L.N. 123 of 1995

EDUCATION ACT

(CAP. 327)

Ġian Franġisk Abela Junior College Regulations, 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Education Act, the Minister of Education and Human Resources has made the following regulations:—

Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Ġian Franġisk Abela Junior College Regulations, 1995.

Status of Junior College.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Education Act and of these regulations, the school known as Ġian Franġisk Abela (hereinafter referred to as the Junior College) appearing in Schedule II to the Education Act, shall continue as a separate body corporate having the Statute set out in the First Schedule to these regulations, and shall be incorporated under that Statute with the University of Malta.

Exercise of the Minister's powers.

3. The University shall provide the head and teaching staff of the Junior College who shall be accountable to the Minister in accordance with section 25 of the Education Act through the Board of the Junior College established in the Statute of the said Junior College.

Continuance of School Council.

4. (1) There shall continue to be a School Council for the Junior College as provided in section 23 of the Education Act, and the said School Council shall continue to have the functions set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 24 of the said Act, provided that the School Council shall submit the report referred to in paragraph (c) of the said section through the Board of the Junior College established in accordance with the Statute of the said Junior College.

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(2) The provisions of the School Council Regulations, 1993, shall continue to apply to the School Council of the Junior College subject to the modification as set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations.

The Junior College to continue to use assets.

5. The Junior College shall continue to make use of the property moveable and immovable hitherto used by it.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

Statute of the Ġian Franġisk Abela Junior College

1. The Ġian Franġisk Abela Junior College, hereinafter referred to as the Junior College, is hereby incorporated in the University of Malta, and shall also be responsible for the Foundation Studies Centre.

2. The Aim of the College shall be to initiate students who have completed secondary schooling in the methods of study appropriate to tertiary education and to assist them generally in their personal development.

3. The College shall be governed by a Board.

(a) The Board shall be composed as follows:

(i) the Rector of the University or his deputy who shall be the Chairman;

(ii) the Principal of the College, (who shall be *ex-officio* Vice-Chairman), the Vice-Principal and the Area co-ordinators appointed in accordance with this Statute;

(iii) two members elected by and from the academic staff of the Junior College;

(iv) two members elected by and from the students of the Junior College;

(v) two members appointed by the Minister responsible for Education;

(vi) three members appointed by the Senate of the University from the Humanities area, the Sciences area and the student representatives on Senate, respectively;

(vii) the Head of the Academic Division of MATSEC.

The Registrar or his deputy shall be the Secretary of the Board.

(b) The Board shall meet at least once every three months.

4. The functions of the Board shall be —

(a) to propose Regulations to Senate and make bye-laws as may be required for the attainment of the aim stated above and to carry out and organise activities ancillary or conducive to such aim;

(b) to consider the annual budget for submission to the Council of the University and monitor the general and financial administration of the college;

(c) to recommend to Council of the University nominees for the posts of Principal, Vice-Principal and area co-ordinators;

(d) to appoint subject co-ordinators on the recommendation of the Principal after consultation with staff concerned;

(e) to ensure collaboration with the MATSEC Board, the Education Division and analogous bodies.

5. (1) The College shall have a Principal and Staff.

(a) The Principal shall be appointed by the Council of the University (for a period of four years) from amongst area and subject co-ordinators on the recommendation of the Board and shall be responsible for the day to day administration of the College. The Principal shall be eligible for reappointment.

(b) The Vice-Principal shall be appointed by Council of the University in like manner and shall assist and deputise for the Principal.

(c) The area co-ordinators shall be appointed by Council of the University for a period of four years, on the recommendation of the Board after hearing a report by the Principal on his consultations with the subject co-ordinators concerned. The area co-ordinators shall be eligible for reappointment.

(d) The subject co-ordinators shall be appointed by the Board for a period of four years after hearing a report by the Principal on his consultations with the staff concerned. Subject co-ordinators shall be eligible for reappointment.

(e) Other academic members shall be appointed by Council of the University in terms of Statute 7.

