

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

The Senate

Notwithstanding the provisions of the Universities Act, the Senate shall have the following powers and duties:-

- a) to set the dates of the academic year and to determine the schedule of academic programmes within the academic year;
- b) to approve all syllabi of the University;
- c) to make regulations governing methods of assessing and examining the academic performance of students;
- d) to evaluate academic records of both undergraduate and postgraduate candidates for the purpose of admission into the University;
- e) to regulate the conduct of examinations;
- f) to appoint internal and external examiners and recommend to the Council the terms and conditions for their appointment;
- g) to approve the examination results;
- h) subject to the Act, to approve the award of degrees including the award of honorary degrees and other academic distinctions;
- i) to determine which qualifications or credits from other Universities or institutions shall be acceptable as equivalent to particular qualifications of the University
- j) to determine the procedure to be followed in the conferment of the degrees and other awards;
- k) to determine the design of academic dress and prescribe its use;
- l) to evaluate research, teaching, staffing and general work of any body or section of the University and if it so wishes to report and make recommendations thereon to the Council;
- m) to promote and administer the extra-mural, external and extension work of the University;
- n) to promote research and innovation work in the University;
- o) to promote co-operation and linkages with other institutions of higher learning and industry;
- p) to make regulations governing the award of fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards;

q) to develop, implement and promote quality assurance systems and structures in all University operations;

r) to promote the welfare of students and staff in the university;

s) to propose regulations and procedures for the discipline of students and make recommendations thereof to the Council;

t) to discontinue a student from a programme of study on academic grounds;

u) to receive proposals from various Boards and Faculties, Institutes, Schools, Centres and to consider their recommendations and make appropriate decision;

v) to recommend to the Council appropriate criteria for appointment and promotion of academic staff of the university;

w) to review the Statutes from time to time and to present recommendations thereon to the Council provided that all Statutes shall be reviewed at least once every five years;

x) to determine general policy matters relating to the library, laboratory facilities, teaching aids, workshops and such other academic services which are in its view necessary for the furtherance of the academic objectives of the University.

y) to make regulations governing such other matters as are within its powers in accordance with this Charter or the statutes.

4) Notwithstanding any of the provision of this Charter, Council shall not initiate any action in respect of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (3) except upon receipt of a report or proposal thereunder, and the Council shall not reject any such report, or amend any regulations as proposed without further reference to Senate.