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# National University of Singapore Act

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An Act to give effect to the merger of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University by the establishment and incorporation of the National University of Singapore and for matters connected therewith.

1970 Ed.  
Cap. 181.

Whereas the University of Singapore was established and incorporated by the University of Singapore Act and the Nanyang University was established and incorporated by the Nanyang University Act:

1970 Ed.  
Cap. 178.

And Whereas it is desirable for the better development of university education in Singapore that the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University be merged as one institution to be known as the National University of Singapore.

[8th August 1980]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the National University of Singapore Act.

Inter-  
pretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Council” means the Council of the University;

“officer” has the same meaning as in the University Constitution;

“Nanyang University” means the Nanyang University established by the Nanyang University Act, repealed by this Act.

“University” means the National University of Singapore established and incorporated by this Act;

“University Constitution” means the Constitution of the University;

“University of Singapore” means the University of Singapore established by the University of Singapore Act, repealed by this Act.

Establish-  
ment and  
incorporation  
of National  
University of  
Singapore.

3.—(1) There is hereby established a University to be known as the National University of Singapore which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

(a) suing and being sued;

(b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and

(c) doing and suffering all such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

(2) The full name of the University shall be the National University of Singapore (incorporating the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University) and the University may use its full name for such purposes as it thinks fit.

4.—(1) The common seal of the University shall be kept in such custody as the Council directs. Common seal.

(2) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the University shall be sealed with the common seal of the University, and the instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and by another member of the Council.

(3) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the University affixed to any document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.

5.—(1) The functions of the University shall include — Functions and powers of University.

(a) the provision in Singapore of educational facilities at university standards for persons enrolled therein;

(b) the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and the promotion of research and scholarship; and

(c) the conferring and awarding of degrees, diplomas and certificates, including honorary degrees and other distinctions.

(2) The University may, for the purpose of discharging its functions —

(a) provide such facilities for its students as it considers desirable;

(b) institute professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and make appointments thereto;

(c) regulate conditions of service of officers and employees of the University, including schemes of service, salary scales, leave and discipline;

- (d) provide for pension or superannuation or provident fund schemes for the benefit of officers or employees of the University;
- (e) fix, demand and receive fees and other charges;
- (f) promote the formation of or acquire any interest in any undertaking; and
- (g) do all such things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of its functions and powers.

Constitution  
of University.

6.—(1) The University shall be governed by the provisions of the University Constitution set out in the First Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, on the advice of the Council, amend the University Constitution by order published in the *Gazette*.

(3) Statutes and regulations of the University made under the University Constitution shall not be deemed to be subsidiary legislation.

Grants-in-  
aid.

7.—(1) The Minister for Finance shall pay to the University such moneys as may be provided by Parliament from time to time as grants-in-aid to the University.

(2) All moneys paid to the University under subsection (1) may be applied or expended by the University for all or any of the purposes of the University.

Accounts and  
financial  
statements.

8.—(1) The University shall keep proper accounts and records of its transactions and affairs and shall do all things necessary to ensure that all payments out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorised and that adequate control is maintained over the assets of, or in the custody of, the University and over the expenditure incurred by the University.

(2) The University shall, as soon as practicable after the close of each financial year, prepare and submit financial statements in respect of that year to the auditor of the University.

Audit of  
accounts.

9.—(1) The accounts of the University shall be audited by the Auditor-General or such other auditor as may be

appointed annually by the Minister in consultation with the Auditor-General.

(2) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as an auditor under subsection (1) unless he is an approved company auditor under the Companies Act.

Cap. 50.

(3) The auditor or any person authorised by him shall be entitled at all reasonable times to full and free access to all accounting and other records relating directly or indirectly to the financial transactions of the University.

(4) The auditor shall in his report state —

- (a) whether the financial statements show fairly the financial transactions and the state of affairs of the University;
- (b) whether proper accounting and other records have been kept, including records of all assets of the University whether purchased, donated or otherwise;
- (c) whether the receipts, expenditure and investment of moneys, and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the University during the financial year were in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
- (d) such other matters arising from the audit as he considers necessary.

