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The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the University of Cyprus Laws, 1989 Short title.  
to 2025.

**PART I – PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

2. In this Law-

Interpretation.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

“Council” means the Council of the University constituted under section 5;

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

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

“University” means the University of Cyprus established under the provisions of this Law;

“Vice-Rector” means any of the Vice-Rectors of the University elected in accordance with section 15.

2 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

## **PART II – THE UNIVERSITY**

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

Establishment of the University.

(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 have capacity to-

- (a) Sue and be sued;
- (b) accept, purchase and hold property;
- (c) subject to the provisions of this Law, acquire 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;

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(d) subject to the provisions of this Law, sell, alienate, convey, transfer, grant, lease or in any manner dispose of any movable or immovable property and lease, mortgage or charge its property for the purpose of carrying out any of its objects;

(e) to carry out any action that may entail the fulfilment of its objects pursuant to this Law, or which contributes to the fulfillment of its objects, or is undertaken or may be undertaken by or against a public corporate body under terms and conditions set by the Council when granting relevant approval including the incorporation and/or participation in companies, with a percentage of share capital, where applicable, up to 49%, counted in this percentage of any percentage held by a member of the University. The terms and conditions shall be prescribed by relevant Regulations: 2(a) of 81(I)/2018.

Provided that, the activities of such companies shall remain completely separated from the operation of the University and any use of facilities or equipment or staff shall be made only in exceptional occasions and upon the approval of the Council and with the imposition of a charge to the company by the University based on current market-related prices approved by the Council:

Provided further that, the representative or representatives of the University on the board of directors of such companies shall be fully independent from any member of the staff of the University having shares in the same company:

Provided even further that, the activities of such companies shall be compatible with the mission of the University, serve the interest of the University and the public interest and promote the interconnection of research and innovation:

Provided even further that, the involvement of the University in the incorporation and/or participation in companies aims to promote the healthy competition and excellence, is covered exclusively by non-state resources, and any return on the University investment is utilized for the benefit of the University;

(f) subject to the provisions of this Law, to carry out activities in sectors related to the exploitation and development of research, academic and technical knowledge having at its disposal or, which it may gather, and in relation to such knowledge, of its facilities, services and know-how;

2(b) of 81(I)/2018.

(g) to secure the intellectual property rights arising from the results of research, through patents or other forms of registration.

2(b) of 81(I)/2018.

**4.-(1)** The teaching languages of the University shall be the official languages of the Republic, that is Greek and Turkish. Teaching in any other language, shall only be allowed in cases provided for in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section.

Teaching languages and mission of the University.  
2(a) of 199(I)/2003.  
2(b) of 199(I)/2003.  
2 of 55(I) of 2016.  
2 of 83(I) of 2016.

(2)(a) The University may, by a Senate's decision, upon the recommendation of the respective Faculty, offer some of the postgraduate programmes of study, which are offered in one of the University's official languages, in other languages as well.

(b) The Senate may, upon a relevant recommendation of the respective Faculty, decide to offer some of the undergraduate programmes of study which are offered in one of the University's official languages, and in other languages as well. The undergraduate programme of study to be offered in another language shall be determined following the approval of the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth. 2(a)of153(I)/2025.

(c) The Senate may, upon a relevant recommendation of the Faculty concerned, decide for the provision by the University of an undergraduate programme of study in a language other than the official languages of the Republic, provided that it is offered in one of the official languages and the undergraduate programme of study to be offered in another language shall be determined following the approval of the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth: 2(b)of153(I)/2025.

Provided that, public universities shall not be permitted to offer the same undergraduate programme of study.

(d) The Senate may, upon a relevant recommendation of the Faculty concerned, decide for the provision by the University of a postgraduate programme of study in a language other than the official languages of the Republic, without offering it in one of the official languages. The selection of the post-graduate programme of study shall be approved by the Council of the University.

(e) The total number of the undergraduate programmes of study offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the programmes of study offered by the University in the official languages of the Republic and the offer of an undergraduate programme of study in a language other than the official languages of the Republic shall take place without prejudice to the programmes of studies offered in the official languages of the Republic: 2(c)of 153(I)/2025.

Provided that, for an undergraduate programme of studies to be offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic, at least fifteen (15) students must be enrolled in the programme at the beginning of the academic year.

(f) At the end of each academic year the University shall inform the Parliamentary Committee of Education and Culture in writing about the programmes of study it offers, the actual cost, the amount of tuition fees for each programme as well as the number of students in each programme. 2(c)of153(I)/2025.

(3) The University may, by a Senate's decision, offer up to five courses per undergraduate programme of study, compulsory or not, in any language other than the official languages of the Republic, without an obligation to offer them simultaneously in one of the Republic's official languages.

(4) The University may, by a Senate's decision, offer inter-university programmes of study in any language, following the approval of the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth. 2(d)of153(I)/2025.

(5) By decision of the relevant Department, dissertations or doctoral theses may be drafted in a language other than the official languages of the Republic.

(6) The method of funding, determination and review of the amount of tuition fees for an undergraduate programme of study, offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic, shall be prescribed by Regulations approved by the House of Representatives:

2(e)of153(I)/2025.

Provided that, the above shall not apply to the inter-university and/or interdepartmental programmes of study in any language:

Provided further that, the amount of fees for the inter-university and/or interdepartmental programmes of study in any language, shall be prescribed by the Council and shall be approved by the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth:

Provided even further that, the number of the inter-departmental programmes does not exceed an additional one third of the total number of programmes that may be offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic:

Provided even further that, in interdepartmental programmes, each department shall contribute significantly to the curriculum, taking into account the specific characteristics of the programme.

(7) The amount of tuition fees for a postgraduate programme of study offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic shall be prescribed by Regulations approved by the House of Representatives.

(8) In order to determine the undergraduate programmes of study to be offered in any language other than the official languages of the Republic in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2), the University shall submit a comprehensive proposal to the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, taking into account, inter alia, the supply and demand, the needs of the labour market, the capacity of the University to support students, the anticipated number of students as well as the viability of the programme of study and in particular, the revenue-expenditure budget: 2(f)of153(l)/2025.