(f) Other non-academic staff shall be appointed by Council of the University in accordance with Statute 8.

(2) In addition the College shall make use of the services of the University's administrative, financial, library and other operational support staff.

6. Amendments to this Statute may be proposed by the Board for the consideration and transmission by the Council for the approval of the Minister responsible for Education.

7. Transitory Clause:

Until such time as the constitution of the Board and the appointment by Council of the University of a Principal, and Vice-Principal, subsequent to the recommendations of the Board are concluded, the said Council may appoint two Vice-Principals instead of a Principal and a Vice-Principal.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 4)

1. (1) The School Council of the Junior College (hereinafter referred to as "the College Council") shall continue to be administered according to the Guidelines on the Work and Administration of School Councils (hereinafter referred to as "the Guidelines") in Schedule I of the School Council Regulations, 1993 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Regulations") and according to the Financial Rules for School Councils (hereinafter referred to as "the Financial Rules") in Schedule II of the principal Regulations subject to the following adaptations and modifications applicable to the College Council.

(2) In the Guidelines and in the Financial Rules any reference to "the Head" or to "the Head of School" shall be read and construed as a reference to the Principal of the Junior College.

2. (1) The provisions of paragraph 2.1 of the Guidelines shall not apply to the College Council.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 2.2 of the Guidelines, if a member of the College Council resigns from the Council, the Minister of Education shall be informed in writing by the Secretary/Treasurer as soon as possible through the Board of the Junior College (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") and when the President of the College Council resigns, the resignation should be sent to the Minister through the Board.

3. For the purposes of paragraph 3.10 of the Guidelines, the President of the College Council is also to have access to the Rector of the University.

4. (1) The references in paragraph 4.7 of the Guidelines to "Department regulations" and to "the Department" shall be read and construed as references to "University regulations" and to "the Board" respectively.

(2) The Annual Report referred to in paragraph 4.9 of the Guidelines shall be submitted to the Minister of Education through the Board.

5. (1) The funds referred to in paragraph 5.2 of the Guidelines could also include those passed on to the Junior College and to the College Council by the University.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 5.5 of the Guidelines, the permission of the University shall also be required.

(3) The reference to the Minister of Education in paragraph 5.9 of the Guidelines shall be read and construed as a reference to the Board.

6. The report referred to in paragraph 7.1 of the Guidelines is to be sent by the College Council to the Minister of Education through the Board and the College Council shall be accountable to the said Minister through the same Board.

7. (1) In paragraph 9.2 of the Guidelines the reference to the Department of Education shall be read and construed as a reference to the Board.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 9.3 of the Guidelines, the College Council shall alert the Minister of Education through the Board and any acknowledgement and communication by the said Minister to the College Council shall therefore also be made through the Board.

8. Any problems as those referred to in paragraph 10.2 of the Guidelines shall be reported by the College Council to the Board through the Secretary-Treasurer/Principal.

9. (1) In paragraphs 1.5 and 1.9 of the Financial Rules, the references to the Director General of Education shall be read and construed as references to the Board.

(2) Paragraph 1.8 of the Financial Rules shall apply to items which had not been acquired by the Junior College or by the College Council through the Education Department or through the University and in the same paragraph for the words "(vide Inventory Regulations 5.1)" there shall be substituted the words "of the University" for the purposes of this Schedule.

(3) In paragraph 1.9 of the Financial Rules, the references to the Director General of Education shall be read and construed as references to the Board.

10. (1) Paragraph 2.1 of the Financial Rules shall not apply to the College Council.

(2) The accounts mentioned in paragraph 2.4 of the Financial Rules shall be rendered to the Minister of Education through the Board.

(3) The financial records of the College Council shall be available for the purpose of paragraph 2.6 of the Financial Rules through the Board.

11. In paragraph 3.1 of the Financial Rules, references to the Director General of Education shall be read and construed as references to the Board and the reference in subparagraph (iv) thereof to the issue of a departmental or Treasury call for tenders shall not apply.

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