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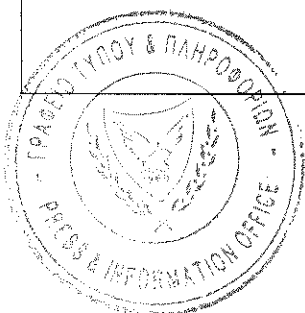
**The Open University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law of 2010 comes into operation  
by publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus in  
accordance with Section 52 of the Constitution**

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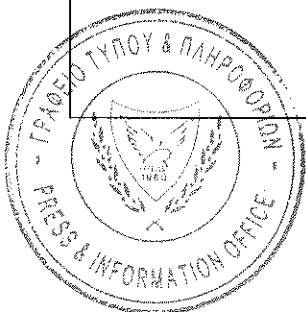
**A LAW AMENDING THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS LAW**

<b>The House of Representatives votes as follows:</b>	
<p>Short title</p> <p>234(I) of 2002</p>	<p>1. The present Law shall be cited as the Open University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law of 2010 and shall be read with the Open University of Cyprus Law of 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the basic law" and the basic law and the present Law shall be referred to together as the Open University of Cyprus Laws of 2002 and 2010.</p>
<p>Amendment of section 12 of the basic law</p>	<p>2. Section 12 of the basic law is amended as follows:</p> <p>(a) With the deletion of paragraph (e) in subsection (2)</p> <p>(b) with the insertion in subsection (4) of the following new paragraph (c), having replaced the full stop at the end of paragraph (b) with a colon, the word "and" is added and the word "and" is deleted at the end of paragraph (a): "(c) the Director of the Educational Material and Educational Methodology".</p>
<p>Amendment of section 18 of the basic law</p>	<p>3. Section 18 of the basic law is amended as follows:</p> <p>(a) With the replacement of paragraph (b) in subsection (2) with the following new paragraph (b): "(b) For the selection of the members of the Academic Research Personnel experience and qualifications in open and distance learning are taken into account".</p> <p>(b) with the insertion in subsection (2) thereof, immediately after paragraph (c), of the following new paragraphs (d) and (e): "(d) The posts for Academic Research Personnel are announced in specific Course Programmes. Depending</p>

	<p>on the needs of the Programme it is possible in the declaration that in the announcement to specialise and/or the subject matter of the post, which must correspond to the content of the particular Thematic Units.</p> <p>(e) In the event Thematic Units or Course Programmes are abolished or merged members of the Academic Research Personnel are immediately integrated into other Thematic Units or Course Programmes, respectively, which are in operation or are to be placed into operation".</p> <p>(c) with the replacement of the words "and have" (fifth line) in paragraph (a) of subsection (6) thereof with the phrase "or doctorates who are members of equivalent academic institutions, and it is desirable to have in addition to academic qualifications".</p> <p>(d) with the insertion to the proviso in paragraph (a) in subsection (6) thereof, immediately after the word "circumstances" (first line) of a comma and the phrase ", and where the nature of the subject matter requires it,"</p> <p>and</p> <p>(e) with the insertion, immediately after subsection (7) thereof, the following new subsection (8):  "(8) In addition to the ranks mentioned in subsection (2), there are Professors Emeritus / Emerita, Research Fellows and Teaching Fellows, who serve in accordance with the terms provided in the Regulations".</p>
<p>Amendment of section 24 of the basic law</p>	<p>4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of article 24 of the basic law is amended by replacing the colon (second line) with a full stop and by deleting the proviso.</p>
<p>Amendment of section 25 of the basic law</p>	<p>Section 25 of the basic law is amended by replacing subsection (1) thereof with the following new subsection (1):  "(1) By decision of the Senate the University may cooperate with other universities and equivalent research institutions in Cyprus or abroad on an undergraduate and postgraduate level, for teaching and research purposes".</p>



<p>Amendment of section 32 of the basic law</p>	<p>6. Section 32 of the basic law is amended as follows:  (a) By replacing subsections (1) and (2) with the following new subsections (1) to (10) and renumbering the existing subsections (3) to (9) to subsections (11) to (17) respectively:</p>
<p>35(I) of 2010</p>	<p>“(1) (a) Within two months from when the present section 6 of the Open University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law of 2010 comes into force the Council of Ministers appoints a Governing Board, which comprises seven to eleven members, mainly of academic background.  (b) The following may not be appointed or continue as members of the Governing Board:  (i) Persons working at the University, other than those expressly referred to in subsection (3);  (ii) persons who are shareholders or hold a post in public or private company administration which transact with or cooperate with on a scientific basis with the University; and  (iii) persons who are relatives through blood or through marriage of the first degree of kindred with members of the academic or administrative personnel of the University”.  (2) One of the Members is appointed President and two as Vice-Presidents.  (3) At least two members of the Governing Board must also be Members of the Academic Research Personnel of the University.  (4) The Members of the Governing Board shall hold office for three years. The Council of Ministers, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may re-appoint the same Members or replace all or any of them.  (5) The Council of Ministers, upon the recommendation of the Minister, may terminate the appointment of any Member of the Governing Board on grounds of public interest or due to conflict of interest or for improper behaviour or for behaviour contrary to the purposes of the Governing Board or due to frequent absences from meetings of the board or due to extensive illness.  (6) Any Member of the Governing Board may resign at any time from his office by submitting a written resignation to the Minister.  (7) The Interim Governing Board, which was appointed by</p>



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virtue of the Open University Law of 2002, shall continue to exercise the duties and powers until the date of appointment of the new Governing Board, under the Open University of Cyprus (Amendment) Law of 2010, by the Council of Ministers:

Provided that the status of Member of the Interim Governing Board does not constitute an estoppel for appointment as a Member of the Governing Board to be appointed by virtue of the Open University (Amendment) Law of 2010.

(8) (a) The Governing Board has all the powers and performs all the duties of the Council and the Senate, until the election of the first Senate and the formation of the first Council of the University, the Deaneries to non autonomous Faculties and the Department of Educational Material and Educational Methodology until its autonomous operation.

(b) Upon the election of the first Senate and the establishment of the first Council of the University, the Governing Board ceases to have any powers or duties automatically under the Open University of Cyprus Laws of 2002 and 2010. The Council of Ministers, by decision, also formally terminates the appointment of the Governing Board.

(9) Until the appointment of the first Rector in accordance with subsection (13) the President of the Governing Board has all the powers and performs all the duties of the Rector.

(10) With the autonomy of three (3) Faculties in accordance with subsection (11) the Governing Board submits a proposal to the Minister to issue an Order for the election of the first Senate and the formation of the first Council of the University:

Provided that for the election of the first Senate it is not necessary to apply all the provisions of subsection (2) of section 12 and the Senate of the University may be formed and comprise:

(a) The Rector and the Vice-Rector, who were appointed under subsection (13);

(b) a member of the Academic Research Personnel of the University of every Faculty"

(b) by deleting the word "Interim" from the margin"

