ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS Our Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the approval and support of the Governments of Our several Territories of The West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands has represented unto Us that it is expedient that a Charter of Incorporation should be granted by Us for the purpose of constituting and founding a University within Our Territories of The West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands for the advancement of knowledge, the diffusion and extension of arts, sciences and learning, the provision of liberal, professional and technological education and for the furtherance of the objects for which the University College of the West Indies was incorporated by a Charter granted by Our Royal Predecessor His Majesty King George the Sixth and dated the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine:

NOW, THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain as follows:

1. There shall be and is hereby constituted and founded in Our Territories of The West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands a University by the name and style of "The University of the West Indies" (hereinafter referred to as "the University") by which name the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and all other persons who are for the time being members of the University pursuant to this Our Charter 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 power subject to the Customs and Laws of Arms to acquire Armorial Bearings (which shall be duly recorded in Our College of Arms) 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 real and personal property and to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

2. The objects of the University are:

(*a*) To provide a place or places 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 Our Territories of The West Indies, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands.

(*b*) To continue and expand the work and activities hitherto carried on by the University College of the West Indies and to take over its rights, property, liabilities and engagements.

3. The University shall be both a teaching and an examing body and shall subject to this Our Charter and the Statutes, have the following powers:

(*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. Provided that Degrees representing proficiency in technical subjects shall not be conferred without proper security for testing the scientific or general knowledge underlying technical attainments and provided further that at least one external and independent examiner shall be appointed by the Senate for examinations in each subject or group of subjects forming part of the course of studies required for University Degrees, excluding the examinations for matriculation in 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*) On what the University shall deem to be good cause to deprive any person 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, including therein the University College of the West Indies, 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 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 and to examine and inspect schools and other educational institutions and for such purposes to cooperate with other authorities.

(*k*) To enter into an agreement with the University College of the West Indies for the incorporation of that College in the University and for taking over its rights, property, liabilities and engagements.

(*l*) To enter into any agreement for the incorporation in the University of any other institution and for taking over its rights, property, liabilities and engagements, and for any other purpose not repugnant to this Our Charter.

(*m*) To institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and any other such offices required by the University and to appoint to such offices.

(*n*) To institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries and Prizes.

(*o*) To establish and maintain and to administer and govern institutions for the residence of the students of the University 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.

(*p*) 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.

(*q*) To provide for the printing and publication of research and other works which may be issued by the University.

(*r*) To demand and receive fees.

(*s*) 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.

(*t*) 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University and in the exercise of the Visitorial Authority from time to time and in such manner as We or They shall think fit may inspect the University, its buildings, laboratories and general work, equipment, and also the examination, teaching and other activities of the University by such person or persons as may be appointed in that behalf.

7. The Authorities of the University shall be the Council, the Senate, the Guild of Graduates and such other bodies as may be prescribed by Statute.

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

(2) The first Chancellor shall be Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., V.A. and she shall hold office until her death or resignation.

9. (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be the academic and executive head of the University and 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 are specifically allocated in this Our Charter and in the Statutes to the Pro Chancellor and the Treasurer. He shall confer Degrees in the absence of the Chancellor.

(2) The first Vice Chancellor shall be Our trusty and well beloved William Arthur Lewis, Esquire, B.Com., M.A., Ph.D., Hon. L.H.D., Hon. LL.D., Principal of the University College of theWest Indies.

10. There shall be a Pro Chancellor who shall in the absence of the Chancellor act as Chairman of the Council.

11. There shall be a Treasurer who shall be appointed in such manner and with such powers and duties as may be prescribed pursuant to the Statutes.

12. (1) There shall be Pro Vice Chancellors in such numbers as shall be determined by the Council from time to time, who shall, subject to the Statutes, in the absence of the Vice Chancellor or during a vacancy in the office of Vice Chancellor exercise all the functions of the Vice Chancellor.

(2) The Pro Vice Chancellors shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Statutes.

13. The Council shall be the governing and executive body of the University with power to manage all matters not provided otherwise by this Our Charter or the Statutes.

14. The Senate shall be the academic authority of the University and shall subject to the Statutes and the control and approval of the Council regulate and superintend the education and discipline of students of the University.

15. The Senate shall have the 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 Council and from the decision of the Council to the Chancellor as may be provided by Statute. The Senate 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.

16. There shall be a Guild of Graduates which shall be represented on the Council. The qualifications for and obligations and privileges of membership of the Guild of Graduates shall be such as may be prescribed by Ordinance.

17. The Council and Senate and the Guild of Graduates shall be competent to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their respective membership, or amongst the officers of which they are comprised, or any irregularities subsequently discovered in the election or appointment of any of their respective members.

