such University or University College, the date fixed for the receipt of nominations in respect of each constituency.

(3) The Elections Officer shall receive nominations on the date fixed for such purpose, in terms of the preceding sub-paragraph.

9. Soon after the date of publication of the names of, and the number of members to be elected from, each constituency, and the names of eligible students, and at least four days before the date fixed under paragraph 8 (1) for the receipt of nominations, the Group Secretary of each student group shall submit under his hand to the Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, an application in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Ordinance, seeking the recognition of that student group.

10. For the purpose of this Ordinance, every student group organized under paragraph 7 and satisfying each of the following conditions, namely—

- (a) that it consists of a number of eligible students not less than the minimum number ;
- (b) that it bears a name as provided in paragraph 7 (4) ;
- (c) that it has a Group Secretary as provided in paragraph 7 (5);

shall be deemed to be a recognized student group, and shall hereinafter be referred to as such.

11. (1) Within two days of the receipt of an application under paragraph 9, the Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, shall convey in writing under his hand, to the Group Secretary of the student group in respect of which such application was made, whether or not such group has been recognized as a student group under paragraph 10. Where a student group has not been so recognized, such Registrar or Secretary shall also convey in writing to the Group Secretary of the student group, the reason or the reasons why such group was not so recognized.

(2) Any question as to whether a student group should be recognized or not, shall be referred to the principal executive officer of the University or University College, as the case may be, at least one day before the date fixed under paragraph 8 (1) for the receipt of nominations. The decision of such principal executive officer on such question shall be final.

12. (1) The Group Secretary of each recognized student group of a constituency shall submit under his hand to the Elections Officer, on the date fixed under paragraph 8 (1) for the receipt of nominations in respect of that constituency, one nomination paper, substantially in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance.

(2) Such nomination paper shall specify the name of the recognized student group and the names of candidates, arranged in order of priority, who are being nominated by such student group, so however that the total number of candidates so nominated shall be equal to the number of members to be elected to the Assembly from such constituency.

(3) Each candidate whose name has been included in the nomination paper shall be an eligible student of the constituency concerned and shall affix his signature to the nomination paper in token of his agreement to stand for election.

(4) No eligible student shall be nominated by more than one recognized student group.

(5) Any decision of the Elections Officer as to whether a nomination paper should be accepted or not shall be final.

(6) For the purpose of the election, the Elections Officer shall in consultation with the Group Secretary of each recognized student group whose nomination paper has been accepted, allot a symbol to each student group :

Provided that no symbol of any political party or religious group or a symbol associated with any political party or religious group shall be allotted to any recognized student group.

13. Where only one nomination paper has been accepted in respect of any constituency, the Elections Officer shall declare elected all the candidates specified in that nomination paper.

14. Where two or more than two nomination papers have been accepted in respect of any constituency, the Elections Officer shall publish within the University or University College, as the case may be—

- (a) the name of each recognized student group whose nomination paper has been accepted ;
- (b) the names of candidates, arranged in order of priority, nominated by each such student group ; and
- (c) the symbol allotted to each such student group.

15. (1) The principal executive officer of the University or University College, as the case may be, shall fix in respect of each constituency a date for the election of members from that constituency to the Assembly. Such date shall be a date falling within fourteen days of the date on which nominations were received in respect of that constituency, and wherever possible, the date fixed for each constituency of the Assembly shall be the same.

(2) The Registrar of the University or the Secretary of the University College, as the case may be, shall publish within that University or University College, the date fixed for the election of members in respect of each constituency.

(3) The Elections Officer shall conduct the election by secret ballot on the date fixed for that purpose in terms of sub-paragraph (1)

(4) Each eligible student shall be entitled to only one vote.

16. (1) The candidate whose name appears first in the nomination paper of the recognized student group, which polls the highest number of votes in any constituency, shall be declared elected.

(2) Where an equality is found to exist between the votes polled by two recognized student groups, and the addition of a vote would entitle the candidate of one such group to be declared elected under the preceding sub-paragraph the determination of the group to which such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given, shall be by lot. The group so determined, shall be deemed to be the group which polled the highest number of votes, and the remaining group shall, be deemed to be the group which polled the next highest number of votes.

17. (1) The total number of votes polled in a constituency shall be divided by the number of members to be elected from that constituency, reduced by one. If the number resulting from such division is an integer, that integer, or if that number is an integer and fraction, the integer immediately higher to that integer and fraction, is hereinafter referred to as the "resulting number".

(2) Beginning with the recognized student group which polled the highest number of votes in that constituency, the number of votes polled by each group shall then be divided by the resulting number. The whole number resulting from such division shall be the number of candidates, excluding the candidate declared elected under paragraph 16 (1) who shall be declared elected from each such group, in the order in which their names appear in the nomination paper. The remainder of the votes, if any, after such division, shall be dealt with under the following sub-paragraph.

(3) Where after the declaration of the election of members as provided in the preceding sub-paragraph there are one or more members yet to be declared elected, such member or number of members shall be declared elected by reference to the remainder of the votes referred to in that sub-paragraph to the credit of each group after the declaration made under that sub-paragraph and the votes, polled by any group not having any of its candidates declared elected under that sub-paragraph, the candidate next in the order of priority in the nomination paper of the group having the highest of such votes being declared elected the next member and so on, until all the members to be elected for that constituency are declared elected.

(4) Where the number of votes polled by each recognized student group is less than the resulting number, the group which has polled the highest number of votes shall be entitled to have the candidate whose name appears first in the nomination paper of that group, excluding the candidate declared elected under paragraph 16 (1), declared elected. If there are one or more members yet to be declared elected, the group having the next highest number of votes polled shall be entitled to have the member whose name appears first in the nomination paper of that group to be declared elected, and so on, until all the members to be elected for that constituency are declared elected, under the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

(5) If after the determination under the preceding sub-paragraph is made, there are one or more members yet to be declared elected in respect of that constituency, the provisions of that sub-paragraph shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the election of such members.

(6) Where under sub-paragraph (3), (4) or (5) an equality is found to exist between the votes polled by two or more groups and the addition of a vote would entitle the candidate of one such group to be elected, the determination of the group to which such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given, shall be by lot.

(7) For the purpose of this paragraph, "total number of votes polled" in relation to any constituency means the number of votes counted, other than rejected votes.

**18.** The duties and functions of the Assembly shall be :

- (a) promote and safeguard the interests of the Higher Educational Institution to which such Assembly belongs and the student community of such Institution ;
- (b) to afford a recognized means of communications with such Institution ;
- (c) to promote the corporate life and welfare of the student community of such Institution ;
- (d) to debate matters of public interest ;
- (e) to further the national interest and foster national unity ;
- (f) to preserve and protect public property ;
- (g) to protect, preserve and improve the environment for the benefit of the community ;
- (h) to raise funds with the approval of the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned for purposes approved by the governing authority of such Institution ; and
- (i) to perform any other duty or function as may be determined by the University Grants Commission.

**19.** (1) The Assembly shall at the first meeting held within one week after its election, elect from among its members the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and the Junior Treasurer, who shall be its office-bearers, and nominate a teacher to be approved as the Senior Treasurer by the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

(2) Each office-bearer shall be entitled to hold office from the date of his election up to the end of the academic year in which he was elected.

(3) No member shall hold the same office for more than one academic year.

(4) If any office-bearer—

- (a) ceases to be a student; or
- (b) resigns office by writing under his hand addressed to the Senior Treasurer ;  
or
- (c) has been suspended or dismissed from the Higher Educational Institutions to which he belongs ;

his office shall be deemed to be vacated.

(5) Where an office of the Assembly falls vacant, the Assembly shall as soon as possible elect a suitable person to fill that vacancy. The person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

**20.** (1) The duties and functions of the Chairman shall be—

- (a) to preside at all meetings of the Assembly ;
- (b) to carry out the decisions of the Assembly ; and
- (c) to call meetings of the Assembly.

(2) The duties and functions of the Vice-Chairman shall be—

- (a) to preside at any meeting of the Assembly in the absence of the Chairman;
- (b) to assist the Chairman in the discharge of his duties; and
- (c) to carry out any other duty or function assigned to him by the Assembly.

(3) The duties and functions of the Secretary shall be—

- (a) to keep records of all proceedings of the Assembly ;
- (b) to summon meetings of the Assembly on the instructions of the Chairman, or upon the receipt by the Secretary of a written requisition, from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Assembly ; and
- (c) to ensure that minutes of the proceedings are available for inspection by any student of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

(4) The duties and functions of the Junior Treasurer shall be—

- (a) to have custody of the funds of the Assembly ;
- (b) to ensure that all income and expenditure is properly recorded and accounted for in the books kept for this purpose, subject to any rules pertaining to maintenance of such accounts ;
- (c) to inform the the Senior Treasurer within one week of the payment of any money to the Assembly , of such payment ;
- (d) to make payments out of the funds of the Assembly, with the approval of the Senior Treasurer ;
- (e) to prepare a budget for the academic year after consultation with the office-bearers and the several Standing Committees to be submitted to the Assembly within one month from the date of election of its office-bearers ;
- (f) when necessary, to prepare supplementary estimates ;
- (g) to submit to the Assembly a report on its financial position as at the last day of each term within one month of the end of that term ; and
- (h) to submit to the Auditor through the Senior Treasurer, a statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet of the Assembly for the academic year within two weeks of the end the academic year in which the Assembly was elected.

21. (1) The Auditor shall be appointed by the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

(2) The Auditor shall, within one month of the receipt of the statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet from the Senior Treasurer, submit his report to the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution, who shall cause the publication of such report within such Institution.

22. (1) The quorum for a meeting of the Assembly shall be one-third of its total membership.

(2) Where owing to absence or other cause, both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are unable to preside at a meeting of the Assembly, the members present shall elect from among themselves a member to preside at such meeting.

(3) The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or any other member presiding at a meeting of the Assembly shall have an original vote, and where the voting is equal, a casting vote in addition.

(4) The Assembly shall conduct its business according to the rules of procedure to be determined by the Assembly.

23. (1) There shall be established a Student Assembly Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") for the general financial purposes of the Assembly.

(2) All monies received by the Assembly shall be credited to the Fund and all payments made for and on behalf of the Assembly shall be met from the Fund.

(3) All monies payable to the Fund shall be lodged with the Bank of Ceylon or the People's Bank, to be credited to an account which shall bear the name of the Assembly.

(4) The Senior Treasurer shall be a signatory to every cheque drawn on the account referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph.

(5) No payment shall be made from the Fund unless such payment has been provided for in the budget or a supplementary estimate, and approved by the Senior Treasurer ;

Provided that in exceptional circumstances payment may be made with the authority of the Senior Treasurer and such payment shall be reported by the Junior Treasurer to the Assembly at the first meeting held after such payment was made.

(6) The books of accounts of the Assembly shall be made available by the Junior Treasurer for inspection by the Senior Treasurer or any student of the Higher Educational Institution concerned.

**24.** (1) The Assembly shall administer its own affairs and shall not, unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, delegate its function to any person or body.

(2) Within one week of the election of the Assembly, the Assembly shall, subject to the provisions of section 113 (3) of the Act and the following sub-paragraph, appoint for the proper administration of the affairs of the Assembly the following Standing Committees :—

- (a) The First-Year Students' Committee ;
- (b) The Welfare and Services Committee ;
- (c) The Finance Committee ;
- (d) The Publication and Information Committee ;
- (e) The Social Functions Committee ; and
- (f) The External Relations Committee.

(3) (a) Each Standing Committee shall consist of one-fifth of the membership of the Assembly subject to a maximum of ten members.

(b) Not less than one-half of the members of the First Year Students' Committee shall, wherever possible, consist of students who have been registered by the Higher Educational Institution concerned for the first year of their studies in such Institution.

(c) The composition of each Standing Committee shall as far as possible reflect the composition of the Assembly.

(4) The Assembly may at any time appoint a Special Committee for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon any matter coming within the duties and functions of the Assembly.

(5) Each Standing Committee appointed under sub-paragraph (2) and any Special Committee appointed under sub-paragraph (4) shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Secretary, and shall conduct its business according to the rules of procedure to be determined by such Committee.

(6) Each Standing Committee shall once in each month, submit a report of its activities to the Assembly.

**25.** The First-Year Students' Committee shall assist the Higher Educational Institution concerned in introducing new students to the social and cultural life of the Institution.

**26.** The Welfare and Services Committee shall concern itself with the accommodation, health, and general welfare of the students of the Higher Educational Institute concerned.

**27.** The duties and functions of the Finance Committee shall be—

- (a) to report to the Assembly on the acceptance of grants, gifts and donations to be made by a person or body of persons, other than the Government, the University Grants Commission, the Higher Educational Institution concerned, or a Public Corporation ;
- (b) to recommend to the Assembly the manner in which funds shall be raised ; and
- (c) to inquire into and report on the expenditure of the monies voted in the budget.

**28.** The Publication and Information Committee shall be responsible for—

- (a) the publications of the Assembly ; and
- (b) the collection and dissemination of information pertaining to the Assembly ;

Provided that, no publication shall be made by the Committee without the authority of the Assembly conveyed in writing by its Secretary ;

Provided further, that no publication shall contain any sectarian religious views or take a partisan stand in favour of any particular political ideology.

**29.** The Social Functions Committee shall be responsible for the organization of the social functions agreed upon by the Assembly.

30. The External Relations Committee shall establish and maintain relations with other institutions of higher education.

31. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to student unions, societies or other associations of Institutes established or deemed to be established under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and which have been attached with effect from 1st January, 1979 to Higher Educational Institutions established or deemed to be established under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

32. Any question regarding the interpretation of this Ordinance shall be referred to the University Grants Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

33. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 ;

“governing authority” in relation to a University, means the Council of that University, and in relation to a University College, means the Board of Management of that University College ;

“Higher Educational Institution” means a University, Campus or University College established or deemed to be established by the aforesaid Act ; and

“principal executive officer” in relation to a University, means the Vice-Chancellor of that University, and in relation to a University College, means the Director of that University College.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

(Paragraph 9 of Ordinance)

To : .....  
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**Application for Recognition as a Student Group**

I,.....(full name)

being the Group Secretary of the student group specified below, hereby apply for recognition of that student group under paragraphs 10 and 11 (1) of the Student Assembly Ordinance, No. 1 of 1979.

2. The relevant particulars of the student group are as follows :—

- (1) Name of Constituency ;
- (2) Name of Student Group ;
- (3) Number of members constituting the Student Group ;

3. I annex to this application a list, signed by me, containing the names of the members of the student group. I certify that each such member is an eligible student of the constituency referred to above, and that he or she is not a member of any other student group of that constituency or of any other constituency of this Higher Educational Institution.

.....  
Signature of Group Secretary.

Date :.....



**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**(Paragraph 12 of Ordinance)**

To : The Elections Officer.

.....constituency

**Nomination Paper**

I,.....(full name),  
being the Group Secretary of the student group known as.....  
.....(name of student group), which has been recognized under paragraphs  
10 and 11 (1) of the Student Assembly Ordinance, No. 1 of 1979, hereby inform you that the candidates  
whose names have been set out below in order of priority have been nominated by the aforesaid  
student group for the election of members to the Student Assembly from.....  
.....(name of constituency).

2. I certify—

- (a) that each candidate whose name has been set out below is an eligible student of the aforesaid constituency ;
- (b) that he/she is not being nominated as a candidate for the aforesaid election by any other recognized student group ; and
- (c) that he/she has affixed against his/her name his/her signature to this Nomination Paper in token of his/her agreement to stand for election as a candidate of the aforesaid student group.

Date :.....

.....  
Signature of Group Secretary.

No.\*

*Name of Candidate*

*Signature of Candidate*

\*The total number of candidates nominated by the student group shall be equal to the number of members to be elected to the Student Assembly from the constituency.

## PART II

### Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 2 of 1979

(Published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 38/2 of Monday, May 28, 1979)

**Important :** This Ordinance was repealed by Ordinance No. 1 of 1980—  
**vide** page. 185

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### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140 read with section 18 of the Universities, Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda.  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, May 21st, 1979.

### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 2 of 1979.
2. The Institute of Postgraduate Medicine Statute, No. 1 of 1974, made under section 34 read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 109/7 of April 30th, 1974, and deemed under section 140 (2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, to be an Ordinance made by the Commission under section 18 of that Act, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Statute.
3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").
4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").
5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and of any appropriate Instrument and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—
  - (a) to admit students ;
  - (b) to provide for postgraduate instruction, training and research in such specialities in medicine as may with the concurrence of the Commission be approved by the University upon the recommendation of the Institute ;
  - (c) to conduct with the approval of the University postgraduate examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several specialities in medicine, and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas certificates and other academic distinctions of the University ;
  - (d) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several specialities in medicine ;
  - (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with Universities or Institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Institute ;
  - (f) to recognise examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admissions to, or by students of the Institute at Universities and places of learning of University level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time ;

- (g) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional, training or research purposes ;
- (h) to initiate and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (i) to make arrangements for conducting courses or parts of courses in educational institutions outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same ;
- (j) to recognise with the concurrence of the University such members of the staff of the Universities in Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Health and the Departments thereof, and members of professional bodies as may be approved by the Institute, as teachers and examiners of the Institute ;
- (k) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same ; and
- (l) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be done in order to further the objects of the Institute.

6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Director ; and
- (ii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Minister of the Ministry in charge of the subject of Health.

(2) Every subsequent Director shall be appointed by the Commission, from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute. Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) A Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs first.

(4) A Director, not being the first Director appointed under sub-paragraph (1), shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) A Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to this appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (2). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the institute, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Management and an *ex-officio* member of each Board of Study. He shall be entitled to be present and speak at any meeting of any Authority or other body of the Institute, but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such Authority or other body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute, are duly observed and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect to or to ensure that effect is given to the decisions of the Board of Management and of each Board of Study.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Board of Management ;
- (ii) the Board or the Boards of Study ; and
- (iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall be the academic and executive body of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

(1) the following *ex-officio* members, namely—

- (a) the Director ;
- (b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary ;
- (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Health or the nominee of such Secretary ;
- (d) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Plan Implementation or the nominee of such Secretary ;
- (e) the Director of Health Services ;
- (f) the Deputy Director of Health Services in charge of the subject of Medical Services ;
- (g) the Deputy Director of Health Services in charge of the subject of Laboratory Services ;
- (h) the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka ;
- (i) the Dean of the Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

(2) the following other members, namely—

- (a) two members elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, (other than the Dean of the Faculty) from among the Heads of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry of that Faculty ;
- (b) two members elected by the Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. (other than the Dean of the Faculty) from among the Heads of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry of that Faculty ;
- (c) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, from among the Heads of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry of that Faculty ;
- (d) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the Ruhuna University College from among the Heads of the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry of that Faculty ; and
- (e) eight members appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, scientific or administrative spheres ;

Provided that at least five members so appointed shall be from among the members of the medical profession.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the members thereof from among their number and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) The Chairman shall hold office as such for a period of one year reckoned from the date of his election and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) Any appointed or elected member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election or re-appointment ;

Provided, however, that if any elected or appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor ;

Provided further that each elected member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Board.

