COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATIONS No. 61/1999
MEKELLE UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHMENT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATIONS

These Regulations are issued by the Council of Ministers pursuant to Article 5 of the Definitions of Powers and Duties of the Executive Organs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 4/1995.

PART ONE
General

1. Short Title

These Regulations may be cited as the "Mekelle University Establishment Council of Ministers Regulations No. 61/1999".

2. Definitions

In these Regulations:
1) "Government" means the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
2) "Board" means the University Board established in accordance with Article 6 of these Regulations;
3) "Senate" means the University Senate established in accordance with Article 8 of these Regulations;
4) "Academic Staff" means any employee engaged in teaching or research activities.
3. Establishment

1. There is hereby established the Mekelle University (hereinafter “the University”) as an autonomous higher education institution having its own legal personality.

2. The University shall comprise the following higher education institutions:
   (a) Mekelle University College;
   (b) Mekelle Business College;
   (c) Other Faculties and Colleges to be established by the Board.

3. The University shall be accountable to the Ministry of Education.

4. Objectives

The University shall have the following objectives:
1) to cultivate, expand and transmit knowledge;
2) to provide education that fully develops the personality and strengthens the respect for human dignity, on the basis of mutual respect, trust, mutual understanding and tolerance, and free from ethnic, nationality, gender, religious or other prejudices;
3) to inculcate the dignity of work and dedication for the well-being of the society;
4) to produce competent persons imbued with a sense of social purpose and trained in science and technology, arts and various professions with a view to enhancing the socio-economic development of the Ethiopian people;
5) to conduct research and studies in different fields that will help in solving societies’ problems and disseminate fruitful results thereof;
6) to provide professional service at regional and national level with a view to accelerating social and economic developments;
7) to provide training and consultancy services, by receiving service fee.

5. Powers and Duties of the University

The University shall have the following powers and duties:
1) to establish and run faculties, colleges and other academic and research units;
2) to design and implement undergraduate and postgraduate programmes;
3) to confer academic certificates, diplomas and degrees as well as medals, prizes and titles for excellence and meritorious contributions;
4) to organize and conduct seminars, workshops and symposia;
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1) The University shall have a Board which consists of a chairperson and members to be appointed by the Government,
2) The Board shall have its own Secretary.

7. Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1) to issue academic and administrative general policies of the University, to render decisions in conformity with Government policies and laws;
2) to determine the organizational structure of the University;
3) to have the Charter of the University which regulates its future organization and administration prepared, and submit it to the Government;
4) to approve ranks of a professorship;
5) to provide consultancy and training services, entering the market, charging appropriate fees;
6) to establish relations with local and foreign sister Universities, research institutions, and other organizations having similar objectives;
7) to establish and publish academic journals and newsletters;
8) to own property;
9) to enter into contracts;
10) to sue and be sued in its own name;
11) to carry out such other activities as are necessary for the attainment of its objectives,
8. Establishment of the University Senate

1) There is hereby established the Senate of the University having the following members:
   (a) President of the University ........... Chairperson
   (b) Vice-Presidents of the University .... Members
   (c) Deans of Faculties .................... Members
   (d) Registrar of the University .......... Member
   (e) Two representatives to be elected by the academic staff of the University ................. Members
   (f) Two Students’ representatives ... Members
   (g) Other appropriate members to be assigned by the Board ................. Members.

2) The Senate shall be accountable to the Board.

9. Powers and Duties of the Senate

Subject to directives issued by the Board, the Senate shall have the following powers and duties:

1) to examine and approve the academic calendar of the University;
2) to approve the University’s various academic programs;
3) to determine the conditions of conferring degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as medals, and prizes;
4) to set criteria for admission of students, determination of academic standards and graduation, and regulate disciplinary matters, to examine and decide on petitions relating to same;
5) to determine the general directions of conducting of examinations;
6) to examine and approve the employment of academic staff of the University;
7) to recommend to the Board the confering of the rank of full professorship;
8) to recommend to the Board the amount of fees to be charged by the University;
9) to determine its own rules of procedure;
10) to perform such other activities as may be assigned to it by the Board.

10. Appointment and Accountability of the University President and Vice-Presidents

1) The president of the University shall be appointed by the Government, and shall be accountable to the Board;
2) The University Vice–presidents shall be appointed according to Article 7 Sub Article (6) of these Regulations; and shall be accountable to the President.

11. Powers and Duties of the President

The President shall be the chief executive of the University, and shall have the following powers and duties:

1) to direct, administer, and supervise the activities of the University;
2) to follow up the implementation of the decisions made by the Board and the Senate;
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4) to approve ranks of a professorship;
5) to have the University plan and budget approved by the Government;
6) to submit for approval the appointment of the vice-presidents to the Ministry of Education;
7) to issue internal administrative regulations which determine conditions of employment and administration of academic staff of the University with due consideration of Government polices and laws;
8) to review decisions rendered by the University or by any organ of the University;
9) to examine and approve academic agreements made between the University and other local and foreign educational institutions;
10) to approve the emblem of the University;
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12) to determine fees to be charged by the University in accordance with directive approved by the Government;
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Powers and Duties of the Vice-Presidents

1) Pursuant to the directives issued by the President, the vice-presidents shall have the following powers and duties;
   (a) to consult and assist the President regarding the affairs of the University;
   (b) to supervise the activities of the organs accountable to them and follow up the implementation of the decisions and directives issued by the Board and the Senate;
   (c) perform such other activities, specifically assigned to them by the Board, the Senate or the President.

2) In the absence of the President, the Academic Vice-President of the University shall direct and coordinate the activities of the University on behalf of the president.

Other Organs of the University

The establishment and function of the various faculties, academic, and research units of the University as well as the appointment of executive organs shall be determined by the Board.

PART THREE
Miscellaneous

14. Budget
The budget of the University shall be drawn from:
   (a) budget allocated by the Government;
   (b) fees collected by the University; and
   (c) any other sources.

15. Books of Accounts
1) The University shall keep complete and accurate books of account.
2) The books of account and financial documents of the University shall be audited annually by the Auditor General or by other auditors designated by him.
16. **Inapplicable Laws**
Any Regulations or directives inconsistent with the provisions of these Regulations shall not be applicable.

17. **Effective Date**
These Regulations shall enter into force as of the date of their publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 22nd day of December, 1999.

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PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA