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# LAW No. 144 of 1989

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## A LAW PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the University of Cyprus Law, 1989.

Short title.

### PART I — PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

2. In this Law—

“Council” means the Council of the University established by section 5.

“Rector” means the Rector of the University elected under section 14;

“Statutes” means the Statutes of the University made under this Law;

“University” means the University of Cyprus established by this Law;

“Vice-Rector” means the Vice-Rector of the University elected under section 15;

Interpretation.

### PART II — THE UNIVERSITY

- 3.—(1) The Republic of Cyprus shall establish a University by the name “University of Cyprus” having its seat in the area of Nicosia.

- (2) The University shall meet the needs of all the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and shall also admit foreign students.

- (3) The University shall be a public corporate body and shall be capable of—

- (a) Suing and being sued;
- (b) accepting, purchasing and holding property;
- (c) subject to the provisions of this Law, acquiring by purchase, lease, alienation, conveyance, transfer, gift or in any other manner immovable or movable property for the purpose of carrying out any of its objects;
- (d) subject to the provisions of this Law, selling, alienating, conveying, transferring, granting, leasing or in any manner disposing of any movable or immovable property and leasing, mortgaging or charging its property for the purpose of carrying out any of its objects;
- (e) carrying out any act which may be necessary or which may facilitate the fulfilment of its objects or which may be done by or against a public corporate body.

Establishment  
of the  
University.

Languages  
and objects  
of the  
University.

4.—(1) The languages of teaching of the University shall be Greek and Turkish.

(2) The object of the University shall be the advancement of science, knowledge, learning and education by teaching and research, and in particular—

- (a) the provision of education mainly in specializations contributing to the social, economic and cultural development of the Republic and the people of Cyprus as a whole;
- (b) the provision of educational means and possibilities for education at University level for persons who shall have the required qualifications;
- (c) the provision of the courses and programmes of study provided by or under this Law;
- (d) the advancement of knowledge and its practical applications by teaching, research and other means;
- (e) the encouragement of study and research and the provision of facilities to this end generally;
- (f) the safeguarding of academic freedom and the freedom of scientific investigation and dissemination of ideas;
- (g) the contribution to the mutual understanding among the communities of the Republic and the cultivation of their tradition and culture;
- (h) the development of cooperation with foreign academic and scientific institutions;
- (i) the granting and award of degrees, diplomas and other titles.

### PART III — THE COUNCIL

Composition  
of the  
Council.

5.—(1) There shall be a Council consisting of the following members:

- (a) the Rector and the Vice-Rector of the University;
- (b) three members of the permanent academic staff elected by all members of the academic staff;
- (c) four members appointed by the Council of Ministers;
- (d) three members appointed by the Senate of the University, who shall not be members of the staff of the University;
- (e) one member representing the students of the University.

(2) The Director of Administration and Finance and the Director of the University Library shall take part in the meetings of the Council, without the right to vote.

Council.

6.—(1) The Council, subject to the provisions of this Law, shall exercise the powers and shall perform the duties conferred upon it by or under this Law, and in particular—

- (a) It shall have the management and control of the administrative and financial affairs of the University and its property and in particular it shall prepare the annual budget of the University for the financial year commencing on the first day of September and ending on the thirty-first day of August in each year;
- (b) it shall act in relation to the aforementioned affairs and property in such manner as shall promote in the best possible manner the interests and objects of the University;

- (c) it shall have power and authority to ratify the appointments or promotions of the academic and administrative staff of the University;
- (d) it shall exercise any other power conferred upon it by or under this Law.

7.—(1) A quorum shall exist if the number of members of the Council present exceeds the one half of the total number of members of the Council.

Quorum and  
Manner of  
taking  
Decisions.

(2) The decisions of the Council shall be taken by an absolute majority of the members present.

8.—(1) The appointed or elected members of the Council shall hold office for a period of three years commencing from the date of their appointment or election, they may, however, be re-appointed or re-elected for a further period of three years:

Term of  
Office of  
Members of  
the Council.

Provided that the term of office of the Rector, the Vice-Rector and the representative of the students shall be for such time as they maintain the capacity in which they are appointed as members of the Council.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) the term of office of ten of the appointed or elected members of the first Council shall be specified as follows:

- (a) the term of office of three members shall be three years;
- (b) the term of office of four members shall be four years;
- (c) the term of office of three members shall be five years.

(3) The term of office of the members of the first Council shall be determined by draw at the first Meeting of the Council.

(4) Members of the Council shall not be removed from office except on the like grounds and in the like manner as a judge of the Supreme Court.

(5) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council, it shall be filled by appointment or election of another person who shall be a member for such time as may remain until the expiry of the term of office of the member in whose place he or she has been appointed or elected.

9.—(1) Chairman of the Council shall be the Rector of the University.

(2) The Council shall elect one of its members as Deputy Chairman. The period of office of the Deputy Chairman shall be three years with the entitlement to one re-election; his or her office, however, is terminated as soon as his or her membership in the Council ends.