(4) Any elected member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(5) Any appointed member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(6) An appointed member of the Board who, for whatever reason, absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(7) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(8) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(9) The Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(10) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall exercise the powers and perform and discharge the duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions—

- (i) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute ;
- (ii) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument ;
- (iii) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes ;
- (iv) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and other grants of property to the Institute ;
- (v) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission ;

- (vi) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission.
- (vii) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several specialities in medicine, and the courses of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and, other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions ;
- (viii) to make By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such By-laws to the Council of the University for enactment ;

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned ;

- (ix) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University;
- (x) to make Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorized to be made or may be made ;
- (xi) to provide buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other materials, needed for carrying on the work of the Institute ;
- (xii) to recommend to the Council, such members of the staff of the Universities in Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Health and the Departments thereof and members of professional bodies as are considered suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute ;
- (xiii) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute including any unapplied income, in any security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys; or, with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure ;
- (xiv) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned and with the approval of the University;
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study ; and
  - (b) the assignment of specialities in medicine to the respective Boards of Study.
- (xv) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference ; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports ;
- (xvi) to determine, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned and the concurrence of the University, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study ; and
- (xvii) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument ;

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Board of Study has first being given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board ;

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Board of study.

13. The Institute shall establish a Board of Study in respect of each speciality in medicine, approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board of management and the University.

14. (1) Each Board of Study shall consist of ten members.

(2) Where a Board of Study has been established in respect of a speciality for which one or more than one University or University College in Sri Lanka has established a Department of Study, such Board of Study shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Director ;
- (b) three members elected by the appropriate professional body from among specialists who are being, or had been, employed in any of the Universities or University Colleges in Sri Lanka or the Ministry of Health or any Department thereof ;

Provided that no specialist shall be eligible for election after the elapse of a period of five years reckoned from the date on which he ceased to be so employed.

- (c) the Head of the appropriate Department of Study of each University or University College in Sri Lanka ;
- (d) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty ; and
- (e) one member elected by the Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lectures of that Faculty.

(3) Where a Board of Study has been established in respect of a speciality for which no University or University College in Sri Lanka has established a Department of Study, such Board of Study shall consist of the following persons—

- (a) the Director ;
- (b) five members elected by the appropriate professional body from among specialists who are being, or had been, employed in any of the Universities or University Colleges in Sri Lanka or the Ministry of Health or any Department thereof ;

Provided that no specialist shall be eligible for election after the elapse of a period of five years reckoned from the date on which he ceased to be so employed.

- (c) two members elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty ; and
- (d) two members elected by the Faculty of Medical, Dental and Veterinary Sciences of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty.

(4) Where, due to there being no appropriate professional body, or due to there being no appropriate Department of Study in any University or University College in Sri Lanka, any Board of Study constituted under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) consists of less than ten members, the Board of Management shall appoint from among the members of the medical profession to such Board of Study, such number of persons as would make its total membership ten in number.

(5) Any Board of Study may, with the concurrence of the Board of Management, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Board of Study.

(6) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (3), (4) and (6) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each elected member of any Board of Study.

(7) Each Board of Study shall have a Chairman who shall be elected by that Board of Study from among its members.

(8) Each Board of Study shall have a Secretary who shall not be a member of that Board of Study and who shall be appointed by the Board of Management.

(9) The quorum for a meeting of any Board of Study shall be four members excluding co-opted members, if any.

(10) Each Board of Study shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

**15.** (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Board of Study shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the speciality in medicine in respect of which that Board of Study has been established.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Board of Study shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the speciality in medicine concerned :—

- (i) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board of Management ;
- (ii) to present recommendations and reports to the Board of Management on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations of the Board of Study ;
- (iii) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Board of Study, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects ;
- (iv) to recommend to the Board of Management, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations ;
- (v) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations of the Board of Study and to submit such drafts to the Board of Management ;
- (vi) to recommend to the Board of Management, such members of the staff of the Universities in Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Health, and the Departments thereof, and members of professional bodies, as are considered suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners ;
- (vii) to recommend to the Board of Management, persons who, having passed the prescribed examinations in the speciality in medicine concerned and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible, for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that speciality ;
- (viii) to recommend to the Board of Management the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (ix) to recommend to the Board of Management the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (x) to recommend to the Board of Management—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study, and the organisation of new Boards of Study ; and
  - (b) the assignment of specialities in medicine to the respective Boards of Study.

**16.** The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

**17.** (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund") into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument ;
- (b) income from endowments ;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute ; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.



(2) Particulars of each sum of money paid into the Fund shall within one month of such payment, be submitted by the Director to the University and the Commission for their information.

18. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance ;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper head of accounts ;
- (c) to make all authorized payments ; and
- (d) to prepare for the Board of Management such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year.

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

19. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts, and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

20. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

21. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute .

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided by the University from among its own staff.

(3) Where the services of an officer or other employee of the University have been provided to the institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and with the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

22. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted or as to whether any person is entitled to be a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

23. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute, shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members, or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

24. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the power to grant and to confer postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in the several specialities in medicine shall be vested solely in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Provided, however, that the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, shall grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions only upon the recommendation of the Institute.

Provided further that any University deemed to be established under the Act may grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on persons who had been registered as postgraduate medical students of such University prior to the date of coming into operation of this Ordinance and who satisfy, the conditions for the grant and the award of such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions.

25. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 ;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the Act ;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act ;

“professional body” means an association, college, or other body of persons in any speciality in medicine either incorporated by an Act of Parliament or recognized as such by the Board of Management of the Institute ; and

“speciality in medicine” means Anaesthesiology, Community Medicine, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology, Surgery or any other speciality approved by the Commission upon the re-commendation of the Institute and the University.

## PART III

### Campus Board Ordinance, No. 3 of 1979

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 47 (1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 28th September, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Campus Board **Ordinance, No. 3 of 1979**, and shall come into force on October 01, 1979.

2. (1) The Campus Board shall consist of the following persons—

- (a) the Rector of the Campus ;
- (b) the Dean of each Faculty of the Campus ;
- (c) the Head of each Department of Study of the Campus ;
- (d) the Medical Officer of the Campus, or if there is no such Officer, the Head of the Health Services of the University ;
- (e) the Director of Physical Education of the Campus or if there is no such Director, the Director of Physical Education of the University ; and
- (f) one student from each Faculty, elected by the Student Assembly of the Campus from among the members representing that Faculty in such Assembly.

(2) A member elected under paragraph (f) of sub-section (1) shall hold office as a member until the end of the academic year in which he was elected.

3. The quorum for a meeting of the Campus Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

4. The Rector of the Campus shall preside at all meetings of the Campus Board. If the Rector is unable to preside at a meeting, the members, shall elect any member from among those present, to preside at such meeting.

## PART IV

### Board of Welfare Ordinance, No. 4 of 1979

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 45 (2) (xiv) of the Universities Act. No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 28th September, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the **Board of Welfare Ordinance, No. 4 of 1979**, shall come into force on October 01, 1979.

2. (1) The Board of Welfare of a University shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor ;
- (b) the Rector of each Campus, if any ;
- (c) the Dean of each Faculty ;
- (d) two Wardens elected by the Wardens of the Halls of Residence, if any, from among their number ;
- (e) the Head of the Health Services of the University ;
- (f) the Director of Physical Education of the University ;
- (g) one student from each Faculty elected by the Student Assembly from among the members representing that Faculty in such Assembly ; and
- (h) two members nominated by the Council from among the members appointed to the Council by the Commission.

(2) A member elected under paragraph (g) of sub-section (1) shall hold office as a member until the end of academic year in which he was elected.

(3) A member nominated under paragraph (h) of subsection (1) shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of one year reckoned from his date of nomination and shall be eligible for re-appointment, so long however as he holds office as a member of the Council.

3. The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Welfare shall be one-third of its total membership.

4. The Vice-Chancellor shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Welfare. If the Vice-Chancellor is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member from among those present to preside at such meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Welfare to advise the Council from time to time on the following matters :—

- (a) the establishment and management of Halls of Residence and the licensing of lodging houses providing residential facilities to students ;
- (b) the terms and conditions under which students shall be provided with residence in the Halls of Residence ;

- (c) the provision of medical, recreational, and other facilities and amenities to the students ; and
- (d) any other matter connected with, or incidental to, the general well-being of the students ;

Provided however that no such advice shall be given in relation to the students of a Campus of a University, except after consultation with the Campus Board of that Campus.

6. The preceding provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to, and in relation to, the Board of Welfare of a University College, subject to the following modifications :—

(a) there shall be substituted—

- (i) for the expression “Vice-Chancellor” the expression “Director.”;
- (ii) for the expression “University” the expression “University College” ; and
- (iii) for the expression “Council” the expression “Board of Management”.

wherever these expressions occur ; and

(b) by the omission of—

- (i) the reference to the Rector of each Campus in section 2 (1) ; and
- (ii) the provision to section 5.

## PART V

### Admissions Committee Ordinance, No. 5 of 1979

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W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 28th September, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the **Admissions Committee Ordinance, No. 5 of 1979**, and shall come into force on October 01, 1979.

2. The Admissions Committee shall consist of the following persons :-

- (a) the Chairman of the Commission;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor of each University ; and
- (c) the Director of each University College.

3. The quorum for a meeting of the Admissions Committee shall be one-third of its total membership.

4. The Chairman of the Commission shall preside at all meetings of the Admissions Committee. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member from among those present to preside at such meeting.

5. The Secretary of the Commission shall be the Secretary of the Admissions Committee.

6. The Admissions Committee shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :—

- (a) to make, in consultation with the governing authority of each Higher Educational Institution, recommendations to the Commission on the following matters relating to the admission of students to courses of study prescribed for the first degrees of the Higher Educational Institutions :—
  - (i) the requirements for admission to each course of study ;
  - (ii) the number of students to be admitted to each course of study ;
  - (iii) the method or methods of allocating students selected for admission to the various Higher Educational Institutions ; and
  - (iv) any other matter connected with, or incidental to, the aforesaid matters.
- (b) to advise the Commission on any matter, connected with, or incidental to, the admission of students to courses of study prescribed for first degrees of the Higher Educational Institutions, referred to it by the Commission.

## PART VI

### Appointments (Promotions) Ordinance, No. 6 of 1979

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 71(2) (iii) read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 21st, November, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Appointments (Promotions) Ordinance, No. 6 of 1979, and shall come into force on 1st December, 1979.
2. The posts specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby prescribed for the purpose of paragraph (iii) of sub-section (2) of section 71 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

#### Schedule

Clerk, Grade II, Grade I, and Special Grade, Library Assistant, Grade II, Grade I, and Special Grade, Shroff, Grade II, and Grade I, Laboratory Technician, Grade I and Special Grade.

PART VII

**Institute of Indigenous Medicine Ordinance, No. 7 of 1979**

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THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140 read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 21st December, 1979.

**Ordinance**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the **Institute of Indigenous Medicine Ordinance No. 7 of 1979**, and shall come into force on 1st January, 1980.

2. The following Orders made under section 4 (*u*) read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and the following Statute made under section 34 read with section 85 of the aforesaid Act and deemed under section 140 (2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, to be an Ordinance made by the Commission under section 18 thereof, are hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under such Orders and such Statute :—

- (a) Order published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 234/9 of October 13, 1976 ;
- (b) Order published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 241/2 of November 29, 1976 ;
- (c) Order published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 258/9 of March 30, 1977, ; and
- (d) Institute of Ayurveda Statute, No. 1 of 1977, published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 258/9 of March 30, 1977.

3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Institute of Indigenous Medicine (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and of any appropriate Instrument and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—

- (a) to admit students ;
- (b) to provide instruction and training in such branches of indigenous medicine as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University ;
- (c) to conduct with the approval of the University examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several branches of indigenous medicine, and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University ;
- (d) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission, the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several branches of indigenous medicine ;



- (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar to those of the Institute ;
- (f) to recognize examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of the Institute at universities and places of learning of university level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learnings or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time ;
- (g) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings, whether for instructional, training or research purposes;
- (h) to recommend to the University the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute ;
- (i) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (j) to regulate and provide for the residence, discipline and well-being of students and teachers, officers and other employees of the Institute.
- (k) to establish and manage halls of residence, to license lodging houses providing residential facilities to students and to provide such other services and facilities as may be necessary for the residence of students of the Institute ;
- (l) to assist students of the Institute to obtain loans from banks and other agencies in accordance with By-laws providing for the same ;
- (m) to make arrangements for conducting courses or parts of courses in places outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same ;
- (n) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same ; and
- (o) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Institute.

6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Director ; and
- (ii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Commission. Every subsequent Director shall also be appointed by the Commission but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute.

(2) Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) Each Director shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties, of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

7. If any vacancy occurs in the office of the Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (1). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the Institute, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Board of Management and an *ex-officio* member of each Departmental Committee. He shall be entitled to be present and speak at any meeting of any other Authority or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Board of Management.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Board of Management;
- (ii) the Departmental Committee or Committees; and
- (iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall be the academic and executive body of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

- (1) the following *ex-officio* members, namely—
  - (a) the Director ;
  - (b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary ;
  - (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Health or the nominee of such Secretary ;
  - (d) the Commissioner of Ayurveda ;
  - (e) the Director of the Bandaranaike Memorial Ayurveda Research Institute ;
  - (f) the Medical Superintendent of the Central Ayurvedic Hospital ;
  - (g) the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University; and
  - (h) the Head of each Department of Study of the Institute.
2. the following other members, namely—
  - (a) three members elected from among its own members by the Faculty of Medicine of the University ;
  - (b) one member appointed from among its own members by the Ayurveda Medical Council ; and
  - (c) eight members appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in cultural, educational, professional or administrative spheres :

Provided, however, that at least five members so, appointed shall be from among the members of the indigenous medical profession.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be the Director who shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) Any elected or appointed member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election or re-appointment :

Provided, however, that if any elected or appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor :

Provided further that each elected member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Board.

(3) Any elected member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(4) Any appointed member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(5) Any appointed member of the Board who without leave of absence, fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(6) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(7) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(8) The Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(9) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :—

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute ;
- (b) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument ;
- (c) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes ;
- (d) to receive and accept, with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and other grants of property to the Institute ;
- (e) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission ;
- (f) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission ;
- (g) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several branches of indigenous medicine,

and the courses of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions ;

- (h) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment ;

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned ;

- (i) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University ;
- (j) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorised to be made or may be made, and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate, as the case may be, of the University for enactment ;
- (k) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Institute ;
- (l) to recommend to the University—
  - (a) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute ; and
  - (b) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees to be appointed to the Institute ;
- (m) to recommend to the University to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Institute ;
- (n) to recommend to the Council of the University such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute ;
- (o) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned and with the approval of the University—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of branches of indigenous medicine to the respective Departments of Study.
- (p) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit; to specify their terms of reference ; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (q) to determine, in consultation with the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned and the concurrence of the University and the Commission, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study ;
- (r) to appoint a Board of Welfare, which shall also include representatives of the students, for the promotion of the general well-being of the students of the Institute, and to specify the composition, powers, duties, and functions of such Board ;
- (s) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute, including any unapplied income, in any security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys; or with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure; and
- (t) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument :

Provided that, no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Departmental Committee has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board ;

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Departmental Committee.

13. The Institute shall establish a Department of Study in respect of each of the following branches of indigenous medicine, and for each other branch of indigenous medicine approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board of Management and the University—

- (1) Ayurveda ;
- (2) Siddha ; and
- (3) Unani.

14. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Head of Department who shall be a full-time officer of the Institute and the administrative and academic head of that Department. He shall be appointed by the Board from among the teachers of that Department upon the recommendation of the Director.

(2) The Head of each Department shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instrument, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Where, owing to leave of absence, illness or other cause, any Head of Department is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Director shall appoint another teacher of the Department concerned to act in the post of Head of Department for such period. Where however any Head of Department retires or resigns, or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Head of Department shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Head of Department shall be appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

15. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Departmental Committee which shall consist of the following persons—

- (a) the Head of the Department who shall be the Chairman ;
- (b) the Director ;
- (c) such teachers and other staff of the Department of Study imparting instruction in the Institute as have been confirmed in their appointments as such ; and
- (d) three persons, not being members of the Institute, appointed by the Board from among persons of eminence in the branch of indigenous medicine relevant to the Department of Study.

(2) Any Departmental Committee, may, with the concurrence of the Board, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Committee.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each appointed member of any Departmental Committee.

(4) Each Departmental Committee shall have a Secretary who shall be elected by that Committee from among its members under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (1).

(5) The quorum for a meeting of any Departmental Committee shall be one-third of its total membership, excluding co-opted members, if any.

(6) Each Departmental Committee shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Departmental Committee shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the branch of indigenous medicine concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Departmental Committee shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the branch of indigenous medicine concerned :—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board ;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Board on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations in that branch of indigenous medicine ;
- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Departmental Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects ;
- (d) to recommend to the Board, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations ;
- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that branch of indigenous medicine and to submit such drafts to the Board ;
- (f) to recommend to the Board such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners ;
- (g) to recommend to the Board, persons who, having passed the prescribed examinations in that branch of indigenous medicine and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that branch ;
- (h) to recommend to the Board the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (i) to recommend to the Board the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ; and
- (j) to recommend to the Board—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study ; and
  - (b) the assignment of branches of indigenous medicine to the respective Departments of Study.

17. The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

18. (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Institute of Indigenous Medicine Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument ;
- (b) income from endowments ;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute ;
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of money paid into the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue, shall before the end of the next ensuing month be submitted by the Director to the Commission for its information.

19. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance ;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts ;

- (c) to make all authorized payments; and
- (d) to prepare for the Board such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year ;

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

20. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

21. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution, shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

22. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers, teachers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from its own staff, or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of Part X of the Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where an officer, teacher or other employee of the University has been released for service to the Institute on a full-time basis, the institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer, teacher or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

23. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or as to whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

24. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies amongst its members, or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

25. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 ;

“appropriate instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act;

“branch of indigenous medicine” means Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani or any other branch approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the aforesaid Act; and

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer or the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is a teacher ;

## PART VIII

### Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies Ordinance, No. 8 of 1979.

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140, read with section 18, of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda,  
*Secretary,*  
University Grants Commission

Colombo 24th December, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies Ordinance, No. 8 of 1979, and shall come into force on 1st January, 1980.

2. The Vidyalankara Institute of Postgraduate Buddhist Studies, Statute No. 2 of 1977, made under section 34 read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 268/11 of June 9, 1977 and deemed under section 140 (2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, to be an Ordinance made by the Commission under section 18 of that Act, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Statute.

3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate instrument, and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—

- (a) to admit students ;
- (b) to provide postgraduate instruction, training and research in such specialities in, Pali and Buddhist Studies as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University ;
- (c) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several specialities in Pali and Buddhist Studies ;
- (d) to conduct with the approval of the University, postgraduate examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several specialities in Pali and Buddhist Studies, and to recommend to the University persons, who having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University ;
- (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars of otherwise, with universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Institute ;



- (f) to recognize examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of, the Institute at universities and places of learning of university level as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law and to withdraw such recognition at any time ;
  - (g) to erect, equip and maintain for the purpose of the Institute libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional, training or research purposes ;
  - (h) to recommend to the University the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purpose of the Institute ;
  - (i) to Institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
  - (j) to make arrangements for conducting research and courses or parts of courses in places outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same ;
  - (k) to recognize with the concurrence of the University such persons as may be approved by the Institute, as teachers and examiners thereof ;
  - (l) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same ; and
  - (m) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Institute.
6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—
- (a) the Director ; and
  - (b) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Commission. Every subsequent Director shall also be appointed by the Commission but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute.