Provided that, the expenditure must include the actual cost based on the University's current operating, administrative and capital expenses related to the programme.

(9) *Deleted.* 2(g)of153(l)/2025.

(10) The system and the admission criteria for undergraduate programmes of study offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic shall be prescribed by Regulations approved by the House of Representatives:

Provided that, the above shall not apply to inter-university programmes of study in any language: 2(h)of153(l)/2025.

Provided further that, the system and the admission criteria for inter-university undergraduate programmes of study in any language, shall be prescribed by the Senate and shall be approved by the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth. 2(h)of 153(l)/2025.

(11) The system and the admission criteria for postgraduate programmes of study offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic shall be prescribed by Rules made by the Council following a Senate's recommendation.

(12) Any decision to introduce programmes of study in any language other than the official languages of the Republic, which entails a burden on the annual Budget of the University is implemented only after the inclusion of such a charge in the annual Budget and the approval of the annual Budget by the competent authorities of the State.

(13) Foreign students participating in a programme of study at the University, which is offered in a language other than the official languages of the Republic, are obliged to attend at least one course on "Greek language and civilisation" prior to the completion of their programme of study at the University.

(13A) The members of the academic staff may teach courses in programmes of study offered in any language other than the official languages of the Republic, provided that they carry out all their obligations and duties arising under the provisions of this Law and the Regulations made thereunder.

2(i)of153(I)/2025.

(14) The mission of the University shall be the advancement of science, education, culture, but also the enhancement of knowledge and its practical applications, through teaching, learning, research, innovation and other means, and in particular-

3 of 81(I)/2018

- (a) The provision of education mainly in specialisations 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 the university level to 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 through teaching, research and other means, and the participation in activities which are consistent with the academic status of its members, in order to influence the formation of educational, research, business-through innovation- social and economic background of the country and society, in general;
  - (e) the encouragement of study, research and creativity and the provision of facilities, in general, to this end;
  - (f) the safeguarding of academic freedom and the freedom of scientific pursuit and dissemination of ideas;
  - (g) the contribution to the mutual understanding amongst the communities of the Republic and the cultivation of their tradition and culture;
  - (h) the development of cooperation with academic and scientific institutions and companies;
  - (i) the offering and award of degrees, postgraduate degrees, diplomas and other titles.

### PART III – THE COUNCIL

- 5.-(1)** There shall be a Council which shall consist of the following members: Composition of the Council.
- (a) The Rector and the Vice-Rectors of the University; 3(a) of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) two members of the permanent academic staff elected by all members of the academic staff; 2(a) of 44(I)/2003.
  - (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; 3(b) of 151(I)/2002<sup>1</sup>  
2(b) of 44(I)/2003.
  - (e) one member representing the students of the University;
  - (f) one member representing the administrative staff, elected amongst all members of that staff. 2(a) of 84(I)/2000.
- (2) The Director of Administration and Finance shall take part in the meetings of the Council, without the right to vote. 2(b) of 84(I)/2000.
- 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- Council.
- (a) It shall have the management and control of the administrative and financial affairs of the University and its property and in particular- 3(a) of 24(I)/95.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

- (i) It shall prepare the annual budget of the University for the financial year commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December, in each year;
  - (ii) it shall decide on the level of salaries and other benefits of the staff of the University;
  - (iii) it shall allocate the funds for the building infrastructure of the University;
- (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) (i) it shall have the power and competence to ascertain the elections or promotions of the academic staff and to ratify the appointments and promotions of that staff, 3(b) of 24(I)/95.
- (ii) it shall have the power and competence to ratify the appointments and promotions of the administrative staff of the University;
- (d) it shall have the responsibility for the enforcement of this Law; 3(c) of 24(I)/95.
- (e) it shall exercise any other power conferred upon it by or under this Law. 3(d) of 24(I)/95.

**6A.** The Council may form committees among its members and may delegate to them, on such conditions and prerequisites as it deems expedient to impose, any of its competences. Committees of the Council. 2 of 127(I)/99.

7.-(1) There shall be a quorum when the number of the members of the Council present is equal to the next integer greater than 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) Subject to the provisions of subsection (6), the appointed or elected members of the Council shall hold office for a period of thirty months from the date of their appointment or election, they may, however, be re-appointed or re-elected for a further period of thirty months:

Term of Office of Members of the Council.  
2(a) of 116(I)/2013.<sup>1</sup>

Provided that the term of office of the Rector, the Vice-Rectors 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.

4 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the term of office of the appointed or elected members of the first Council shall be as follows:

2 of 137/90<sup>1</sup>  
4 of 24(I)/95.

- (a) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall hold office for a period of four years;
- (b) three members shall hold office for a period of three years;
- (c) four members shall hold office for a period of four years;
- (d) three members shall hold office for a period of 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6), the 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. 2(b) of 116(I)/2013.<sup>1</sup>

(5) In the event of a vacancy in the office of a member of the Council, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment or election of another person who shall be a member for the remainder of the term of office of the member in whose place he has been appointed or elected. If the remainder exceeds one half of his term then, for the purpose of re-appointment or re-election, the term of office is deemed to be a regular term. 2 of 83(I)/2007  
2(c) of 116(I)/2013.<sup>1</sup>

(6) Following each election of the President of the Republic, the Council of Ministers, in the exercise of its executive power pursuant to Article 54 of the Constitution, which includes the general direction and control of the government of the Republic, the direction of general policy, the coordination and supervision of all public services, as well as the supervision of property belonging to the Republic, may, no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year during which the President of the Republic was elected, terminate the appointment of the existing members appointed by the Council of Ministers and appoint new members: 2(d) of 116(I)/2013.<sup>1</sup>

Provided that, this subsection shall also apply in the case of the appointed members of the Council serving on the date of the entry into force of the University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 2013. 116(I)of 2013.

**9.-(1)** The Council of Ministers shall appoint the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Council, from among the four members Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.  
5 of 24(I)/95.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

appointed by the Council of Ministers and the three members 3 of 116(I)/2013.<sup>1</sup>  
 appointed by the Senate of the University, after deliberation with the  
 Senate. In case where the Chairman comes from among the  
 members appointed by the Council of Ministers, the Vice-Chairman  
 shall come from among the members appointed by the Senate, and  
 vice versa.