(5) The auditor shall, as soon as practicable after the accounts have been submitted for audit, send a report of his audit to the University. He shall also submit such periodical and special reports to the Minister and to the University as may appear to him to be necessary or as the Minister or the University may require.

**10.—**(1) The University shall, as soon as the accounts of the University and the financial statements have been audited in accordance with the provisions of this Act, send to the Minister a copy of the audited financial statements, signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the Bursar, together with a copy of the auditor's report.

Presentation of financial statements and auditor's report to Parliament.

(2) Where the Auditor-General is not the auditor of the University, a copy of the audited financial statements and any report made by the auditor shall be forwarded to the Auditor-General when they are submitted to the University.

(3) The Minister shall as soon as practicable cause a copy of the audited financial statements and of the auditor's report referred to in subsection (1) to be presented to Parliament.

Annual  
report.

11.—(1) The University shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each academic year, submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities of the University during that year.

(2) The Minister shall as soon as practicable cause a copy of every such report to be presented to Parliament.

Grant and  
acquisition of  
land for  
purposes of  
University.  
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12.—(1) The President may by order grant to the University any State land for the purposes of the University subject to such restrictions, conditions and prohibitions relating to the use, occupation or disposition of the land as may be specified in the order.

(2) Where any immovable property, not being State land, is needed for the purposes of the University, the University may request and the President may if he thinks fit direct the acquisition of that immovable property; in such a case the immovable property may be acquired in accordance with the provisions of any written law relating to the acquisition of land for a public purpose, and any declaration required to be made under any such written law that the property is so needed may be made (notwithstanding that compensation is to be paid out of the funds of the University) and the declaration shall have effect as if it were a declaration that the property is needed for a public purpose made in accordance with that written law.

(3) Expenses and compensation in respect of any immovable property acquired under subsection (2) shall be paid by the University.

(4) All State land granted or immovable property acquired under this section shall vest in the University and an entry to that effect shall be made in the appropriate register by the appropriate registering authority.

(5)\* No compulsory acquisition of any immovable property before 15th April 1983 shall be called in question in any court on the ground that the acquisition was not in compliance with subsection (2) as in force before that date.

13.—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Societies Act, the provisions of that Act shall have effect in relation to the National University of Singapore Students' Union and its constituent bodies constituted in accordance with the University Constitution.

Application of Societies Act to student bodies.  
Cap. 311.

(2) The appropriate Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, exempt the National University of Singapore Students' Union and any of its constituent bodies from all or any of the provisions of the Societies Act subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order.

14. The provisions of the Second Schedule shall apply to any provident fund scheme established by the University under the provisions of the University Constitution or any provident fund scheme continued in force by any rules made under section 17.

Protection of benefits under University provident fund scheme.

15. The provisions of the Third Schedule shall have effect for the purpose of the transfer to the University of property and staff of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University and for other transitional purposes specified in that Schedule.

Transfer of property and staff to University.

16. On and after the commencement of this Act, any reference to the University of Singapore or the Nanyang University contained in any contract, agreement, bequest, will, trust or other instrument shall have effect as if it were a reference to the University.

Construction of contracts, gifts, etc.

17.—(1) The Minister may make rules —

(a) to provide for the continuance in force of any provident fund scheme established and administered by the University of Singapore and to

Rules relating to transitional provisions.

\*See section 3 of the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1983 (No. 7 of 1983).



impose upon the University all or any of the obligations or duties in respect of such provident fund scheme;

- (b) to provide for the removal of any difficulty which may arise by reason of the establishment of the University and the dissolution of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University; and
- (c) generally for the purpose of effecting the transition from the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University to the University, including the initial appointments of the Vice-Chancellor, Deans of Faculties and heads of institutions and appointments to the first Council.

(2) Any rules made under subsection (1) shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the University Constitution.