(2) Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) Each Director shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such Special Meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such Special Meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (1). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the Institute, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Board of Management and the Faculty Board, and an *ex-officio* member of each Departmental Committee. He shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any other Authority, or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument insofar as they relate to the Institute are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given to the decisions of the Board of Management and the Faculty Board.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Board of Management ;
- (ii) the Faculty Board ; and
- (iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall be the executive authority of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

(1) the following *ex-officio* members, namely—

- (a) the Director ;
- (b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary ;
- (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Cultural Affairs or the nominee of such Secretary ;
- (d) the Head of each Department of Study of the Institute.

(2) the following other members, namely—

- (a) two members nominated by the Council of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka from among its members appointed by the Commission ; and
- (b) four members appointed by the Commission from among persons who, have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, scientific, industrial, agricultural and administrative spheres ;

Provided, however, that at least two members so appointed shall be from among scholars of eminence in Pali and Buddhist Studies.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be the Director who shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) Any nominated or appointed member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his nomination or appointment, as the case may be, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-nomination or re-appointment;

Provided, however, that if any nominated or appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor ;

Provided further that each nominated member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for nomination as a member of the Board.

(3) Any nominated member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(4) Any appointed member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(5) Any appointed member of the Board who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(6) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowance as the Minister shall in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(7) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(8) The Board shall meet whenever necessary to however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(9) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall exercise the powers and perform and discharge the duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions;

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute ;
- (b) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument ;
- (c) to administer any funds placed at, at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes ;
- (d) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and grants of property to the Institute ;
- (e) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission ;
- (f) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission ;
- (g) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Faculty Board, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several specialities in Pali and Buddhist Studies and the courses of study, and training to be followed, the examination to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions ;
- (h) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment ;

Provided, however, that no By-laws relating to courses of study and examinations shall be draft excepted after consideration of reports from the Faculty Board ;

- (i) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Faculty Board, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University ;

- (j) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorised to be made or may be made and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate, as the case may be, of the University for enactment.
- (k) to provide buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Institute ;
- (l) to recommend to the University—
  - (i) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships, and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute ; and
  - (ii) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees to be appointed to the Institute ;
- (m) to recommend to the University to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Institute ;
- (n) to recommend to the Council of the University in consultation with the Faculty Board, such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute ;
- (o) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Faculty Board and approval of the University—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study ; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in Pali or Buddhist Studies to the respective Departments of Study ;
- (p) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad-hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference ; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports ;
- (q) to determine, in consultation with the Faculty Board and the concurrence of the University, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study ;
- (r) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute including any unapplied income, in any security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trust Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys ; or with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such money in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure ; and
- (s) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument ;

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the Faculty Board has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board ;

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, “academic matter” means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the Faculty Board.

13. (1) The Institute shall have a Faculty Board which shall be the academic authority of the Institute.
- (2) The Faculty Board shall consist of the following persons :—
  - (a) the Director ;

- (b) the Head of each Department of Study of the Institute ;
- (c) the Head of each of the following Departments of Study of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka—
  - (i) Department of Pali.
  - (ii) Department of Buddhist Studies ;
  - (iii) Department of Sanskrit ;
- (d) the teachers of each Department of Study of the Institute ; and
- (e) teachers, not exceeding five in number, appointed by the Commission from among the academic staff of the Universities in Sri Lanka other than the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraphs 2,4, and 5 of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each appointed member of the Faculty Board.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Faculty Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(5) The Faculty Board shall meet whenever necessary so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

14. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Faculty Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), the Faculty Board shall exercise perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions :

- (a) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Board ;
- (b) to recommend to the Board, after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, the names of persons suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners ;
- (c) to recommend to the Board the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other academic posts in the Institute ;
- (d) to recommend to the Board after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study ; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in Pali or Buddhist Studies to the respective Department of Study ;
- (e) to recommend to the Board the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (f) to award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes on such conditions as may be approved by the Board ;
- (g) to appoint such number of Standing Committees, or *ad-hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference ; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modifications, or to reject such reports ; and
- (h) to recommend to the Board requirements for the admission of students to courses of Study.

15. The Institute shall establish a Department of Study in respect of each of the following specialities in Pali and Buddhist Studies, and for each other such speciality approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board and the University :—

- (a) Buddhist Sources ;
- (b) Buddhist Thought ;
- (c) Buddhist Culture.

16. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Head of Department, who shall be a full-time officer of the Institute and the administrative and academic head of that Department. He shall be appointed by the Board from among the teachers of that Department upon the recommendation of the Director.

(2) The Head of each Department shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instruments, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Where owing to leave of absence, illness or other cause, any Head of Department is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Director shall appoint another teacher of the Department concerned to act in the post of Head of Department for such period. Where however any Head of Department retires or resigns, or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Head of Department shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Head of Department shall be appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

17. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Departmental Committee which shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Head of the Department, who shall be the Chairman ;
- (b) the Director ;
- (c) such teachers of the Department of Study as have been confirmed in their appointments ; and
- (d) one person, not being a member of the staff of the Institute, appointed by the Faculty Board from among persons of eminence in the speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies relevant to the Department of Study.

(2) Any Departmental Committee, may, with the concurrence of the Faculty Board, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Departmental Committee.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the appointed member of each Departmental Committee.

(4) Each Departmental Committee shall have a Secretary who shall be elected by that Committee from among its members under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (1).

(5) The quorum for a meeting of any Departmental Committee shall be one-third of its total membership, excluding co-opted members, if any.

(6) Each Departmental Committee shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

18. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Departmental Committee shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Departmental Committee shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies concerned :—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Faculty Board ;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Faculty Board on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations in that speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies ;

- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Departmental, Committee, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects ;
- (d) to recommend to the Faculty Board, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations ;
- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies and to submit such drafts to the Faculty Board ;
- (f) to recommend to the Faculty Board such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners ;
- (g) to recommend to the Faculty Board, persons who, having passed the prescribed examinations in that speciality in Pali or Buddhist Studies and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that branch ;
- (h) to recommend to the Faculty Board the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (i) to recommend to the Faculty Board the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ; and
- (j) to recommend to the Faculty Board.—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study ; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in Pali or Buddhist Studies to the respective Departments of Study.

19. The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

20. (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies Fund (hereinafter referred to as the 'Fund') into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instruments ;
- (b) income from endowments ;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute ; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of money paid to the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue, shall before the end of the next ensuing month be submitted by the Director to the Commission for its information.

21. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance ;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid in to the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts ;
- (c) to make all authorized payments ; and
- (d) to prepare for the Board of Management such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year.

Provided however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

22. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

23. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

24. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers, teachers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from its own staff, or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of Part X of the Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where an officer, teacher or other employee of the University has been released for service to the Institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer, teacher or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

25. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted, or as to whether any person is entitled to be a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

26. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

27. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 ;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act ;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the aforesaid Act ; and

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer or the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of the which is a teacher.



PART IX

**Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Ordinance, No. 9 of 1979.**

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THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140, read with section 18, of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 24th December, 1979.

**Ordinance**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Ordinance, No. 9 of 1979, and shall come into force on 1st January, 1980.

2. The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Statute, No. 2 of 1974, made under section 34 read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 150/5 of February 10, 1974 and deemed under section 140 (2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, to be an Ordinance made by the Commission under section 18 of that Act, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Statute.

3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—

- (a) to admit students ;
- (b) to provide postgraduate instruction, training and research in such specialities in agriculture as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University ;
- (c) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several specialities in agriculture ;
- (d) to conduct with the approval of the University, postgraduate examinations for the purposes of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several specialities in agriculture, and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University ;
- (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Institute ;
- (f) to recognize examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of the Institute at Universities and places of learning of University level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law and to withdraw such recognition at any time ;

- (g) to erect, equip and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings, whether for instructional, training or research purposes ;
- (h) to recommend to the University the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute ;
- (i) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes ;
- (j) to make arrangements for conducting research and courses or parts of courses in places outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same ;
- (k) to recognize with the concurrence of the University such persons as may be approved by the Institute, as teachers and examiners thereof ;
- (l) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same ; and
- (m) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Institute.

6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (a) the Director ; and
- (b) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Commission. Every subsequent Director shall also be appointed by the Commission but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute.

(2) Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) Each Director shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such Special Meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such Special Meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit, for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (1). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the Institute, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Board of Management and an *ex-officio* member of each Board of Study. He shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any other Authority or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute, are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Board of Management and of each Board of Study.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (a) the Board of Management;
- (b) the Board or the Boards of Study; and
- (c) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management shall be the academic and executive body of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

- (1) the following *ex-officio* members, namely—
  - (a) the Director;
  - (b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary;
  - (c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance or the nominee of such Secretary;
  - (d) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Agriculture or the nominee of such Secretary;
  - (e) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Animal Husbandry or the nominee of such Secretary;
  - (f) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Plantation Industries or the nominee of such Secretary;
  - (g) the Director of the Coconut Research Institute;
  - (h) the Director of the Rubber Research Institute;
  - (i) the Director of the Tea Research Institute;
  - (j) the Director of Agriculture;
  - (k) the Director of Animal Production and Health;
  - (l) the Deputy Director of Agriculture in charge of the subject of Research;
  - (m) the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University; and
  - (n) the Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science of the University; and
- (2) the following other members, namely—
  - (a) one member from each speciality in agriculture elected by the Faculty of Agriculture of the University from among its own members; and
  - (b) five members appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, scientific, industrial, agricultural and administrative spheres.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board of Management shall be the Director who shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) Any elected or appointed member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election or re-appointment :

Provided, however, that if any elected or appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor;

Provided further that each elected member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Board.

(3) Any elected member of the Board of Management may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(4) Any appointed member of the Board of Management may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(5) Any appointed member of the Board of Management who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(6) A member of the Board of Management shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowances as The Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(7) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Management shall be one-third of its total membership.

(8) The Board of Management shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than six occasions in each year.

(9) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board of Management, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board of Management shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board of Management shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), the Board of Management shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute;
- (b) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument;
- (c) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes;
- (d) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and grants of property to the Institute;
- (e) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission;
- (f) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission;
- (g) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several specialities in agriculture, and the courses of study, and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (h) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorized to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment:

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned.

- (i) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University;
- (j) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorized to be made or may be made, and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate, as the case may be, of the University for enactment;
- (k) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Institute;
- (l) to recommend to the University—
  - (i) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute; and
  - (ii) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees to be appointed to the Institute;
- (m) to recommend to the University to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Institute;
- (n) to recommend to the Council of the University such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute;
- (o) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned and approval of the University—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in agriculture to the respective Boards of Study;
- (p) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad-hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (q) to determine, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned and the concurrence of the University, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study;
- (r) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute including any unapplied income, in any security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys; or, with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure; and
- (s) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument:

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Board of Study has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board;

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, 'academic matter' means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Board of Study.

13. The Institute shall establish a Board of Study in respect of each of the following specialities in agriculture, and for each other speciality in agriculture approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board of Management and the University:—

- (a) Agricultural Biology;
- (b) Agricultural Chemistry;
- (c) Agricultural Economics and Extension;
- (d) Agricultural Engineering;
- (e) Animal Science; and
- (f) Crop Science.

14. (1) Each Board of Study shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Director;
- (b) four members, including the professor or the professors in the appropriate speciality in agriculture, nominated from among its teachers in that speciality by the Faculty of Agriculture of the University; and
- (c) three members appointed by the Board of Management from among persons of eminence in the appropriate speciality in agriculture.

(2) Any Board of Study may with the concurrence of the Board of Management co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Board of Study.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each nominated or appointed member of any Board of Study.

(4) Each Board of Study shall have a Chairman who shall be elected by that Board of Study from among its members.

(5) Each Board of Study shall have a Secretary who shall be elected by that Board from among its nominated members.

(6) The quorum for a meeting of any Board of Study shall be four members, excluding co-opted members, if any.

(7) Each Board of Study shall meet whenever necessary so however that it meets on not less than six occasions in each year.

15. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Board of Study shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the speciality in agriculture concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Board of Study shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the speciality in agriculture concerned :—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board of Management;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Board of Management on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations in that speciality in agriculture;
- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Board of Study, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;
- (d) to recommend to the Board of Management requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations.
- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that speciality in agriculture and to submit such drafts to the Board of Management;
- (f) to recommend to the Board of Management such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners;
- (g) to recommend to the Board of Management persons, who, having passed the prescribed examinations in that speciality in agriculture and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that speciality;
- (h) to recommend to the Board of Management the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;

- (i) to recommend to the Board of Management the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (j) to recommend to the Board of Management—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in agriculture to the respective Boards of Study;

16. The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

17. (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Fund (hereinafter referred to as the 'Fund') into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument;
- (b) income from endowments;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of moneys paid to the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue, shall before the end of the next ensuing month be submitted by the Director to the Commission for its information.

18. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorized payments; and
- (d) to prepare for the Board of Management such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year :

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

19. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

20. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

21. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers, teachers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from its own staff, or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of Part X of the Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where an officer, teacher or other employee of the University has been released for service to the Institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer, teacher or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

22. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted, or as to whether any person is entitled to be a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

23. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

24. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the power to grant and to confer postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in the several specialities in agriculture shall be vested solely in the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka :

Provided, however, that the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, shall grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions only upon the recommendation of the Institute.

25. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act;

“Commission” means the University Grant Commission established under the aforesaid Act;

“speciality in agriculture” means Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Economics and Extension, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Science, Crop Science or any other speciality approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University; and

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer, or Assistant Lecturer or the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is a teacher.



## PART X

### Institute of Aesthetic Studies Ordinance, No. 10 of 1979

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140, read with section 18, of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 24th December, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Institute of Aesthetic Studies Ordinance, No. 10 of 1979, and shall come into force on 1st January, 1980.

2. The Order establishing the Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the University of Sri Lanka made under section 4(u) read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and published in the *Gazette* No 119 of July 5th, 1974, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Order.

3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Institute of Aesthetic Studies (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and of any appropriate Instrument and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—

- (a) to admit students;
- (b) to provide instruction and training in such branches of Aesthetic Studies as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University;
- (c) to conduct, with the approval of the University, examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several branches of Aesthetic Studies, and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University;
- (d) to determine, with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission, the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several branches of Aesthetic Studies;
- (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Institute.
- (f) to recognize examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of, the Institute at universities and places of learning of university level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;

- (g) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional, training or research purposes;
- (h) to recommend to the University the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute;
- (i) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (j) to regulate and provide for the residence, discipline and well-being of students and teachers, officers and other employees of the Institute;
- (k) to establish and manage halls of residence, to license lodging houses providing residential facilities to students and to provide such other services and facilities as may be necessary for the residence of students of the institute;
- (l) to assist students of the Institute to obtain loans from banks and other agencies in accordance with By-laws providing for the same;
- (m) to make arrangements for conducting courses or parts of courses in places outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (n) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same; and
- (o) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be required in order to further the objects of the Institute.

6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Director; and
- (ii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Commission. Every subsequent Director shall also be appointed by the Commission but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute.

(2) Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph(4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) Each Director shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (1). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the Institute, and shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Board of Management and an *ex-officio* member of each Departmental Committee. He shall be entitled to be present and speak at any meeting of any other Authority or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute, are duly observed and, he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Board of Management.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

(i) the Board of Management;

(ii) the Departmental Committee or Committees; and

(iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall be the academic and executive body of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

(1) the following *ex-officio* members, namely—

(a) the Director;

(b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary;

(c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Education or the nominee of such Secretary;

(d) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Cultural Affairs or the nominee of such Secretary;

(e) the Chairman of the Cultural Council of Sri Lanka;

(f) the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University; and

(g) the Head of each Department of Study of the Institute.

(2) the following other members, namely—

(a) four members elected from among its own members by the Faculty of Arts of the University; and

(b) eight members appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in cultural, educational, professional, or administrative spheres :

Provided, however, that at least five members so appointed shall be from among artists and persons actively interested in art, sculpture, dancing, music and other approved branches of Aesthetic Studies.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be the Director who shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) Any elected or appointed member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election or re-appointment:

Provided, however, that if any elected or appointed member vacates, his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor:

Provided further that each elected member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Board.

(3) Any elected member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(4) Any appointed member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(5) Any appointed member of the Board who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(6) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(7) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(8) The Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(9) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute;
- (b) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument;
- (c) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes;
- (d) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and other grants of property to the Institute;
- (e) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission.
- (f) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission;
- (g) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several branches of Aesthetic Studies, and the courses of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

- (h) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment :

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned :

- (i) to draft after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University;
- (j) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorized to be made or may be made, and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate, as the case may be, of the University for enactment :
- (k) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Institute;
- (l) to recommend to the University—
  - (i) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute; and
  - (ii) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees to be appointed to the Institute;
- (m) to recommend to the University to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Institute;
- (n) to recommend to the Council of the University such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute;
- (o) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned and with the approval of the University—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of branches of Aesthetic Studies to the respective Departments of Study.
- (p) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit; to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (q) to determine, in consultation with the Departmental Committee or Committees concerned and the concurrence of the University and the Commission, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study;
- (r) to appoint a Board of Welfare, which shall also include representatives of the students, for the promotion of the general well-being of the students of the Institute, and to specify the composition, powers, duties, and functions of such Board;
- (s) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute including any unapplied income, in any security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys or, with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure; and

- (i) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument :

Provided, that no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Departmental Committee has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board :

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Departmental Committee.

13. The Institute shall establish a Department of Study in respect of each of the following branches of Aesthetic Studies, and for each other branch of Aesthetic studies approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board of Management and the University :—

- (1) Art and Sculpture;
- (2) Dancing; and
- (3) Music.

14. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Head of Department, who shall be a full-time officer of the Institute and the administrative and academic head of that Department. He shall be appointed by the Board from among the teachers of that Department upon the recommendation of the Director.

(2) The Head of each Department shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instrument, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Where owing to leave of absence, illness or other cause, any Head of Department is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Director shall appoint another teacher of the Department concerned to act in the post of Head of Department for such period. Where however any Head of Department retires or resigns, or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Head of Department shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Head of Department shall be appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

15. (1) Each Department of Study shall have a Departmental Committee which shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Head of the Department, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the Director ;
- (c) such teachers and other staff of the Department of Study imparting instruction in the Institute as have been confirmed in their appointments as such; and
- (d) three persons, not being members of the Institute, appointed by the Board from among persons of eminence in the branch of Aesthetic Studies relevant to the Department of Study.

(2) Any Departmental Committee, may, with the concurrence of the Board, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Committee.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each appointed member of any Departmental Committee.

(4) Each Departmental Committee shall have a Secretary who shall be elected by that Committee from among its members appointed under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (1).

(5) The quorum for a meeting of any Departmental Committee shall be one-third of its total membership, excluding co-opted members, if any.

