

THE TIMES UNIVERSITY, MULTAN ACT 2020
(XXV of 2020)

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TEXT

**¹THE ²[TIMES UNIVERSITY, MULTAN], ACT 2020
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[16th September 2020]

An
Act

to provide for the establishment of ³[Times University, Multan].

It is expedient to provide for establishment of the ⁴[Times University, Multan] in the private sector and to provide for the ancillary matters.

Be it enacted by Provincial Assembly of the Punjab as follows:

**CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY**

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be cited as the ⁵[Times University, Multan] Act 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.— In this Act:

- (a) “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the Institute;
- (b) “Act” means the Times Institute, Multan Act 2020;
- (c) “Authority” means an Authority of the Institute specified in section 17;
- (d) “Board” means Board of Governors of the Institute;
- ⁶[(da) “Chief Executive” means Chief Executive of the Company and Chairman of the Board;]
- (e) “Chairperson” means the head of a department;
- (f) “Chancellor” means Governor of the Punjab;
- (g) “Controller of Examinations” means Controller of Examinations of the Institute;
- (h) “Dean” means head of a faculty of the Institute;

¹This Act was passed by the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab on 02 September 2020; assented to by the Governor of the Punjab on 15 September 2020; and, was published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 16 September 2020, pp. 1091-1101.

²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(i).

³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(i).

⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(i).

⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(i).

⁶Added by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.3.

- (i) “department” means a teaching department maintained and administered by the Institute in the prescribed manner;
- (j) “Faculty” means an administrative and academic unit of the Institute consisting of one or more departments;
- (k) “Government” means Government of the Punjab;
- (l) “Higher Education Commission” means Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (m) “⁷[University]” means the ⁸[Times University, Multan] established under the Act;
- ⁹[(n) “prescribed” means prescribed by the statutes or the regulations;]
- (o) “¹⁰[Vice Chancellor]” means ¹¹[Vice Chancellor] of the Institute;
- (p) “Registrar” means Registrar of the Institute;
- (q) “rules”, “regulations” and “statutes” mean respectively the rules, regulations and statutes made under the Act;
- (r) “Schedule” means Schedule appended to the Act;
- (s) “Search Committee” means Search Committee constituted by the Board for making recommendations for appointment of the Rector;
- (t) ¹²["Company"] means the Ali Bin Usman Pvt. Ltd, a Company registered under the Companies Act, 2017 (XIX of 2017);]
- (u) “teacher” includes a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer engaged whole time by the Institute and such other person as may be prescribed; and
- (v) “Treasurer” means the Treasurer of the Institute.

CHAPTER II THE INSTITUTE

3. Establishment of the ¹³[University].— ¹⁴[(1)The Times University, Multan shall stand established in private sector, with its main campus located at Multan.]

⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(i).

⁹Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.2.

¹⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

¹¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

¹²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2021 (IV of 2021), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 17th March 2021, pp. 7103-7104 s.2.

¹³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

(2) The ¹⁵[University] shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property and shall, by the said name, sue and be sued.

(3) The ¹⁶[University] shall consist of the following:

- (a) Chancellor;
- (b) Chairman and members of the Board;
- (c) ¹⁷[Vice Chancellor];
- (d) Chairpersons and Deans;
- (e) members of an Authority;
- (f) teachers and the students of the Institute; and
- (g) officers and members of the staff of the Institute.

4. Functions of the Institute.— The Institute shall:

(a) provide instruction and training in:

- ¹⁸[(i) management sciences, social sciences and arts, science and technology, law, allied health sciences, medicine, ¹⁹[nursing,] pharmaceutical sciences, engineering and information technology, provided that in case of medicine and engineering education, approval of the ²⁰[Pakistan Medical and Dental Council] and Pakistan Engineering Council respectively shall be a pre requisite; and
- ²¹[(ii) such other branches of knowledge and faculties as the Board may determine; provided that, where applicable, subject to the approval of the relevant statutory body of a professional education; the Board shall be competent to approve departments, constituent colleges, or Institutes comprising the faculties of the University on the recommendation of the relevant statutory body from time to time:

Provided that the faculties to be established later on, shall be approved, on the recommendations of Accreditation Committee

¹⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.4.

¹⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

¹⁶Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

¹⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

¹⁸ Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2021 (IV of 2021), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 17th March 2021, pp. 7103-7104 s.3.