**18.—**(1) The University of Singapore Act and the Nanyang University Act are repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University and the Senates and Boards of Examiners of those Universities will continue to exist, and the officers of those Universities will continue to hold office, for the purpose of granting or conferring degrees and diplomas —

- (a) to students of the academic year 1979–1980 who have passed the examinations conducted by those Universities for the award of degrees and diplomas; and
- (b) to higher degree students who have passed their examinations provided their theses or dissertations were submitted on or before 30th June 1980.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(a), the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University may, within 6 months after the commencement of this Act, continue to conduct supplementary examinations to be taken by students of the academic year 1979–1980 which will qualify them for the award of degrees and diplomas of those Universities.

Repeal.  
1970 Ed.  
Cap. 181.  
1970 Ed.  
Cap. 178.

(4) The provisions of the Fourth Schedule shall have effect in relation to all persons whose names are on the register of the Guild of Graduates of the University of Singapore and all persons whose names are on the register of the Guild of Graduates of the Nanyang University and to the register of subscribers of the Nanyang University.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 6.

## THE UNIVERSITY CONSTITUTION

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

1. This Constitution may be cited as the Constitution of the National University of Singapore. Citation.

2.—(1) In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the University;

“Convocation” means a Convocation held in accordance with section 28;

“Council” means the Council of the University;

“Faculty” means a Faculty established under section 17;

“institution” means a department, school or other body established under section 17;

“officer” means the Chancellor, a Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of a Faculty, the Registrar, the Bursar, the Librarian or the holder of any office created by statute;

“regulation” means any regulation made by any authority or officer or other body of the University in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or of any statute;

“Senate” means the Senate of the University;

“statute” means statute of the University;

“teacher” means a person appointed to be a teacher by the Council in accordance with this Constitution and includes a professor, associate professor, senior lecturer and lecturer;

“Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In this Constitution —

(a) a reference to a specified section is a reference to that section of this Constitution;

(b) a reference to a specified subsection is a reference to that subsection of the section in which the reference occurs; and

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART I — *continued*

- (c) a reference to a specified paragraph is a reference to that paragraph of the subsection in which the reference occurs.

## PART II

## OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Chancellor. 3.—(1) The President shall be the Chancellor of the University.
- (2) The Chancellor shall be the Head of the University and shall preside when present at —
- (a) meetings of the Council; and
- (b) any Convocation,
- and shall have the authority to confer degrees and to grant diplomas and certificates at any Convocation and such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon him by this Constitution or any statute or regulation.
- Pro-Chancellors. 4.—(1) The Chancellor may appoint such persons to be Pro-Chancellors as he may consider proper.
- (2) If for any reason the Chancellor is unable to exercise any of his functions under this Constitution or any statute or regulation, he may authorise any of the Pro-Chancellors to exercise those functions on his behalf.
- (3) Every Pro-Chancellor shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor.
- Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. 5.—(1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor who shall be appointed by the Council after consultation with the Senate.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall —
- (a) be the principal executive and academic officer of the University;
- (b) be *ex officio* chairman of the Senate;
- (c) subject to the provisions of this Constitution, exercise general supervision over the arrangements for instruction, research, finance, administration, welfare and discipline in the University, and may exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon him by this Constitution and any statute or regulation; and
- (d) have the right to attend and to address meetings of any committee of the Council or the Senate.
- (3) The terms of office and other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Council and shall be embodied in a contract under the seal of the University.

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(4) There shall be one or more Deputy Vice-Chancellors who shall be appointed by the Council after consultation with the Senate for such period as the Council may determine or as may be prescribed by statute.

(5) The duties of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor may be prescribed by statute.

(6) If for any substantial period the Vice-Chancellor is unable, by reason of illness, leave of absence or any other cause, to exercise any of the functions of his office, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (if there is only one Deputy Vice-Chancellor) shall exercise those functions and in the event of the absence or disability of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor the Council shall make such temporary arrangements as it may think fit for the exercise of those functions.