(6) Each Departmental Committee shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Departmental Committee shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the branch of Aesthetic Studies concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Departmental Committee shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the branch of Aesthetic Studies concerned :—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Board on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations in that branch of Aesthetic Studies;
- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Departmental Committee, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;
- (d) to recommend to the Board, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations;
- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that branch of Aesthetic Studies and to submit such drafts to the Board;
- (f) to recommend to the Board such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners;
- (g) to recommend to the Board, persons who, having passed the prescribed examinations in that branch of Aesthetic Studies and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that branch;
- (h) to recommend to the Board the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (i) to recommend to the Board the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (j) to recommend to the Board—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Departments of Study and the organization of new Departments of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of branches of Aesthetic Studies to the respective Departments of Study.

17 The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

18 (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Institute of Aesthetic Studies Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument;
- (b) income from endowments;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of money paid into the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue shall, before the end of the next ensuing month, be submitted by the Director of the Commission for its information.

19. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorized payments; and

(d) to prepare for the Board such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year :

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

20. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts, and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

21. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

22. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers, teachers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from its own staff, or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of Part X of the Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where an officer, teacher or other employee of the University has been released for service to the Institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer, teacher or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

23. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or as to whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

24. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute, shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members, or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

25. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the power to grant and to confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in the several branches of Aesthetic Studies shall be vested solely in the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka :

Provided, however, that the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, shall grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions only upon the recommendation of the Institute.

26. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 :

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Act;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the aforesaid Act;

“branch of Aesthetic Studies” means Art, Sculpture, Dancing, Music, or any other speciality approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University; and

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer or the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is a teacher.



## PART XI

### Institute of Workers' Education Ordinance, No. 11 of 1979

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#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140, read with section 18, of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 26th December, 1979.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Institute of Workers' Education Ordinance, No. 11 of 1979, and shall come into force on 1st January, 1980.
2. The Institute of Workers' Education Statute, No. 1 of 1975, made under section 34 read with section 85 of the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972, and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 188/10 of November 5, 1975 and deemed under section 140(2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, to be an Ordinance made by the Commission under section 18 of that Act, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Statute.
3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Institute of Workers' Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").
4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").
5. Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the Institute shall have in relation to the University the status of a Faculty of the University and such provisions of the Act as are applicable or relevant to the administration and management of a Faculty of a Higher Educational Institution established or deemed to be established under the Act, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the administration and management of the Institute.
6. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—
  - (a) to admit students;
  - (b) to provide instruction and training in such branches of learning as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University;
  - (c) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission, the diplomas certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the approved branches of learning;
  - (d) to conduct with the approval of the University, examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the approved branches of learning and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University;
  - (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar to those of the Institute;

- (f) to recognise examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of, the Institute at Universities and places of learning of university level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;
- (g) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional, training or research purposes;
- (h) to recommend to the University the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute;
- (i) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (j) to make arrangements for conducting courses or parts of courses in other Higher Educational Institutions in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (k) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same; and
- (l) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Institute.

7. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (i) the Director; and
- (ii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

8. (1) The first Director shall be appointed by the Council of the University. Every subsequent Director shall also be appointed by the Council of the University but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Academic Syndicate of the Institute.

(2) Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) Each Director shall be removed from office by the Vice-Chancellor of the University on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Academic Syndicate, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as he may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub paragraph (1). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

9. (1) The Director shall be a full-time officer of the Institute, and shall be the academic and administrative Head thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Academic Syndicate and an *ex-officio* member of each Board of Study. He shall be entitled to be present and speak at any meeting of any other Authority or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such direction as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Council of the University, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Academic Syndicate.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

10. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

(i) the Academic Syndicate;

(ii) the Board or Boards of Study;

(iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

11. The Academic Syndicate (hereinafter referred to as the "Syndicate") shall be the academic authority of the Institute and shall consist of the following persons :—

(1) The following *ex-officio* members, namely—

(a) the Director;

(b) the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University;

(c) the Dean of the Faculty of Education of the University;

(d) the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the University;

(2) The following other members, namely—

(a) the members of each Board of Study of the Institute;

(b) eight members appointed by the Commission from among persons of eminence in the branches of learning relevant to the Institute.

12. (1) The Chairman of the Syndicate shall be the Director who shall preside at all meetings of the Syndicate. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) Any appointed member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment;

Provided, however, that if any appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

(3) Any appointed member of the Syndicate may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Chairman of the Commission.

(4) Any appointed member of the Syndicate who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Syndicate shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Syndicate and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(5) A member of the Syndicate shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but an appointed member may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall, in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(6) The quorum for a meeting of the Syndicate shall be one-third of its total membership.

(7) The Syndicate shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(8) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Syndicate, convene a special meeting of the Syndicate.

13. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Syndicate shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), the Syndicate shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

- (a) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission;
- (b) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission;
- (c) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned, the diplomas, certificates and other academic distinction which shall be awarded in the approved branches of learning, and the courses of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (d) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment:

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned;

- (e) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University;
- (f) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorized to be made or may be made, and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate, as the case may be, of the University for enactment;
- (g) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Institute;
- (h) to recommend to the University—
  - (a) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Institute; and
  - (b) the qualifications of teachers, officers and other employees to be appointed to the Institute;
- (i) to recommend to the University to suspend; dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Institute;
- (j) to recommend to the Council of the University such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute;
- (k) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned and with the approval of the University—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organisation of new Boards of Study; and
  - (b) the assignment of branches of learning to the respective Boards of Study;

- (l) to appoint such number of Standing Committees *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit; to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (m) to determine, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned and the concurrence of the University and the Commission, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study; and
- (n) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument:

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Syndicate in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Board of Study has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Syndicate:

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Board of Study.

14. The Institute shall establish a Board of Study in respect of each branch of learning approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Syndicate and the University.

15. (1) Each Board of Study shall have a Chairman who shall be the administrative and academic head of that Board. He shall be appointed by the Syndicate from among the teachers of that Board upon the recommendation of the Director.

(2) The Chairman of each Board shall, subject to the provisions of any appropriate Instrument, hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Where owing to leave of absence, illness or other cause, any Chairman is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding three months, the Director shall appoint another teacher of the Board concerned to act in the post of Chairman for such period. Where however any Chairman retires or resigns, or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Chairman shall be deemed to be vacant, and a new Chairman shall be appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor.

16. (1) Each Board of Study shall consist of the following persons:—

- (a) the Chairman;
- (b) the Director; and
- (c) such teachers and other staff of the Board of Study, not exceeding five in number, appointed by the Council of the University from among those imparting instruction in the Institute in the branch of learning concerned.

(2) Any Board of Study, may, with the concurrence of the Syndicate, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Board.

(3) The provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 12 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each appointed member of any Board of Study.

(4) Each Board of Study shall have a Secretary who shall be elected by that Board from among its members under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (1).

(5) The quorum for a meeting of any Board of Study shall be one-third of its total membership, excluding co-opted members, if any.

(6) Each Board of Study shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

17. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Board of Study shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examination in the branch of learning concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), each Board of Study shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the branch of learning concerned :—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Syndicate;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Syndicate on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes and examinations in that branch of learning.
- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Board of Study for, the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;
- (d) to recommend to the Syndicate, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations;
- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that branch of learning and to submit such drafts to the Syndicate;
- (f) to recommend to the Syndicate such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners;
- (g) to recommend to the Syndicate persons, who, having passed the prescribed examinations in that branch of learning and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that branch;
- (h) to recommend to the Syndicate the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (i) to recommend to the Syndicate the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (j) to recommend to the Syndicate—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of branches of learning to the respective Boards of Study.

18. (1) The Director shall with the concurrence of the principal executive officer of each Higher Educational Institution where courses or parts of courses provided by the Institute are conducted, appoint a Co-ordinator from among the members of the staff of such Higher Educational Institution.

(2) The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the organization and administration of the teaching programme or programmes and examinations of the Institute within that Higher Educational Institution.

(3) Each Co-ordinator shall hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) Where owing to leave of absence, illness, or other cause, any Co-ordinator is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding one month, the Director shall in consultation with the principal executive officer of the Higher Educational Institution concerned appoint another member of the staff of such Higher Educational Institution to act in the post of Co-ordinator. Where however any co-ordinator retires or resigns, or is for any other reason unable to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding one month, the post of Co-ordinator shall be deemed to be vacant and, a new Co-ordinator shall be appointed in accordance with sub-paragraph (1). The person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his Predecessor.

19. The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

20. (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Institute of Workers' Education Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument;
- (b) income from endowments;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of money paid into the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue, shall before the end of the next ensuing month be submitted by the Director of the Commission for its information.

21. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorized payments; and
- (d) to prepare for the Syndicate such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year :

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than that for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

22. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be kept in the office of the Institute.

23. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

24. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers, teachers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from its own staff, or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of Part X of the Act, shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where an officer, teacher or other employee of the University has been released for service to the Institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer, teacher or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

25. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or as to whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

26. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute, shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members, or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

27. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

“approved branch of learning” means any branch of learning relevant to the education or training of workers approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act;

“Higher Educational Institution” means a University, Campus, Open University or University College established or deemed to be established under the Act;

“principal executive officer” in relation to—

(i) a University, means the Vice-Chancellor of that University;

(ii) an Open University, means the Vice-Chancellor that Open University; and

(iii) a University College, means the Director of that University College; and

“teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer or the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is a teacher.



## PART XII

### Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 1 of 1980

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**Important :** This Ordinance replaces Ordinance No. 2 of 1979—*vide* page 130.

L.D.—B. 21/78.

### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 140 read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda,  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 28th March, 1980.

### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 1 of 1980, and shall come into force on 10th April, 1980.

2. The Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 2 of 1979, made by the Commission under section 18 of the Act and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 38/2 of May 28th, 1979, is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything already done under the aforesaid Ordinance.

3. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, there shall be established under the provisions thereof an institute to be known as the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

4. The Institute shall be attached to the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "University").

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and of any appropriate Instrument and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Institute shall have power—

- (a) to admit students;
- (b) to provide for postgraduate instruction, training and research in such specialities in medicine as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University;
- (c) to determine with the approval of the University and the concurrence of the Commission, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded in the several specialities in medicine;
- (d) to conduct with the approval of the University postgraduate examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in the several specialities in medicine, and to recommend to the University persons, who, having passed such examinations and having satisfied such other conditions as the University may prescribe by By-laws in consultation with the Institute, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University;
- (e) to co-operate, by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars or otherwise, with Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Institute;
- (f) to recognise examinations passed and the periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by students of, the Institute at universities and places of learning of university level, as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Institute, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;

- (g) to erect, equip, and maintain for the purpose of the Institute, libraries, laboratories and other buildings whether for instructional, training or research purposes;
- (h) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (i) to make arrangements for conducting research and courses or parts of courses in places outside the University and the Institute in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (j) to recognize with the concurrence of the University such persons as may be approved by the Institute, as teachers and examiners of the Institute;
- (k) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any Rule providing for the same; and
- (l) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be necessary in order to further the objects of the Institute.

6. The Officers of the Institute shall be the following :—

- (a) the Director; and
- (b) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

7. (1) Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the first Director appointed under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 7 of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 2 of 1979, shall, notwithstanding the repeal of that Ordinance, continue to hold office as the first Director of the Institute. He shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold such office for the unexpired portion of the period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment.

(2) Every subsequent Director shall be appointed by the Commission but from a panel of three persons recommended by the Board of Management of the Institute. Where a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution is appointed Director, such Institution shall release such member of the staff so appointed to accept the post of Director.

(3) Each Director, shall unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under sub-paragraph (4), hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) A Director shall be removed from office by the Chairman of the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Board of Management, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Director, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) Each Director who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Director, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

(6) If the Director, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the Office.

(7) If any vacancy occurs in the office of Director, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under sub-paragraph (2). Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar of the University shall carry on the routine duties of the office.

8. (1) The Director shall be the principal executive officer and the principal academic officer of the Institute. He shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Management and an *ex-officio* member of each Board of Study. He shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any other Authority or body of the Institute but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such other Authority or body.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Director, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Board of Management, to ensure that the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Institute, are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Director to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Board of Management and of each Board of Study.

(4) The Director shall be the Accounting Officer of the Institute.

(5) The Director shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline within the Institute.

9. The Authorities of the Institute shall be the following :—

(a) the Board of Management;

(b) the Board or the Boards of Study; and

(c) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

10. The Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall be the academic and executive body of the Institute, and shall consist of the following persons :—

(1) The following *ex-officio* members, namely :—

(a) the Director;

(b) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary;

(c) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Health or the nominee of such Secretary;

(d) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance or the nominee of such Secretary;

(e) the Director of Health Services;

(f) the Deputy Director of Health Services in charge of the subject of Public Health Services;

(g) the Deputy Director of Health Services in charge of the subject of Medical Services;

(h) the Deputy Director of Health Services in charge of the subject of Laboratory Services;

(i) the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka;

(j) the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

(2) The following other members, namely—

(a) two members elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, (other than the Dean of the Faculty), from among the Heads of the Departments of Community Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry of that Faculty;

(b) two members elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, (other than the Dean of the Faculty) from among the Heads of the Departments of Community Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry of that Faculty;

(c) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, from among the Heads of the Departments of Community Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry of that Faculty;

- (d) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the Ruhuna University College from among the Heads of the Departments of Community Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry of that Faculty; and
- (e) eight members appointed by the Commission from among persons who have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, scientific or administrative spheres:

Provided that at least five members so appointed shall be from among the members of the medical profession.

11. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the members thereof from among their number and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the Chairman is unable to preside at a meeting, the members shall elect any member present to preside at such meeting.

(2) The Chairman shall hold office as such for a period of one year reckoned from the date of his election and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) Any appointed or elected member shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years reckoned from the date of his election or appointment, as the case may be, and shall, unless removed from office, be eligible for re-election or re-appointment:

Provided, however, that if any elected or appointed member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates his office earlier, hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of office of his predecessor;

Provided further that each elected member shall hold office so long however only as he retains the status or membership by virtue of which he was eligible for election as a member of the Board.

(4) Any elected member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Director.

(5) An appointed member of the Board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the chairman of the Commission.

(6) Any appointed member of the Board who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Commission shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

(7) A member of the Board shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but a member, not being an *ex-officio* member, may be paid such allowances as the Minister shall in consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, determine.

(8) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(9) The Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than eight occasions in each year.

(10) The Director shall, whenever he thinks necessary or within one week upon the receipt by him of a written requisition from not less than one-third of the total membership of the Board, convene a special meeting of the Board.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall exercise the powers and perform and discharge the duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Institute by this Ordinance.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, the Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Institute.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions—

- (a) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Institute;
- (b) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Institute in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument;

- (c) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Institute for specific purposes;
- (d) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and other grants of property to the Institute;
- (e) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Institute and to submit such report and such accounts to the University and the Commission;
- (f) to prepare the financial estimates of the Institute and to submit such estimates to the University and the Commission;
- (g) to recommend to the University, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned, the postgraduate degrees, diplomas certificates and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several specialities in medicine, and the courses of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (h) to draft By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made and to submit such drafts to the Council of the University for enactment:

Provided, however, that no By-law relating to courses of study and examinations shall be drafted except after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned;

- (i) to draft, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned, Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations, and to submit such drafts to the Senate of the University for enactment;
- (j) to draft Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorised to be made or may be made and to submit such drafts to the Council or the Senate as the case may be, of the University for enactment;
- (k) to provide buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other materials needed for carrying on the work of the Institute;
- (l) to recommend to the Council of the University in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned, such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners of the Institute;
- (m) to recommend to the Commission, after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned and with the approval of the University—
  - (i) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in medicine to the respective Boards of Study;
- (n) to appoint such number of Standing Committees or *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (o) to determine, in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned and the concurrence of the University, the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study;
- (p) to invest any moneys belonging to the Institute including any unapplied income, in any Security in which under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys or, with the approval of the Commission, to invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place in fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission, any portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure; and

- (q) to exercise all other powers of the Institute, the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in this Ordinance or any other appropriate Instrument :

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Board in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Board of Study has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting its opinion thereon to the Board :

Provided further that no resolution so passed shall be acted upon except with the concurrence of the University.

In this paragraph, "academic matter" means any matter which is subject to the Control and general direction of the appropriate Board of Study.

13. The Institute shall establish a Board of Study in respect of each of the following specialities in medicine, and for each other speciality in medicine approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Board of Management and the University :—

- (a) Anaesthesiology;
- (b) Community Medicine;
- (c) Dental Surgery;
- (d) Family Medicine and General Practice;
- (e) Medicine;
- (f) Obstetrics and Gynaecology;
- (g) Ophthalmology;
- (h) Pathology;
- (i) Paediatrics;
- (j) Psychiatry;
- (k) Radiology; and
- (l) Surgery.

14. (1) Where a Board of Study has been established in respect of a speciality for which one or more than one University or University College in Sri Lanka has established a Department of Study, such Board of Study shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Director;
- (b) five members elected by the appropriate professional body from among the members of such professional body who are being, or had been, employed in any of the Universities or University Colleges in Sri Lanka or the Ministry of Health or any Department thereof;
- (c) the Head of the appropriate Department of Study of each University or University College in Sri Lanka;
- (d) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty; and
- (e) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty.

(2) Where a Board of Study has been established in respect of a speciality for which no University or University College in Sri Lanka has established a Department of Study, such Board of Study shall consist of the following persons :—

- (a) the Director;
- (b) five members elected by the appropriate professional body from among the members of such professional body;

- (c) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty; and
  - (d) one member elected by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, from among the Professors, Associate Professors and Senior Lecturers of that Faculty.
- (3) (a) Where due to there being no appropriate professional body, any Board of Study constituted under subparagraph (1) consists of less than twelve members, the Board of management shall appoint from among the members of the medical profession to such Board of Study, such number of persons as would make its total membership twelve in number;
- (b) Where due to there being no appropriate Department of Study, any Board of Study constituted under subparagraph (1) consists of less than twelve members, the Board of Management shall appoint from among the members of the medical profession to such Board of Study, such number of persons as would make its total membership twelve in number;
- (c) The provisions of clauses (a) and (b) shall apply to and in relation to each Board of Study constituted under subparagraph (2) subject to the substitution of the expression "eight members" for the expression "twelve members" whenever the latter expression occurs in those clauses.
- (4) Any Board of Study may, with the concurrence of the Board of Management, co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period, but no person so co-opted shall have the right to stand for election or to vote at any meeting of such Board of Study.
- (5) The provisions of paragraphs (3), (4) and (6) of paragraph 11 shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each elected member of any Board of Study.
- (6) Each Board of Study shall have a Chairman who shall be elected by that Board of Study from among its members.
- (7) Each Board of Study shall have a Secretary who shall not be a member of that Board of Study and who shall be appointed by the Board of Management.
- (8) (a) The quorum for a meeting of any Board of Study constituted under subparagraph (1) shall be four members, excluding the co-opted members, if any.
- (b) The quorum for a meeting of any Board of Study constituted under subparagraph (2) shall be three members, excluding the co-opted members, if any.
- (9) Each Board of Study shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

15. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument, each Board of Study shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in respect of the speciality in medicine concerned.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by subparagraph (1), each Board of study shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions in respect of the speciality in medicine concerned:—

- (a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board of Management;
- (b) to present recommendations and reports to the Board of Management on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations in that speciality in medicine;
- (c) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Board of Study, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;
- (d) to recommend to the Board of Management the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations;

- (e) to draft Regulations relating to courses of study and examinations in that speciality in medicine and to submit such drafts to the Board of Management;
- (f) to recommend to the Board of Management, such persons as are suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners;
- (g) to recommend to the Board of Management, persons who, having passed the prescribed examinations in the speciality in medicine concerned and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in that speciality;
- (h) to recommend to the Board of Management the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (i) to recommend to the Board of Management, the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (j) to recommend to the Board of Management—
  - (i) schemes for the reorganization of existing Boards of Study, and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (ii) the assignment of specialities in medicine to the respective Boards of Study

16. The financial year of the Institute shall be the same as the financial year of the Government.

17. (1) The Institute shall have a fund to be called the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"), into which shall be paid—

- (a) fees to be paid to the Institute in accordance with the provisions of any appropriate Instrument;
- (b) income from endowments;
- (c) moneys provided by Parliament and disbursed by the Commission as grants in aid of the Institute; and
- (d) all other moneys belonging to the Institute from whatever source derived.