(2) The Chairman of the Council shall convene the meetings of the  
 Council and shall preside over the meetings of the Council he attends.

(3) In case of absence of the Chairman at any meeting, the Vice-  
 Chairman or, in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, a member of the  
 Council elected for that purpose, shall preside over the meeting.

(4) In the event of absence or incapacity of the Chairman or during  
 a vacancy in that office, the Vice-Chairman shall have the powers and  
 duties of the Chairman.

**10.** No act or decision of the Council shall be void or become illegal  
 by reason only of a vacancy in the Council or by reason only of non-  
 appointment or election of any member of the Council. All acts and  
 decisions of the Council shall be valid, notwithstanding that it may  
 subsequently be discovered that there was an irregularity in respect  
 of the election or appointment of a member of the Council or of the  
 person acting as a member or that the members or any of the  
 members of the Council did not have capacity to be members of the  
 Council, as if each person had been duly elected or appointed to the  
 Council and had capacity to be a member thereof.

Validity of acts of the  
 Council.

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<sup>1</sup>See Note at the end of the text

11. The Council shall make rules regulating the manner and time of convening meetings, the procedure to be followed at its meetings or the non-participation of a member thereat and the manner of keeping minutes. Procedures of the Council. 3 of 84(I)/2000.

#### **PART IV – THE SENATE**

12.-(1) There shall be a Senate of the University which shall consist of- Senate.

- (a) the Rector and the Vice-Rectors of the University; 5 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>
- (b) the Deans of the Faculties;
- (c) three representatives of the teaching staff of each Faculty elected by the Board of the Faculty;
- (d) the representatives of the students, whose number shall correspond to the number of the Faculties: 2 of 90(I)/2002.

Provided that, any vacancy of any member of the Senate, which cannot be filled immediately due to summer or evaluation period, shall not affect its legitimate constitution and the fulfillment of its responsibilities, powers and duties. 2 of 95(I)/2018.

(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 from the date of their election, and may be re-elected for a further term of two years:

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

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

(5) If, for any reason, any vacancy occurs among the members of the Senate, elected in accordance with paragraph (c) of subsection (1), such vacancy shall be immediately filled for the remainder of the term of office of the member who has resigned. When the remainder exceeds one half of his term, then, for purposes of re-election, the term of office is deemed to be a two-year term. 3 of 83(I)/2007.

(6) The representatives of the students of the University on the Senate shall participate in the discussion of or voting on all matters with the exception of the following matters: 3 of 83(I)/2007.  
2 of 46(I)/2006.

- (a) the election, promotion or professional advancement of the academic staff;
- (b) the context of examination tests or their academic grading;
- (c) the creation or abolition of new Departments, Faculties and Research Units.

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

- (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 allocation of the budget and the relations of the University with other Universities and Educational Institutions;

- (c) it shall be a second-tier body of judgement and a second-tier disciplinary board;
- (d) it shall recommend to the Council the establishment or abolition of Faculties or Departments and the number of students to be admitted to the University;
- (e) it shall constitute committees from among its members and may delegate to them, on such conditions and prerequisites as it deems expedient to impose, any of its competences;
- (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 the Regulations; and
- (h) subject to the provisions of this Law and the Regulations, it shall regulate its own procedure.

## **PART V – ACADEMIC AUTHORITIES**

**14.-(1)(a)** The Rector of the University shall be elected by the members of the Boards of the Departments of the University and by the members of the Board of the Sectors of the Medical School at a meeting specially convened for this purpose.

Rector.  
3(a) of 46(I)/2006.  
2 of 56(I)/2012.

(b) The time of convening the meeting referred to in paragraph (a) and the procedure for the election of the Rector as well as any other related matters may be prescribed by Regulations.

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

(3) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), the term of office of the Rector shall be four years with the possibility of one re-election. 3(b) of 46(I)/2006.

(b) The time of commencement of the term of office of the Rector may be prescribed by Regulations.

(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 executed, and shall be responsible for the implementation of the policy of the University.

**15.**-(1) Following the election of the Rector, at the same meeting, the members of the Boards of the Departments of the University and the members of the Board of Sectors of the Medical School shall also elect, from among the Professors of the University, the two Vice-Rectors of the University.

Vice-Rectors.  
6 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>  
4(a) of 46(I)/2006  
3 of 56(I)/2012.

(2) The term of office of the Vice-Rectors shall be four years with the possibility of one re-election.

(3) In case of absence or incapacity of the Rector, or during a vacancy in his office, the Vice-Rector who is senior in the rank of Professor at the University and, in case of his incapacity, the other Vice-Rector, and, if he is also incapacitated, the member of the

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

Senate who is senior in the rank of professor at the University shall exercise the powers and shall perform the duties of the Rector.

(4) In the event of an early vacancy in the position of Vice-Rectors, the provisions of section 14 of the Law and the provisions of the Regulations made thereunder, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the election, term of office and time of assuming their duties.

**15A.** The members of the academic staff of non-autonomous departments of the University shall participate in the elections for Rector and Vice-Rectors under sections 14 and 15, respectively.

Participation of members of academic staff belonging to non-autonomous departments in the elections for Rector and Vice-Rectors.  
2 of 90(I)/98  
3 of 90(I)/2002  
7 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

**15B.** Members of the administrative staff with a number of representatives equal to the nearest integer corresponding to 6% of all members of the academic electors shall participate in the elections for Rector and Vice-Rectors under sections 14 and 15, respectively.

Participation of administrative staff in the elections for Rector and Vice-Rectors.  
2 of 90(I)/98  
8 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

**15C.** *Repealed.*

5 of 46(I)/2006.<sup>1</sup>

**15D.**-(1) There shall be a Rector's Council which shall consist of-

Rector's Council.  
10 of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

(a) the Rector;

(b) the two Vice-Rectors; and

(c) the Director of Administration and Finance.

(2) Chairman of the Rector's Council shall be the Rector.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(3) The Rector's Council shall have executive competences concerning daily or current matters, conferred upon it by-

- (a) The Senate upon the recommendation of the Rector; or
- (b) the Council upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council.