(7) If there is more than one Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor (or by the Council if the Vice-Chancellor is unable to so nominate) shall exercise the functions of the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with subsection (6).

6.—(1) There shall be a Registrar, a Bursar and a Librarian who shall be full-time officers of the University and shall have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by statute.

Registrar,  
Bursar and  
Librarian.

(2) The Registrar and the Librarian shall be appointed by the Council after consultation with the Senate.

(3) The Bursar shall be appointed by the Council.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the terms of office and other conditions of appointment of the Registrar, the Bursar and the Librarian shall be determined by the Council and shall be embodied in contracts under the seal of the University.

7. The University may appoint such other officers as may be prescribed by statute.

Other  
officers.

## PART III

## THE COUNCIL, SENATE, FACULTIES AND INSTITUTIONS

*The Council*

8.—(1) There shall be a Council of the University which shall consist of the following members:

Council.

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

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- (b) 5 members representing the Senate to be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, of whom —
  - (i) at least two shall be professors of the University; and
  - (ii) at least one shall be a full-time teacher who is not a professor or a head of department;
- (c) 4 persons to be appointed by the Chancellor;
- (d) 4 persons to be appointed by the Government; and
- (e) 4 persons to be appointed by the Council, of whom —
  - (i) one shall be from Part A of the Register of Graduates;
  - (ii) one shall be from Part B of the Register of Graduates;
  - (iii) one shall be from Part C of the Register of Graduates; and
  - (iv) the remaining member shall be a person whose name appears in any Part of the Register of Graduates.

(2) Every appointed member of the Council shall hold office for a term of 4 years or such shorter period as may be specified in his terms of appointment and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) The Council shall from time to time elect a chairman and a deputy chairman from among its members.

(4) The chairman and the deputy chairman of the Council shall hold office for a term of 3 years unless he sooner resigns that office or vacates his seat as a member of the Council.

(5) No member of the Council who is an officer, teacher or full-time employee of the University shall be eligible for election as chairman or deputy chairman of the Council.

(6) In subsection (1) (e) “Register of Graduates” means the Register of Graduates maintained by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Fourth Schedule.

Casual  
vacancies  
in Council.

- 9.—(1) If any appointed member of the Council —
- (a) dies;
  - (b) resigns his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Registrar;
  - (c) ceases, in the case of a member appointed under section 8 (1) (b), to be a member of the Senate;

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART III — *continued*

- (d) becomes a mentally disordered person within the meaning of the Mental Disorders and Treatment Act;
- (e) is adjudicated a bankrupt;
- (f) has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of not less than 2 years; or
- (g) fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Council without leave of the Council,

Cap. 178.

his seat shall become vacant, and the vacancy thereby created shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy.

(2) Every casual vacancy in the office of an appointed member shall, as soon as practicable, be filled by the appointment of a member in place of the vacating member in accordance with whichever paragraph of section 8 (1) as is appropriate; and the member appointed to fill any casual vacancy shall hold office for only the residue of his predecessor's term of office.

10.—(1) The Council shall be the executive body of the University, and may exercise all the powers conferred on the University, save in so far as those powers are by this Constitution or the statutes and regulations conferred on some other body or on some officer of the University:

Powers of  
Council.

Provided that no resolution shall be passed by the Council relating to any matter within the powers of the Senate, unless the Senate has first been given the opportunity of recording and transmitting to the Council its opinion on that matter.

(2) The Council may by resolution appoint such committees as it thinks fit to assist and advise the Council in carrying out its functions and the exercise of its powers.

(3) A committee appointed under subsection (2) shall have, and may exercise and discharge, such powers, authorities, duties and functions as the Council may determine.

11.—(1) The Council shall meet at such time and place as it may determine.

Meetings of  
Council.

(2) At any meeting of the Council 7 members of the Council shall form a quorum.

(3) The Chancellor shall preside at all meetings of the Council at which he is present.

