



**STATUTES OF
THE COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY**

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STATUTE I

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1. PREAMBLE

The Copperbelt University (CBU) was established by the Parliament of Zambia as a Public University on 1st December 1987 by Act No. 19 of that year. The Council of the University was established as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name. During 1987, the Government reconstituted the University of Zambia at Ndola into the Copperbelt University (the University of Zambia at Lusaka became The University of Zambia). CBU has several campuses and schools (faculties) including Business, Built Environment, Engineering, Graduate Studies, Mathematics & Natural Sciences, Medicine, Mines and Mineral Sciences, Natural Resources, Humanities and Social Sciences and Information and Communications Technology, thereby offering a wide range of programmes leading to qualifications up to Doctorate level.

CBU is the second largest public University in Zambia. In 2022, the Higher Education Authority awarded CBU the prestigious TIER 1 Higher Education Institution status of the Zambia Qualifications Framework (ZQF 10). CBU'S transformational vision is to continue being a premier institution in teaching, research and innovation for national development and underpinning this vision is the motto "*Knowledge and Service.*"

2. INTERPRETATION

In the Copperbelt University Statutes, unless the context indicates otherwise: -

"academic staff" means any person appointed by the Council to a teaching or research position in the University and includes the Vice-Chancellor, a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professors, Associate Professors, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and such other categories of teaching and research staff as the Council may designate;

"Act" means the Higher Education Act No. 4 of 2013 as read with the Higher Education (Amendment) Act No. 23 of 2021;

"administrative, professional and technical staff" means the staff appointed in the University in the libraries, information and communication technology services and in academic, administrative, support and service departments who are not academic staff;

"affiliated institution" means a college or higher education institution affiliated to a public or private higher education institution in accordance with the Act;

"campus" means the University premises at Kitwe or any division of the University with its own premises but administratively joined to the Seat of the University;

"centre" means an establishment of a higher education institution which conducts specialised programmes normally oriented to providing services including teaching or research or advocacy;

"certificate" means a certificate of the University awarded to a student on completion of the work prescribed for the certificate by the Senate;

"Chancellor" means the person appointed in terms of paragraph 3 of the third schedule of the Act and paragraph 1 of Statute IV;

"constituent college" means a college, institution or school registered or declared by statutory order as a constituent college of the University under section 38A of the Act;

"Council" means the Council of the University as provided for in section 24 (1) of the Act;

"Dean" means a person appointed in terms of paragraph 24 of the third schedule of the Act and as laid down in paragraph 13 of Statute IV;

"degree", means a degree of the University conferred upon a student at a graduation ceremony on completion of the work prescribed for the degree by the Senate;

"department" means a teaching or research unit of the University recognised as a component of a school, institute, directorate or bureau;

"Deputy Vice-Chancellor" means a person appointed in terms of paragraph 6 of the third schedule of the Act and paragraph 3 of Statute IV;

"diploma" means a diploma of the University awarded to a student at a Graduation Ceremony on completion of the work prescribed for the diploma by the Senate;

"Director" means a person appointed in terms of paragraph 24 of the third schedule of the Act and as laid down in paragraph 13 of Statute IV;

"Directorate" means an establishment which conducts specialized programmes normally oriented to providing services including teaching, research or advocacy;

"Disciplinary Committee" means the Copperbelt University Disciplinary Committee established in terms of paragraph 22 of the third schedule of the Act and paragraph 20 of Statute IV;

"EMC" means the Executive Management Committee of the University established in terms of paragraph 1 of Statute V;

"examination" means any form of assessment, including any written, oral, practical or clinical test or assessment where the result obtained contributes to, or constitutes the result for a course;

"function" includes capacities, duties and roles;

"GMC" means the General Management Committee of the University established in terms paragraph 2 of Statute V;

"graduate" means a person upon whom a certificate, diploma or degree has been conferred by a University;

