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PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Miscellaneous Departmental Notices

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT, No. 16 OF 1978

ORDINANCE made by the University Grants Commission under section 48A read with section 18 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, as amended by Act No. 7 of 1985.

M. D. G. ABEYRATNE,
Secretary,
University Grants Commission.

Colombo, 1st October, 1987.

Ordinance

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Faculty of Graduate Studies Ordinance No. 93 of 1987, and shall come into force on 1st October, 1987 and shall apply to all Faculties of Graduate Studies established under Section 48A (1) of the Act.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate instrument a Faculty of Graduate Studies (hereinafter referred to as the "Faculty") established under section 48A (1) of the Act shall be the administrative centre for promoting research and providing courses of study leading to higher degrees, and other academic distinctions in such branch or branches of learning as may be agreed upon between the respective University and the Commission.

3. A Faculty shall sponsor, co-ordinate and regulate Postgraduate studies and specialized or multi-disciplinary research carried out within the University and shall subject to the direction and control of the Senate of the University concerned shall have the power to—

- (a) admit students for postgraduate study, other than those admitted to Postgraduate Institutes affiliated to Universities;
- (b) prescribe requirements for admission, course requirements, course contents and schemes of examination;
- (c) regulate teaching and research in the University;
- (d) recommend persons for appointment as examiners;
- (e) recommend students for the award of higher degrees and other academic distinctions;
- (f) promote inter-faculty and intra-faculty collaboration in postgraduate teaching and research;

(g) encourage scholars to undertake research and provide necessary facilities for such research and for the dissemination of knowledge; and

(h) establish and maintain links with other graduate faculties and schools, research Institutions and Universities both here and abroad.

4. (1) There shall be a Dean of the Faculty who shall be a full-time Officer of the University and the academic and administrative Head of the Faculty.

(2) The first Dean of the Faculty shall be appointed by the Commission. Every subsequent Dean shall be appointed by the Council from a panel of three names recommended to the Council by the Board of Graduate Studies.

(3) The Dean of the Faculty shall hold office for a period of three years reckoned from the date of his appointment and shall, unless removed from office—

(a) in the case of the first Dean by the Commission on a vote of censure passed by not less than two thirds of the total membership of the Commission, at a special meeting convened for the purpose; and

(b) in the case of every subsequent Dean by the Council on a vote of censure passed by not less than two thirds of the total membership of the Council at a special meeting convened for the purpose, be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) A person appointed as Dean of the Faculty shall, on appointment, cease to hold office as Head of Department, or Dean of a Faculty of the University, as the case may be, if he holds such office at the time of appointment as Dean of the Faculty.

(5) If the Dean by reason of illness, absence from Sri Lanka or other cause, is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Council shall make arrangements as it may think fit for carrying on the duties of the office of Dean.

(6) On the retirement or resignation of the Dean of the Faculty or in the case of his inability to perform the duties of his office for a period exceeding three months, the post of Dean shall be deemed to be vacant and a new Dean shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.

(7) A Dean who resigns or is removed from office may, if he was a member of the staff of a Higher Educational Institution immediately prior to his appointment as Dean, revert to his substantive post in such Higher Educational Institution, provided that he has not completed his sixty-fifth year.

5. (1) Each Faculty shall have a Board of Graduate Studies (hereinafter referred as the "Board") consisting of the following persons:

- (a) The Dean of the Faculty who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The Dean or one representative from each Faculty of the University other than the Faculty;
- (c) Directors of Postgraduate Institutes affiliated to the University;
- (d) Three members nominated by the Council of the University;
- (e) Two members, not being members of the staff of the University, nominated by the Senate of the University;
- (f) One representative nominated by the Council with the concurrence of the Commission from among teachers at postgraduate level in the Boards of Study in the Faculty.

(2) The Registrar of the University, or an officer nominated by the Vice-Chancellor shall serve as the Secretary to the Board.

(3) The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be one half of its membership.

(4) The Board may co-opt one or more than one person for a specific purpose and for a specified period but no person so co-opted shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Board.

