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Governor.

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ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 1963.

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA ORDINANCE, 1963.

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the establishment and incorporation of the University of Guyana and for matters connected therewith.

[19th April, 1963.]

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1963

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the University of Guyana Short title. Ordinance, 1963.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the University;
- “Principal and Vice Chancellor”, and “Bursar” respectively mean the Principal and Vice Chancellor, and Bursar of the University;
- “Board of Governors” and “Academic Board” respectively mean the Board of Governors and Academic Board of the University;
- “Statutes” means Statutes made under this Ordinance;
- “University” means the University of Guyana.

Incorporation.

3. There shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded a University by the name and style of “University of Guyana” by which name the Chancellor, Principal and Vice Chancellor and all other persons who are for the time being members of the University pursuant to this Ordinance and the Statutes shall be and are hereby constituted and incorporated into one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a common Seal with the power to assume Armorial Bearings and with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and in that name to sue and be sued in all manner of actions and suits with power to take, purchase, hold and also to grant, demise or otherwise dispose of movable and immovable property and to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

Aims.

4. The aims of the University are to provide a place of education, learning and research of a standard required and expected of a university of the highest standard, and to secure the advancement of knowledge and the diffusion and extension of arts, sciences and learning throughout British Guiana.

Eligibility.

5. Men and women shall be eligible for admission to and as students of the University and for appointment to any Authority, office or employment of or under the University.

No religious,
political or
racial test.

6. No religious, political or racial test shall be imposed on or required of any person in order to entitle him to be a student or member of the University or to occupy any position in or on the staff of the University.

Authorities.

7. The Authorities of the University shall be the Board of Governors, the Academic Board, the Guild of Graduates and such other bodies as the Board of Governors may by statute prescribe.

Colleges.

8. There may be established from time to time Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Education and such other Colleges authorised by the Board of Governors.

Chancellor.

9. (1) The Chancellor shall be the Head and Chief Officer of the University and President of its Board of Governors and Guild of Graduates.

(2) A person appointed Chancellor shall hold office for the period expressed in his instrument of appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(3) The first Chancellor shall be Edgar Mortimer Duke, Esquire, C.B.E., LL.B.

10. (1) The Principal and Vice Chancellor shall be the academic and executive head of the University. In the absence of the Chancellor he shall exercise all the functions of the Chancellor except the hearing of appeals and such other functions as may specifically be allocated by Ordinance or Statute to the Bursar. He shall confer Degrees in the absence of the Chancellor. Principal and Vice Chancellor.

(2) The first Principal and Vice Chancellor shall be Lancelot Hogben, Esquire, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., LL.D.

11. The teachers shall be the Professors, Readers, Lecturers, and such other persons as may be designated teachers by the Statutes. The teachers shall be appointed and shall hold office in accordance with the Statutes. Teachers.

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Board of Governors shall have power to do or provide for any act or thing in relation to the University which it considers necessary or expedient in its capacity as the governing body of the University, and the conferring of particular powers on the Board of Governors by other provisions of this Ordinance shall not be taken to limit the generality of this section. Board of Governors.

(2) The Board of Governors shall consist of —

- (a) the Chancellor, and the Principal and Vice Chancellor, who shall be members of the Board of Governors by virtue of their office;
- (b) not more than two persons to be nominated by the Academic Board when it shall have been constituted;
- (c) not more than two persons to be nominated by the Guild of Graduates when it shall have been constituted; and
- (d) ~~not more than ten~~ persons appointed by the Council of Ministers.

(3) A member of the Board of Governors other than the Chancellor, or Principal and Vice Chancellor, shall hold office for the time specified in the instrument appointing him, but in no case, unless re-appointed, shall he continue as a member after the expiration of three years from the date of his appointment.

(4) A member of the Board of Governors shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) In the absence of the Chancellor, or Principal and Vice Chancellor, from a meeting of the Board of Governors the members present may elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

(6) The Council of Ministers may by order vary, alter, amend or rescind the provisions of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of this section, or any of them.

(7) An order made under the provisions of the preceding subsection shall be of no effect unless approved by a resolution of the Legislature.

