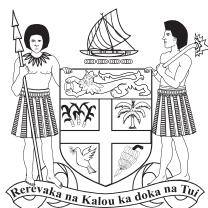


ACT NO. 32 OF 2018

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE
President

[13 July 2018]

AN ACT**TO AMEND THE FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ACT 2009**

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Fiji National University (Amendment) Act 2018.
- (2) This Act comes into force on a date or dates appointed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.
- (3) In this Act, the Fiji National University Act 2009 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 14 amended

2. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 14 and substituting the following—

“Appointed members

14.—(1) There shall be 14 members appointed by the Minister who, in the opinion of the Minister, have adequate qualifications, skills, expertise and knowledge to contribute to the disciplines offered by the University and the general administration and financial management of a tertiary institution.

- (2) The term of an appointed member of the Council shall be 3 years.
- (3) An appointed member shall be eligible for reappointment.”.

Section 15 amended

3. Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following—

“(1) There shall be 5 elected members, comprising—

- (a) one head of a college of the University;
- (b) one member of the University’s full-time professorial staff;
- (c) one member of the University’s full-time non-professorial academic staff; and
- (d) representatives of the University’s full-time students, other than persons eligible for membership under paragraph (a) or (b), where—
 - (i) one student represents undergraduate students; and
 - (ii) one student represents postgraduate students.

(2) Each elected member is to be elected by a ballot, at which—

- (a) for the member mentioned in subsection (1)(a), all the heads of the colleges may vote;
- (b) for the member mentioned in subsection (1)(b), all the members of the full-time professorial staff may vote;
- (c) for the member mentioned in subsection (1)(c), all the members of the full-time non-professorial academic staff may vote; and
- (d) for—
 - (i) the member representing full-time undergraduate students, all the full-time undergraduate students may vote; and
 - (ii) the member representing full-time postgraduate students, all the full-time postgraduate students may vote.”.

Section 16 amended

4. Section 16(1) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting “6” and substituting “3”.

Section 17 amended

5. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 17.

Section 18 amended

6. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 18 and substituting the following—

“Failure to elect members

18. If a group permitted to elect members under section 15(2) does not elect any member by a date fixed by the Council by written notice given to the group, the Minister, on the advice of the Council, may appoint a suitable member instead.”.

Section 19 amended

7. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following—

“(1) If a casual vacancy arises in the office of an appointed member, the Minister shall appoint a person who, in the opinion of the Minister, has adequate qualifications, skills, expertise and knowledge to contribute to the disciplines offered by the University and the general administration and financial management of a tertiary institution to fill the vacancy.”.

Section 35A amended

8. Section 35A(4) of the Principal Act is amended by deleting paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and inserting the following new paragraphs—

“(a) 2 members appointed by the Council; and

(b) 7 members appointed by the Minister.”.

Passed by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji this 12th day of July 2018.