¹⁹Inserted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.3.

²⁰Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.3.

²¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.5(i).

constituted under section 12 of the Punjab Higher Education Commission Act 2014 (I of 2015) and where applicable, subject to the prior approval of relevant statutory body of a professional education;]]

- (b) ²²[establish, maintain and administer faculties, departments, schools, constituent colleges, distance learning study centers, research centers, and other facilities including teaching hospital as the Board may determine from time to time;]
- (c) establish and support other facilities for education, training and research;
- (d) prescribe courses of studies;
- (e) ²³[to decide teaching methods and strategies including virtual, on-campus, online, distance learning, etc. in such a manner as determined by the Board to ensure the most effective educational and training programmes;]
- (f) hold examinations in the prescribed manner and, if a person qualifies the examination, award degree, diploma, certificate and other academic distinction to the person;
- (g) prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the Institute;
- (h) engage, where necessary, a person on contract of specified duration and to specify the terms of the engagement;
- (i) institute programmes for the exchange of students and teachers between the Institute and any other Institute, educational institution or research organization;
- (j) provide career counseling and job search services to the students and alumni;
- (k) maintain linkages with alumni;
- (l) develop and implement fund-raising plans;
- (m) provide and support the academic development of the faculty of the Institute;
- (n) confer degree on a person who has successfully conducted research in the prescribed manner;
- (o) accept an examination and the period of study spent by a student of the Institute at any other Institute or place of learning equivalent to an examination or period of study of the Institute and may withdraw such acceptance;
- (p) cooperate with a public authority, Institute or private organization in the manner and for such purpose as may be prescribed;

²²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.5(ii).

²³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.5(iii).

- (q) institute Professorship, Associate Professorship, Assistant Professorship and Lecturership or any other post and may appoint a person on the post;
- (r) create a post for research, extension, administration or other related purpose and may appoint a person on the post;
- (s) institute and award financial assistance to students in need, fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, medals and prizes in the prescribed manner;
- (t) provide for the residence of the students, establish and maintain halls of residence and may approve or licence a hostel, lodging or boarding place;
- (u) maintain order, discipline and security in a campus of the Institute;
- (v) promote extra-curricular and recreational activities of the students and make arrangements for promoting health and general welfare of the students;
- (w) demand and receive such fees and other charges from the students as it may determine;
- (x) make provision for research, advisory or consultancy services and enter into arrangements with any other institution, public or private body, commercial or industrial enterprise in the prescribed manner;
- (y) receive and manage property transferred and grants, contributions made to the Institute and to invest any fund in the manner as it may deem fit;
- (z) print and publish research or any other work; and
- (aa) perform any other prescribed or ancillary functions.

5. ²⁴**[University] open to all.**– (1) Subject to such reasonable restrictions as may be prescribed, the ²⁵[University] shall be open to all persons; and, admission to the ²⁶[University] shall not be denied merely on the basis of gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile.

(2) The ²⁷[University] shall not discriminate against any person solely on the basis of gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile.

6. Jurisdiction.– (1) The jurisdiction of the ²⁸[University] shall be restricted to the Province of the Punjab.

²⁹(2) The University shall not open any sub-campus for a period of five years from the commencement of the Act, after which period, the University may open sub-

²⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

²⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

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²⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

campuses within or outside Punjab and offshore campuses or branches with the approval of the Board under policy of the Higher Education Commission.]

CHAPTER III OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTE

7. Officers of the Institute.— The following shall be the officers of the University:

- (a) Chancellor;
- (b) ³⁰[Vice Chancellor];
- (c) Deans;
- (d) Chairpersons;
- (e) Registrar;
- (f) Treasurer;
- (g) Controller of Examinations; and
- (h) such other persons as may be prescribed by the statutes or regulations to be the officers of the Institute.

8. Chancellor.— (1) The Chancellor or his nominee shall preside at a convocation of the ³¹[University].

(2) The ³²[University] may confer honorary degree subject to the prior approval of the Chancellor.

(3) The Chancellor may approve the draft statutes submitted by the Board or refer the statutes back to the Board for reconsideration.

(4) In the performance of his functions under the Act, the Chancellor shall act and be bound in the same manner as the Governor of the Province acts and is bound under Article 105 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

9. Inspection and inquiry.— (1) The Chancellor may direct inspection or inquiry into the affairs of the ³³[University].

(2) The Chancellor shall convey his views with regard to the result of the inspection or inquiry to the Board and may, after ascertaining the views of the Board, recommend any remedial action to the Board.

(3) The Board shall, within the time specified by the Chancellor, submit report to the Chancellor about the action taken on the recommendation of the Chancellor.

²⁹Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.4.

³⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

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³³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

(4) If the Board fails to take action to the satisfaction of the Chancellor within the specified time, the Chancellor may issue such direction as he thinks fit and the Board shall comply with the direction.

(5) The Chancellor may, on the recommendation of a committee constituted by him and comprising a nominee of the Board, a Judge of the Lahore High Court to be nominated by the Chief Justice of the High Court and a Professor Emeritus or Rector of any Institute, take action against the Institute by appointing an administrator, who shall exercise the powers of the Board to run the affairs of the Institute till such time as may be specified by the Chancellor.

(6) The Chancellor shall not take any action under subsection (5), unless the Chairman of the Board is afforded an opportunity of hearing.

(7) The Chancellor may set aside a decision or action of the Board, which, in the opinion of the Chancellor, is against the interest of academic excellence, religious or cultural ideology or national integrity.

³⁴**[10. Vice Chancellor.]**— ³⁵[(1) The Board, on the recommendations of Search Committee, appoint a person as Vice Chancellor for a term of three years on such terms and conditions as may be determined by it.]

(2) The Board shall recommend a person for appointment as Vice Chancellor from amongst the panel of three persons recommended by the Search Committee.

³⁶[(3) The Vice Chancellor shall be the person who possesses the qualification and experience as determined by the Board.]

(4) The Vice Chancellor shall perform functions under the Act or any other function as may be assigned to him by the Board.]

11. Powers of the ³⁷**[Vice Chancellor].**— (1) The ³⁸[Vice Chancellor] shall be the chief executive officer of the Institute responsible for administrative and academic functions of the Institute and for ensuring that the provisions of the Act, rules, statutes and regulations are observed in all the affairs of the Institute.

(2) The ³⁹[Vice Chancellor] may attend a meeting of any Authority or body of the Institute.

(3) Subject to the conditions as may be prescribed by the Board, the ⁴⁰[Vice Chancellor] may, in an emergency, take an action which is not otherwise in the

³⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.7.

³⁵Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.5(i).

³⁶Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.5(ii).

³⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

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⁴⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

competence of the ⁴¹[Vice Chancellor] and within three days of taking of such action, submit a report of the action taken to the Chairman of the Board.

(4) Subject to the general supervision and control of the Board, the [Vice Chancellor] may:

- (a) direct a teacher, officer or other employee of the Institute to take up such assignment in connection with examination, administration or any other activity in relation to the Institute;
- (b) sanction by re-appropriation an amount for an unforeseen item not provided for in the budget of the Institute;
- (c) make appointments of such categories of employees of the Institute in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (d) take disciplinary action against a teacher, officer or any other employee of the Institute in the prescribed manner;
- (e) delegate, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, any of his powers to a teacher or officer of the Institute; and
- (f) exercise such other powers as may be prescribed.

(5) The ⁴²[Vice Chancellor] shall prepare an annual report containing information as regards the preceding academic year including disclosure of all relevant facts pertaining to academics, research, administration and finances of the Institute.

(6) The ⁴³[Vice Chancellor] shall, within three months of the end of an academic year, submit the annual report of the Institute before the Board.

12. Acting ⁴⁴[Vice Chancellor].— Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, if the office of the ⁴⁵[Vice Chancellor] is vacant, or the ⁴⁶[Vice Chancellor] is absent or is unable to perform the functions of his office due to illness or some other cause, the Board shall make arrangements for the performance of the duties of the ⁴⁷[Vice Chancellor] by such other person as it may deem fit.

⁴¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁴²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁴³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

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⁴⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

13. Registrar.— (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the ⁴⁸[Vice Chancellor], appoint Registrar of the Institute on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Board shall not appoint a person as Registrar unless he possesses the prescribed qualifications and experience.

(3) The Registrar shall be a full-time officer of the Institute and shall:

- (a) be the administrative head of the Secretariat of the Institute and be responsible for the provision of secretariat support to the Board and the Rector;
- (b) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the Institute;
- (c) maintain a register of the students and graduates in the prescribed manner;
- (d) supervise the process of election, appointment or nomination of a member to an Authority or body of the Institute in the prescribed manner; and
- (e) perform such other duties as may be prescribed or as may assigned by the Rector or the Board.

