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Background

The Board of Governors shall provide guidance to the Institute on its day-to-day activities.

Terms of Reference

Subject to the overall control and direction of the University Council, the Board of Governors shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Give policy directions including but not limited to strategic plan, sustainability, linkages/partnerships, financial thresholds, as deemed necessary to carry out the functions of the institute;

b. To consider and report to the council on all proposals involving finance and administration of property;

c. To approve the admission of persons as members of the institute other.

d. To approve, on the recommendation of the Professional and Academic Board, the granting of the status of Associated Institution to any institution;

e. To request and receive from the Director and consider reports on the work of the institute;

f. To provide for the council a report of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Governors;

g. To carry out any other functions conferred upon the Institute by the Law or the Statutes or delegated to the Board of Governors by the Council; and

h. To appoint from its own members or otherwise such committees as may be deemed expedient, and to delegate to any such committee any functions which the Board of Governors is competent to perform.

Membership

a. Vice Chancellor - Chairman

b. Director of Institute

c. Representative of Council
d. Representative of Senate
e. Representative of Congregation
f. Representative of two (2) relevant MDAs on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor
g. Representative of the Scientific Staff of the Institute
h. Representative of the Industry
i. Representative of the Community, i.e., Civil Society Organizations, Professional Associations, etc.
j. Institute's Secretary – Secretary to the Board

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Background

The Professional and Academic Board (P&A B) is charged with advising the Institute on research strategy and maintenance of academic and professional standards that will enhance the Institute's reputation as a leading research and innovation entity. The Board will ensure that the Institute's activity is aligned with its vision and mission.

Terms of Reference

a. Provide a strategic oversight on research priorities of the institute by undertaking periodic reviews to ensure it is in line with vision and missions of the Institute.

b. Provide guidance for sustainability by identifying emerging trends and opportunities in areas of the institute's mandates, resource allocation and the development of new teaching and research programs.

c. Advice the Institute's management on funding opportunities and strategies for financial sustainability.

d. Ensure human resource and capacity building by supporting professional development of researchers through mentorship and training initiatives.

e. Ensure that all new teaching and research proposals meet high scientific and ethical standards.

f. Oversee that the Institute's policies on research integrity, quality management system, data management, intellectual property rights and other ethical issues are in line with the university, national and international standards.

g. Develop and implement policies related to research ethics, intellectual property, and compliance with internal and external regulations.

h. Facilitate partnerships with relevant industry and government bodies nationally and internationally.

i. be responsible for defining its research direction, quality of research and services (internal and external quality assurance).

j. Foster collaboration with other research units in the university, nationally and internationally.

Membership

a. Director of Institute - Chairman
b. Deputy Director
c. Representative of Senate
d. Representative of Congregation
e. Representative of the Scientific Staff
f. Representatives from the following faculties:
   - Agriculture
   - Life Sciences
   - Medicine
   - CBRT
   - Veterinary Medicine
   - Pharmaceutical Sciences
   - Social Sciences
   - Law
g. Institute's Secretary (Secretary to the Board)

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