(4) Subject to subsection (3), the chairman of the Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council and in his absence the deputy chairman shall preside. In the absence of both the chairman and the deputy chairman, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART III — *continued*

(5) Every question before the Council shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting of the Council and entitled to vote on that question.

(6) The person presiding at any meeting of the Council shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes shall have a casting vote.

Proceedings  
of Council  
not affected  
by vacancies,  
etc.

12. No act or proceeding of the Council or of any committee thereof or of any person acting as a member of the Council shall be invalidated in consequence of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Council at the time of the act or proceeding, or of any defect in the appointment of any person so acting or that he was incapable of being or had ceased to be such a member.

*The Senate*

Senate.

13.—(1) There shall be a Senate of the University which shall consist of —

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the chairman;
- (b) the professors of the University; and
- (c) such other persons as may be prescribed by statute.

(2) The Senate shall be the academic body of the University and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the statutes and regulations, shall have the control and general direction of instruction, research and examination, and the power to award degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Senate may  
appoint  
committees.

14.—(1) The Senate may from time to time appoint standing or special committees.

(2) The Senate may delegate any of its powers and duties to any such committee or to any person; and the committee or person may, without confirmation by the Senate, exercise or perform those powers and duties in like manner and with the same effect as the Senate could itself have exercised or performed them.

Meetings of  
Senate.

15.—(1) The Senate shall meet at such time and place as it may determine.

(2) At any meeting of the Senate 15 members of the Senate shall form a quorum.

(3) Every question before the Senate shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the members present at the meeting of the Senate and entitled to vote on that question.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor may depute a Deputy Vice-Chancellor or the Dean of a Faculty to preside at any meeting which the Vice-Chancellor is unable to attend.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART III — *continued*

(5) The person presiding at any meeting of the Senate shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes shall have a casting vote.

16. No act or proceeding of the Senate or of any committee thereof or of any person acting as a member of the Senate shall be invalidated in consequence of there being a vacancy in the membership of the Senate at the time of that act or proceeding, or of any defect in the appointment of any person so acting or that he was incapable of being or had ceased to be such a member.

Proceedings of Senate not affected by vacancies, etc.

*Faculties and institutions*

17.—(1) The University shall be divided into such number and names of Faculties and institutions as may be prescribed by statute.

Faculties and institutions.

(2) A Faculty or an institution (not being a department of any Faculty) shall be responsible to the Senate for the organisation of instruction in the subjects of study within the purview of the Faculty or institution, as the case may be, and may exercise such other functions as may be conferred on it by statute or regulation.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall, after consultation with a Faculty, appoint from among its members a Dean for that Faculty. The Dean shall be the chairman of the Faculty and shall exercise such other functions as may be vested in him by statute or regulation.

(4) Subject to the provisions of any statute, the Vice-Chancellor shall have power to appoint a person to be the head of an institution, and the head shall have such designation as may be prescribed by statute or regulation, and if owing to absence on leave or for any other reason the head of an institution is unable to perform his duties the Vice-Chancellor may, except as otherwise provided by statute, appoint a person to perform the duties for such time as the disability may continue.

(5) The head of an institution being a department of a Faculty shall be responsible to his Faculty for the organisation of teaching and research in his institution.

## PART IV

## STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

18.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Council may from time to time make such statutes of the University as may be necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs or for carrying out the functions of the University.

Statutes of University.



FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART IV — *continued*

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), statutes may be made to prescribe or provide for all or any of the following matters:

- (a) the powers and duties of the officers of the University;
- (b) the manner of appointment, the dismissal and the conditions of service of the officers and employees of the University;
- (c) the determination of and the principles governing the award of degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions;
- (d) the conditions of admission and residence of students and their discipline and welfare;
- (e) the number and scope of examinations;
- (f) the appointment, powers, duties, remuneration and conditions of service of examiners and the conduct of examinations;
- (g) the admission of students to the examinations and to degree, diploma and other courses of the University;
- (h) the management of the library, lecture halls, the laboratories, research institutes and halls of residence;
- (i) the fees to be charged for courses of study, for residence and for admission to examinations and any other fees that may be levied by the University;
- (j) the establishment and regulation of pension, superannuation and provident fund schemes for the benefit of the employees of the University;
- (k) any matters which by this Constitution are required or permitted to be prescribed by statute; and
- (l) matters incidental to or consequential upon any of the matters aforesaid.