(4) The Registrar shall hold office for a renewable term of three years.

14. Controller of Examinations.— (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the ⁴⁹[Vice Chancellor], appoint Controller of Examinations of the Institute on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Board shall not appoint a person as Controller unless he possesses the prescribed qualifications and experience.

(3) The Controller shall be a full-time officer of the Institute and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed or assigned by the ⁵⁰[Vice Chancellor] or the Board.

(4) The Controller shall hold office for a renewable term of three years.

15. Treasurer.— (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the ⁵¹[Vice Chancellor], appoint Treasurer of the Institute on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Board shall not appoint a person as Treasurer unless he possesses the prescribed qualifications and experience.

⁴⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁴⁹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

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⁵¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

- shall:
- (3) The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Institute and
 - (a) manage the assets, liabilities, receipts, expenditures, funds and investments of the Institute;
 - (b) prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the Institute and present the estimates to the Board;
 - (c) ensure that the funds of the Institute are spent according to the budget or any other special arrangement;
 - (d) ensure that the accounts of the Institute are audited annually and are available for submission to the Board within six months of the end of a financial year; and
 - (e) perform such other functions as may be prescribed or as may be assigned to him by the Rector or the Board.
 - (4) The Treasurer shall hold office for a renewable term of three years.

16. Appointments.— The ⁵²[University] may appoint such persons in its services as may be necessary on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board.

CHAPTER IV AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

17. Authorities of the ⁵³[University].— The following shall be the Authorities of the ⁵⁴[University]:

- (a) Board of Governors;
- (b) Academic Council;
- (c) Boards of Faculties;
- (d) Board of Advanced Studies and Research;
- (e) Selection Board;
- (f) Finance and Planning Committee; and
- (g) any other prescribed Authority.

⁵⁵**[18. Board of Governors.**— (1) The Board of Governors of the ⁵⁶[University] shall consist of the following:

- ⁵⁷[(a) Chief Executive of the Company;]

⁵²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁵³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁵⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁵⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2021 (IV of 2021), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 17th March 2021, pp. 7103-7104 s.4.

⁵⁶Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

- (b) ⁵⁸[Vice Chancellor];
- ⁵⁹[(c) maximum four members to be nominated by the Chief Executive;]
- ⁶⁰[(d) four persons including at least one woman from amongst eminent scholars, business persons or academicians to be nominated by the Chief Executive of the Company;
- (e) Three members of the Provincial Assembly of the Punjab including atleast one female member of the Assembly, to be nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;]
- (f) Chairman, Higher Education Commission or his nominee not below the rank of a Director;
- (g) Vice Chancellor of a public sector University in the Punjab nominated by the Chancellor; and
- (h) Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department or his nominee not below the rank of an Additional Secretary.

⁶¹[(2) The Chief Executive of the Company shall be the Chairman of the Board and the Vice Chancellor shall be the Vice Chairman of the Board.]

(3) The members of the Board other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment on the expiry of their term of office.

⁶²[(4) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be one half of the total number of members.]

(5) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Board and the Secretary shall, with the approval of the Chairman of the Board, call the meeting of the Board.

(6) The Company may fill a casual vacancy occurring because of death or resignation of a member of the Board nominated by the Company to the extent of the remainder of the term of the former member.]

19. Powers and duties of the Board.– (1) The administration and management of the affairs of the ⁶³[University] shall vest in the Board.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid power, the Board may:

⁵⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.8(i).

⁵⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁵⁹Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3092 s.6.

⁶⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.8(i).

⁶¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.8(ii).

⁶²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.8(iii).

