Federal Law No 2 of the year 1988

The following is the text of Federal Decree - Law No. 2 of the year 1988 as it appears in the official Gazette No. 193, in the eighteenth year, Rabih Al-Awal 1409H., corresponding to October 1988.

Federal Decree Law No. 2 of the year 1988
Concerning the Establishment and Organization of
the System of Higher Colleges of Technology
in the United Arab Emirates

We, Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, having examined the Provisional Constitution, and

Having viewed Federal Law No. (1) of the year 1972 dealing with the jurisdictions of the ministries and the powers of the ministers, and the revised laws thereof, and

In view of the proposal made by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and the approval of the Cabinet,

We have promulgated the following decree-law:

Article (1)

A System called "The System of Higher Colleges of Technology" shall be established in the United Arab Emirates which shall be an independent academic body corporate with headquarters based in the city of Abu Dhabi.

Article (2)

The purpose of the System is to train and prepare nationals in order to provide technological personnel and to meet the country's requirements within its general policy framework.

Article (3)

The Supreme Chancellor of the University shall be the Chancellor of the System of Higher Colleges of Technology.
The Governing Council of the System shall be as follows:

1. the System Chancellor - Chairman;
2. the Ministries concerned;
3. U.A.E. University;
4. the sectors of industry, agriculture, finance and services whose membership shall be for two years, renewable;
5. the Vice Chancellor of the System - Member and Secretary of the Council.

The members of the Governing Council shall be appointed by a resolution issued by the Cabinet, after nomination by the Chairman following consultation with the parent bodies of the proposed members.

The responsibilities of the Governing Council shall be as follows:

1. Establishing the plans and policies of the Higher Colleges of Technology and ensuring their implementation in accordance with the needs and development requirements of the country.
2. Establishing the System Regulations and Organization.
3. Determining the financial rules and regulations regarding staff recruitment including salaries, allowances, increases etc. and other personnel matters, all of which are subject to the approval of the Cabinet.
4. Preparing the annual budget and final accounts of the System.
5. Determining the instructional programs to be offered by the System and the duration of such programs.
6. Determining the admission and academic policies as well as the examinations and graduation requirements.
Fixing the fees, incentives and awards given to the students.

Proposing the establishment of new colleges within the System or modification to existing colleges.

Determining the fields of study available in the Colleges, and approving the curriculum and educational courses and programs together with the related educational requirements and training.

Awarding certificates and diplomas and determining the equivalent foreign certificates and diplomas.

Approving the annual academic calendar.

Setting the rules and regulations for the management and investment of System funds.

Accepting gifts, grants, bequests, endowments, etc.provided that they do not conflict with the objectives of the System.

Co-operating with Federal and Provincial establishments as well as the private sector in order to make the best use of the available resources for training and employing the graduates of the System.

All other matters that are defined in law to be the concern of the Board.

Dealing with other matters which are referred by the Chairman to the Council.

The Governing Council upon invitation from its Chairman shall meet at least twice during the academic year. It shall meet further upon the request of at least half of the members. A vote of a majority of those present shall be required for any decision. In the event of an equal number of votes, the side on which the Chairman voted shall prevail.

The Governing Council may delegate some of its powers to the Chairman.
Article (8)

The System will have an independent budget which will be annexed to the general state budget.

Article (9)

The revenue of the System will consist of:

1. The annual appropriations reserved for the System within the general state budget.
2. The savings realized in the System budget during the previous years.
3. Proceeds from fixed and moveable assets.
4. The tuition fees assessed by the Council.
5. Gifts, bequests, subsidies and other revenue which the Governing Council decides to accept.

Article (10)

The System shall manage its funds and finances in accordance with the terms and requirements of the accounting and financial procedures of the System.

Article (11)

The System shall have a Vice Chancellor whose status shall be equivalent to Under Secretary. His appointment shall be by a Federal Decree issued upon the recommendation of the Chancellor.

Article (12)

1. The establishment and location of colleges in the U.A.E. shall be determined by the Governing Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Chancellor.
2. A director shall be appointed for each College by decision of the Chairman of the Governing Council following approval by the Council.
Article (13)

The Colleges of the System shall prepare and qualify nationals who hold the High School General Certificate or equivalent to obtain professional or technological qualifications in the fields of specialization determined by the Governing Council and endorsed by the Chairman of the Council.

Article (14)

The internal regulations of the Colleges shall be issued by the Chairman of the Governing Council, based on recommendations from the College Councils and a proposal from the Vice Chancellor.

Article (15)

The Chancellor shall award professional and technological diplomas and certificates upon approval of the Governing Council and in accordance with the executive regulations pertaining to such matters.

Article (16)

All ministries, public and private establishments and organizations in the U.A.E. shall provide the support required to enable the System to achieve its objectives.

Article (17)

The By-Laws and System Regulations under this law shall be issued as a decision by the Chairman of the Governing Council upon the approval of the Council.

Article (18)

This law shall be published in the official gazette and shall take effect on the day that it is published.

Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates
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