(2) A summary of all sums of money paid to the Fund within the course of a particular month, classified under the appropriate heads of revenue, shall before the end of the next ensuing month be submitted by the Director to the Commission for its information.

18. It shall be the duty of the Director—

- (a) to keep the accounts of the Institute in such form and manner as may be prescribed by Ordinance;
- (b) to receive all moneys paid into the Fund and to credit such moneys to the proper heads of accounts;
- (c) to make all authorized payments and;
- (d) to prepare for the Board of Management such triennial estimates as are required by the Commission and the annual financial appropriations of the ensuing year :

Provided, however, that income derived from grants made for specific purposes or from endowments for specific objects, shall be separately accounted for in the accounts of the Institute, and that no payment shall be made from such income for the general purposes of the Institute or for any purpose or object other than for which such grants or endowments were respectively made.

19. (1) The Institute shall prepare an annual statement of accounts, and statistics relating to its activities in such form and manner and containing such particulars as the Commission may from time to time specify.

(2) The books of accounts of the Institute shall be in the office of the Institute.



20. Such provisions of Part XIII of the Act as are relevant to the auditing of the accounts of a Higher Educational Institution shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the auditing of the accounts of the Institute.

21. (1) The staff of the Institute shall consist of such officers and other employees as it may with the concurrence of the University and the approval of the Commission deem necessary for the efficient exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, duties and functions of the Institute.

(2) The staff of the Institute shall be provided on release by the University from among its own staff or be appointed by the Commission or the University, as the case may be. The provisions of the Part X of the Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to appointments to the staff of the Institute.

(3) Where the services of an officer or other employee of the University have been provided to the Institute on a full-time basis, the Institute shall pay him the salary and the allowances of his substantive post in the University. In any other case, the Institute may pay the officer or other employee concerned, such allowance as it may determine in consultation with the University and the approval of the Commission.

(4) The staff of the Institute shall be subject to the direction and the disciplinary control of the Director.

22. If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected, appointed, nominated or co-opted as, or as to whether any person is entitled to be, a member of any Authority or other body of the Institute, such question shall be referred to the Commission, whose decision thereon shall be final.

23. No act, resolution or proceeding of any Authority or other body of the Institute, shall be invalidated merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or of vacancies among its members or any defect or defects in the appointment of such member.

24. Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance, the power to grant and to confer postgraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in the several specialities in medicine shall be vested solely in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Provided, however—

(1) that the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, shall grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions only upon the recommendation of the Institute;

(2) that any University deemed to be established under the Act may grant and confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on persons who had been registered as postgraduate medical students of such University prior to the date of coming into operation of this Ordinance and who satisfy the conditions for the grant and the award of such degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions; and

(3) that academic distinctions in the specialities in medicine may be granted by professional bodies by arrangement with the Institute and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the concurrence of the Commission.

25. In this Ordinance—

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, Statute, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act;

“professional body” means an association, college or other body of persons in any speciality in medicine either incorporated by an Act of Parliament or recognized as such by the Board of Management of the Institute; and

“speciality in medicine” means Anaesthesiology, Community Medicine, Family Medicine and General Practice, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Pathology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology, Surgery or any other speciality approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University.

## PART XIII

### Procedure for the Election of Vice-Chancellor Ordinance, No. 2 of 1980

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ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 34 (1) read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda,  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 28th April, 1980.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Procedure for the Election of Vice-Chancellor Ordinance, No. 2 of 1980, and shall come into force on April 28, 1980.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the Registrar shall, by notice under his hand published simultaneously in Sinhala, Tamil and English in the Press, invite applications for the office of Vice-Chancellor.

- (2) (a) Where the holder of the office of Vice-Chancellor, not being the first Vice-Chancellor appointed under section 143 or section 144 of the Act, is due to complete his sixty-fifth year, the notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall be published not earlier than sixty days and not later than forty-five days before the date on which he will complete sixty-five years of age.
  - (b) Where the holder of the office of Vice-Chancellor is due to complete his term of office, the notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall be published not earlier than sixty days and not later than forty-five days before the date on which he will complete his term of office.
  - (c) Where the holder of the office of Vice-Chancellor has given notice of resignation from such office and such resignation has been accepted, the notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall be published within seven days from the date of such acceptance.
  - (d) Where an Order made by the Minister under section 20 (4) of the Act appointing a competent authority in lieu of the Vice-Chancellor has been rescinded, or has ceased to be in force in terms of section 20 (5) of the Act and the office of Vice-Chancellor has been rendered vacant, the notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall be published within fourteen days from the date of rescission of such Order or from the date such Order ceased to be in force, as the case may be.
  - (e) Where, owing to removal from office or other cause, the office of Vice-Chancellor has been rendered vacant, the notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall be published within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy.
- (3) The notice published under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) shall specify—
- (a) that every application for the office of Vice-Chancellor shall be made in the prescribed form;
  - (b) that copies of the prescribed form may be obtained from the Registrar, on request, either in person or by post; and

- (c) a date on or before which applications for the office of Vice-Chancellor shall be received by the Registrar. Such date, shall be a date not earlier than ten days and not later than twenty-one days from the date of publication of the notice referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

For the purpose of clause (a) of this sub-paragraph, "the prescribed form" shall be Form A set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance.

3. (1) Every application for the office of the Vice-Chancellor shall either be posted under registered cover addressed to the Registrar, or be handed over to him personally.

(2) Where an application has been handed over to the Registrar personally, the Registrar shall immediately acknowledge the receipt of such application by writing under his hand.

4. (1) The Registrar shall reject every application for the office of Vice-Chancellor which—

- (a) has been received after the date specified under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 2; or
- (b) has been unsigned or is incomplete in any other respect; or
- (c) has been made by a person on behalf of another person; or
- (d) has been made by a person who is disqualified from being appointed to, or from being a member of, the Commission, the Appeals Board, or any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution under section 121 of the Act; or
- (e) has been made by a person who is disqualified from being reappointed to the office of Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of section 34 (1) (a) of the Act; or
- (f) has been made by a person who has been removed from the office of Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of section 34 (1) (b) of the Act; or
- (g) has been made by a person who had completed the age of sixty-five years by the date specified under clause (c) of sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 2.

(2) The Registrar shall inform every applicant for the office of Vice-Chancellor whether or not his application has been accepted, and where any application has been rejected under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1), the reason or the reasons for such rejection. He shall also specify the person, being the Chancellor or in his absence from Sri Lanka or him being incapacitated, the Chairman of the Commission, to whom an appeal such rejection may be made.

(3) Every communication made by the Registrar under the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) shall be in writing under his hand, be made within seven days from the date of receipt by him of the application in respect of which such communication is made and he despatched by registered post to the applicant concerned. A copy of every such communication shall simultaneously be sent by the Registrar to the Chancellor or in his absence from Sri Lanka or him being incapacitated, to the Chairman of the Commission, as the case may be.

5. (1) Any applicant whose application for the office of Vice-Chancellor has been rejected under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 4, may, within seven days from the date of receipt by him of the communication from the Registrar conveying such rejection, but not later than twenty-one days of the date of such communication make to the person specified by the Registrar under the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 4, an appeal against such rejection.

(2) Within seven days of the receipt by him of an appeal under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1), the Chancellor or the Chairman of the Commission, as the case may be, shall, after considering such appeal, by writing under his hand sent by registered post, convey his decision on such appeal, to the applicant concerned.

(3) The decision of the Chancellor or the Chairman of the Commission, as the case may be, made under sub-paragraph (2) shall be final, and where an appeal has been upheld, the Chancellor or the Chairman of the Commission as, the case may be, shall, by writing under his hand direct the Registrar to accept the application which was the subject matter of such appeal, for the office of Vice-Chancellor, and it shall be the duty of the Registrar to comply with such direction.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the Registrar shall, in consultation with the Chancellor or in his absence from Sri Lanka or him being incapacitated, the Chairman of the Commission, as the case may be, determine a date, time and venue for the meeting of the Court (hereinafter referred to as "the Meeting"), for the purpose of election of Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The date determined under sub-paragraph (1) shall be a date not earlier than seventy-five days and not later than ninety days of the date of publication of the notice under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2, but shall not be a Sunday or a Public Holiday.

(3) The venue determined under sub-paragraph (1) shall be within the precincts of the University to which the election of Vice-Chancellor relates.

7. The Registrar shall by notice under his hand sent by registered post, inform each member of the Court, the date, the time and the venue of the Meeting, at least fourteen days before such date, and shall, together with such notice, send such member a copy of the application of each applicant (hereinafter referred to as a "candidate") whose application for the office of Vice-Chancellor has been accepted under the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 4, or sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 5. Each such copy shall be certified as being a true copy, by the Registrar.

8. Any member of the Court or any candidate may, by prior appointment with the Registrar, examine the application of any candidate.

9. The Registrar shall by letter under his hand sent by registered post to each candidate who is not a member of the Court, inform such candidate the date, the time and venue of the Meeting at least fourteen days before the date of such Meeting. Such candidate may attend the Meeting solely as an observer at the election of Vice-Chancellor.

10. (1) Where there are two or more than two candidates, the Court shall by election determine the person who shall be appointed Vice-Chancellor. Such election shall be by secret ballot at the Meeting.

(2) Each member of the Court shall have only one vote at the election to the office of Vice-Chancellor. No vote shall be given by proxy.

(3) Every member of the Court present at the Meeting shall exercise his vote:

Provided however that the Chancellor may notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Ordinance, abstain from voting.

11. (1) The Registrar shall for the purpose of the election under the provisions of paragraph 10, prepare a ballot paper substantially in Form B set out in the Schedule hereto.

(2) The names of the candidates shall be arranged in the Sinhala alphabetical order in the ballot paper, each name being given first in the Sinhala, next in the Tamil and lastly in the English languages.

(3) The Registrar shall prior to the date of the Meeting cause to be printed, an adequate number of copies of the ballot paper prepared in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (2).

(4) No copy of the ballot paper shall be assigned a numeral, letter, sign, symbol or other distinctive mark, or colour, so as to distinguish one or more than one copy of the ballot paper from any other copy or copies of the ballot paper.

12. The Registrar shall for the purpose of the election under the provisions of paragraph 10, provide, or cause to be provided, an empty ballot box and a cubicle. Such cubicle shall be placed in the room or the hall in which the Meeting is held, so however as to ensure secrecy in voting.

13. The Meeting shall be held on the date, at the time and in the venue determined under the provisions of paragraph 6, and subject to the provisions of paragraph 14, no business, other than the business of election of the Vice-Chancellor, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

14. If the Chancellor, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is unable to preside at the Meeting, the members present shall elect from among themselves any member, not being a candidate, to preside at the Meeting. The Chancellor or the member presiding at the Meeting, as the case may be, shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Presiding Officer".

15. The Presiding Officer shall commence the proceedings of the Meeting by formally declaring such meeting open for the election of a Vice-Chancellor.

16. Where there is only one candidate for the office of Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar shall declare such candidate duly elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor.

17. Where there are two or more than two candidates for the office of Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar shall, subject to the following provisions, do all things necessary for the conduct of the election held for the purpose of electing such Vice-Chancellor :—

- (a) Before the voting commences, the Registrar shall distribute for the information of each member present, a list certified by him, of all members of the Court as at the date of the Meeting. The Registrar shall retain a copy of such list for the purpose of clause (e) of this paragraph;
- (b) Before the voting commences, the Registrar shall show the empty ballot box to the members and to the candidates present and shall seal, or cause to be sealed, such ballot box in their presence. The ballot box shall thereafter be kept on the table of the Presiding Officer;
- (c) When the voting commences, the Registrar shall call out the name of each member one at a time, and the member whose name is called out, shall thereafter proceed to the Registrar's table and receive a ballot paper after the Registrar initials such ballot paper in the presence of such member. Such member shall place his signature against his name in the copy of the list referred to in clause (a) and retained by the Registrar (hereinafter referred to as the "Attendance List") in token of such member having been present at the Meeting and having received a ballot paper;
- (d) The member who receives a ballot paper shall then proceed to the cubicle provided in the room or the hall in which the Meeting is being held, and mark the ballot paper by placing the figure 1 in the cage opposite the name of the candidate for whom he votes. Such member may in addition place on his ballot paper, the figures 2, or the figure 2 and 3, or the figures 2, 3 and 4, and so on, in the cages opposite the names of the other candidates, in the order of his preference;
- (e) The member shall thereafter fold the ballot paper and drop it into the ballot box;
- (f) If any member inadvertently spoils a ballot paper, he may return such ballot paper to the Registrar, who shall, if satisfied of such inadvertence, give him another ballot paper after having immediately cancelled the spoiled ballot paper. The ballot paper so given shall also be initialled by the Registrar in the presence of the member;
- (g) The Registrar shall, before the voting is due to end, call out a second time the name of any member who has not voted when his name was first called out. If such member fails to proceed to the Registrar's table to get a ballot paper, he shall be deemed to be absent at the Meeting. Under no circumstances shall the name of such a member be called again or he be given a ballot paper thereafter.

18. If any question arises as to whether any person whose name has been included in the list of members of the Court, distributed by the Registrar under clause (a) of paragraph 17, is eligible to vote at the election of Vice-Chancellor, such question shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer before the voting commences under clause (e) of that paragraph. The decision of the Presiding Officer on such question shall be final.

19. Such candidates as are present at the Meeting shall be entitled to be present with the Registrar when he exercises, performs and discharges the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to him by the provisions of paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23, 25(1), 26, 27 and 29.

20. Before the Registrar proceeds to act under the provisions of paragraph 23, he shall open the ballot box in the presence of the members present, and having taken out the ballot papers therein, count and record the number of such papers in such box.

21. The Registrar shall declare invalid each ballot paper—

- (a) on which anything is written or marked, by which writing or marking the member voting can be identified; or
- (b) which does not bear the Registrar's initials; or

- (c) on which the figure 1 is not marked; or
- (d) on which the same figure is marked opposite the names of two or more than two candidates; or
- (e) on which a figure, other than the figure 1, not following consecutively another figure has been marked; or
- (f) on which two figures have been marked against the name of a candidate, except in a case where the preference to be recorded is a preference subsequent to the ninth preference; or
- (g) on which the marking is uncertain or unclear; or
- (h) which is unmarked.

22. The Registrar shall examine the ballot papers and reject any invalid ballot papers. If any question arises as to whether any used ballot paper is invalid or not, such question shall, before the counting commences under paragraph 23 be referred to the Presiding Officer, whose decision thereon shall be final.

23. After examining the ballot papers under the provisions of paragraph 22, the Registrar shall divide the ballot papers according to the first preferences recorded for each candidate. He shall thereafter count the number of first preferences recorded for each candidate.

24. If any candidate has obtained an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, the Registrar shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, declare such candidate to be duly elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor.

25. (1) If no candidate has obtained an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, the Registrar shall eliminate from the contest the candidate who has received the lowest number of votes and distribute the unexhausted ballot papers of such candidate among the continuing candidates according to the next preferences recorded thereon. This procedure shall be repeated until one candidate gets an absolute majority.

(2) If after the completion of any distribution of unexhausted ballot papers under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1), the number of votes obtained by a candidate is an absolute majority the Registrar shall then declare such candidate to be duly elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor.

(3) In this paragraph, "unexhausted ballot paper" means a ballot paper on which any further preference has been recorded for a continuing candidate, and a "continuing candidate" means a candidate who has not been eliminated from the contest.

26. (1) Where an equality is found to exist between the votes received by two or more than two candidates and the addition of one vote would entitle one candidate to be declared elected under the provisions of paragraph 25, the determination of the candidate to whom such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given shall be by lot drawn by the Registrar in such manner as he may, in his absolute discretion, determine, and he shall then declare such candidate elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Where an equality is found to exist between the votes received by two or more than two candidates and the addition of one vote would determine which candidate is not to be eliminated under the provisions of paragraph 25, the determination of the candidate to whom such additional vote shall be deemed to have been given shall be by lot drawn by the Registrar in such manner as he may, in his absolute discretion, determine, and he shall then declare such candidate is not to be eliminated.

27. Before the Registrar makes the declaration under the provisions of paragraph 24 25 (2) or 26, as the case may be—

- (a) he may recount the votes cast on such number of occasions as he may deem necessary; and
- (b) he shall recount the votes cast upon the application of any candidate, so however that the maximum number of recounts that shall be so made shall not exceed two in respect of each such declaration.

28. The Chancellor shall appoint as the Vice-Chancellor, the candidate declared elected by the Registrar under this Ordinance and such appointment shall take effect from the date of such election.

29. When a candidate has been declared elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor, the ballot papers and the Attendance List shall be placed in a box which shall thereafter be sealed, or cause to be sealed by the Registrar in the presence of the Presiding Officer and the other members of the Court who are present. Such box shall be kept in the custody of the Registrar for a period of six months reckoned from the date on which the election of Vice-Chancellor was held, and the ballot papers and the Attendance List shall thereafter be destroyed by the Registrar, subject to such directions as he may receive from the Chancellor.

30. If any question arises regarding the interpretation of this Ordinance such question shall be referred to the Commission whose decision thereon shall be final.

31. In this Ordinance—

“absolute majority” means more than one-half the valid votes cast, but where the division by two of the valid votes cast results in an integer and fraction, means the integer next higher to such integer and fraction;

“Act”, means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;

“Appeals Board”, means the University Services Appeals Board established under the Act;

“Authority” means any Authority of a University or of a University College within the meaning of section 40 or section 62, as the case may be, of the Act;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act; and

“Chancellor” “Court” and “Registrar” means the Chancellor, Court and Registrar, as the case may be, of the University in which a vacancy has occurred, or is about to occur in the Office of Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of this Ordinance and where there is no Registrar or where the Registrar is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office the officer or other employee who has been duly appointed to act in or to look after the duties of the office of Registrar.

**Form A**

*SCHEDULE*

APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHANCELLOR  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF.....

*Note.*—(1) This application form should be perfected and returned, either by registered post or in person, to the Registrar of the University concerned.

(2) No column of this application could be left incomplete. Where a particular column is inapplicable, the words “Inapplicable” should be entered by the applicant in or against that column.