⁶³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

- (a) formulate or approve the principles, policies and plans governing the activities and operations of the University so as to facilitate research, teaching and other academic work;
 - (b) recommend the statutes to the Chancellor;
 - (c) make or approve regulations;
 - (d) create a component of the University such as faculty, department, constituent college or University, subject to the provisions of the Act;
 - (e) constitute a committee, council and any other administrative or academic advisory body;
 - (f) create such academic or administrative posts as it may deem necessary and to approve appointments to such posts as it may specify;
 - (g) hold, control and administer the property, funds and resources of the University and raise funds for the purpose of the Institute upon such security as may be required under the regulations;
 - (h) undertake the responsibility for the financial viability of the University including responsibility for ensuring effectiveness of its operations, their continuity and preservation of the autonomy of the Institute;
 - (i) consider and pass through a resolution the annual report, plan of work, statement of accounts and the annual budget estimates;
 - (j) call for and consider reports relating to the activities of the University and may direct the Rector to furnish information relating to any matter specified by the Board; and
 - (k) take all such initiatives as it may consider necessary or desirable for efficient and effective management and functioning of the Institute.
- (3) The Board shall recommend statutes to the Chancellor and the statutes shall come into force when the same are approved by the Chancellor.

20. Business of the Board.— (1) The meetings and business of the Board shall be conducted in such manner and in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed in the regulations and until so prescribed, as may be determined by the Board.

(2) The statutes, regulations or proceedings of the Board shall not be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Board.

21. Delegation of powers.— The Board may delegate to any person or a committee any of its powers, duties or functions.

22. Academic Council.— (1) The Academic Council shall consist of:

- (a) ⁶⁴[Vice Chancellor] (Chairman);
- (b) all the Deans;

⁶⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

- (c) all the Chairpersons;
 - (d) Controller of Examinations;
 - (e) all the Professors of the Institute;
 - (f) nominee of the Secretary to the Government, Education Department not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary;
 - (g) two Associate Professors, two Assistant Professors and two Lecturers to be nominated by the Board;
 - (h) three persons eminent in the field of art or science of whom at least one shall be from each category, to be nominated by the Board;
 - (i) Director Academics of Higher Education Commission; and
 - (j) Registrar (Member/Secretary).
- (2) A nominated member shall hold office for a renewable term of three years.
- (3) The quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council shall be one half of the total number of members of the Academic Council.

23. Powers and duties of Academic Council.– (1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the ⁶⁵[University] and may, subject to the statutes, lay down proper standards of instruction, research, publication and examination and to regulate and promote the academic life of the Institute.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers and subject to the provisions of the Act, rules, statutes and regulations, the Academic Council may:

- (a) advise the Board on academic matters;
- (b) regulate the conduct of teaching, research and publication;
- (c) regulate the admission of students to the courses of studies and examinations in the Institute;
- (d) regulate the conduct and discipline of the students of the Institute;
- (e) propose to the Board, a scheme for the constitution and organization of faculties, teaching departments, constituent colleges and institutes;
- (f) consider or formulate proposals for planning and development of teaching and research in the Institute;
- (g) recommend to the Board regulations prescribing the courses of studies, the syllabi and the outlines of tests for the Institute examinations;
- (h) regulate the award of studentships, scholarships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (i) frame Regulations for submission to the Board;
- (j) appoint or nominate members to various Authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

⁶⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

- (k) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

CHAPTER V FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

⁶⁶[**24. University Fund.**– (1) There shall be a fund to be known as the ‘Times University Endowment Fund’ which shall vest in the University to provide a sustainable, long-term source of revenue for the University as a non-profit Fund to which shall be credited all sums received by the University as donations in shape of cash, land, vehicles, equipment or any other form.

(2) The University may accept donations in the shape of cash, land, vehicle, equipment or any other form that may be utilized for scholarships or charitable activities and all such donations shall be used, maintained and disposed of by the University in the prescribed manner.

(3) The University may collaborate with any charitable organization registered under any law to accept donations in the shape of cash, land, vehicle, equipment or any other form that may be utilized for scholarships or charitable activities and all such donations shall be used, maintained and disposed of by the University through that charitable organization in the prescribed manner.]

25. Budget, audit and accounts.– (1) The budget of the ⁶⁷[University] shall be approved and its accounts shall be maintained and audited in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board.

(2) The Board may approve the budget of the ⁶⁸[University], appropriations of accounts of the Institute and settle an audit para relating to the audit of the ⁶⁹[University].

(3) The Board may delegate the power of appropriation or re-appropriation of funds to any of the officers of the ⁷⁰[University].

CHAPTER VI MISCELLANEOUS

26. Rules.– The Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of the Act.

⁷¹[**27. Statutes.**– The Chancellor may approve the statutes, on the recommendation of the Board, in order to provide for, and to regulate any matter relevant to the University.]

⁶⁶Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.7.

