

# PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

BILL NO. 02 OF 2014

## THE LAHORE GARRISON UNIVERSITY BILL 2014

A  
Bill

*to provide for the establishment of the Lahore Garrison University.*

**Preamble.**— Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Lahore Garrison University in the private sector and connected matters;  
It is enacted as follows:—

### CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be cited as the Lahore Garrison University Act 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.**— In this Act—

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "Authority" means an Authority of the University specified in section 17;
- (c) "Board" means the Board of Governors of the University;
- (d) "Chancellor" means the Governor of the Punjab;
- (e) "chairperson" means the head of a department, principal of a constituent college or director of an Institute;
- (f) "constituent college" means a college maintained and administered by the University;
- (g) "Controller of Examinations" means the Controller of Examinations of the University;
- (h) "Dean" means the head of a faculty of the University;
- (i) "department" means a teaching department maintained and administered by the University in the prescribed manner;
- (j) "faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments as prescribed;
- (k) "Government" means Government of the Punjab;
- (l) "Higher Education Commission" means the Higher Education Commission established under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (m) "Institute" means an Institute established, maintained and administered by the University;
- (n) "prescribed" means prescribed by the rules, statutes or regulations;
- (o) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University;
- (p) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to the Act;
- (q) "Search Committee" means the Search Committee constituted by the Board for making recommendations for appointment of the Vice Chancellor;
- (r) "Society" means the Lahore Garrison Education Trust, a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860);
- (s) "statutes", "regulations" and "rules" mean respectively the statutes, regulations and rules made under the Act;
- (t) "teacher" includes a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer engaged whole time by the University and such other person as may be prescribed;
- (u) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the University;
- (v) "University" means the Lahore Garrison University established under the Act; and
- (w) "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

### CHAPTER II THE UNIVERSITY

**3. Establishment of the University.**— (1) The Government shall, by notification, establish a University to be called the Lahore Garrison University with its campus located in Lahore.

- (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 University;
- (v) promote the 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 University 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 an ancillary function.

**5. University open to all.**— (1) Subject to the reasonable restrictions as may be prescribed, the University shall be open to all persons and admission to the University shall not be denied on the basis of gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile.

(2) The 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 University shall be restricted to the Province of the Punjab.

(2) The University shall not open any sub-campus for a period of ten years from the commencement of this Act after which period it may open a sub-campus with the approval of the Chancellor.

### CHAPTER III OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

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

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

(2) The 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 University.

(7) The Vice Chancellor shall, within three months of the end of an academic year, submit the annual report of the University before the Board.

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

**13. Registrar.**— (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, appoint a Registrar of the University 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 University and shall—

- (a) be the administrative head of the secretariat of the University and be responsible for the provision of secretariat support to the Board and the Vice Chancellor;
- (b) be the custodian of the common seal and the academic records of the University;
- (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 University in the prescribed manner; and
- (e) perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

(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 Vice Chancellor, appoint a Controller of Examinations of the University 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 University and shall be responsible for all matters connected with the conduct of examinations and perform such other duties as may be prescribed.

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

**15. Treasurer.**— (1) The Board shall, on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, appoint a Treasurer of the University 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.

(3) The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the University and shall—

- (a) manage the assets, liabilities, receipts, expenditures, funds and investments of the University;
- (b) prepare the annual and revised budget estimates of the University and present the estimates to the Board;
- (c) ensure that the funds of the University are spent according to the budget or any other special arrangement;
- (d) ensure that the accounts of the University 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 assigned to him by the Board.

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

- (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 University 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 University;
- (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 Vice Chancellor 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 the efficient and effective management and functioning of the University.

(3) The Board shall recommend statutes to the Chancellor and the statutes shall come into force if 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 these matters are prescribed, as may be determined by the Board.

(2) The statutes, regulation or proceeding of the Board shall not be invalid 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) the Vice Chancellor (Chairman);
- (b) all the Deans;
- (c) all the chairpersons;
- (d) the Controller of Examinations;
- (e) all the Professors of the University;
- (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 the Higher Education Commission; and
- (j) the 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 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 University.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers and subject to the provisions of this 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;

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

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

## SCHEDULE

(see section 28)

### THE FIRST STATUTES

**1. Faculties.**— There shall be a faculty for a teaching department or a group of teaching departments. The University shall include the following faculties and such other faculties as may be prescribed:—

- (a) faculty of Basic Sciences (Departments of Mathematics and Chemistry);
- (b) faculty of Social Sciences (Department of Psychology);
- (c) faculty of Languages (Department of English Language and Literature); and
- (d) faculty of Computer Sciences (Department of Information Technology).

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

- (a) the Dean of the faculty;
- (b) the Professors and the chairpersons in the faculty;
- (c) two teachers to be nominated by the Academic Council due 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 University to be appointed by the Board; and
- (e) one member to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor.

(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;
- (b) scrutinize the recommendations of a Board of Studies comprising a faculty with regard to the appointment of paper-setters and examiners for graduate and postgraduate examinations and to forward the panels of suitable paper setters and examiners for each examination to the Vice Chancellor;
- (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.

- (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) the 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;
  - (e) one eminent scholar to be nominated by the Society; and
  - (f) one expert in the subject to be nominated by the Secretary to the Government, Education Department.
- (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 Vice Chancellor 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 University and recommend the names of suitable candidates for such promotion or selection to the Board.

**8. Finance and Planning Committee.**— (1) The Finance and Planning Committee shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice Chancellor (Chairman);
  - (b) all the Deans;
  - (c) the Treasurer;
  - (d) one member of the Board to be nominated by the Board;
  - (e) one member of the Academic Council to be nominated by the Academic Council;
  - (f) one representative each from Education Department and Finance Department of the Government of the Punjab not below the rank of a Deputy Secretary;
  - (g) Director Planning of the Higher Education Commission;
  - (h) the Registrar; and
  - (i) one nominee of the Society.
- (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.