(3) All applicants are advised in their interest to acquaint themselves with the provisions of the *Procedure for the Election of Vice-Chancellor Ordinance, No. 2 of 1980*, copies of which are available for perusal with the Registrar of each University in Sri Lanka.

1. Full Name : (Rev./Mr./Mrs./Miss)\_\_\_\_\_

2. Address :\_\_\_\_\_

3. Occupation :\_\_\_\_\_

4. State whether citizen of Sri Lanka or not :\_\_\_\_\_

5. (a) Date of birth :\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Age :\_\_\_\_\_years\_\_\_\_\_months\_\_\_\_\_days

6. Qualifications (State against each qualification the name of the institution from, and the date on, which such qualification was obtained—

(a) Academic qualifications :\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Professional qualifications : \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Other qualifications : \_\_\_\_\_

7. Particulars of experience (State where necessary, the relevant periods) : \_\_\_\_\_

I declare—

- (a) that I have not been deprived of my rights as a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) that I am not disqualified from being appointed to, or from being a member of, the Commission, the Appeals Board, or any Authority or other body of a Higher Educational Institution; and
- (c) that all the information given by me in this application is true and accurate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant.

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**Form B**

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**BALLOT PAPER FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHANCELLOR**

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Full Names of Candidates	Preference/s



## PART XIV

### Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinance, No. 3 of 1980

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L.D.—B. 21/78

#### THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, NO. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 23 (2) read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda  
*Secretary.*  
University Grants Commission.

Colombo,  
16th May, 1980.

#### Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Open University of Sri Lanka Ordinance, No. 3 of 1980, and shall come into force on 19th May, 1980.

2. (1) Upon the coming into force of the Open University Order under section 23(1) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, the Open University of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "Open University") shall be deemed to be established with full power and authority by and in such name to do all the things a University is empowered or authorised to do under section 28(1) of the Act.

(2) The powers conferred on the Open University by the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall, unless otherwise expressly provided by this Ordinance or by any other appropriate Instrument, be exercised by its Council.

3. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Open University Order, and the powers, duties and functions of the Commission, the Open University shall have power:

- (a) to admit students;
- (b) to provide for instruction in such branch or branches of learning as may with the concurrence of the Commission be approved by the Open University, and for this purpose, to co-operate with other educational institutions or authorities in Sri Lanka or abroad, in such manner, as the Open University may determine;
- (c) to hold examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the persons who have acquired proficiency in different branches of learning;
- (d) to co-operate by way of exchange of teachers, students and scholars, or otherwise, with other Universities or institutions in Sri Lanka or abroad, having objects similar or substantially similar to those of the Open University;
- (e) to grant and confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have passed the examinations of the Open University prescribed by By-law;
- (f) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions on persons nominated by the Council of the Open University;
- (g) to recognize examinations passed and periods of learning or study pursued by persons seeking admission to, or by the students of the Open University at other educational institutions as being equivalent to such examinations and periods of learning or study in the Open University, or such part thereof, as may be prescribed by By-law, and to withdraw such recognition at any time;

- (h) to erect, equip and maintain for the purpose of the Open University, libraries, laboratories and other buildings for instructional or residential purposes;
- (i) to institute Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships or Lectureships and other posts as may be required for the purposes of the Open University;
- (j) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (k) to provide extension services and in-service training courses to the general public in trade, industry and agriculture in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (l) to make arrangements for conducting courses of study or parts thereof in educational institutions outside the Open University in accordance with any By-law providing for the same;
- (m) to demand and receive fees in accordance with any By-law providing for the same; and
- (n) to do all such acts and things, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Open University.

4. The President shall nominate the Chancellor of the Open University. The Chancellor shall be the Head of the Open University, hold office for a period of five years reckoned from the date of his nomination and shall, when present preside at any Convocation of the Open University.

5. The Officers of the Open University shall be the following :—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, if any;
- (iii) the Registrar;
- (iv) the Librarian;
- (iv) the Bursar;
- (vi) the Director of each Board of Study; and
- (vii) the holder of any other post declared by Ordinance to be a post, the holder of which is an Officer for the purpose of this paragraph.

6. (1) The first Vice-Chancellor of the Open University shall be appointed by the President.

(2) Every subsequent Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on being elected by the Council of the Open University. The provisions of the Procedure for the Election of Vice-Chancellor Ordinance, No. 2 of 1980, shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to the election of the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) A Vice-Chancellor shall, unless he vacates office earlier or is removed from office under the provisions of subparagraph (4), hold office for a period of three years or until he completes his sixty-fifth year, whichever event occurs earlier.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor, not being the first Vice-Chancellor appointed under the provisions of subparagraph (1), shall be removed from office by the Chancellor on a vote of censure passed by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Council, at a special meeting convened for the purpose. The members present at such special meeting shall elect from among themselves a person, other than the Vice-Chancellor, to preside at such special meeting.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a full-time officer of the Open University, and shall be the principal executive and principal academic officer thereof. He shall be an *ex-officio* member and Chairman of the Council and of each Board of Study. He shall be entitled to convene, be present and speak at, any meeting of any Authority or body of the Open University, but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting unless he is a member of such Authority or body.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, in accordance with such directions as may from time to time be lawfully issued to him in that behalf by the Council, to ensure that the provisions of the Act, and of any appropriate Instrument in so far as they relate to the Open University are duly observed, and he shall have and may exercise all such powers as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

● (7) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to give effect, or to ensure that effect is given, to the decisions of the Council.

(8) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Accounting Officer of the Open University.

(9) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline in the Open University.

(10) If the Vice-Chancellor, by reason of leave, illness, absence from Sri Lanka, or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Commission shall within seven days of the occurrence of such inability, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office. Until such arrangements are made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of such office.

(11) If any vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Commission shall, within seven days of the occurrence of such vacancy, make such arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office, until a permanent appointment is made under the provisions of sub paragraph (2) and, until such arrangements are made, the Registrar shall carry on the routine duties of such office.

7. The Council may, at its discretion and with the prior approval of the Commission, appoint a Deputy Vice-Chancellor. The appointment of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and his powers, duties and functions shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance providing for the same.

8. The provisions of section 37 of the Act shall apply to and in relation to the Registrar of the Open University, subject to the following modifications:—

(a) by the *substitution* of the expression “Open University” for the expression “University” wherever this expression appears in that section; and

(b) by the *omission* of the references to the Court and the Senate in that section.

9. The provisions of section 38 of the Act shall apply to and in relation to the Bursar of the Open University subject to the modification that there shall be substituted the expression “Open University,” for the expression “University” wherever the latter expression appears in that section

10. The provisions of section 39 of the Act shall apply to and in relation to the Librarian of the Open University subject to the modification that there shall be substituted the expression “Open University” for the expression “University” wherever the latter expression appears in that section.

11. The Authorities of the Open University shall be the following:—

(i) the Council;

(ii) the Board or the Boards of Study; and

(iii) such other bodies as may be prescribed by Ordinance to be such Authorities.

12. (1) The Council of the Open University (in this Ordinance referred to as “the Council”), shall be the executive and academic body and the governing authority of the Open University.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following persons:—

(i) the Vice-Chancellor;

(ii) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, if any;

(iii) the Director of each Board of Study;

(iv) two Vice-Chancellors nominated by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors established under section 124 of the Act;

(v) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Higher Education or the nominee of such Secretary;

- (vi) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Broadcasting or the nominee of such Secretary; and
- (vii) such number of members as is equal to the total number of members under sub-paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, increased by one. All such members shall be appointed by the Commission from among persons who, have rendered distinguished service in educational, professional, commercial industrial, scientific or administrative spheres.

(3) The provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9) of section 44 of the Act shall apply to and in relation to the Council.

13. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of this Ordinance, the Council shall exercise the powers and perform and discharge the duties and functions conferred or imposed on, or assigned to, the Open University.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of this Ordinance, the Council shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the Open University.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub paragraphs (1) and (2), the Council shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

- (i) to hold, control and administer the property and funds of the Open University;
- (ii) to select a coat of arms for the Open University, and to determine the form, to provide for the custody and to direct the use, of the common seal of the Open University;
- (iii) to regulate and to determine all matters concerning the Open University in accordance with the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate Instrument;
- (iv) to administer any funds placed at the disposal of the Open University for specific purposes;
- (v) to receive and accept with the concurrence of the Commission, bequests, donations and grants of property to the Open University;
- (vi) to consider the annual report and the annual accounts of the Open University, and to submit such report and such accounts to the Commission;
- (vii) to prepare the financial estimates of the Open University and to submit such estimates to the Commission;
- (viii) to make By-laws for any matter in respect of which By-laws are authorised to be made;
- (ix) to make such Regulations as are not provided to be made by any other Authority of the Open University;
- (x) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture, equipment and other material needed for carrying on the work of the Open University;
- (xi) to appoint, and to suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish persons in the employment of the Open University;

Provided that, except in the case of Officers and teachers, these powers may be delegated to the Vice-Chancellor;

- (xii) to appoint examiners, whether from the staff of the Open University or from elsewhere, after consideration of the recommendations of the appropriate Board of Study, and to determine any fees which may be paid to such examiners;

- (xiii) to enter into, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the Open University, and to invest any moneys belonging to the Open University including any unapplied income, in any security in which, under the provisions of section 20 of the Trusts Ordinance or of any other written law, it is lawful to invest trust moneys or, with the approval of the Commission, invest any such moneys in the purchase of immovable property in Sri Lanka or vary such investments, or to place on fixed deposit in any bank approved by the Commission any, portion of such moneys not required for immediate expenditure;
- (xiv) to determine the academic dress or insignia, or both, of the Chancellor, the Officers, the graduates and the students of the Open University;
- (xv) to advise the Commission on—
  - (a) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Lectureships and any other academic post, in consultation with the appropriate Board of Study;
  - (b) the institution, abolition or suspension of any non-academic post; and
  - (c) the qualifications of teachers, officers, and other employees of the Open University;
- (xvi) to make after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned, By-laws relating to courses of study and examinations;
- (xvii) to recommend to the Commission after consideration of reports from the Board or Boards of Study concerned :—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (b) the assignment of disciplines and branches of learning to the respective Boards of Study;
- (xviii) to appoint such number of Standing Committees, or *ad hoc* Committees as it may deem fit, and to specify their terms of reference; to consider their reports and to either approve such reports, whether with or without modification, or to reject such reports;
- (xix) to determine in consultation with the Board or Boards of Study concerned and the concurrence of the Commission, requirements for the admission of students to courses of study; and
- (xx) to exercise all other powers of the Open University the exercise of which is not otherwise provided for in the Act or any appropriate Instrument;

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Council in relation to any academic matter unless the appropriate Board of Study has first been given an opportunity of recording and transmitting to the Council its opinion thereon.

In this paragraph, “academic matter” means any matter which is subject to the control and general direction of the appropriate Board of Study.

14. The Council shall establish a Board of Study (in this Ordinance referred to as the “Board”) in respect of each branch of learning recommended by the Council and approved by the Commission.

15. (1) Each Board shall have a Director of Studies (in this Ordinance referred to as the “Director”).

(2) The first Director of each Board shall be appointed by the Commission.

(3) Every subsequent Director of each Board shall be appointed by the Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee which shall consist of the following persons :—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
- (ii) two members appointed by the Council from among its members; and
- (iii) two members appointed by the Commission.

(4) Each Director shall be a full-time officer of the Open University. He shall, subject to the direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor, exercise, perform and discharge in respect of the Board concerned such powers, duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on him by this Ordinance and any other appropriate Instrument. The Director shall be responsible for the implementation of the teaching programme or programmes of the Board concerned, and in particular for—

- (i) the preparation and production of lesson material including audio-visual teaching material;
- (ii) the organization of face-to-face teaching;
- (iii) the organization of practical and workshop training programme or programmes, where relevant;
- (iv) the organization of seminars;
- (v) The implementation of the teaching programme or programmes through such regional centres as may be established by the Council for that purpose; and
- (vi) the evaluation of student assignments.

16. (1) Each Board shall consist of the following persons :—

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;
- (ii) the Director;
- (iii) not more than four teachers of the Open University appointed by the Council from among the teachers in the branch of learning concerned;
- (iv) one member in respect of each approved discipline appointed by the Council from among the teachers imparting instruction in such discipline in any other University or University Colleges established or deemed to be established under the Act; and
- (v) two members, not being members of the staff of any University or University College established or deemed to be established under the Act, appointed by the Commission from among persons who have gained distinction in any discipline within the branch of learning concerned.

For the purpose of this subparagraph, “approved discipline” means any discipline approved by the Council from among the disciplines falling within the branch of learning concerned.

(2) Each member of the Board, not being the Director, shall hold office as such for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) Each member of the Board appointed under clause (v) of subparagraph (1) may be paid such allowances as the Council shall determine with the concurrence of the Commission.

(4) The quorum for a meeting of any Board shall be one-third of its total membership.

(5) Each Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than nine occasions in each year.

(6) Any appointed member of a Board who without leave of absence fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, shall be deemed to have vacated his office as a member of the Board, and the Council of the Commission, as the case may be, shall appoint a fit person to fill the resulting vacancy.

17. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of this Ordinance, each Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations in the branch of learning in respect of which that Board has been established.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred upon it by sub paragraph (1), each Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers duties and functions in respect of the branch of learning concerned—

- (i) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Council;
- (ii) to present recommendations and reports to the Council on all matters connected with the courses of study teaching programme or programmes, and examinations of the Board;
- (iii) to appoint committees, which may include persons other than members of the Board, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;
- (iv) to recommend to the Council requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and teaching programme or programmes;
- (v) to draft By-laws relating to courses of study, teaching programme or programmes, and examinations of the Board and to submit such drafts to the Council for enactment;
- (vi) to recommend to the Council persons suitable for appointment as examiners;
- (vii) to recommend to the Council—
  - (a) the institution, abolition or suspension of Professorships, Associate Professorships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other teaching posts; and
  - (b) the institution of other posts, whether on a full-time basis or otherwise, necessary for the preparation and the implementation of the teaching programme or programmes of the Board, and persons suitable for appointment to such posts;
- (viii) to recommend to the Council—
  - (a) schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study and the organization of new Boards of Study; and
  - (a) the assignment of branches of learning and disciplines to the respective Boards of Study;
- (ix) to recommend to the Council the mode and conditions of competition for fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes;
- (x) to recommend to the Council the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and
- (xi) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers, duties, and functions aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Board.

18. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 4, the provisions of section 53 of the Act shall *mutatis mutandis*, apply to and in relation to each Convocation of the Open University.

19. Notwithstanding anything in any other provision of this Ordinance, the following provisions shall apply during the transitional period pending the establishment of the Open University under the Act for the purpose of enabling all such arrangements and measures to be made and taken as are necessary to enable the Open University to commence to function as such and to carry out its objects as early as possible after the date of its establishment :—

- (a) The first Vice-Chancellor of the Open University shall be appointed by the President, and when so appointed—
  - (i) he shall exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under the Act or any appropriate Instrument; and

- (ii) he may exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of any or all the Authorities of the Open University, until such time as such Authorities are duly constituted under this Ordinance.
- (b) The first Registrar of the Open University shall be appointed by the Commission, and shall, when so appointed, exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under the Act or any appropriate Instrument.
- (c) The first Bursar of the Open University shall be appointed by the Commission and shall, when so appointed, exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under the Act or any appropriate Instrument.
- (d) The first Director of each Board shall be appointed by the Commission, and when so appointed—
  - (i) he shall exercise, perform and discharge all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on or assigned to him under this Ordinance; and
  - (ii) he may, subject to the direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor exercise, perform and discharge the powers, duties and functions of that Board until such time as the Board is constituted under this Ordinance.

For the purpose of this paragraph, “transitional period”, means the period commencing on the date on which the Open University Order is published under the Act and ending on the date on which such Order comes into force.

20. In this Ordinance—

“the Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;

“appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, By-law, Regulation or Rule made in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act; and

“President” means the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.



Chapter 5

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

CHAPTER 5

PART I

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
(as at 01.05.1981)

Established on 27th December, 1978 under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address :* 18, Ward Place, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

*Members :* Dr. F. S. C. P. Kalpage (Chairman), B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.), Dip. Agric. Chem. (Leeds), F.I. Chem. C., FNASSL

Prof. K. M. De Silva, B.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.)

Prof. C. Dahanayake, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Brist.)

Dr. M. S. M. Refai, MBBS (Cey.), DLO., R.C.S.(Eng.), RCP. (Lond.)

Prof. (Emeritus) A. W. Mailvaganam, O.B.E., B.Sc. (Lond.), M.A., Ph.D. (Cantab.)

*Secretary :* Mr. W. M. A. Wijeratna Banda, B.A. (Cey.)

*Telephones :*

Chairman	—	96511
Secretary	—	94093
General Office	—	95301, 95302

## PART II

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

Established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978

#### 1. Medical and Dental Sciences

Dr. M. S. M. Refai (*Chairman*)

Prof. S. N. Arsecularatna, MBBS (Cey.), D.Phil. (Oxon.)

Prof. K. N. Seneviratne, MBBS (Cey.), Ph.D. (Edin.)

Prof. S. R. Kottegoda, B.Sc. (Lond.), MBBS (Cey.),  
D.Phil. (Oxon.), Hon. FRCS.

Prof. C. Barr-Kumarakulasinghe, MBBS (Cey.), FRCS.

Dr. Dennis Aloysius, MBBS (Cey.)

\*The Director of Health Services

#### 2. Biological Sciences

Dr. F. S. C. P. Kalpage (*Chairman*)

Prof. R. N. De Fonseka, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.)

Dr. U. Pethiyagoda, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D.

Prof. K. D. Arudpragasam, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Wales)

Dr. S. T. Fernando, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Camb.)

Mr. S. Natesan B.Sc. (Cey.), M.Sc. (Toronto.)

Prof. I. Balasooriya, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Liv.)

#### 3. Education and Legal Studies

Prof. A. W. Mailvaganam (*Chairman*)

Prof. T. Nadaraja, B.A., Ph.D. (Camb.), Bar-at-Law,  
Attorney-at-Law.

Prof. G. L. Peiris, L.L.B. (Cey.), D.Phil. (Oxon), Ph.D. (SL)

Mr. Eric Amarasinghe, Attorney-at-Law

Dr. Neelan Thiruchelvam, LL.M. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Harv.)

Prof. (Mrs.) S. Jayaweera, Dip. Ed. (Cey.), M.A. Ph.D. (Lond.)

Prof. C. R. De Silva, B.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.)

#### 4. Physical Sciences

Prof. Charles Dahanayake (*Chairman*)

Prof. P. C. B. Fernando, B.Sc. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Camb.)

Prof. W. P. Jayasekera, B.S.c. (Eng.), (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.)

Prof. R. S. Ramakrishna, B.Sc. (Cey.), D.Phil. (Oxon.), FRIG.

Mr. H. D. S. A. Gunawardene, B.Sc. (Cey.), F.I.E.E.  
(Lond.), C.E.

Prof. S. Karunaratna, B.Sc. (Eng.), (Cey.), M.Sc. (Glas.)

Prof. K. K. Y. W. Perera, B.Sc. (Eng.), (Cey.),  
M.Sc. (Birm.), Ph.D. (Br. Col.)