(3) No statute or any amendment to a statute or any revocation thereof dealing with any of the following matters:

- (a) the powers and duties of the Dean of a Faculty or the head of an institution; and
- (b) the manner of appointment and conditions of service of teachers,

shall be made by the Council until it has been referred to the Senate and the Senate has reported to the Council its observation thereon.

(4) No statute dealing with —

- (a) any matter referred to in subsection (2) (c) to (h); or
- (b) any matter within the jurisdiction of the Senate,

shall be made unless the Senate has agreed to the terms of the statute.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART IV — *continued*

19.—(1) The Council and the Senate may each make regulations for or with respect to its own procedure. Regulations of University.

(2) The Senate may make regulations for or with respect to the procedure of a Faculty, institution or any other board or committee subject to the jurisdiction of the Senate.

(3) The Senate may make regulations prescribing courses of study or syllabuses for examinations.

(4) A statute may provide for empowering any Faculty or institution (not being a department of a Faculty) or officer of the University to make regulations (not inconsistent with this Constitution or any statute) for dealing with any specified matter or for carrying out or giving effect to any statute.

20.—(1) When any statute is made, amended or revoked every such statute, amendment or revocation shall within one month after it is made be published in the *Gazette* and may be published in such newspapers circulating in such places as the Council may direct. Publication of statutes and regulations.

(2) The statutes and regulations of the University in force on the date of publication shall be published annually in book form and copies thereof shall be made available for purchase at a reasonable price by members of the public.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to any regulation containing only instructions to examiners or invigilators or to any other regulation which the Council with the approval of the Chancellor resolves not to publish.

21. In the event of —

- (a) any statute being inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution; or Inconsistencies between the Constitution and statutes, etc.
- (b) any regulation being inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution or any statute,

the provisions of this Constitution or statute, as the case may be, shall prevail and that statute or regulation, as the case may be, shall to the extent of the inconsistency be void.

## PART V

## FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

22. The financial year of the University shall begin on 1st April each year and end on 31st March the succeeding year. Financial year.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*PART VI — *continued*

Standing Finance Committee. 23. The Council shall appoint a Standing Finance Committee for regulating and controlling the finances of the University.

Preparation of estimates. 24. It shall be the duty of such officers of the University as may be prescribed by statute to prepare for the consideration of the Vice-Chancellor the estimates of income and expenditure of the University for each financial year.

Estimates. 25.—(1) The estimates of income and expenditure shall be in such form as the Council may direct and shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the Council and approved by the Council before the beginning of the financial year, except that the Vice-Chancellor may present, and the Council may approve, supplementary estimates at any time.

(2) The annual and supplementary estimates shall be prepared in such form and shall contain such information as the Council may direct.

Power of Council to accept gifts. 26.—(1) The Council may on behalf of the University accept by way of grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and moneys in aid of the finances of the University on such conditions as it may determine.

(2) Records shall be kept of all donations to the University including the names of donors and any special conditions on which any donation may have been given.

Property donated for specific purposes to be separately accounted for. 27. All property, moneys or funds donated for any specific purpose shall be applied and administered in accordance with the purpose for which they may have been donated and shall be separately accounted for.

## PART VI

## GENERAL

Convocation. 28.—(1) A Convocation for the conferment of degrees or presentation of graduates may be held annually, or as often as the Chancellor may direct, on such date as may be approved by the Chancellor.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or of a Pro-Chancellor authorised for this purpose by the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside at a Convocation.

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29.—(1) A teacher of the University shall be appointed by the Council after consideration of the advice of the appropriate board of selection. Boards of selection.

(2) The composition and powers of boards of selection shall be prescribed by statute.

30.—(1) The Senate may from time to time appoint a board of studies — Board of studies.

(a) to deal with matters pertaining to one or more Faculties or institutions; and

(b) to consider proposals referred to it by the Senate for the establishment of a new Faculty or institution,

and in either case to report thereon to the Senate or to such other body as the Senate may direct.

(2) The composition, powers and duties of a board of studies shall be determined by the Senate.

31.—(1) There shall be a students' association to be known as the National University of Singapore Students' Union which shall be constituted by statute made for that purpose and shall consist of such constituent bodies as may be prescribed by statute. Students' Union.

(2) The constitution, membership, functions and other matters relating to the National University of Singapore Students' Union and each of its constituent bodies shall be prescribed by statute.

(3) The Council may impose and collect from the students or any class of students such fees as it may determine for the benefit of the National University of Singapore Students' Union and its constituent bodies; and the fees may be applied in such manner as the Council thinks fit for the purposes of the Union and its constituent bodies.

(4) No student who is not reading a full-time course of study leading to a Bachelor's Degree shall be eligible to be a member of the Students' Union.

32.—(1) An officer may from time to time, in respect of a specified matter or class of matters, by writing delegate to any person the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty to be exercised or performed by the officer under the provisions of this Constitution or any statute or regulation. Delegation of powers of officers.

(2) A delegation under this section may —

(a) be subject to such terms and restrictions as may be specified in the instrument of delegation; and

(b) be revoked at any time by the officer making the delegation.

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(3) No delegation of any power or any duty under this section shall affect the exercise of the power or the performance of the duty by the officer making the delegation.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 14.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO UNIVERSITY PROVIDENT  
FUND SCHEME

1. No assurance on the life of any contributor under any scheme, and no moneys or other benefits payable under any assurance, and no payment made under the scheme to any person who has been employed by the University, shall be assignable or transferable, or liable to be garnished, attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of any debt or claim whatsoever, other than a debt due to the University or to the Government.

2. No contribution to a fund established under any such scheme and no interest thereon shall be assignable or transferable or liable to be attached, sequestered or levied upon for or in respect of any debt or claim, other than a debt due to the University or to the Government.

3. No contribution or interest shall be subject to the debts of the contributor, nor shall such contribution or interest pass to the Official Assignee on the bankruptcy of the contributor, but if the contributor is adjudicated a bankrupt or is declared insolvent by a court, the contribution or interest shall be deemed not to form part of the property of the contributor for the purposes of the Bankruptcy Act.

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4. The bankruptcy of a contributor shall not affect the making of deductions from the salary of the contributor in accordance with the scheme, but the deductions shall continue to be made notwithstanding the provisions of any written law, and the portion of salary so deducted shall not be deemed to form part of his after-acquired property.

5. Subject to the provisions of any such scheme, all moneys paid or payable under any such scheme on the death of a contributor shall be deemed to be subject to a trust in favour of the persons entitled thereto under the will or intestacy of the deceased contributor, or under a nomination in such form as may be prescribed under the scheme, but shall, without prejudice to the operation of the Estate Duty Act, be deemed not to form part of his estate or be subject to the payment of his debts.

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## THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 15.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, STAFF, ETC., TO  
THE UNIVERSITY.

1. In this Schedule, "appointed day" means 8th August 1980.

*Transfer of property and liabilities*

2. On and after the appointed day, all property, movable and immovable, and all rights and interests of every description which immediately before that day were vested in or held in trust for the University of Singapore or the Nanyang University shall be vested in or held in trust for the University.

- 3.—(1) All property vesting in or transferred to the University under paragraph 2 shall be applied to the purposes of the University.

