

DECREE BY THE PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION COUNCIL OF THE ARM FORCES OF  
LIBERIA, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA TO CREATE THE SAINT REGIS UNIVERSITY IN  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

It is hereby decreed by the People's Redemption Council of the Arm Forces of Liberia the as follows:

CHARTER OF THE SAINT REGIS UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I

CREATION OF SAINT REGIS UNIVERSITY

Section 1: - That immediately after the passage of this act and publication in handbill thereof, this is hereby created under the auspices of the Saint Regis University, the Saint Regis University situated, lying and being in Monrovia, Republic of Liberia and United States of America. The Saint Regis University is hereby further granted a Charter which endows it with all rights, privileges and benefits wasting in similar institutions of higher learning within this Republic, and which shall henceforth be known by the name and Title of "SAINT REGIS UNIVERSITY".

LEGAL STATUS

Section 2: - The Saint Regis University is hereby made a legal and corporate entity, with perpetual succession, and shall have the authority to contract, sue and be sued, plea and be impleaded in any court of competent jurisdiction within this Republic; to purchase or otherwise acquire and hold properties, real and mixed up to the value of **TEN MILLION UNITED STATES DOLLARS (US\$ 10, 000, 000. 00)**; the said Saint Regis University shall be perpetually maintained in this Republic and the United States of America for the education of the people of Liberia, of other countries, and for all who may seek its advantages.

ARTICLE II

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SAINT REGIS UNIVERSITY

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Section 1: - The primary objective of the Saint Regis University is to provide education to men and women worldwide;

Section 2: - By providing men and women basic education they will be raised in the knowledge with academic alertness, productivity and social prominence.

### SPECIAL OBJECTIVES

- Section 3: - To help men and women in Liberia to see themselves as persons worthy of responsible participation in homes, schools, communities or nations.
- Section 4: - To develop the total individual so that he can become a loyal citizen and make useful and continuous contributions towards his own development and that of the nation;
- Section 5: - To provide education through the formal and informal process, so as to help them manage, improve their living standard and tackle the immediate problems of literacy, sanitation, food production and preservation.
- Section 6: - To provide Oriental Medicine Doctorate and Alternative Medicine Doctorate so that they can help poor people.
- Section 7: - To provide education in the areas of Technology and Computer Science to help the people of Liberia to improve their standards of living by advantage of electronic communications and creating of jobs in the computer Technology Fields.

### ARTICLE III

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Section 1: - Saint Regis University shall organize the Administrative Board of Trustees.
- Section 2: - Saint Regis University shall appoint the President and Vice President of the University.
- Section 3: - Saint Regis University shall organize the Administrative Board's Committee upon the President of the University's recommendation.
- Section 4: - The President of the University shall organize faculties upon the Administrative Board of Trustee's appointment.
- Section 5: - The President of the University shall appoint administrative staff of the University.

### ARTICLE IV

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 1: - The governance and control of the Saint Regis University shall be vested in the Administrative Board of Trustees, which is hereby made a corporate body under the name and style of the Board of Trustees or the Saint Regis University, with perpetual succession of members to be chosen and appointed as herein provided in this Charter.

#### COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

Section 2: - The Administrative Board of Trustees shall be composed of members nominated by the President of the Saint Regis University ( hereinafter referred to as the "SRU") as when incorporated, where the Saint Regis University is located or situated from among personalities hereinafter set out, and the nominees shall be elected to the board by the Saint Regis University. They shall remain in office until their successors are elected. The President of the SRU, where the University is located or situated, shall serve as the President of the Saint Regis University by the Administrative Board of Trustee, and the following shall constitute the Board:

1. Chairperson
2. Co- chairperson
3. Member
4. Member
5. Member
6. Member
7. Member
8. Member
9. Member

The nine (9) members, and such additional members – at – large; in any case, not exceeding twelve (12) members, shall be nominated and elected from time to time from the followings: The Chairperson shall come from one of the institutions of higher learning in Liberia. The Co-Chairperson shall come from the Education Sector or from the Business Community. One member shall come from the Private Sector. The two Chairpersons of National Legislative Committees on Education shall be the members of the Board of Trustees. One of the members shall be the Executive Officer of the Board of Trustees. One member of the Academic Benchmark Counsel, one member representing the Commonwealth of Dominica, one member from the Community, the President of the Saint Regis University, one member representing the Alumni Association and the President of Student Council.

#### QUORUM

Section 3: - Quorum shall be by simple majority of total membership of the Administrative Board.

#### TERM OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 4: - Members of the Administrative Board, except the Chairperson of the board, the President of the University, shall serve for a four – years term; provided however, that a member may be re – elected. The accepted members shall continue to serve on the board as long as they continue to hold their position and no more.