#### 5. Humanities and Social Sciences

Prof. K. M. De Silva (*Chairman*)

Dr. S. T. G. Fernando

Dr. J. D. Dhirasekera, B.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Cey.)

Mr. Richard Fernando

Dr. (Miss) R. M. M. Handurukande, M.A. (Camb.)  
and (Cey.), Ph.D. (Camb.)

Mr. N. Balakrishnan, B.A. (Cey.), M. Phil. (Leeds)

Mr. G. M. H. Wijewardena, B.A. Vidyod., M.P.A. (New Hampshire)

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Chapter 6

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**UNIVERSITY SERVICES APPEALS BOARD**  
(as at 01.05.1981)

Established on 27th February, 1979 under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address:* 18, Ward Place, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

*Members:* Mr. E. F. De Zilva, Attorney-at-Law (*Chairman*)  
Mr. M. Kanagasunderam, Attorney-at-Law,  
(Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. M. C. M. Hasheem, Attorney-at-Law

*Acting Secretary:* Mr. M. Abeywardena, B.A. (Cey.).

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Chapter 7

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND  
INSTITUTES

Except where otherwise stated, this Chapter  
contains information as at 1st May, 1981.

THE TAMIL BRITISH INSTITUTION AND  
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## CHAPTER 7

### PART I

#### UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

Formerly a part of the University of Ceylon, founded in 1942, by the incorporation of the Ceylon Medical College (1870) and the Ceylon University College (1921); was thereafter the University of Ceylon, Colombo, established in 1967, and the Colombo Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (1972-78).

*Postal Address:* College House, 94, Cumaratunga Munidasa Mawatha,  
Colombo 3, Sri Lanka.

*Cables and Telegrams:* University, Colombo.

*Telephones:* Vice-Chancellor — 83810  
Registrar — 83818  
General Office — 81835, 84695, 85509.

*Chancellor:* Vacant.

*Vice-Chancellor:* Prof. S. Wijesundera, B.Sc. (Cey.) and (Lond.), D.Phil.  
(Oxon.), FNASSL, FICSL.

*Registrar:* Mr. M. D. G. Abeyratne, B.A. (Cey.).

*Librarian:* Mr. M. A. P. Senadecera, B.Sc. (Cey.), Dip. L.B. (Lond.),  
A.L.A. (U.K.).

*Acting Bursar:* Mr. L. N. de Soysa, B.A. (Vid.).

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts ..	—	1,231	169	1,400
Education ..	—	187	29	207
Law ..	27	120	40	187
Medicine ..	—	936	—	936
Science ..	—	556	—	556
	27	3,030	229	3,286

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	First year ..	401	
	General Degree		
	Part I ..	241	
	Part II (Final year) ..	164	
	Special Degree		
	Part I ..	134	
	Part II ..	199	
	Part III (Final year) ..	207	
	Public Finance and Taxation		
	Part III (Final year) ..	54	
Diplomas ..	27		
M.A., Ph.D. ..	52		
	Grand Total ..	1,479	1,479

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Education	Part I	—	
	Part II	53	
	Part III (Final year)	154	
	M.Ed., M.Phil., Diploma	415	
		622	622
Law	First year	73	
	Second year	67	
	Final year	47	
	LL.M., Ph.D.	05	
		192	192
Medicine	First year	196*	
	Second year	213**	
	Third year	141	
	Fourth year	149	
	Final year	237	
	M.Sc., M. Phil.	08	
		944	944
*includes students of the Ruhuna University College			
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Science	Basic Course I	188	
	Basic Course II	173	
	General Degree		
	Third year	114	
	Special Degree		
	Third year	42	
	Fourth year	39	
	Diplomas	23	
	M.Phil., M.Sc., Ph.D.	19	
		598	598
	Grand Total		3,835

## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Arts

Dean—Prof. M. B. Ariyapala

- (1) *Department of Economics*  
Head: Mr. G. W. Jayasuriya
- (2) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Dr. W. P. T. de Silva
- (3) *Department of History and Political Science*  
Head: Dr. H. A. Ratnayake
- (4) *Department of Sociology*  
Head: Dr. A. J. Weeramunda
- (5) *Department of Commerce and Management Studies*  
Head: Mr. W. M. Jayaratne
- (6) *Department of Sinhala*  
Head: Prof. G. D. Wijayawardhana
- (7) *Department of English*  
Head: Prof. (Miss) C. Wickramasuriya

### 2. Faculty of Education

Acting Dean—Prof. W. A. de Silva

- (1) *Department of Educational Psychology*  
Head: Prof. S. Muttulingam
- (2) *Department of Humanities Education*  
Head: Prof. W. A. de Silva
- (3) *Department of Science and Technical Education*  
Head: Dr. J. Wanasinghe
- (4) *Department of Social Science Education*  
Head: Mr. D. Arampatta

### 3. Faculty of Law

Dean—Prof. T. Nadaraja

*Department of Law*

Head: Mrs. A. N. V. Chandrasan

### 4. Faculty of Medicine

Dean—Prof. S. R. Kottegoda

- (1) *Department of Anatomy*  
Head: Prof. P. S. S. Panditharatne
- (2) *Department of Biochemistry*  
Head: Prof. K. Balasubramaniam
- (3) *Department of Community Medicine*  
Head: Prof. T. E. J. de Fonseka



- (4) *Department of Forensic Medicine*  
Head: Prof. H. V. J. Fernando
- (5) *Department of Medicine*  
Head: Prof. K. Dharmadasa
- (6) *Department of Microbiology*  
Head: Prof. (Mrs.) C. I. de Fonseka
- (7) *Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*  
Head: Prof. D. E. Gunatilleke
- (8) *Department of Paediatrics*  
Head: Prof. (Mrs.) P. E. Soysa
- (9) *Department of Parasitology*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) S. Rajakulendran
- (10) *Department of Pathology*  
Head: Prof. (Mrs.) D. Attygalle
- (11) *Department of Pharmacology*  
Head: Prof. N. D. W. Lionel
- (12) *Department of Physiology*  
Head: Prof. C. C. Fonseka
- (13) *Department of Psychiatry*  
Head: Prof. S. A. W. Dissanayake
- (14) *Department of Surgery*  
Head: Prof. R. A. Navaratne

5. *Faculty of Science*

Dean—Prof. V. K. Samaranyake

- (1) *Department of Botany*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) A. S. Seneviratne
- (2) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Prof. R. S. Ramakrishna
- (3) *Department of Mathematics*  
Head: Prof. P. W. Epasinghe
- (4) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Prof. M. L. T. Kannangara
- (5) *Department of Zoology*  
Head: Prof. K. D. Arudpragasam

**Members of the Council**

*Ex-Officio*: Prof. S. Wijesundera  
*Vice-Chancellor*

Prof. M. B. Ariyapala  
*Dean, Faculty of Arts*

Prof. W. A. de Silva  
*Acting Dean, Faculty of Education*

Prof. T. Nadaraja  
*Dean, Faculty of Law*

Prof. S. R. Kottegoda  
*Dean, Faculty of Medicine*

Prof. V. K. Samaranayake  
*Dean, Faculty of Science*

*Members elected by the Senate (three members)*

Prof. (Mrs.) D. Attygalle

Prof. M. L. T. Kannangara

Prof. G. D. Wijayawardhana

*Members appointed by the U.G.C.*

Mr. P. Sendupperuma

Mr. D. D. G. P. Ladduwahetty

Mr. N. G. P. Panditharatna

Mr. W. J. Fernando

Mr. Dunstan de Alwis

Mr. H. R. Fernando

Mr. Nihal Canekeratne

Mr. M. S. Sellasamy

Mr. Mark Fernando

Mr. P. Navaratnarajah

Rt. Rev. Bishop Oswald Gomis

Mr. Jehan K. Cassim

## PART II

### UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

Formerly the University of Ceylon founded in 1942 by the incorporation of the Ceylon Medical College (1870) and the Ceylon University College (1921), and the Peradeniya Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (1972-78).

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*Cables and Telegrams :* University, Peradeniya.

*Telephones :* Vice-Chancellor — 08-8151  
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*Chancellor :* Victor Tennakoon, Esq., Q.C.

*Vice-Chancellor :* Prof. B. L. Panditharatna, B.A. (Cey.), M. S. (Philippines),  
Ph.D. (Lond.).

*Acting Registrar :* Mr. M. E. J. Mendis

*Acting Librarian :* S. Murugavel, B.A. (Cey.), Dip. Lib. (Lond.).

*Bursar :* Mr. D. E. M. R. W. B. Ekanayake, D.P.F.M.

### DUMBARA CAMPUS

Established by Order made under Section 22 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

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*Telephones :* Code 08  
9206, 9371, 9372.

*Rector :* Dr. B. K. Basnayake, B.A. (Cey.), M.Sc. (Mc Gill), Ph.D.  
(Mc Gill).

*Deputy Registrar :* Mr. L. B. Meekotuwa

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts ..	1,680	409	101	2,190
Science ..	365	81	190	636
Medicine (Medical) ..	—	—	551	551
(Dental) ..	—	—	192	192
Engineering ..	142	113	639	894
Agriculture ..	312	145	02	459
Vet. Medicine & Animal Science ..	—	—	107	107
	2,499	748	1,782	5,029

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	G.A.Q*	.. 631	
	General Degree		
	Part I	.. 387	
	Part II (Final year)	.. 214	
	Combined Arts Degree		
	Part I	.. 10	
	Special Arts Degree		
	First year (S.A.Q.)**	.. 229	
	Second year	.. 371	
	Final year	.. 348	
	Diploma in Education	.. 100	
	M.A.	.. 240	
Ph.D.	.. 07		
	Grand Total	.. 2,537	2,537

\*General Arts Qualifying

\*\*Special Arts Qualifying

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Science	G.S.Q.†	.. 190		
	General Degree			
	First year	.. 122		
	Final year	.. 134		
	Special Science Degree			
	First year (S.S.Q.)	.. 52		
	Second year	.. 60		
	Final year	.. 78		
	M.Sc.	.. 10		
	Ph.D.	.. 02		
	Diploma	.. 24		
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		672	672	
Medicine	Medical			
	First year	.. 140*		
	Second year	.. 145**		
	Third year	.. 88		
	Fourth year	.. 86		
	Final year	.. 92		
	Dental			
	First year	.. 50		
	Second year	.. 43		
	Third year	.. 49		
	Final year	.. 50		
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			743	743
	Veterinary Medical & Animal Science	First year	.. 25	
Second year		.. 28		
Third year		.. 25		
Final year		.. 29		
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		107	107	

†General Science Qualifying

\*includes students of the RUC

\*\*includes students of the RUC

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Engineering	First year	.. 255	
	Second year	.. 296	
	Third year	.. 195	
	Final year	.. 148	
			<u>894</u>
Agriculture	First year	.. 123	
	Second year	.. 112	
	Third year	.. 115	
	Final year	.. 109	
			<u>459</u>
	Grand Total	..	<u>5,412</u>

## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Arts

Dean—Prof. C. R. De Silva

- (1) *Department of Buddhist Studies*  
Head: Prof. (Mrs.) L. de Silva
- (2) *Department of Classical Languages*  
Head: Prof. Merlin Peiris
- (3) *Department of Sinhala*  
Head: Prof. A. S. Kulasuriya
- (4) *Department of Tamil*  
Head: Prof. A. Velupillai
- (5) *Department of English*  
Head: Prof. T. Kandiah
- (6) *Department of Economics and Commerce*  
Head: Prof. B. Hewavitharana
- (7) *Department of Political Science*  
Head: Prof. S. U. Kodikara
- (8) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Dr. R. S. Gunawardena
- (9) *Department of History*  
Head: Dr. V. Kanapathypillai
- (10) *Department of Philosophy*  
Head: Prof. M. W. P. de Silva
- (11) *Department of Sociology*  
Head: Dr. M. M. Sirisena
- (12) *Department of Education*  
Head: Vacant
- (13) *Department of Archaeology*  
Head: Vacant
- (14) *Department of Arabic and Islamic Civilization*  
Head: Vacant

### 2. Faculty of Science

Dean—Dr. H. W. Dias

- (1) *Department of Botany*  
Head: Prof. M. D. Dassanayake
- (2) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Prof. G. P. Wannigama
- (3) *Department of Geology*  
Head: Prof. C. B. Dissanayake
- (4) *Department of Mathematics*  
Head: Dr. K. L. D. Gunawardena
- (5) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Prof. G. A. Dissanaike
- (6) *Department of Zoology*  
Head: Prof. H. Cruz

### 3. Faculty of Medicine

Dean—Prof. R. G. Panabokke

- (1) *Department of Anatomy*  
Head: Prof. (Mrs.) E. R. Wickramanayake
- (2) *Department of Microbiology*  
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- (10) *Department of Paediatrics*  
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### 4. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science

Dean—Prof. S. T. Fernando

- (1) *Department of Veterinary Pre-Clinical Studies*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) V. K. Gunawardene
- (2) *Department of Veterinary Para-Clinical Studies*  
Head: Prof. E. A. Wijewantha
- (3) *Department of Veterinary Clinical Studies*  
Head: Prof. S. G. de S. Wettimuni
- (4) *Department of Animal Science*  
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## 5. Faculty of Engineering

Dean—Prof. W. P. Jayasekera

- (1) *Department of Civil Engineering*  
Head: Prof. M. M. Amaratunga
- (2) *Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering*  
Head: Prof. W. M. G. Fernando
- (3) *Department of Mechanical Engineering*  
Head: Prof. C. L. V. Jayatillake
- (4) *Department of Engineering Mathematics*  
Head: Prof. T. D. M. A. Samuel
- (5) *Department of Production Engineering*  
Head: Dr. R. J. K. S. K. Ranatunga
- (6) *Department of Chemical Engineering*  
Head: Dr. W. J. N. Fernando

## 6. Faculty of Agriculture

Dean—Prof. Y. D. A. Senanayake

- (1) *Department of Crop Science*  
Head: Prof. H. P. M. Gunasena
- (2) *Department of Agricultural Biology*  
Head: Prof. H. M. G. Herath
- (3) *Department of Agricultural Engineering*  
Head: Dr. S. C. G. Illangantilake
- (4) *Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management*  
Head: Dr. S. Pinnaduwa
- (5) *Department of Agricultural Chemistry*  
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- (6) *Department of Animal Science*  
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**PART III**

**UNIVERSITY OF SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA**

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- Chancellor :* Dr. E. W. Adikaram, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.).
- Vice-Chancellor :* Prof. K. Jinadasa Perera, M.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Calc).
- Acting Registrar :* Mr. W. P. P. Abeydeera, B.A. (Cey.).
- Librarian :* Mr. W. B. Dorakumbura, B.A. (Cey.), B.L.S. (Mc Gill),  
 M.L.S. (Tor.).
- Bursar :* Mr. R. V. K. Ranasinghe, B.A. (Vidyod.), Dip. Mgt. Sc.  
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### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts ..	1,481	—	—	1,481
Commerce and Management Studies	1,192	—	14	1,206
Applied Science ..	309	—	68	377
	2,982	—	82	3,064

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	First year ..	433	
	General Degree		
	First year ..	232	
	Final year ..	196	
	Special Degree		
	First year ..	155	
	Second year ..	131	
	Final year ..	334	
	Postgraduate ..	105	
			1,586
Commerce and Management Studies	First year ..	360	
	Second year ..	289	
	Third year ..	336	
	Fourth year ..	221	
	Grand Total ..	1,206	1,206
Applied Science	First year ..	110	
	General Degree		
	First year ..	85	
	Final year ..	101	
	Special Degree ..	14	
	Postgraduate ..	68	
		378	378
	Grand Total ..		3,170

## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Arts

Dean—Dr. T. B. Kangaharatchi

- (1) *Department of Economics*  
Head: Dr. W. A. Jayatissa
- (2) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) Y. A. D. S. Wanasinghe
- (3) *Department of History*  
Head: Dr. D. L. Abeywardane
- (4) *Department of Languages and Cultural Studies (including English and Sanskrit)*  
Head: Dr. Mahanama Karunaratne
- (5) *Department of Sinhala*  
Head: Prof. Wimal G. Balagalla
- (6) *Department of Sociology*  
Head: Dr. Nandasena Ratnapala
- (7) *Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies*  
Head: Dr. Chandra Wickremagamage

### 2. Faculty of Applied Science

Dean—Dr. P. L. D. Waidyasekera

- (1) *Department of Biological Sciences*  
Head: Dr. W. E. Ratnayake
- (2) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) Ramanie Herath
- (3) *Department of Mathematics*  
Head: Mr. L. B. Ekanayaka
- (4) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Prof. P. C. B. Fernando

### 3. Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce

Dean—Mr. G. M. H. Wijewardene

- (1) *Department of Business Administration*  
Head: Mr. K. A. Munasinghe
- (2) *Department of Commerce*  
Head: Mr. D. A. M. Dassanayake
- (3) *Department of Public Administration*  
Head: Mr. A. Ekanayake

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*Vice-Chancellor*

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## PART IV

### UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA

Formerly the Vidyalandkara University of Ceylon, Kelaniya, established in 1959, and the Vidyalandkara Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (1972-78).

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*Cables and Telegrams:* University, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

*Telephones:* Vice-Chancellor — 075-485  
Registrar — 075-569  
General Office — 075-391, 397

*Chancellor:* Ven. Dr. Walpola Rahula Thero, B.A. (Lond.), Ph.D. (Cey.), D.Litt. (Sri Lanka, Bihar and California), LL.D. (Kelaniya).

*Vice-Chancellor:* Prof. Tilak Ratnakara, B.A. (Cey.), M.Sc. (Lond.).

*Acting Registrar:* Mr. W. D. Tissera, B.A. (Cey.).

*Librarian:* Mr. T. G. Piyadasa, B.A. (Cal.), Dip. Lib. (Lond.).

*Acting Bursar:* R. B. M. Munasingha

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Humanities ..	468	—	13	481
Social Sciences ..	1,940	—	06	1,946
Science ..	298	—	—	298
	2,706	—	19	2,725

### Number of Students according to the Courses of Study

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Humanities and Social Sciences	First in Arts ..	493	
	General Degree		
	First year ..	355	
	Final year ..	177	
	Commerce		
	First year ..	109	
	Second year ..	179	
	Third year ..	384	
	Final year ..	229	
	Special Arts		
	Second year ..	161	
	Third year ..	145	
	Final year ..	195	
Postgraduate ..	09		
		2,436	2,436
Science	First in Science ..	104	
	General Science		
	First year ..	93	
	Final year ..	80	
	Special Science ..	21	
		298	298
	Grand Total ..		2,734



## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Humanities

Dean—Prof. S. L. Kekulawala

- (1) *Department of Sinhala*  
Head: Prof. N. Mudiyanse
- (2) *Department of English*  
Head: Dr. D. C. R. A. Gunatillake
- (3) *Department of Modern Languages*  
Head: Prof. S. Weeratunga
- (4) *Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies*  
Head: Prof. N. A. Jayawickrama
- (5) *Department of Sanskrit*  
Head: Prof. M. H. F. Jayasuriya
- (6) *Department of Linguistics*  
Head: Dr. (Mrs.) D. M. Wickramasinghe
- (7) *Department of Western Classical Culture*  
Head: Dr. T. A. Fernando
- (8) *Department of Fine Arts*  
Head: Dr. M. H. Gunatillake

### 2. Faculty of Social Sciences

Dean—Prof. M. P. Perera

- (1) *Department of Economics*  
Head: Dr. K. Dharmasena
- (2) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Mr. N. K. Dangalla
- (3) *Department of History*  
Head: Dr. H. T. Basnayake
- (4) *Department of Mass Communication*  
Head: Dr. Sunanda Mahendra de Mel
- (5) *Department of Philosophy*  
Head: Prof. S. G. M. Weerasinghe
- (6) *Department of Library Science*  
Head: Mr. Jayasiri Lankage
- (7) *Department of Commerce*  
Head: Mr. J. P. Ananda
- (8) *Department of Archaeology*  
Head: Prof. Abhaya Ariyasinghe

## 2. Faculty of Science

Dean—Prof. I. Balasooriya

- (1) *Department of Zoology*  
Head: Prof. E. F. W. Fernando
- (2) *Department of Mathematics*  
Head: Prof. C. R. Kulatillake
- (3) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Prof. J. K. P. Ariyaratne
- (4) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Dr. M. A. Peter
- (5) *Department of Botany*  
Head: Dr. S. Vidanapathirana
- (6) *Department of Industrial Management*  
Head: Dr. D. A. C. Sunandarajah

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*Ex-Officio*: Prof. Tilak Ratnakara  
Vice-Chancellor

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## PART V

### UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

Formerly the Ceylon College of Technology established in 1966, and later Katubedda Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (1972-78).