Chairman  
and Deputy  
Chairman of  
the Council.

(3) The Chairman of the Council shall convene Meetings of the Council and shall preside over Meeting of the Council which he attends.

(4) In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting, the Deputy Chairman or, in the absence of the Deputy Chairman, a member of the Council elected for the purpose by the members present at the meeting, shall be Chairman for that meeting.

(5) In the event of absence or incapacity of the Chairman or during a vacancy in that office, the Deputy Chairman shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairman.

10. No act of the Council shall be void or illegal by reason only of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Council at the time of such act or by reason only of any number of members of the Council not having

Validity  
of Acts of  
the Council.

been appointed or elected at the time of such act; and all acts of the Council shall, notwithstanding that it may afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in the election or appointment of a member of the Council or of the person acting as a member of the Council or that they or any of them were incapable of being members of the Council, be as valid as if every such person had been duly elected or appointed to the Council and was capable of being a member.

Procedures  
of the  
Council.

11. The Council shall make rules regulating the manner and time of holding meetings, the procedures to be followed at its meetings and the manner of keeping minutes.

#### PART IV — THE SENATE

Senate.

12.—(1) There shall be a Senate of the University consisting of—

- (a) the Rector and the Vice-Rector of the University;
- (b) the Deans of the Schools;
- (c) three representatives of the teaching staff of each School elected by the Board of the School;
- (d) three representatives of the students of the University.

(2) Chairman of the Senate shall be the Rector of the University.

(3) The Director of Administration and Finance and the Director of the University Library shall take part in the meetings of the Senate, without the right to vote.

(4) The members of the Senate elected under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) shall hold office for a period of two years commencing on the date of their election, and may be re-elected for a further term of two years:

Provided that for the first Senate to be constituted the aforementioned members may be re-elected for two two-year terms.

(5) The representatives of the students of the University on the Senate shall take part in the discussion of or voting on all matters with the exception of certain matters specified by the Statutes.

Powers and  
Duties of  
the Senate.

13. The Senate shall be the supreme academic organ of the University and shall be responsible for the academic work of the University both in teaching and research, and in particular:

- (a) it shall approve the decisions of the Rector, the academic programmes, the level of the entrance and sessional examinations, the marking or grading system, the promotions, and the award of diplomas and degrees;
- (b) it shall determine the requirements of the University in building facilities and equipment, the apportionment of the budget and the relations of the University with other Universities and Educational Institutions;
- (c) it shall be a second tier organ of judgement and a second tier disciplinary board;
- (d) it shall recommend to the Council the establishment or abolition of Schools or Departments and the number of students to be admitted to the University;
- (e) it shall constitute committees from amongst its members and may delegate to them, on such conditions and prerequisites as it deems expedient to impose, any of its authorities;

- (f) it shall submit to the Council a report concerning any matter referred to it by the Council for consideration and submission of a report;
- (g) it shall exercise any power and shall perform any duty conferred or imposed upon it by this Law or Statutes ; and
- (h) subject to the provisions of this Law and the Statutes, it shall regulate its own procedure.

#### PART V — ACADEMIC AUTHORITIES

14.—(1) The Rector of the University shall be elected by the members of the Boards of the Departments, at a meeting specially called for the purpose.

Rector.

(2) The Rector shall be elected from amongst the Professors of the University.

(3) The period of office of the Rector shall be four years with the possibility of one re-election.

(4) The Rector shall be the supreme academic and executive officer of the University, shall have the management of its current activities, shall preside over its services, shall cause the decisions of the Council and of the Senate to be carried out and shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy of the University.

15.—(1) The Vice-Rector of the University shall be elected by the members of the Boards of the Departments at the meeting at which the Rector is elected.

Vice—Rector.

(2) The Vice-Rector shall be elected from amongst the Professors of the University.

(3) The period of office of the Vice-Rector shall be four years with the possibility of one re-election.

(4) In the absence or incapacity of the Rector or during a vacancy in that office, the Vice-Rector shall exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Rector.

16.—(1) For each School of the University there shall be elected by the members of the Boards of the Departments of the School, a Dean and a Deputy Dean from amongst the Professors and Associate Professors.

Dean and  
Deputy Dean.

(2) The term of office of the Dean and the Deputy Dean shall be three years, with the possibility of one re-election.

(3) The Dean shall prepare the budget of the respective School, shall prepare its academic programmes and shall submit recommendations for appointments in the School.

17.—(1) For each School there shall be a Board of the School consisting of—

Board of  
School.

- (a) the Dean and the Deputy Dean of the School;
- (b) the Chairmen of the Departments of the School;
- (c) two members from each Department of the School elected by the Board of the Department, at least one of whom must have the rank of Professor;
- (d) two representatives of the students of the School.

(2) The term of office of the representatives of the Departments of the School shall be two years with the possibility of one re-election.