#### EX – OFFICIO MEMBERS PROXY

Section 5: - Ex - officio members may send a proxy to represent him if extenuating circumstances will not permit him to attend a Committee Meeting, provided the Committee is duly notified in writing two (2) weeks before the meeting takes place. A proxy needs not be a member of the Committee, but should be of the same institution or organization as the Committee member he represents.

## ARTICLE V

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Section 1: - The Administrative Board of the Saint Regis University, shall exercise the following powers and perform the following duties in relationship to the University, and in furtherance of its objectives:

1. To make and use a common seal and to alter same at its pleasure;
2. To provide a faculty, establish courses of instruction; to adopt procedures and standards for admission of applicants to the student body; to provide for proper regulations and control of the students and their housing welfare while in attendance, to grant appropriate diplomas/ degrees and do all other things needed or appropriate in the establishment and conduct of the Saint Regis University herein above named;
3. To take gifts, grants, devise, purchase or otherwise acquire real property and hold same in fees simple or to deal with same in any manner, provided in this article; to take gifts, grants bequest, lease, purchase or otherwise, and estate of interest in real property, including intangibles and to deal with same in any manner provided in this article, and to use property real or personal directly for the Saint Regis University purposes; or to sell, let invest and reinvest or in any lawful manner, exploit such property for the benefit of the Saint Regis University. Income there- from to be applied to the endowment and support of the University in such manner, as all most effectively promote the interest of the University, the growth of the University and the improvement of its faculty and student body.
4. To enter into and execute contracts and agreements, to mortgage real and personal property, and in pursuance therefore, all deeds bills of sale or other instruments in writing the Saint Regis University, and signed by its order shall be considered in law as the act of the said administrative board, when made in its corporate name;
5. To sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded against in all actions, and to prosecute the same when necessary, to final judgment and execution, in the name of the University;
6. With the concurrence of the Education Committee, to approve the appointments of deans and directors of various colleges and members of the faculty and staff upon nomination by the President of the Saint Regis University;
7. To make such By - Laws, Rules and Regulations as may be necessary for itself and for the efficient governance of the University;
8. To confer the usual academic honors and degrees granted by similar institutions upon recommendation of the faculty through the President of the

Saint Regis University, and to confer Honorary Degrees upon the recommendation of the University and approved by the Administration of the Education Committee;

9. To do all other things laid within its By – Laws, and Constitution not inconsistent with these Articles and Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, and to do all other acts necessary and expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the University of similar non – profit making organizations;
10. To fix the time and place for its meetings;
11. To elect its officers and members and establish its standing and special committees;
12. To prepare the Annual Budget of the Saint Regis University for submission to the Committee of the University on Education, and College Division for its approval.

Section 2: - The duties of the members of the Administrative Board of Trustees.

1. The duty of the chairperson of the Administrative Board of Trustees.
  - a. A call of Board Meetings and holding it.
  - b. Appointment of faculties except the President and Vice President of the University.
2. The duty of the Co-chairman of the Administrative Board of Trustees.
  - a. When the Chairperson cannot perform his/her duty, the Co-chairperson of the Administrative Board of Trustees will carry out the Chairperson's duty, and he/she will vote for necessary decision at a meeting.
3. The duty of the Members of the Administrative Board of Trustees
  - a. He/She will vote for necessary decision at a meeting.

Section 3: - The Administrative Board of the Saint Regis University can acquire public lands in the various Counties and Districts of the Republic of Liberia, when necessary, as land grants, from the government of the Republic of Liberia, free of charges and assessment for the furtherance of the objectives of the Saint Regis University and its various divisions.

#### ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:

Section 1: - The President of the Saint Regis University shall be appointed by the University.

Section 2: - The President of the Saint Regis University shall be an executive officer of the Education Committee of the University, and shall participate in all discussions of the Committee.

Section 3: - The President shall have authority to administer the affairs of the University within the framework of this charter, the By-laws and Constitution, the Rules and Regulations of the University and establish policies of the University. He shall submit to the Administrative Board an annual report concerning the activities of the University.

Section 4: - The President of the University shall nominate to the Administrative Board such

members of the faculty as may be required to carry on the work of the University, Deans and Directors of the various colleges, and other members of the faculty for their approval.