Academic Board.

13. The Academic Board shall be the Academic Authority of the University and shall, subject to the Statutes and the control and approval of the Board of Governors, regulate and superintend the education and discipline of students of the University.

Disciplinary powers of Academic Board.

14. The Academic Board shall have power to deprive any person on whom the University has conferred any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction who shall have been convicted of a crime, or in its opinion shall have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct, of any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction conferred by the University, and of all privileges enjoyed by him in virtue thereof, subject to such right of appeal to the Board of Governors and from the decision of the Board of Governors to the Chancellor as may be provided by the Statutes. The Academic Board shall have the power to restore to any person any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction of which he may have been deprived in any case where it considers it fit to do so.

Vacancies in Board of Governors or Academic Board not to affect competence.

15. The Board of Governors and the Academic Board shall be competent to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their respective membership (including any vacancy not filled when either Board is first constituted or is reconstituted at any time) or among the officers of which they are comprised.

Guild of Graduates.

16. There shall be a Guild of Graduates which shall be represented on the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall prescribe the qualifications, obligations, and privileges of membership of the Guild of Graduates.

Power to confer degrees, etc.

17. The University shall be both a teaching and an examining body and shall, subject to this Ordinance and the Statutes, have the following powers, rights and duties —

- (a) to grant and confer, under conditions laid down by the University, Degrees and other academic distinctions to and on persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by the University and shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by the University;
- (b) to admit graduates of other universities to Degrees of equal or similar rank in the University;
- (c) to confer Degrees of the University on any persons who hold office in the University as Professors, Readers, Lecturers or otherwise, or who shall have carried on

research therein under conditions laid down by the University;

- (d) to grant Diplomas, Certificates or other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University under conditions laid down by the University;
- (e) to confer Honorary Degrees and other distinctions, provided that all Degrees and other distinctions so conferred shall be conferred and held subject to any provisions which are or may be made in reference thereto by the University;
- (f) to deprive any person, on what the University shall deem to be good cause, of any Degree, Diploma, Certificate or other distinction granted to or conferred on him by the University;
- (g) to provide instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as the University may determine;
- (h) to accept the examinations and periods of study passed by students of the University at other Universities or places of learning as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University as the University may determine, and to withdraw such acceptance at any time;
- (i) to affiliate or to be affiliated to other institutions or branches or departments thereof and to recognise selected members of the staffs thereof as teachers of the University, and to admit the members thereof to any of the privileges of the University, and to accept attendance at courses of study in such institutions or branches or departments thereof in place of such part of the attendance at courses of study in the University and upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as may from time to time be determined by the University;
- (j) to conduct examinations;
- (k) to institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships, and any other such offices required by the University and to appoint to such offices;
- (l) to institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries and Prizes;
- (m) to establish and maintain and to administer and govern institutions for the residence of the students of the Uni-

versity whether College Halls or Houses, and to license and supervise such institutions and other places of residence whether maintained by the University or not so maintained;

- (n) to make provision for research and advisory services and with these objects to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies as may be thought desirable;
- (o) to provide for the printing and publication of research and other works which may be issued by the University;
- (p) to demand and receive fees: provided that the University may waive payment of fees, whether in respect of tuition, examination or otherwise;
- (q) to act as trustees or managers of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University, and to invest any funds representing such property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift, if not immediately required, on such security as the University may deem fit;
- (r) to do all such other acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University.

Site of University.

18. The University and the institutions pertaining thereto shall be at such places as the Board of Governors may, from time to time, determine.

Statutes.

19. The Board of Governors shall make Statutes prescribing or regulating, as the case may be, its powers and duties as well as the composition, constitution, powers and duties of all other Authorities of the University and all other matters relative to the Board of Governors and to the other Authorities and to the objects of the University which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed or regulated and shall have power to alter, amend or repeal any such Statutes.

Regulations.

20. The Board of Governors may make regulations to direct and regulate, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and to the Statutes, the University and its Authorities and members.

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E. V. VIAPREE,
Acting Clerk of the Legislature.

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