18. (1) The Statutes shall prescribe or regulate as the case may be the composition, constitution, powers and duties of the Authorities of the University and all other matters relative to the Authorities which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed or regulated.

(2) The first Statutes shall be those set forth in the Schedule to this Our Charter.

(3) The Council may from time to time by Special Resolution make new or additional Statutes or alter, amend or repeal existing Statutes to give effect to this Our Charter and its provisions.

(4) The power of the Council to make Statutes shall not be limited by, or with reference to, the first or any subsequent Statutes or to the several matters therein dealt with.

(5) All Statutes which are not repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter shall be operative and have effect when allowed by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which allowance a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

(6) In this Our Charter "Statutes" means the first Statutes set forth in the Schedule hereto, and any Statutes altering, amending, adding to or repealing the same or any of them which may hereafter be made and allowed in manner aforesaid.

19. The Council and the Senate respectively may from time to time make Ordinances and Regulations respectively to direct and regulate (subject to this Our Charter and to the Statutes) the University and its Authorities and members. The power to make Ordinances and Regulations shall include the power to add to, amend, alter or repeal any Ordinances and Regulations theretofore made.

20. (1) The Council may at any time alter, amend or add to this Our Charter and the provisions thereof by a Special Resolution in that behalf, and such alteration, amendment, or addition shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual, so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted, and made as so altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

(2) This Article shall apply to this Our Charter, as altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

21. In this Our Charter the expression "Special Resolution" shall have the meaning assigned to the expression in the Statutes.

22. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that these Presents shall ever be construed benevolently, and in every case most favourably to the University and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the second day of April in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

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THE SCHEDULE

STATUTES

STATUTE 1

Definitions

1. In these Statutes:—

"University" means the University of the West Indies.

"University College" means the University College of the West Indies.

"Charter" means the Royal Charter of the University.

"Council" means the Council of the University.

"Senate" means the Senate of the University.

"Faculty" means a Faculty of the University.

"Graduate" means a member of the Guild of Graduates of the University.

"Statutes" means the Statutes of the University.

"Ordinances" means Ordinances made by the Council pursuant to the Charter or Statutes.

"Regulations" means Regulations made by the Senate pursuant to the Charter or Statutes.

2. Words defined in the Statutes shall have the same meaning in the Ordinances and Regulations unless the context be repugnant thereto.

STATUTE 2

The Members of the University

1. The following persons shall be Members of the University:—

The Officers of the University namely:

The Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Pro Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Pro Vice Chancellors and the Deans of the Faculties.

The Members of the Council.

The Members of the Senate.

The Registrar.

The Librarian.

The Emeritus Professors.

The Members of the Academic Staff.

The Wardens or other Chief Officers of Halls of Residence maintained or licensed by the University.

The Graduates.

Such other Teachers and Officers as may under the Ordinances be granted the status of Members.

The Undergraduates.

2. Membership of the University shall continue so long only as one at least of the qualifications above enumerated shall continue to be possessed by the individual member.

3. The Council on the recommendation of the Senate shall have the power to declare such other persons Members of the University as it shall deem fit.

STATUTE 3

The Chancellor

1. Successors to the first Chancellor shall be elected by the Council.

2. The Chancellor shall hold office during his life or until his resignation.

3. The Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

STATUTE 4

The Vice Chancellor

1. Successors to the first Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council after consideration of a Report from a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate.

2. The Vice Chancellor shall hold office for such period and upon such terms and conditions as shall subject to the Charter and the Statutes be determined by the Council.

3. The Vice Chancellor shall exercise general supervision over the educational arrangements of the University and shall supervise the admission of students. He may without assigning any reason refuse to admit any person as a student.

4. The Vice Chancellor shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Senate and of all Committees of the Council and the Senate. He shall in the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro Chancellor and the Treasurer act as Chairman of the Council.

5. The Vice Chancellor shall maintain and promote the good order of the University for which he shall be responsible to the Council. He shall have the power of suspending any student from any class or from the University, and of excluding any student from the precincts of the University or any part thereof for such period as he may think fit. He shall report any such suspension or exclusion to the Senate at its next meeting.

6. The Vice Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

STATUTE 5

The Pro Chancellor

1. The Pro Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor and in the absence of the Chancellor shall act as Chairman of the Council.

2. The Pro Chancellor shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

3. The Pro Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Chancellor.

STATUTE 6

The Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Chancellor.

2. The Treasurer shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

3. The Treasurer shall receive on behalf of the University all moneys and property payable or deliverable to the University and his receipt shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

4. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Council and in the absence of the Chancellor and the Pro Chancellor shall act as Chairman of the Council.

5. The Treasurer may resign by writing addressed to the Chancellor.

Statute 7

The Pro Vice Chancellors

1. The Pro Vice Chancellors shall from time to time be appointed by the Council from among the members of the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor.

