

AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN LOFA COUNTY

Whereas having been fully guaranteed by the constitution of Liberia for equal access to educational privileges and facilities for its citizenry;

Whereas the constitution of the Republic of Liberia lays emphasis on mass Education for Liberians;

Taking into consideration the inevitable needs for the creation of a Community College in order to enhance higher education as well as the essence for decentralizing tertiary education in the leeward counties;

Realizing the high level of illiteracy in Liberia which is in contravention to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as the Poverty Reduction Strategy promulgated by this government;

Now therefore,

It is enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia, in Legislature Assembled:

CHARTER OF THE LOFA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ARTICLE I:

CREATION OF THE LOFA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION I:

The Lofa County Community College with various departments and to be an institution of higher learning, situated in the City of Voinjama, with the view of expansion to other districts of the county is hereby created. The said Community College is hereby granted a charter, which empowers it with all rights, privileges and benefits accorded institutions of higher learning under the Laws of the Republic of Liberia and shall henceforth be known by the name and title, "Lofa County Community College or LCCC."

SECTION II:

LEGAL STATUS

The Lofa County Community College is hereby accorded a legal and corporate entity with permanent existence under the Trustees of the College; shall have the authority to contract, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of competence jurisdiction within the Republic; to purchase or acquire and hold property, real and mixed with a minimum value of one million United States Dollars (US\$1,000,000.00). The said Community College shall be perennially maintained in this county of the Republic for the education of its people and for all who may seek its advantages.

ARTICLE II:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

SECTION I:

The aims and objectives of the Lofa County Community College shall be, but not limited to the following:

- a) To create, establish and implement a co-educational institution of higher learning within Lofa County, Republic of Liberia-and to grant Associate of Arts Degrees wherein graduates from accredited secondary schools may pursue their education in any field of learning provided by the Lofa County Community College;
- b) To provide instructional and learning conditions in all aspects of professional education that will effectively promote the interest, growth and improvement of the Lofa County Community College;
- c) To promote and maintain centers of learning where constituents of all races, classes and creed, gender and ethnic settings can enjoy equal opportunity of learning activities, and
- d) To acquire, establish and maintain such auxiliaries with associated colleges and institutions at locations within the Republic of Liberia as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III:

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

SECTION I:

The governance and control of the Lofa County Community College shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the College which is hereby made a corporate body under the name and style, "the Board of Trustees of the Lofa County Community College" with perpetual succession of members to be selected and appointed as herein provided.

SECTION II:

The LCCC shall have the President of the Republic of Liberia as its visitor and Chairman Ex-officio of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees, as being constituted below, shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Liberia with recommendation from the County authority which include the superintendent, district commissioners, and the County Legislative Caucus. They shall remain in office until their successors are appointed. Members of the Board shall serve a four-year term with good conduct. The following shall constitute the Board:

- a. One person from each of the districts in Lofa County;
- b. One member from the National Commission on Higher Education;
- c. Minister of Education of Liberia as Ex-officio who shall not be appointed or elected to any office of the Board;
- d. The president of the Lofa County Community College;
- e. One member from the civil society;
- f. The president of the Alumni Association of LCCC;
- g. One member from the Honorable House of senate, and
- h. One member from the Honorable House of Representatives.

The visitor, Ex-officio, the Minister of Education (Ex-officio), the President of the Community College (LCCC), and a member of the National Commission on Higher Education shall serve for more than two terms. Unlike the above mentioned, all other members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for only two terms.

Article IV:

THE BOARD'S DUTIES AND POWERS

Section I

The following duties and powers shall be discharged by the Board of Trustees of the Lofa County Community College in accordance with its objectives:

- a) To design policies and regulations for the enlistment, selection and appointment/ employment of faculty and administrative staff, to set bench-marks for instructional courses; to approve appropriate methodologies and measures for admission, to create conducive learning environment and housing facilities for students; and to ensure all other things appropriately in keeping with the conduct of the Lofa County Community College.**
- b) To carve a seal and change same at its will and pleasure.**
- c) To award appropriate Diplomas, Certificates/Associate of Arts Degrees.**
- d) To receive gifts, grants endowments, instruments and/or purchase or otherwise acquire real property and maintain same in consonance with the provisions herein this charter and to use all such properties, personal or real for and by Lofa County Community College in a lawful manner.**
- e) To solicit, sign and carry out contracts and arrangements; to loan /lease real and personal property and to make sure that all deeds, bills of sale or other Instruments in writing the seal of the Board of Trustees of the Lofa County Community College and such shall be considered in law as the act of the said Board, when finally signed and sealed in its corporate name; to sue and be sued, to plead and be Impleaded against in all actions and to indict the same as maybe necessary for final Judgment and to enforce in the name of Lofa County Community College.**

- f) To solicit endowments and supports for the institutions in an effective manner that will promote the interest of the Lofa County Community College, for its growth, as well as the improvement of its Faculty, Staff and Student body.**
- g) To approve and ensure the appointments of Deans, and heads of various Departments and programs, including other members of faculty and Administrative staff upon the nomination by the President of the LCCC.**
- h) To formulate/carve such by-laws, rules and regulations for its necessary governance and as well as that of LCCC.**
- i) To bestow academic honor and degrees granted by LCCC, based on the consent of the President of the LCCC.**
- j) To properly function in accordance with the By-laws, rules and regulations of the LCCC consistent with this charter and the constitution of the Republic of Liberia and to ascertain the necessary and expedient acts for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the objectives and purposes of the said College.**
- k) To verify and approve all budgetary allotments for the smooth operation of LCCC.**

Section II:

The said board above may obtain public lands in various counties and districts of the Republic of Liberia when necessary for the advancement of the objectives and purposes of the LCCC.

Article V:

THE PRESIDENT'S DUTIES:

Section I:

The president of the LCCC shall be solicited for by the Board of Trustees and shall be forwarded to the President of the Republic of Liberia. The Board is to submit to the office of the President of the Republic of Liberia names of candidates for said position of which one of the nominees shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Liberia.

Section II:

The President of LCCC shall serve as an executive officer and as secretary on the Board of Trustees and shall participate in all discussions of to the Board of Trustees of LCCC.

Section III:

The president shall be charged with the responsibility to dispense the affairs of LCCC in keeping with the charter, constitution and by laws of LCCC, and he/she shall be required by the Board of Trustees for an Annual Report/other Reports covering the affairs and activities of the College as may be required by the Board of Trustees of LCCC.

Section IV:

The vice President, Deans, Heads of various departments and other members of Academic and Administrative staff of the LCCC shall be nominated by the President of LCCC to the Board for its approval.

Article VI:

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- A. Department of Liberal Arts and social sciences**
- B. Department of Business and Public Administration**
- C. Department of Science/Agriculture**

The above departments shall be finally changed into Bachelors Degree programs and such other Divisions that shall be organized from time to time by the Board of Trustees of LCCC in advancement of the aims and objectives of LCCC.

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ATTESTATION TO:

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA/ PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



SECRETARY, LIBERIA SENATE, R.L.



SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.



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SIXTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA

SCHEDULE OF THE HOUSE'S ENROLLED **BILL NO.1** ENTITLED:

"AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN LOFA COUNTY"

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR EXECUTIVE
APPROVAL.

APPROVED THIS 14 DAY OF April A.D. 2011

AT THE HOUR OF 11:00 P.M.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA