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An Act to amend the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

- **1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Universities and University Colleges (Amendment) Act 2024.
- (2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* and the Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of different provisions of this Act.

Substitution of section 15A

2. The Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 [*Act 30*], which is referred to as the "principal Act" in this Act, is amended by substituting for section 15A the following section:

"Students' Representative Council or student body may make, etc., collection of money or receive money or other contributions

- **15A.** (1) A Students' Representative Council of the University or any student body of the University may, subject to any written law, make, organize or take part in any collection of money or receive money or any other contributions from any person or body of persons.
- (2) In making or organizing or taking part in any collection of money or receiving money or other contributions from any person or body of persons under subsection (1), the Students' Representative Council of the University or student body of the University shall comply with the regulations as may be prescribed by the Board.
- (3) No student of the University shall make, organize or take part in any collection of money or receive money or any other contributions from any person or body of persons unless the making or organizing of or the taking part in the collection of money or the receiving of money or other contributions is in the name or on behalf of the Students' Representative Council of the University or any student body of the University.
- (4) Any student of the University who contravenes subsection (3) shall be liable to disciplinary action.".

Amendment of section 16B

- 3. Section 16B of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the words "Vice-Chancellor" the words "Student Disciplinary Committee established by the Board";
 - (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words "The Vice-Chancellor who" the words "The Student Disciplinary Committee which";
 - (c) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:
 - "(2A) The Student Disciplinary Committee shall comprise at least three members consisting of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor as the chairman and the employees of the University appointed by the Board.";

- (d) by deleting subsection (3);
- (e) in subsection (3A), by substituting for the words "The Vice-Chancellor, or Deputy Vice-Chancellor, employee or committee of employees delegated with the functions, powers or duties under subsection (3)," the words "The Student Disciplinary Committee";
- (f) in subsection (3D), by substituting for the words "the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, employee or committee of employee, as the case may be," the words "the Student Disciplinary Committee";
- (g) in subsection (4), by substituting for the words "the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, employee or committee of employees, as the case may be," the words "the Student Disciplinary Committee"; and
- (h) by substituting for subsection (8) the following subsection:
 - "(8) No member of the Student Disciplinary Committee shall be a member of the Student Disciplinary Appeal Committee.".

Amendment of First Schedule

- **4.** The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) in section 48—
 - (i) in subsection (4), by substituting for the words "one year" the words "one academic year";
 - (ii) by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection:
 - "(4A) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the Board may reduce or extend the period of membership of the SRC and its office-bearers.";
 - (iii) by deleting subsection (11);

- (iv) by inserting after subsection (11) as deleted the following subsections:
 - "(11A) The University may establish any fund or own any property to be managed or maintained by the SRC in accordance with the financial procedure of the University.
 - (11B) Notwithstanding subsection (11A), the SRC may, subject to any written law, establish, manage or maintain any fund in the manner as may be prescribed in the regulations made by the Board."; and
- (v) by inserting after subsection (12) the following subsection:
 - "(12A) For the purposes of section 15A of the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971, the Board may make regulations to prescribe the manner for the making or organizing of or the taking part in the collection of money or the receiving of money or other contributions by the SRC."; and
- (b) in subsection 49(2), by substituting for the words "(11), (12) and (13)" the words "(11), (11A), (11B), (12), (12A), (13) and (14)".

Saving

5. All disciplinary proceedings taken against students of the University which have commenced and are pending before the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, employee of the University or committee of employees of the University, as the case may be, shall, on the date of coming into operation of this Act, continue to be dealt with by the Student Disciplinary Committee under the principal Act as amended by this Act.