- (2) Any property which by any scheme, will or other instrument or otherwise was held upon trust for any specific foundation or object of the University of Singapore or the Nanyang University and which vests in or has been transferred to the University by virtue of paragraph 2 shall, after such vesting or transfer, be held upon trust for and applied as far as possible to the like foundation or object of the University.

- (3) Any property which was held upon any trust and which vests in or has been transferred to the University by virtue of paragraph 2 shall, after such vesting or transfer, be held upon the same trust.

4. The transfer of property to and its vesting in the University under paragraphs 2 and 3 shall have effect without any further assurance, conveyance or other instrument.

5. On the appointed day, all outstanding liabilities incurred before that day by the University of Singapore or the Nanyang University shall be transferred to the University and shall thereafter be discharged by the University.

*Transfer of staff*

6. On the appointed day —

- (a) all persons who immediately before that day were members of the teaching staff of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University shall become members of the teaching staff of the University;

- (b) all such other persons, as the Minister may determine, who immediately before that day were employed in any capacity by the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University shall become employees of the University.

7. The persons referred to in paragraph 6 shall hold office or continue to hold office upon the same terms and conditions, as nearly as is practicable, as governed by their appointment immediately before the appointed day.

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued**Legal proceedings*

8. All proceedings by or against the University of Singapore or the Nanyang University which are pending on the appointed day may be carried on, completed and enforced by or against the University.

*Existing Statutes, Acts and regulations*

9.—(1) All Statutes and Acts of the University of Singapore in force immediately before the appointed day shall, until amended or revoked, continue in force on and after that day as if they were statutes made under the University Constitution but shall be construed with such modifications and adaptations as the circumstances may require.

(2) All regulations of the University of Singapore in force immediately before the appointed day shall, until amended or revoked, continue in force on and after that day as if they were regulations of the University but shall be construed with such modifications and adaptations as the circumstances may require.

*Students' Union and constituent bodies*

10.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), on the appointed day the National University of Singapore Students' Union and its constituent bodies shall be deemed to be constituted by Statute XX of the University of Singapore as if that Statute had been made under the University Constitution.

(2) The Minister may by rules made under section 17 of this Act provide for the first Management Committee of the Union and for such other matters as he considers necessary or expedient in effecting the transition from the University of Singapore Students' Union and the Nanyang University Students' Union to the National University of Singapore Students' Union.

(3) On the appointed day, all property, assets, rights, obligations and liabilities of the University of Singapore Students' Union and of the Nanyang University Students' Union shall be deemed to be the property, assets, rights, obligations and liabilities of the National University of Singapore Students' Union; and the transfer of property and assets to the National University of Singapore Students' Union shall have effect without any further assurance, conveyance or other instrument.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

Section 18(4).

## REGISTER OF GRADUATES, ETC.

1. In this Schedule, “appointed day” means 8th August 1980.
2. The Registrar of the University shall maintain a Register of Graduates which shall consist of —
  - (a) the names of all persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Guild of Graduates of the University of Singapore and of all persons on whom degrees of the University of Singapore had been conferred by virtue of section 18(2) of this Act;
  - (b) the names of all persons who immediately before the appointed day were members of the Guild of Graduates of the Nanyang University and of all persons on whom degrees of the Nanyang University had been conferred by virtue of section 18(2) of this Act; and
  - (c) the names of all graduates of the University.
3. The Register of Graduates may be in such form as the Council may determine but shall be divided into 3 Parts, as follows:
  - (a) Part A shall contain the names of all persons specified in paragraph 2 (a);
  - (b) Part B shall contain the names of all persons specified in paragraph 2 (b); and
  - (c) Part C shall contain the names of all graduates of the University.
4. Any person whose name is on the Register of Graduates may receive such documents or other papers of the University as the Council may from time to time determine.
5. The Registrar of the University shall continue to maintain a register of members of the Nanyang University who immediately before the appointed day were on the register of subscribers of the Nanyang University kept under section 10 of the Nanyang University Act, repealed by this Act.

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