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*Cables and Telegrams :* Ceycoltec

*Telephones :* Vice-Chancellor — 072-259  
Registrar — 072-610  
General Office — 072-204, 301, 441, 534, 671

*Chancellor :* Arthur C. Clarke, Esqr., B.Sc., F.R.A.S., F.B.I.S., Fellow of King's College, London

*Vice-Chancellor :* Prof. C. Patuwathavithane, B.Sc. Eng. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.), M. I. Mech E., F. I. E. (Sri Lank).

*Acting Registrar :* Mr. K. C. F. de Silva, B.A. (Cey.).

*Librarian :* Mr. S. Rubasingham, B.A., Dip. Lib. (Cey.).

*Acting Bursar :* Mr. P. Subasinghe

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Engineering ..	—	—	654	654
Architecture ..	—	—	112	112
	—	—	766	766

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Engineering	First year ..	232	
	Second year ..	161	
	Third year ..	130	
	Fourth year ..	21	
	Final year ..	110	
		654	654
Architecture	First year ..	40	
	Second year ..	39	
	Third year ..	33	
		112	112
	Grand Total ..		766

## Number of Students following non-University Courses of Study

National Diploma in Technology (NDT)	..	659
National Certificate in Technology (NCT)	..	1,428
Certificate in Rubber Technology	..	46
Certificate in Gemmology	..	53
Certificate in Geology	..	12
Total	..	<u>1,901</u>

*Note:* All courses, except the NDT, are part-time.

## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Engineering

*Dean*—Prof. D. S. Wijesekera

- (1) *Department of Civil Engineering*  
*Head:* Dr. B. L. Tennekoon
- (2) *Department of Electrical Engineering*  
*Head:* Prof. S. Karunaratne
- (3) *Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering*  
*Head:* Prof. P. Sivaprakasapillai
- (4) *Department of Mechanical Engineering*  
*Head:* Mr. K. Herath
- (5) *Department of Chemical Engineering*  
*Head:* Mr. H. D. J. Silva
- (6) *Department of Materials Engineering*  
*Head:* Prof. A. de S. Jayatilake
- (7) *Department of Mining and Minerals Processing Engineering*  
*Head:* Mr. W. L. W. Fernando
- (8) *Department of Mathematics*  
*Head:* Mr. G. T. F. de Silva

### 2. Faculty of Architecture

*Dean*—Prof. K. R. S. Peiris

- (1) *Department of Architecture*  
*Head:* Mr. L. Alwis
- (2) *Department of Town and Country Planning*  
*Head:* Prof. M. W. J. G. Mendis
- (3) *Department of Building Economics*  
*Head:* Vacant

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*Ex-Officio :* Prof. C. Patuwathavithane  
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**PART VI**  
**UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**

Formerly Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka, established in 1974.

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General Office — Jaffna : 481, 7626
- Chancellor :* V. Manicavasagar, Esq., Attorney-at-Law.
- Vice-Chancellor :* Prof. S. Vithiananthan, M.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.).
- Registrar :* Mr. K. C. Logeswaran, B.A. (Cey.).
- Acting Librarian :* Mr. R. S. Thambiah, M.A. (Madr.), M.Sc. (Ill.).
- Bursar :* Vacant.

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts ..	—	894	—	894
Science ..	—	506	—	506
Medicine ..	—	219	—	219
Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts ..	—	220	—	220
	—	1,839	—	1,839

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study:

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	G.A.Q.* ..	291	
	General Degree		
	Part I ..	103	
	Part II (Final year) ..	68	
	Special Degree		
	Part I ..	198	
	Part II ..	161	
	Part III (Final year) ..	73	
		894	894
Science	G.S.Q.** ..	147	
	General Science		
	Part I ..	183	
	Part II (Final year) ..	134	
	Special Science ..	42	
		506	506
Medicine	First year ..	80	
	Second year ..	84	
	Third year ..	55	
			219
Ramanathan Academy Fine Arts ..	220		220
	Grand Total ..		1,839

\*General Arts Qualifying

\*\*General Science Qualifying



## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Arts

Dean—Prof. K. Kailasapathy

- (1) *Department of Languages and Cultural Studies*  
(Under the Dean, Arts)
- (2) *Department of Economics*  
Head: Mr. N. Balakrishnan
- (3) *Department of Education*  
Head: Mr. P. Chandrasegaram
- (4) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Prof. P. Balasundarampillai
- (5) *Department of Hindu Civilization*  
Head: Prof. K. K. Kurukkal
- (6) *Department of History*  
Head: Prof. K. Indrapala
- (7) *Department of Philosophy*  
Head: Dr. V. Ramakrishnan
- (8) *Department of Tamil*  
Head: Prof. K. Sivathamby
- (9) *Department of Sanskrit*  
Head: Mr. V. Sivasamy
- (10) *Department of Fine Arts*  
Head: Prof. K. K. Kurukkal
- (11) *Department of Sinhala*  
(Under the Dean, Arts)

### 2. Faculty of Science

Dean—Prof. V. Tharmaratnam

- (1) *Department of Botany*  
Head: Prof. K. Theivendirarajah
- (2) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Prof. S. Mageswaran
- (3) *Department of Mathematics and Statistics*  
Head: Prof. J. B. Selliah
- (4) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Dr. V. Ramachandran
- (5) *Department of Zoology*  
Head: Prof. V. K. Ganeshalingam

### 3. Faculty of Medicine

Dean—Prof. A. A. Hoover

- (1) *Department of Anatomy*  
Head: Prof. K. Kanagasuntharam
- (2) *Department of Biochemistry*  
(Under the Dean, Medicine)
- (3) *Department of Physiology*  
Head: Dr. S. V. Parameswaran
- (4) *Department of Community Medicine*  
Head: Dr. K. Puvanendran
- (5) *Department of Surgery*  
Head: Dr. S. Siskandavarman
- (6) *Department of Medicine*  
Head: Prof. N. Sreeharan
- (7) *Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*  
Head: Prof. M. Sivasuriya
- (8) *Department of Paediatrics*  
Head: Dr. D. Ramadas
- (9) *Department of Pathology*  
Head: Prof. C. C. Balasubramaniam

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## PART VII

### RUHUNA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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*Director :* Dr. D. A. Kotelawele, B.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.).

*Secretary :* Mr. B. Abeysundara, B.A. (Cey.).

*Treasurer :* Mr. W. A. S. Weerasinghe

*Librarian :* Vacant.

**Number of Students according to Media of Instruction :**

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Sinhala</i>	<i>Tamil</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	350	—	—	350
Science	123	—	—	123
Agriculture	63	—	—	63
Medicine	—	—	79	79
Total	536	—	79	615

**Number of Students according to Courses of Study :**

<i>Faculty</i>	<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts	General Degree		
	First year	87	
	Second year	135	
	Final year	81	
	Special Degree		
	First year	21	
	Second year	26	
		350	350
Science	First year	14	
	Second year	76	
	Third year	33	
		123	123
Agriculture	First year	24	
	Second year	24	
	Third year	15	
		63	63
Medicine	Third year	79	79
	Grand Total		615

*Note* :—The First and the Second year medical students are following their respective courses of study in the University of Colombo and Peradeniya.

## Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

### 1. Faculty of Arts

Dean—Prof. G. S. Ranawella

- (1) *Department of Economics*  
Head: Prof. D. Atapattu
- (2) *Department of Geography*  
Head: Prof. K. U. Sirinanda
- (3) *Department of History*  
Acting Head: Dr. M. U. de Silva
- (4) *Department of Sinhala*  
Head: Mr. P. B. Ekanayaka

### 2. Faculty of Agriculture

Dean—Dr. S. K. Charles

- (1) *Department of Animal Science*  
Acting Head: Prof. C. S. Weeraratna
- (2) *Department of Agricultural Economics*  
Head: Dr. S. K. Charles
- (3) *Department of Agronomy*  
Head: Prof. C. S. Weeraratna

### 3. Faculty of Science

Dean—Prof. R. H. Wijayanayake

- (1) *Department of Zoology*  
Head: Prof. S. S. de Silva
- (2) *Department of Botany*  
Head: Prof. M. A. Premadasa
- (3) *Department of Chemistry*  
Head: Prof. R. H. Wijayanayake
- (4) *Department of Mathematics*  
Head: Prof. K. Tillakaratne
- (5) *Department of Physics*  
Head: Prof. K. Tennekoon

#### 4. Faculty of Medicine

Dean—Prof. T. W. Wickramanayake

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Head: Vacant
- (2) *Department of Biochemistry*  
Head: Prof. T. W. Wickramanayake
- (3) *Department of Community Medicine*  
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Head: Prof. D. J. B. Perera
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Head: Vacant
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Head: Prof. M. N. T. Fonseka

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## PART VIII

### THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Established on 19th May, 1980 by the Open University Order made under section 23(1) and the Open University Ordinance, No. 3 of 1980, made under section 23(2) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978. The nucleus of the Open University was formed by the External Services Agency (ESA) of the University of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Institute of Distance Education (SLIDE) of the Ministry of Higher Education.

This new Higher Educational Institution was ceremonially inaugurated by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 19th June, 1980, and after an initial period of transition commencing from its date of establishment, became fully operative as of 22nd July, 1980.

*Postal Address:* Nawala, Nugegoda.

*Cables and Telegrams:* Open University

*Telephones:*  
Vice-Chancellor — 073-3731  
Registrar — 073-3777  
General Office — 073-3615, 3687

*Chancellor:* Dr. Gamini Corea, M.A. (Cantab.), D.Phil. (Oxon.).

*Vice-Chancellor:* Prof. P. D. Gunatilake, B.A. (Cantab.), B.Sc. (Cey.),  
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*Acting Registrar:* Mr. D. Thenuwara Gamage, B.A. Hons. (Vidyod.), M.A.  
Econ. (Sri Lanka), M.Ed. Admin. (New England),  
Dip. Int. Nat. Affairs (B.C.I.S.).

*Acting Bursar:* Mr. J. W. V. N. de Silva, B.A. (Vidyod.).

## Number of Students as at (01.05.1981) by Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>
Postgraduate Diploma in Education .. ..	725
Course in Pre-school Education .. ..	270
Course in Language Studies (Sinhala for Non-Sinhala and Tamil for Non-Tamil) .. ..	21
Course in Professional English .. ..	985
Higher National Diploma in Management .. ..	321
National Diploma in Mathematics .. ..	535
National Diploma in Science .. ..	142
Higher National Certificate in Electrical Technology .. ..	292
Higher National Certificate in Electronic and Tele- communication Technology .. ..	363
Total .. ..	3,654

### Boards of Study and Directors of Study

- (1) *Board of Study for Humanities and Social Sciences*  
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- (2) *Board of Study for Management, Science and Technology*  
Director—Mr. K. M. D. Perera

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## PART IX

### POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

Established on 30th April, 1974 by the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Statute, No. 1 of 1974, made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972.

Re-established with effect from 28th May, 1979 by the repealed Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 2 of 1979, and the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine Ordinance, No. 1 of 1980, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Colombo with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address :* Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Kynsey Road,  
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*Telephone :* 93720

*Director :* Dr. S. A. Cabraal, F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

*Senior Assistant Registrar :* Mr. M. Abeywardena, B.A. (Cey.).

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala .. .. .	—	
Tamil .. .. .	—	
English .. .. .	126	126

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
First year .. .. .	116	—
Second year .. .. .	10	126

### Board of Management

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## PART X

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Established on 10th February, 1975 by the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Statute, No. 2 of 1974, made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972.

Re-established with effect from 1st January, 1980 by the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture Ordinance, No. 9 of 1979, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Peradeniya with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address :* University of Peradeniya, Old Galaha Road, Peradeniya,  
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*Telephones :* 08-8219, 8318

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*Senior Assistant*

*Registrar :* Mr. R. S. Rajapakse

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala .. ..	—	
Tamil .. ..	—	
English .. ..	101	
Total .. ..	101	101

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
M.Sc. (Agriculture) ..	40	
M.Phil. (Agriculture) ..	46	
Ph.D. (Agriculture) ..	15	
Total .. ..	101	101

### Names of Boards of Study and their respective Heads

#### *Boards of Study*

- (1) *Agricultural Biology*  
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*Secretary* — Dr. R. Rajamahendran
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*Chairman* — Prof. H. P. M. Gunasena  
*Secretary* — Dr. R. H. G. Clements

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## PART XI

### POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF PALI AND BUDDHIST STUDIES

Established on 23rd November, 1975 as the Vidyāṅkara Institute of Postgraduate Buddhist Studies by an Order and the Vidyāṅkara Institute of Postgraduate Buddhist Studies Statute, No. 2 of 1977, made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972.

Re-established with effect from 1st January, 1980 by the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies Ordinance, No. 8 of 1979, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Kelaniya with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act, No. 16 of 1978.

<i>Postal Address :</i>	University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
<i>Telephone :</i>	075-407
<i>Director :</i>	Dr. L. P. N. Perera, B.A., Ph.D. (Cey.).
<i>Assistant Registrar :</i>	Mr. H. K. Somawardane

**Number of Students according to Media of Instruction**

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala ..	42	
Tamil ..	—	
English ..	02	
	44	44

**Number of Students according to Courses of Study**

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
M.A. ..	16	
Ph.D. ..	18	
Diploma in Buddhist Studies	10	
	44	44

**Names of Heads of Departments**

- (1) *Department of Buddhist Sources*  
Dr. Jotiya Dhirasekera
- (2) *Department of Buddhist Thought*  
Dr. L. P. N. Perera
- (3) *Department of Buddhist Culture*  
Dr. W. D. Chandima Wijebandara

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## PART XII

### INSTITUTE OF AESTHETIC STUDIES

Established on 1st May, 1975 by an Order made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972. For this purpose, the Government College of Music, the Government College of Dancing and Ballet, the Sri Lanka National Institute of Art, and the Ramanathan Academy of Music were absorbed into the former University of Sri Lanka.

The Institute was re-established with effect from 1st January, 1980 by the Institute of Aesthetic Studies Ordinance, No. 10 of 1979, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978. The Ramanathan Academy is no longer a part of this Institute, and has been absorbed into the University of Jaffna.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Kelaniya with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act No. 16 of 1978. •

*Postal Address:* 21, Albert Crescent, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

*Telephones:* 91483, 96971, 96972

*Director:* Dr. T. Kariyawasam, B.A., M.A. (Cey.), Ph.D. (Lond.),  
Dip. J. (Lond.).

*Acting Senior*

*Assistant Registrar:* Mr. G. W. Kariyawasam



### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala .. .. .	406	
Tamil .. .. .	—	
English .. .. .	—	
	406	406

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Arts and Sculpture ..	152	
Dancing .. .. .	114	
Music .. .. .	140	
	406	406

### Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

- (1) *Department of Art and Sculpture*  
Mr. G. M. Albert Dharmasiri
- (2) *Department of Dancing*  
Mr. S. Pani Bharatha
- (3) *Department of Music*  
Mr. P. V. Nandasiri

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## PART XIII

### INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS MEDICINE

Established on 2nd April, 1977 as the Institute of Ayurveda by Orders and the Institute of Ayurveda Statute, No. 1 of 1977, made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972. For this purpose, the Government College of Ayurveda Medicine was absorbed into the former University of Sri Lanka.

The Institute was re-established with effect from 1st January, 1980 under Institute of Indigenous Medicine Ordinance, No. 7 of 1979, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Colombo with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address :* Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka.

*Telephones :* 92385, 94308

*Director :* Ayur. Dr. D. M. R. B. Dissanayaka, D.I.M.S. (Cey.),  
M.S.A.M. (Jamnagar).

*Senior Assistant Registrar :* Mrs. P. Gunasekera, B.A. (Cey.).

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala .. ..	310	
Tamil .. ..	127	
English .. ..	—	
	437	437

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ayurveda .. ..	310	
Unani .. ..	58	—
Siddha .. ..	69	—
	437	437

### Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

- (1) *Department of Ayurveda*  
Ayur. Dr. J. A. D. Karunadasa
- (2) *Department of Siddha*  
Ayur. Dr. S. Arunachalam
- (3) *Department of Unani*  
Ayur. Dr. M. I. William

### Members of the Governing Authority

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 Commissioner of Ayurveda  
 Director, Bandaranaike Ayurveda Research Institute  
 Superintendent of Ayurveda Central Hospital  
 Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
 Head, Department of Ayurveda  
 Head, Department of Siddha  
 Head, Department of Unani

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 Vacant

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 Vacant

## PART XIV

### INSTITUTE OF WORKER'S EDUCATION

Established on 5th November, 1975 by the Institute of Worker's Education Statute, No. 1 of 1975, made under the repealed University of Ceylon Act, No. 1 of 1972.

Re-established with effect from 1st January, 1980 by the Institute of Worker's Education Ordinance, No. 11 of 1979, made under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978.

This Institute has been attached to the University of Colombo with effect from 1st January, 1979 under the provisions of Act, No. 16 of 1978.

*Postal Address :* University of Colombo, P. O. Box 1490, Cumaratunga  
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*Telephones :* 87245  
Extn. 16 from 83105, 83106 and 83107

*Director :* Dr. D. Walatara, B.A. (Lond.), Ph.D. (Sri Lanka).

*Assistant Registrar :* Mr. A. T. K. Leclaratna

### Number of Students according to Media of Instruction

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Sinhala .. ..	533	
Tamil .. ..	19	
English .. ..	—	
	<hr/> 552	<hr/> 552

### Number of Students according to Courses of Study

<i>Course of Study</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total</i>
Management and Development	158	
Society and Development ..	56	
Technology and Development	28	
Agriculture and Development	60	
Two-year Diploma course ..	250	
	<hr/> 552	<hr/> 552

### Departments of Study and Heads of Departments

- (1) *Society and Development*  
Dr. H. Weerasinghe
- (2) *Management and Development*  
Mr. Hema Wijewardana
- (3) *Agriculture and Development*  
Dr. S. Pinnaduwege
- (4) *Technology and Development*  
Prof. A. Thurairajah

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