⁶⁷Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁶⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁶⁹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷¹Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.8.

28. First statutes.— Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Act, the statutes set out in the Schedule shall be deemed to be the statutes made under section 27 and shall continue to remain in force until amended or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

⁷²**[29. Regulations.**— Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may approve the regulations for the proper administration and management of the affairs of the University.]

30. Removal of difficulties.— If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of the Act, the Board may, with the approval of the Government, give such directions, not inconsistent with the Act, as it may consider necessary for the removal of such difficulty.

31. Savings.— Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, an examination conducted by the proponents of the ⁷³[University] prior to the coming into force of the Act, shall be deemed to be the examination conducted by the ⁷⁴University under the Act and the ⁷⁵[University] may award degree, diploma or certificate on the basis of such examination.

⁷⁶**[32. Powers of the Chief Executive.**— (1) The Chief Executive may, in an emergency, take any action at the behest of Authorities of the University specified in Section 17.

(2) The Chief Executive, after taking an action under sub-section (1), shall seek approval of the relevant authority in its upcoming meeting or through circulation, as the case may be.]

⁷⁷**[33. Indemnity.**— No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the University or any authority, officer or employee of the University, in respect of anything, which is done in good faith, under the Act.]

⁷²Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3903 s.9.

⁷³Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷⁶Added by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.9.

⁷⁷Added by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3093 s.10.

THE FIRST STATUTES

1. Faculties.– (1) There shall be a faculty for a teaching department or a group of teaching departments.

(2) The ⁷⁸[University] shall have the following faculties and such other faculties as may be prescribed:

- (a) Faculty of Social Sciences;
- (b) Faculty of Management Sciences;
- (c) Faculty of Science and Technology; and
- (d) Faculty of Law.
- ⁷⁹[(e) Faculty of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences;
- (f) Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- (g) Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology.]

2. Board of Faculty.– (1) There shall be a Board of Faculty for each faculty which shall consist of:

- (a) Dean of the faculty;
- (b) Professors and Chairpersons in the faculty;
- (c) two teachers to be nominated by the Academic Council owing to their specialized knowledge of the subjects which, though not assigned to the faculty, have in the opinion of the Academic Council, important bearing on the subjects assigned to the faculty;
- (d) two experts in the field from outside the Institute to be appointed by the Board; and
- (e) one member to be nominated by the Rector.

(2) The members other than *ex-officio* members of a Board of Faculty shall hold office for a period of three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of a Board of Faculty shall be one half of the total number of members.

(4) A Board of Faculty, subject to the general control of the Academic Council and the Board, may:

- (a) co-ordinate the teaching and research work in the subjects assigned to the faculty;
- ⁸⁰[(b) scrutinize the recommendations of a Board of Studies, where applicable;]

⁷⁸Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(ii).

⁷⁹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2021 (IV of 2021), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 17th March 2021, pp. 7103-7104 s.5.

⁸⁰Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.10

- (c) consider any other academic matter relating to the faculty and to submit its report to the Academic Council;
 - (d) prepare a comprehensive annual report regarding the performance of each department, constituent college or institute comprising the faculty for presentation to the Academic Council; and
 - (e) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by statutes.
- (5) The Dean of the faculty shall be the Chairman and convener of the Board of Faculty.
- (6) The Dean shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendations of the Rector from amongst three senior most Professors of the faculty; shall hold office for a period of three years; and, shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (7) The Dean shall present candidates for admission to degree, except honorary degrees, courses falling within the purview of the faculty.
- (8) The Dean shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board on the recommendations of the Rector.

3. Academic department, constituent college and institute.– (1) There shall be an academic department, constituent college or an Institute for each subject or a group of subjects, as may be prescribed by the regulations and each academic department, constituent college or institute shall be headed by a head of department, principal of the constituent college and director of the Institute, collectively called Chairpersons.

(2) The Board shall, on the recommendations of the ⁸¹[Vice Chancellor], appoint the Chairperson from amongst three senior most Professors other than a Professor already working as Dean for a period of three years and the Chairperson shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that where in a department, constituent college or institute there are less than three eligible Professors, the appointment shall be made from amongst the three senior most Professors and Associate Professors of the department, constituent college or institute.

(3) The Chairperson shall plan, organize and supervise the work of the department, constituent college or institute and shall be responsible to the Dean for the work of his department, constituent college or institute.

