



## GUYANA

BILL No. 17 OF 1977

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977  
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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## A BILL

## Intituled

AN ACT to amend the University of Guyana Act for the purpose of changing the name of the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana, to confer certain functions on the Pro-Chancellor of the University and for matters connected therewith.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1977

1. This Act may be cited as the University of Guyana (Amendment) Act 1977. Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the definitions of the expressions "Principal and Vice Chancellor" and "Bursar" and the substitution of the following definitions — Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.

‘ “Pro-Chancellor” means the Pro-Chancellor of the University;

“Principal and Vice-Chancellor” means the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University;’ ’.

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion of the word “Pro-Chancellor.”. Amendment of section 3 of the Principal Act.

4. The Principal Act, including the Statutes made thereunder, are hereby amended by the substitution of the word “Council” for the words “Board of Governors” wherever they appear therein. General amendment of the Principal Act.

5. Section 9 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution of the following subsections, respectively, therefor — Amendment of section 9 of the Principal Act.

“(1) Subject to this section, the Chancellor shall be elected by the Council to hold that office for the period prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) The Chancellor shall be the Head and Chief Officer of the University and President of its Council and Guild of Graduates.”.

6. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion of the following section as section 9A immediately after section 9 — Insertion of section 9A in the Principal Act.

- “Pro-Chancellor 9A (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be elected by the Council from among members of the Council to hold that office for the period prescribed by the Statutes.
- (2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall perform the functions of the Chancellor.”.

**Amendment  
of section  
10 of the  
Principal  
Act.**

7. Section 10(1) of the Principal Act is hereby deleted and the following subsection substituted therefor —

“(1) The Principal and Vice-Chancellor shall be the academic and executive head of the University and he shall be appointed by the Council on the terms and conditions determined by the Council; in the absence of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, he shall perform the functions of the Chancellor.”.

**Amendment  
of section  
12 of the  
Principal  
Act.**

8. Section 12 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the addition of the words “the Pro-Chancellor” immediately after the words “the Chancellor,” in subsection (2) (a);

(b) by the deletion of subsection (3) and the substitution of the following subsection therefor —

“(3) A member of the Council appointed under paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of subsection (2) shall, subject to subsection (4), hold office for the period specified in the instrument appointing him, being not more than three years from the date of his appointment, but he shall be eligible for reappointment.”

(c) by the deletion of subsection (6) and the substitution of the following subsection therefor —

“(6) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor and the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, from a meeting of the Council, the members of the Council present ~~may~~ elect one of their number to preside at the ~~meeting~~.”.

9. Section 15 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "of them" for the word "Board".

Amendment  
of section 15  
of the  
Act.

10. (1) The change of name of the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana effected by this Act shall not prejudice or affect any subsisting rights or obligations or anything which remains to be done or forborne to be done by the Council by virtue of its previous name and the Council may exercise all existing rights, powers and privileges in its name.

Savings.

(2) Any reference to the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana in any written law, instrument or document of any kind shall be construed as a reference to the Council of the University of Guyana.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make provision for the re-designation of the Board of Governors of the University of Guyana as the Council of the University (clauses 4,9 and 10).

The Bill also contains express provisions for the election of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, the appointment of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the conferring of certain functions on them (clauses 6 to 8).

Provisions for the election and appointment of these officers of the University are now contained in the Statutes of the University. It is considered that it is more appropriate for those provisions to be included in the University of Guyana Act, Chapter 39:02, in respect of the high offices of Chancellor and Principal and Vice-Chancellor to which express reference is made in the Act, and also in respect of the office of Pro-Chancellor.

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