**16.-(1)** For each Faculty of the University, a Dean and a Deputy Dean shall be elected from among the Professors and Associate Professors by the members of the Boards of the Departments of the Faculty:

Dean and Deputy Dean.

Provided that, the Dean and Deputy Dean of the Medical School shall be elected from among the Professors of the School by the members of the Board of Sectors of the School:

4 of 56(I)/2012.

Provided further that, the Dean and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies shall be elected as provided for in the University of Cyprus (Operation of Faculty of Postgraduate Studies) Regulations.

2 of 12(I)/2019.  
Official Gazette of the Republic, Third Supplement(I): 8.4.2011.

(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 Faculty, shall prepare its academic programmes and shall submit recommendations for appointments to the Faculty.

(4) In case of absence or incapacity of the Dean or during a vacancy in that office, the Deputy Dean shall exercise the powers and shall perform the duties of the Dean.

2 of 59(I)/97.

**17.-(1)** For each Faculty there shall be a Board of the Faculty which shall consist of- Board of Faculty.

- (a) the Dean and the Deputy Dean of the Faculty;
- (b) the Chairmen of the Departments of the Faculty;
- (c) two members from each Department of the Faculty elected by the Board of the Department, at least one of whom shall hold the rank of Professor or Associate Professor; 3 of 53(I)/94<sup>11</sup>  
5(a) of 90(I)/2002.
- (d) the representatives of the students, whose number shall correspond to the number of the Departments of the Faculty; 5(a) of 90(I)/2002.

Provided that, in case there is a non-autonomous Department of a Faculty, such non-autonomous Department shall be represented in the Board of the Faculty with its acting Chairman and one member of its academic staff, elected by all members of the academic staff of the said Department; 5(b) of 90(I)/2002.

Provided further that, in the case of the Medical School the Board of the School shall consist of: 5(a) of 56(I)/2012.

- (i) the Dean and the Deputy Dean;
- (ii) the Coordinators of the Sectors of the School;
- (iii) one member from each Sector of the School elected from among the members of each Sector; and
- (iv) two representatives of the students of the School.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

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

Provided that, the term of office of the representatives of Sectors of the Medical School shall be two years with the possibility of one re-election.

5(b) of 56(I)/2012.

- (b) The term of office of the students' representatives of the Departments of the Faculties shall be two years with the possibility of unlimited re-election:

Provided that, the term of office of the students' representatives on the Medical School shall be two years with the possibility of unlimited re-election.

5(c) of 56(I)/2012.

- (3) When, for any reason, any vacancy occurs among the representatives of the Department on the Board of the Faculty or the representatives on the Board of Sectors of the Medical School, such vacancy shall be immediately filled for the remainder of the term of office of the representative who has resigned:

4 of 83(I)/2007  
5(d) of 56(I)/2012.

Provided that, when the remainder exceeds one half of his term then, for the purposes of re-election, the term of office is deemed to be a two-year term.

- (4) Chairman of the Board of the Faculty shall be the Dean of the Faculty.

4 of 83(I)/2007.

- (5) The Board of the Faculty shall have in respect of the Faculty all the competences which the Senate shall have in respect of the University.

4 of 83(I)/2007.

(6) The representatives of the students of the Faculty shall take part in the discussion of or voting on all matters with the exception of the following matters-

3 of 137/90<sup>1</sup>  
6 of 46(I)/2006  
4 of 83(I)/2007.

(a) the election, promotion or professional advancement of the academic staff;

(b) the context of examination tests or their academic grading; and

(c) the creation or abolition of new Faculties, Departments, Centers of Excellence and Research Units.

2 of 97(I)/2025.

(7) The decisions of the Board of the Faculty shall be subject to the approval of the Senate.

4 of 83(I)/2007.

**18.-(1)** There shall be for each Department of a Faculty a Board of the Department which shall consist of –

Board of  
Department.  
4 of 53(I)/94<sup>1</sup>  
6 of 90(I)/2002.

(a) the Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers of the Department; and

(b) the students' representatives of the Department, in a number equal to the nearest integer corresponding to one third of all members of the academic staff of the Department:

Provided that, the ratio of one third shall apply until the total number of the members of the Board of the Department reaches forty members. In a Board of a Department consisting of more than thirty academic staff members, students shall be represented with ten members.

(2) The term of office of the students' representatives on the Board of the Department shall be two years with unlimited possibility of re-election.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(3) A Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Department, who shall be Professors or Associate Professors, shall be elected by the Board of the Department.

(4) The term of office of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of a Department shall be two years, with the possibility of two re-elections.

(5) The election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of a Department shall be subject to the approval of the Board of the Faculty.

(6) The Board of the Department shall be responsible for the research and teaching work of the Department within the framework of the decisions of the Board of the Faculty.

(7) The Chairman of the Department shall preside over the Department and shall have the responsibility of its current administration.

(8) In case of absence or temporary incapacity of the Chairman of the Department, the Vice-Chairman of the Department shall exercise the powers and shall perform the duties of the Chairman of the Department.

3 of 59(I)/97  
11(a) of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

(9) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Department, for any reason, the office shall be filled within six weeks from the date of the vacancy, for the remainder of the term of office of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Department:

11(b) of 151(I)/2002.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text.

Provided that, in case the remainder exceeds one half of his term of office, the term of office is deemed to be a full term.

(10) The students' representatives on the Board of the Faculty shall participate in the discussion and voting for taking decisions in relation to all matters, before the Board of the Faculty, with the exception of the matters of-

7 of 46(I)/2006.

- (a) the election, promotion, or professional advancement of the academic staff;
- (b) the context of examination tests or their academic grading; and
- (c) the establishment or abolition of new Departments, Faculties, Centers of Excellence and Research Units.

3 of 97(I)/2025.

**18A.**-(1) For the Medical School there shall be a Board of Sectors of the Faculty which shall consist of –

Board of Sectors  
of the Medical  
Faculty.  
6 of 56(I)/2012.

- (a) the Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers of the School; and
- (b) such number of the students' representatives of the School equal to the nearest integer corresponding to one third of all members of the academic staff of the School.