(4) The Chairperson shall, under the general supervision of the Rector and the Dean, exercise all the administrative, financial and academic powers and such other duties or powers as may be delegated to him.

(5) The Chairperson shall prepare a comprehensive annual report regarding the performance of the department, constituent college or institute at the graduate and postgraduate levels, faculty research and development and submit this report to the Dean for evaluation.

4. Board of Advanced Studies and Research.– (1) The Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall consist of:

⁸¹Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

- (a) ⁸²[Vice Chancellor] (Chairman);
- (b) all the Deans;
- (c) Controller of Examinations;
- ⁸³[(d) one faculty member of the University, not below the rank of an Assistant Professor having a good research profile, other than Dean to be appointed by the Board;]
- (e) one member to be nominated by the Rector;
- (f) three members from the relevant field, research organizations and Government, to be nominated by the Board; and
- (g) the Registrar (Secretary).

(2) The term of office of the members of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research other than ex-officio members shall be three years.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall be one half of the total number of members.

5. Functions of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research.– The Board of Advanced Studies and Research shall:

- (a) advise an Authority on all matters connected with the promotion of advanced studies and research publication in the Institute;
- (b) consider and report to an Authority with regard to a research degree of the Institute;
- (c) propose regulations regarding the award of a research degree;
- (d) appoint supervisors for a postgraduate research student and to approve title and synopses of a thesis or dissertation;
- (e) recommend panels of names of examiners for evaluation of a research examination; and
- (f) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.

6. Selection Board.– (1) The Selection Board shall consist of:

- (a) ⁸⁴[Vice Chancellor] (Chairman);
- (b) the Dean of the faculty concerned;
- (c) the Chairperson concerned;
- (d) one member of the Board to be nominated by the Board;
- ⁸⁵[(e) one eminent scholar to be nominated by the Company; and]

⁸²Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁸³Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3093 s.11(i).

⁸⁴Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (LI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 2 June 2025, pp. 4939-4941 s.2(iii).

⁸⁵Substituted by the Times Institute, Multan (Amendment) Act 2021 (IV of 2021), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 17th March 2021, pp. 7103-7104 s.5.

- ⁸⁶[(f) one expert of the subject to be nominated by the Chief Executive;]
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Selection Board.
- (3) The members other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a period of three years.
- (4) Four members of the Selection Board shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Selection Board.
- (5) No member who is a candidate or whose family member is a candidate, for a post to which appointment is to be made, shall take part in the proceedings of the Selection Board for selection of a candidate on such post.
- (6) In selection of candidates for the post of Professor or Associate Professor, the Selection Board shall co-opt or consult three experts in the subject concerned and in selecting candidates for any other teaching post, two experts in the subject concerned, to be nominated by the Rector from a standing list of experts for each subject approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Selection Board.
- (7) The Board may revise the standing list of experts of a subject on the recommendation of the Selection Board.

7. Functions of the Selection Board.– The Selection Board shall:

- (a) consider the applications and recommend to the Board, the names of suitable candidates for appointment to teaching and other posts and recommend suitable salary for the selected candidate; and
- (b) consider all cases of promotion or selection of officers of the Institute and recommend the names of suitable candidates for such promotion or selection to the Board.

8. Finance and Planning Committee.– ⁸⁷[(1) The Finance and Planning Committee shall consist of:

- (a) Chief Executive (Chairperson);
- (b) Vice Chancellor;
- (c) one Dean to be nominated by the Board;
- (d) one expert in the field of finance or audit to be nominated by the Chief Executive;
- (e) Registrar;
- (f) Controller of Examinations; and
- (g) Treasurer (Member/ Secretary).]
- (2) The term of office of the nominated members shall be three years.
- (3) Five members of the Finance and Planning Committee shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee.

⁸⁶Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3093 s.11(ii).

⁸⁷Substituted by the Times University, Multan (Amendment) Act 2025 (XCVI of 2025), published in the Punjab Gazette (Extraordinary), dated: 15th December 2025, pp. 3091-3093 s.11(iii).

9. Functions of the Finance and Planning Committee.– The Finance and Planning Committee shall:

- (a) prepare the annual statement of accounts and propose annual budget estimates and advise the Board thereon;
- (b) review periodically the financial position of the Institute;
- (c) advise the Board on all matters relating to finance, investments and accounts of the Institute; and
- (d) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the statutes.