2. The Pro Vice Chancellors shall hold office for such periods and upon such conditions as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Council.

3. A Pro Vice Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

Statute 8

The Deans of the Faculties

1. The Dean of each Faculty shall be appointed by the Senate on the nomination of the Board of that Faculty from among the members of the Faculty, except in the case of the first Dean who shall be appointed by the Senate on the nomination of the Vice Chancellor.

2. The Dean of each Faculty shall hold office for such period and upon such conditions as to re-appointment or otherwise as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Senate.

3. The Dean shall be the Chairman of the Board of the Faculty and an ex-officio Member of all Committees of the Faculty.

4. A Dean may resign his office by writing addressed to the Senate.

Statute 9

The Registrar

The Council shall from time to time after consideration of a Report from a Selection Board appropriate to a professorial post appoint a Registrar of the University who shall act as the Secretary of the Council and of the Senate and either by himself or his deputy, as Secretary of each Faculty. He shall have such other duties, such remuneration and such terms and conditions of service as the Council shall deem fit.

Statute 10

Other Officers

The Council shall from time to time appoint such other Officers as may be deemed necessary with such duties at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions of service as the Council shall deem fit provided that no academic officer shall be appointed except on the recommendation of a Selection Board.

Statute 11

Auditors

1. The Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint one or more persons as Auditors. No person shall be appointed Auditor:

(*a*) who is or any of whose partners is a member of the Council or staff of the University, or

(*b*) who is not a competent accountant of high standing and in the active practice of his profession.

2. Each Auditor shall hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council and shall be eligible for re-appointment. He shall receive such remuneration as shall be determined by the Council.

3. Each Auditor shall have the right of access at all reasonable times to such books, records, accounts and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to require from the Officers of the University such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his duties.

4. If the office of an Auditor shall become vacant by his death or resignation or any other cause before the expiration of his period of office the Council shall forthwith appoint an Auditor in his place for the remainder of such period.

5. An Auditor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

Statute 12

The Council

1. The First Council shall be a temporary Council and the members shall hold office for such period (not exceeding fifteen months) as shall be necessary to enable a Council to be constituted as provided in this Statute. The First Council shall be composed of the members of the Council of the University College at the date of the granting of the Charter. Members of the First Council shall be eligible for service on any subsequent Council.

2. The Council (other than the First Council) shall consist of the following persons:

(*a*) Members ex-officio: the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Pro Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Pro Vice Chancellors, the Deans of the Faculties.

(*b*) Seven members elected by the Senate from among the members of the Senate, provided that the Senate shall not elect any person as a Member of the Council if, as a result of such election, the number of members of the Senate of professorial rank serving on the Council would exceed four.

(*c*) Four graduates appointed by the Guild of Graduates from among their own number.

(*d*) One member appointed by the Federal Government of The West Indies and one by the Government of each of the Territories of Antigua, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad and Tobago to the number of fourteen in all.

(*e*) Not more than seven persons appointed by the Chancellor.

3. The periods during which Members of the Council respectively shall hold office shall be as follows:

(*a*) The Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Pro Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Pro Vice Chancellors and the Deans of Faculties shall hold office during the time they occupy the positions named respectively.

(*b*) Every Member of the Council appointed under paragraphs (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of section 2 of this Statute shall hold

office for such time from the date of his appointment as may be determined by the body or person by which he was appointed and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(*c*) Of the seven Members of the Council elected by the Senate the two with the longest service since election shall retire each year, and, if there are more than two Members of equal length of service, in the absence of agreement between themselves the person or persons to retire shall be chosen by lot. A Member of the Council elected by the Senate who retires pursuant to this paragraph shall not be eligible for re-appointment as a Member of the Council until the expiration of one year from the date upon which he ceases to be a Member of the Council.

(*d*) Subject to the provisions of Article 18 of the Charter, and after consideration of a Report from the Senate, to make new or additional Statutes, or alter or amend existing Statutes.

(*e*) To make Ordinances for any purpose in respect of which Ordinances may be made, provided that no Ordinance shall be made until the Senate has had an opportunity of reporting thereon.

(*f*) To govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University and for that purpose to appoint bankers and any other officers or agents whom it may deem expedient to appoint.

(*g*) To take over all rights, property, liabilities and engagements of the University College.

(*l*) To provide for the welfare of all persons in the employment of the University, or formerly in the employment of the University or of the University College, and the wives, widows and dependants of such persons, including the payment of money, pensions or other payments, and to subscribe to benevolent and other funds for the benefit of such persons.

(*m*) To enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University.

(*n*) To select a Seal, Arms and Mace for the University and to have the sole custody and use of the Seal.

(*o*) To promote and to make provision for research within the University.

(*p*) To determine the terms and conditions of service upon w[illegible]