(2) The term of office of the students' representatives on the Board of Sectors of the School shall be two years with unlimited possibility of re-election.

(3) Chairman of the Board of Sectors shall be the Dean of the School.

(4) Vice-Chairman of the Board of Sectors shall be the Deputy-Dean of the School.

(5) The Board of Sectors of the School shall be responsible for the research and teaching work of the School, within the framework of the decisions of the School.

(6) The students' representatives on the Board of Sectors shall participate in the discussion and voting for taking decisions in relation to all matters, before the Board of Sectors, with the exception of the matters of-

(a) the election, promotion or professional advancement of the academic staff,

(b) the context of examination tests or their academic grading; and

(c) the establishment or abolition of new Faculties, Sectors, Centers of Excellence and Research Units.

4 of 97(I)/2025.

## **PART VI – FACULTIES, DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH UNITS**

**19.-(1)** The first Faculties of the University shall be the following:

Faculties and  
Departments  
of the University.

(a) the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences;

(b) the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences;

(c) the Faculty of Economics and Management.

(2) Each Faculty of the University shall consist of Departments which shall be prescribed by Regulations.

(3) The Medical School, which consists of Sectors instead of Departments, approved by the Council upon a recommendation of the Senate, shall be exempted from the provisions of subsection (2), in the framework of the budget of the following year. 7 of 56(I)/2012.

(4) The first Sectors of the Medical School shall be the following: 7 of 56(I)/2012.

- (a) Sector of Basic Medical Training;
- (b) Sector of General (Internal) Medicine;
- (c) Sector of Surgery;
- (d) Sector of Pathological Anatomy;
- (e) Sector of Radiology.

(5) For each Sector, a Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator shall be elected by the members of the Board of the School and the members of the academic staff of the Sector, who come from the members of the academic staff of the Sector, and hold the rank of Professor or, in the absence of Professor, the rank of Associate Professor: 7 of 56(I)/2012.

Provided that, the provisions relating to the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Departments, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to matters concerning the term of office, the duties and the absence of a Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator.

**20.-(1)** The Senate may recommend to the Council the establishment of new Faculties of the University or the abolition of existing ones, the establishment or abolition of Departments, Centers of Excellence or Research Units, the establishment or abolition of Sectors in the Medical School. New Faculties, Departments, Centers of Excellence and Research Units. 8 of 56(I)/2012. 5(a)of 97(1)/2025 5(b)of 97(1)/2025.

(2) The Council may, with the approval of the Council of Ministers, make Regulations to be published in the official Gazette of the Republic and providing for the establishment of new Faculties of the University or the abolition of existing ones and the establishment or abolition of Departments, Centers of Excellence or Research Units: 5(c)of 97(I)/2025.

Provided that, for the establishment of the first Departments, Centers of Excellence or Research Units of the University the Regulations shall be made by the Council of Ministers and shall be published in the official Gazette of the Republic. 5(d)of 97(I)/2025.

(3) Each Faculty, Department, Center of Excellence or Research Unit shall have the right to regulate, subject to the Regulations and with the approval of the Senate, the teaching, study and/or research within the Faculty, Department or Research Unit. 5(e)of 97(I)/2025.

(4) Each Faculty, Department, Center of Excellence or Research Unit shall have the right to consider any matter relating to the Faculty, the Department, the Center of Excellence or the Research Unit and to submit a report or recommendations thereon. 5(e)of 97(I)/2025.

(5) Each Research Unit shall be assigned to one of the Faculties of the University and shall operate within or between Departments.

(5A) The Centers of Excellence shall be assigned to the Senate. 5(f) of 97(I)/2025.

(6) The University submits, every six (6) months, to the Parliamentary Committee of Education and Culture, for briefing, a list with all memoranda of cooperation and/or contracts and/or consultancy services and/or research programmes concluded with other organisations and/or persons, within the framework of fulfilment of the mission of each Center of Excellence or Research Unit; the list 2 of 58(I)/2018. 5(g)(i)of 97(I)/2025.

shall include, a brief summary of those documents, all the cooperating entities and any financial commitments on behalf of the University or the Center of Excellence or the Research Unit.

5(g)(ii) of 97(I)/2025.

## **PART VII – ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

21.-(1) The ranks of the academic staff shall be the following:

Ranks of Academic Staff.

- (a) Professor;
- (b) Associate Professor;
- (c) Assistant Professor;
- (d) Lecturer.

(2) It shall be possible to establish special posts of Professors designated as “Chairs” which shall have a specific scientific object with special financial support that may come from the private sector upon its acceptance by the University and on such conditions as shall safeguard the independence of the University from the grantor of this financial support.

(3) In addition to the ranks specified in subsection (1), there shall also exist Professors Emeriti, Visiting Professors, Postgraduate Research Assistants, Special Teaching Staff, University Associates and other staff who shall serve in accordance with the terms provided for in the Regulations.

2(a) of 89(I)/2011  
2(b) of 89(I)/2011.

(4) The four ranks referred to in subsection (1) shall be combined. The members of the academic staff shall be elected, evaluated and promoted to a higher rank, in accordance with the procedure provided

2(a) of 44(I)/2001.

for in the Regulations. The distinction between permanent and non-permanent posts shall be abolished.

(5) One tenth of the current number of the academic staff posts shall not be advertised as they shall be used for inviting Visiting Professors or recalling Professors. 2(a) of 44(I)/2001.

**22.**-(1) The election or promotion of members of the academic staff shall be decided after the report of a special committee constituted in accordance with the Regulations. The decision shall be taken by voting in which the members of the academic staff of the Department and of the Board of the respective Faculty holding higher ranks shall participate; however, in the case of a post of Professor, those holding the same rank shall vote. Election and Promotion of Academic Staff. 3(a) of 44(I)/2001 3(b) of 44(I)/2001.

(2) The posts of Professor and Associate Professor shall be filled by advertisement, call or promotion, in accordance with the conditions and procedures prescribed by the Regulations. 3(c) of 44(I)/2001. Official Gazette, Third Supplement (I): 15.2.1996.

(3) The post of Assistant Professor shall be filled by advertisement or promotion, in accordance with the conditions and procedures prescribed by the Regulations. 3(c) of 44(I)/2001.