(5) Any member of the board may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the Dean of the Faculty:

Provided however that, if any member vacates his office prior to the expiry of his term, his successor shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for the unexpired period of the term of office of his predecessor:

(6) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting the members present shall elect from among themselves, a Chairman to preside at such meeting.

(7) The Board shall meet whenever necessary, so however that it meets on not less than ten occasions in each year.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of any appropriate instrument the Board shall have control and general direction of instruction, education, research and examinations of the Faculty, subject to the direction of the Senate.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality if the powers conferred upon it by sub-paragraph (1), the Board shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

- (i) to regulate and determine all matters concerning the Faculty;
- (ii) to recommend to the University, the postgraduate degrees and other academic distinctions which shall be awarded in the several disciplines within the Faculty and the course of study and training to be followed, the examinations to be passed and the other conditions to be satisfied by students who wish to qualify for such degrees, and other academic distinctions;

(iii) to make Rules for any matter in respect of which Rules are authorised to be made;

(iv) to recommend to the Senate and Council schemes of re-organisation of existing disciplines of study in a Faculty;

(v) to determine, subject to the general direction and control of the Senate, the requirements for admission or registration of students to a Faculty;

(vi) to recommend to the Senate the names of persons suitable for the award and grant of postgraduate degrees, and other academic distinctions, and

(vii) to appoint an Academic Consultative Committee, and such number of Sub-Committees as it may deem fit;

(viii) to make recommendations to the Senate in respect of the following matters—

(a) syllabuses, courses of study, teaching and research in any branch of learning;

(b) facilities for inter-disciplinary studies and inter-faculty collaboration in postgraduate teaching and research; and

(ix) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to the powers, duties and functions aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the Faculty.

7. (1) The Faculty shall have such number of Boards of Study as may be agreed upon from time to time by the University and the Commission:

Provided however that, a Faculty shall have initially any or all of the following Boards of Study—

- (i) Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies;
- (ii) Historical and Social Studies;
- (iii) Religious and Philosophical Studies;
- (iv) Languages and Cultural Studies;
- (v) Development Studies;
- (vi) Legal Studies.

(2) Each Board of Study shall have a Chairman appointed by the Board from among the Research Professors and Senior Fellows on the recommendation of the Dean.

8. Each Board of Study shall exercise, perform and discharge the following powers, duties and functions:—

(a) to consider and report on any matter referred to it by the Board;

(b) to present recommendations and reports to the Board on all matters connected with the courses of study, teaching programme or programmes and examinations of that Board of Study;

(c) to appoint committees, for the purpose of considering and reporting on any special subject or subjects;

(d) to recommend to the board the requirements for the admission of students to courses of study and examinations;

(e) to recommend to the Board, persons suitable for recognition as teachers and examiners;

(f) to recommend to the Board, persons who having passed the prescribed examinations and having satisfied other prescribed conditions, are eligible for the award of Postgraduate degrees and other academic distinctions;

(g) to recommend to the Board, the names of persons suitable for the award of fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals and other prizes; and

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(i) to recommend to the Board schemes for the re-organization of existing Boards of Study, and the organization of new boards of Study.

Commission. Every subsequent teaching appointment shall be made by the Council.

9. The permanent-teaching staff of the Faculty shall consist of the following—

11. In this Ordinance—

(a) Research Professors appointed by the Council from the Faculties of the University for a period of three years from among persons of outstanding academic achievement;

“Act” means the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 as amended by Universities (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 1985;

(b) Senior Fellows appointed by the Council from outside for a period of two years;

“Appropriate Instrument” means any Order, Ordinance, by Law or Rule made in accordance with the Act;

(c) Fellows appointed by the Council—

“Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the Act;

(i) from the Faculties of the University for a period of three years;

“Fellow” means a Senior Lecturer or Lecturer of outstanding academic achievement;

(ii) from outside for a period of two years;

“Research Professor” means a Professor or an Associate Professor who has made a significant contribution in his field of study by way of research;

(d) Such other Staff as may be appointed by the University with the concurrence of the Commission.

“Senior Fellow” means Professor or Associate Professor of outstanding academic achievement.

10. The first teaching staff of the Faculty shall be appointed by the Council with the concurrence of the

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