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1966, No. 7

An Act to amend the Universities Act 1961

[2 September 1966]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Universities Amendment Act 1966, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Universities Act 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Constitution of Curriculum Committee—Section 27 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) The Curriculum Committee shall consist of:

“(a) The Chairman of the University Grants Committee, who shall be the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee:

“(b) The Vice-Chancellor of each of the Universities:

“(c) The Principal of Lincoln College:

“(d) The Director-General of Education:

“(e) Six professors, who shall be appointed by the University Grants Committee, and of whom there shall be one from the University of Canterbury or Lincoln College and one from each of the other Universities:

“Provided that the University Grants Committee shall not make any such appointment until it has first received and considered any recommendation that may be made in that behalf by the Vice-Chancellors Committee unless that Committee, having had reasonable opportunity to make such a recommendation, has failed to do so.”

3. Quorum for Curriculum Committee—Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection (1) the words “five members shall form a quorum”, and substituting the words “seven members shall form a quorum”.

4. Passing of resolutions of Curriculum Committee without a meeting—(1) Section 29 of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By inserting in the proviso to subsection (1), after the words “any member of the Curriculum Committee”, the words “or his duly authorised agent”:

(b) By omitting from subsection (2) the word “seven”, and substituting the word “eight”:

(c) By adding to subsection (2) the following proviso:

“Provided also that a resolution under this section may be signed on behalf of any member (other than a member appointed under paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 27 of this Act) by his duly authorised agent, being either—

“(a) A person acting pursuant to section 8 of this Act or any corresponding provision of any other Act; or

“(b) A person appointed for the purpose by the member and whose appointment has been notified in writing by that member to the Chairman of the Curriculum Committee.”

(2) Section 29 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Any notice under the first proviso to subsection (2) of this section requiring any matter to be determined at a

meeting of the Curriculum Committee may be given by any member of that Committee either in person or by his duly authorised agent."

5. Course regulations—Section 31 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection (7), and substituting the following proviso:

"Provided that, in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any student, the published course regulations may be made effective from a date, specified in a resolution of the Curriculum Committee, which may be before the date of their publication."

6. Constitution of Universities Entrance Board—(1) Section 38 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (c) of subsection (2), and substituting the following paragraph:

"(c) Five persons who shall be appointed by the Minister and each of whom shall be an officer of the Department of Education or a teacher at a secondary school or department or registered private secondary school."

(2) Section 38 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (4), and substituting the following subsection:

"(4) The Chairman or any other member of the Universities Entrance Board who is unable to be present at a meeting of the said Board or any committee thereof may appoint, to attend the meeting in his place, some person who is eligible to be appointed as a member of the Board in the same manner as the Chairman or member was appointed. The fact that any person so attends shall be sufficient evidence of his authority to do so; and, while attending, he shall be deemed to be a member of the Board or committee, as the case may be."

7. Functions and powers of Universities Entrance Board—

(1) Section 41 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (c) of subsection (1), and substituting the following paragraph:

"(c) To prescribe the conditions of examination in respect of the following examinations, namely, the University Entrance Examination, the Entrance Scholarships Examination, the University Bursaries Examination, the Fine Arts Preliminary Examination, and

such other examinations as it considers necessary to its functions, and to conduct such examinations; and for these purposes to make regulations, draw up prescriptions, and appoint examiners, assessors, and moderators:”.

(2) Section 41 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (f) of subsection (1), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(f) To award bursaries and scholarships (including University Junior Scholarships) on the results of the Entrance Scholarships Examination; and to make regulations governing the number, value, and other conditions of any such bursaries and scholarships:

“Provided that any regulations governing the number, value, and tenure of scholarships awarded from funds made available by the University Grants Committee shall not come into force unless and until they receive the consent of the University Grants Committee:”.

(3) Section 41 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection (4).

8. Repeals—The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing sections 55 and 56.

This Act is administered in the Department of Education.