(4) The post of Lecturer shall be filled by advertisement. 3(d) of 44(I)/2001.

(5) The Council shall have the right to refer back decisions concerning any matter relating to the election and promotion of the academic staff.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the procedures concerning the election and promotion of the academic staff shall be provided in the Regulations.

**23.-(1)** The qualifications required for the post of Lecturer shall be a doctoral degree awarded by a recognised University and evidence of competence in university teaching and research:

Qualifications of Academic Staff.

Provided that, for the post of Lecturer in the Medical School, a doctoral degree is not required provided that the candidate holds a post of Lecturer or a higher academic post, in a medical speciality at a recognised university.

9(a) of 56(I)/2012.

(2) The qualifications required for the post of Assistant Professor shall be the same as those required for the post of Lecturer and, in addition, at least three years of autonomous university teaching or research work after obtaining the doctoral degree, at a recognized university or research center. Furthermore, original publications in international scientific journals of established reputation or other publications of acknowledged merit promising an important contribution to science shall be required:

4(a) of 44(I)/2001.

Provided that, for the post of Assistant Professor in the Medical School a doctoral degree is not required, on condition that:

9(b) of 56(I)/2012.

(i) the candidate holds a post of Assistant Professor or a post of higher rank in a medical speciality at a recognized university or a post of Lecturer in a medical speciality at a recognised university, having at least three years of experience in it, or

(ii) the candidate holds a degree in Medicine and a medical speciality ,and at least six years of work experience after obtaining

the degree in Medicine, at a recognised Medical School, or at a recognised Research Institution (Institute) or at a Tertiary Hospital (Hospital) and is unanimously recognised by all five members of the special Committee, as a collaborating Assistant Professor at a recognised university.

(3) The qualifications required for the post of Associate Professor shall be the same as those required for the post of Assistant Professor and, in addition, the following qualifications shall be required: 4(a) of 44(I)/2001.

- (a) At least a total of seven years of university work or work of equal value after obtaining the doctoral degree, of which, at least four shall be years of university work or of holding a post at a corresponding rank at a recognised University.
- (b) Publication of works, such as articles in reputable international scientific journals or monographs or books of recognised publishing companies, demonstrating a remarkable autonomous research work.
- (c) Ability to lead and promote research, including the supervising postgraduate students, leading or contributing significantly to research programmes, or securing funding for research activities.
- (d) Evidence of international recognition of the candidate's contribution to a specific research field, such as research citations, invitations to give academic lectures, requests for article reviews, research proposals or doctoral theses, participation in editorial boards of scientific journals, or involvement in the organization of conferences.
- (e) Contribution to the promotion of the teaching and administrative work of the University:

Provided that, for the post of Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture, in the speciality of "Architectural Design" a doctoral degree shall not be required, on condition that the candidate holds a post of Associate Professor at a recognised university abroad: 2(a) of 152(I)/2006.

Provided further that, for the post of Associate Professor in the Medical School, a doctoral degree shall not be required on condition that: 9(c) of 56(I)/2012.

(i) the candidate holds a post of Associate Professor or a post of a higher academic rank, in a medical speciality at a recognized university or a post of Assistant Professor in a medical speciality at a recognised university, having at least four years of experience in it, or

(ii) the candidate holds a degree in Medicine and a medical speciality and has at least ten years of work experience, after obtaining the degree in Medicine, at a recognised Medical School or at a recognised Research Institution (Institute) or at a Tertiary Hospital (Hospital) and he is unanimously recognised by the five members of the Special Committee as a collaborating Associate Professor at a recognised University.

(4) The qualifications required for the post of Professor shall be the same as those required for the post of Associate Professor and, in addition, the following qualifications shall be required:

- (a) At least a total of eleven years of university work or equivalent work after obtaining the doctoral degree, at least four out of which, shall be years of university work or holding a post in the rank of Professor at a recognised university.
- (b) International recognition of scientific work.
- (c) Significant contribution to the teaching and administrative work of the University. 2(b) of 152(I)/2006.
- (d) Supervision and successful completion of research programmes or doctoral theses.

Provided that, for the post of Professor in the Department of Architecture, in the speciality of "Architectural Design", a doctoral degree shall not be required, on condition that the candidate holds a post of Professor at a recognised university abroad or a post of Associate Professor at a recognised university abroad, and has at least five years of experience in the post of Associate Professor: 9(d) of 56(I)/2012.

Provided further that, for the post of Professor in the Medical School, a doctoral degree shall not be required on condition that:

- (i) the candidate holds a post of Professor, in a medical speciality of a recognised University or a post of Associate Professor in a medical speciality at a recognised university, with at least four years experience in it, or
- (ii) the candidate holds a diploma in Medicine and a medical speciality and has at least thirteen years of work experience, after obtaining a diploma in Medicine, at a recognised Medical School or at a recognised Research Institution (Institute) or at a Tertiary Hospital

(Hospital) and is unanimously recognised by the five members of the Special Committee as a collaborating Professor of a recognised University.

4(b)of44(I)/2001.

(5) *Deleted.*

**23A.** The number of elected Professors or Associate Professors in the Department of Architecture that do not hold a doctoral degree shall not exceed 25% of the total allocated posts of the academic staff of the Department.

Number of elected Professors or Associate Professors in the Department of Architecture who do not hold a doctoral title.  
3 of 152(I)/2006.

**24.-(1)** The Director of Administration and Finance and the Director of the University Library, as well as other administrative staff necessary for the performance of the competences of the University shall be appointed by the Council.

Administrative Staff.

(2) The structure of the administrative services of the University and the conditions of service of the administrative staff appointed under subsection (1) shall be prescribed by Regulations.

## **PART VIII – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**25.-(1)** The Funds and Resources of the University shall consist of-

Funds and Resources of the University.