## ARTICLE VII COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Section 1: - The following Colleges and Graduate Studies and their Departments shall constitute the Saint Regis University:

### COLLEGES

1. College of Liberia Arts:
  - a. Dept. Early Childhood Education
  - b. Dept. Education
  - c. Dept. English
  - d. Dept. International Law
  - e. Dept. Philosophy
  - f. Dept. Political and Diplomatic Science
  - g. Dept. Psychology and Counseling
2. College of Arts and Sports:
  - a. Dept. Physical Education
  - b. Dept. Music
  - c. Dept. Taekwondo
  - d. Dept. Theatre
  - e. Dept. Animation
  - f. Dept. Fine Arts
3. College of Sciences:
  - a. Dept. Business Administration
  - b. Dept. Civil Engineering
  - c. Dept. Industrial Engineering
  - d. Dept. Information Technology
  - e. Dept. Real Estate Management
  - f. Dept. Social Welfare
4. College of Theology:
  - a. Dept. Theology
5. College of Oriental Medicine:
  - a. Dept. Oriental Medicine
6. College of Alternative Medicine:
  - a. Dept. Aromatherapy
  - b. Dept. Massage & Bodywork Therapy
  - c. Dept. Foot Reflexology
  - d. Dept. Naturopathy
  - e. Dept. Bee Venom Therapy
  - f. Dept. Qigong Therapy
  - g. Dept. Beauty & Skin Care
  - h. Dept. Acupuncture

- i. Dept. Chiropractic
- 7. College of Technology and Computer Science

#### GRADUATE STUDIES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

- 1. Graduate Studies for Liberal Arts
  - a. Early Childhood Education
  - b. Education
  - c. English
  - d. International Law
  - e. Philosophy
  - f. Political and Diplomatic Science
  - g. Psychology and Counseling
- 2. Graduate Studies for Arts and Sports
  - a. Physical Education
  - b. Music
  - c. Taekwondo
  - d. Theatre
  - e. Animation
  - f. Fine Arts
- 3. Graduate Studies for Sciences
  - a. Business Administration
  - b. Civil Engineering
  - c. Information Technology
  - d. Industrial Engineering
  - e. Real Estate Management
  - f. Social Welfare
- 4. Graduate Studies for Theology
  - a. Theology
- 5. Graduate Studies for Oriental Medicine
  - a. Oriental Medicine
- 6. Graduate Studies for Alternative Medicine:
  - a. Aromatherapy
  - b. Foot Reflexology
  - c. Massage & Bodywork Therapy
  - d. Naturopathy
  - e. Beauty & Skin Care
  - f. Bee Venom Therapy
  - g. Qigong Therapy
  - h. Acupuncture
  - i. Chiropractic
- 7. Graduate Studies for Master's Degree in Technology and Computer Science

#### GRADUATE STUDIES FOR DOCTORATE DEGREES

- I. Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Liberia Arts
  - a. Early Childhood Education

- b. English
- c. Education
- d. International Law
- e. Philosophy
- f. Political and Diplomatic Science
- g. Psychology and Counseling
- 2. Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Arts and Sport
  - a. Physical Education
  - b. Music
  - c. Teakwondo
  - d. Theatre
  - e. Animation
  - f. Fine Arts
- Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Sciences
  - a. Business Administration
  - b. Civil Engineering
  - c. Industrial Engineering
  - d. Information Technology
  - e. Real Estate Management
  - f. Social Welfare
- 4. Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Theology
  - a. Theology
- 5. Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Oriental Medicine
  - a. Oriental Medicine
- 6. Graduate Studies for Ph. D. in Alternative Medicine
  - a. Aromatherapy
  - b. Foot Reflexology
  - c. Massage & Bodywork Therapy
  - d. Naturopathy
  - e. Beauty & Skin Care
  - f. Bee Venom Therapy
  - g. Qigong Therapy
  - h. Acupuncture
  - i. Chiropractic
- 7. Graduate Studies for Doctorate Degree in Technology and Computer Science.

The above Colleges and their Departments, and Graduate Studies, shall be established from time to time by the Administrative Board of Trustees, in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the University.

**Section 2: - Distance Learning Program;**

The University offers distance-learning program through post, Internet and Fax for the courses and degrees mentioned in Section 1:

**ARTICLE VIII  
ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMPUS**



Section 1: - The University shall establish its own in campuses in the United States of America and Liberia.

**ARTICLE IX  
EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION:**

Section 1: - All properties belonging to the Saint Regis University and exclusively used for University purposes, as well as all lands held by it, whether improved or unimproved, shall be forever exempted from taxation.

**ARTICLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION:**

Section 1: - This Charter may be amended by the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, on recommendation of the Administrative Board of the Saint Regis University, passed by two third vote of said Administrative Board during its regular meeting.

Section 2: - If any provision of this Charter, or any application of such Provision to any circumstances, whatever, shall be held unconstitutional or void, other than those as to whom it was held, unconstitutional or void, shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3: - This decree shall take immediate effect upon the signature of the Head of State of the Republic of Liberia.

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, NOTWITHSTANDING.

**ISSUED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH A.D. 1984**

CIC DR. SAMUEL K. DOE  
HEAD OF STATE & CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S REDEMPTION COUNCIL OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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