- (a) Grants from the Government of the Republic;
- (b) donations, gifts and grants made to the University:

Provided that, the acceptance of donations, gifts and grants made to the University shall be subject to conditions that safeguard the independence of the University;

- (c) fees, tuition fees, charges and other sums of money received by the University under the provisions of this Law and the Regulations;
- (d) such sums of money which are in any manner payable to the University in respect of any matters falling within its competences;
- (e) sums of money from loans entered into by the University;
- (f) income from the management of its property;
- (g) such other sums of money or assets as may become payable to the University or may be received by the University in relation to any of its competences.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) the University may enter into loans to meet any of its obligations or to exercise or perform any of its powers, competences, functions and duties.

(3) The power of the University, pursuant to subsection (2), to enter into loans shall be exercised only with the approval of the Council of Ministers which shall stipulate-

- (a) The amount and source of the loan; and
- (b) the terms and conditions upon which such a loan may be entered into.

**26.** The University shall not, without the prior approval of the Council of Ministers, alienate, mortgage, charge, lease or in any way dispose of the immovable property of the University.

Alienation etc. of  
Immovable Property.

**27.** The Funds of the University shall be used solely for discharging the obligations and performing the mission of the University and for the benefit of the University.

Application of Funds.

**28.** The University shall be exempt from the payment of-

Exemption from Taxation.

- (a) Any tax levied or collected under any legislation relating to Income Tax;
- (b) any stamp duty payable under any legislation relating to the Stamp Duty;
- (c) any tax, fee or duty payable under the customs legislation in respect of mechanical installations, vehicles, equipment and any other assets whatsoever imported for the use by or on behalf of the University and not intended for sale;
- (d) any tax imposed by local authorities.

**29.** Any sums of money found in the credit of the University may be deposited in a current or deposit account with any bank, or may be invested in investments in which the trustee may, under the Trustee Law, invest any trust funds, or may, with the approval of the Council of Ministers, be invested in such other investments as the Minister of Finance may generally or specifically prescribe.

Investments.

Cap. 193.

**30.**-(1) The University shall cause proper books and accounts in respect of its operations to be kept and an annual statement of accounts to be prepared.

Accounts.

(2) The accounts of the University shall be audited annually by the Auditor General of the Republic who shall submit his report to the

Council and forward a copy thereof to the Council of Ministers and the House of Representatives.

**31.** The University shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each academic year, cause a report to be prepared and transmitted to the Council of Ministers in respect of its activities during the preceding academic year which shall contain information relating to its operations and policy.

Annual Report on the Activities of the University.

### **PART IX – REGULATIONS**

**32.**-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Council may, after consultation with the Senate, make Regulations for or in respect of the regulation of any matter relating to the organisation, management and administration of the University and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for or in respect of-

Regulations.  
6(a)of 97(I)/2025.

(a) The organisation of the University;

(b) the establishment of new or the abolition of existing Faculties, Centers of Excellence of the University and the establishment or abolition of Departments or Research Units;

6(b)of 97(I)/2025.

(c) the organisation of the services required for the proper functioning of the University;

(d) the staff of the University;

(e) the procedure for prescribing the number of the places offered to newly admitted students, the admission criteria for students at the University, their enrolment or removal;

3 of 199(I)/2003  
8(a) of 46(I)/2006.

(f) the disciplinary offences, the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, the imposition of disciplinary penalties and

8(b) of 46(I)/2006.

other matters relating to the discipline of the academic or other teaching staff and students;

- (g) the examinations or assessments for scholarships, bursaries, prizes, degrees and diplomas, and the award of degrees including honorary degrees and the granting of diplomas or other certificates;
- (h) the fees or other charges for enrolment and for any examination, assessment, degree, diploma or certificate;
- (i) the fees, tuition fees or other charges to be charged for tuition and for the use of any of the services and facilities of the University;
- (j) the affiliation with the University of any Faculty or Educational or Research Institution, and the establishment of Centers of Excellence or Research Units attached to the University;
- (k) the scholarships, bursaries or prizes, grants or student loans provided by the University or other persons or organisations;
- (l) the provision of accommodation to students and the management and control of any such accommodation;
- (m) the exercise, upon agreement with the owner or with whoever shall have the management of any hall of residence or other accommodation not established by the University, of powers of control and management of the hall of residence or other accommodation;
- (n) the provision for pensions whether by establishing a fund or by joining a fund administered by others;

- (o) the arrangement of accommodation for staff and students, including the erection or financing of buildings owned by the University or by any other person or organisation;
- (p) the establishment of a student union;
- (q) the determination or settlement of any matter or question required to be or may be determined or settled under this Law or the determination or settlement of which is necessary for the purposes of this Law; 4 of 81(I)/2018.
- (r) the settlement of real or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the participation of the University or/and its staff members in the incorporation or/and its participation in companies; and 4 of 81(I)/2018.
- (s) the settlement of matters related to intellectual property rights arising from the results of research, through patents or any other forms of registration.

(2) Regulations made by the Council may provide for the issuance of rules, either by the Council or, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Regulations, by the Senate or other person or body prescribed by the Regulations. 2 of 56(I)/2024.

(2A) Regulations made by the Council which regulate the provision of pensions and gratuities may have retrospective effect.

(3) Any Regulation made by the Council shall be approved by the Council of Ministers and shall be laid before the House of Representatives. If within sixty days of such laying the House of Representatives does not by resolution amend or annul in whole or in part the Regulations so laid, they shall then, immediately after the expiry of the period hereinbefore mentioned, be published in the

official Gazette of the Republic and they shall come into force as from the date of such publication.

## **PART X – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**33.**-(1) The Council of Ministers shall appoint an Interim Governing Board consisting of seven to eleven members with an academic background: Transitional Provisions.

Provided that, membership of the Interim Governing Board shall be incompatible with the office of a Minister or Member of the House of Representatives. 4(a) of 137/90<sup>1</sup>  
4(b) of 137/90.

(2) A representative of UNESCO shall participate in the meetings of the Interim Governing Board as an adviser and observer, appointed for this purpose by the Council of Ministers after consultation with UNESCO.

(3) The Interim Governing Board shall appoint Academic Selection Committees consisting of professors, preferably Cypriots, at universities or university-level educational institutions, from at least three countries, to select the first teaching staff of the University.

(4) Each Academic Selection Committee shall consist of five members, and one Academic Selection Committee shall be appointed for each specialisation or Department of the University.

(5) The Academic Selection Committees shall select the first Professors and Associate Professors of the University.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(6) Upon their appointment, the first Professors and Associate Professors shall become members of the Academic Selection Committee of the respective Department or specialisation.

(7) Thereafter, the Academic Selection Committee of each Department or specialisation shall select the first non-permanent academic staff.

(8) The Board of a Department shall be constituted when the appointment of at least seven members of the academic staff of the Department, of whom at least four members shall be permanent, has been completed: 5 of 53(I)/94.<sup>1</sup>

Provided that, for the constitution of the first Board of the Department, the permanent members of the academic staff may be at least three.

(9) The first Dean and Deputy Dean of a Faculty shall be elected, and the Board of the Faculty shall be constituted, when the constitution of the Boards of at least two Departments of the Faculty has been completed:

Provided that, for the first election of the Dean and the Deputy Dean, all permanent members of the academic staff of the Faculty, irrespective of whether the Department to which they belong has become autonomous or not, as well as the permanent members of the Centers of Excellence and of the Research Units assigned to the Faculty, shall have the right to vote. 7(a)of 97(I)/2025.

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<sup>1</sup> See Note at the end of the text

(10) The first Rector and Vice-Rector shall be elected and the Senate and the Council of the University shall be constituted, when the constitution of the Boards of at least five Departments has been completed: 2(a) of 77(I)/94.

Provided that, for the first election of Rector and Vice-Rector, all permanent members of the academic staff, irrespective of whether the Department to which they belong has become autonomous or not, as well as the permanent members of the Centers of Excellence and of the Research Units, shall have the right to vote. 7(b) of 97(I)/2025.

(11) Until the election of the first Senate and the constitution of the first Council of the University, the Interim Governing Board shall have the competences and shall perform the duties of the Council and the Senate.

(12) Until the election of the first Rector, the Chairman of the Interim Governing Board shall have the competences and shall perform the duties of the Rector. 2(b) of 77(I)/94.

(13) The remuneration of the members of the Interim Governing Board shall be determined by the Council of Ministers.

(14) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 and subsection (2) of section 15 of the principal Law, the term of office of the Rector and Vice-Rectors serving on the date of the entry into force of the University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 2006, shall be extended for two months. 9 of 46(I)/2006.  
46(I) of 2006.

(15) (a) The first Professor of the Medical School who will perform tasks of Dean of the Medical School, shall, in exception, be appointed 10 of 56(I)/2012.

by a five-member Special Committee of Search and Selection appointed by the Senate.

(b) The members of the Special Committee of Search and Selection shall be Professors in the Medical School at other Universities of recognized standing. For the selection of the members of the Special Committee of Search and Selection, the provisions for the establishment of Special Committees of Search and Selection relating to the appointment of academic staff shall apply.

(c) The Rector of the University shall participate in the Special Committee of Search and Selection as an ex-officio member and shall also be the Chairman of the Committee:

Provided that, the first Dean of the Medical School should fulfill the qualifications required for appointment in the post of Professor in the Medical School.

(d) The Special Committee of Search and Selection shall submit to the Senate a substantiated proposal for approval.

(e) The Senate shall examine the report of the Special Committee of Search and Selection and shall forward its decision to the Board for approval.

(f) The term of office of the First Dean of the Medical School shall be five years with the possibility of re-appointment for one additional term, in case the School has not yet become autonomous:

Provided that, if for any reason, a vacancy occurs in the office of the Dean of the Medical School, a new Dean shall be appointed in such office for the remainder of the term of office of the Dean.

(g) The Senate may appoint the first Deputy Dean of the Medical School, among the members of the Teaching and Research Staff of the Medical School, following a recommendation of the Dean of the School.

(h) The term of office of the first Deputy Dean of the Medical School shall be three years, with a possibility of one re-election.

(i) After the Medical School becomes autonomous and three months prior to the expiration of the term of office of the Dean, elections shall be conducted for the appointment of a new Dean.

(16) The Medical School shall be considered autonomous upon completion of the appointment of at least twenty-one (21) members of the academic staff in at least three Sectors of the School, from which at least twelve (12) members hold the rank of Professor or/and Associate Professor in the Medical School.

**NOTE**

The following laws contain provisions which do not form part of the principal Law and cannot be included in the consolidated text of the Law as a part thereof. However, in view of the fact that they affect the application of the Law, it was considered expedient to include them in this Note.

1. The University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 1990 (L.137/1990), published in the Official Gazette, Suppl.I, dated 13.7.1990, contains the following provision:

“Entry into force of this Law. 5. This Law is deemed to have entered into force as from 28 July, 1989.”

2. The University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 1994 (L.53(I)/1994), published in the Official Gazette, Suppl.I(I), dated 8.7.1994, contains the following provision:

“Entry into force of this Law. 6. This Law shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1994.”

3.(a) The University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 2002 (L.151(I)/2002), published in the Official Gazette, Suppl.I(I), dated 26.7.2002, contains the following transitional provision:

“Transitional provision.

12.-(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), the existing on the date of the coming into force of this Law, legitimate constitution of the Council shall not be affected by the amendments made by virtue of this Law to the composition of the Council for the period of the existing term of office of the affected members.

(2) The Vice-Rector who shall be elected in the first elections of the Academic Authorities, held in accordance with the provisions of this Law, with less service in the rank of Professor at the University, shall commence his term of office as a member of the Council upon the expiration of the term of office of one of the three members, appointed by the Senate under paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 5 of the principal Law as in force prior to its amendment by this Law.”.

(b) The University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 2002 (L. 151(I)/2002), came into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic, that is, 26.7.2002.

4. The University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law, 2013 (L.116(I)/2013), published in the Official Gazette,

Suppl.I(I), dated 11.10.2013, contains the following transitional provision:

Transitional provision.

4.-(1) The elapsed tenure of the members of the Council appointed by the Council of Ministers serving on the date of the coming into force of this Law, shall not be counted in the event of their re-appointment, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (d) of section 2 of this Law:

Provided that the term of office of the remaining members of the Council shall not be affected by the provisions of this Law.

(2) The provisions of section 2(a) of this Law shall not apply as to the term of office of the members of the Council serving on the date of its coming into force.