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An Act to provide for certain matters relating to the operation of a university known as the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

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Whereas a company limited by guarantee has been incorporated under the Companies Act 1967 by the name “Singapore University of Social Sciences” having as its objects the establishment, operation, maintenance and promotion of a university in Singapore under the name and style “Singapore University of Social Sciences”.

And whereas it is desirable that statutory provision be made in relation to the operation of the Singapore University of Social Sciences and certain of the powers of the company.

Short title

1. This Act is the Singapore University of Social Sciences Act 2017.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Board of Trustees of the university company mentioned in its constituent documents;

“constituent documents”, in relation to the university company, means the memorandum of association and articles of association of the university company;

“university company” means the company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act 1967 on 14 April 2005 under the name “SIM University”, which is renamed “Singapore University of Social Sciences” on 17 March 2017.

Function of university company

3. The function of the university company is to pursue, within the limits of the financial resources available to it, the objects provided by its constituent documents and, in particular, to confer and award degrees, diplomas and certificates, including honorary degrees and other distinctions.

Accountability and evaluation

4.—(1) The university company must comply with the accountability framework set out by way of a written agreement between the university company and the Minister or any person authorised by the Minister.

(2) The university company must evaluate the performance of its activities in accordance with such quality assurance framework as the Minister may decide.

(3) The university company must participate in the evaluation of its activities by any external review panel that the Minister may commission from time to time.

Directions in respect of policies on higher education in Singapore

5.—(1) The Minister may, in consultation with the university company, establish any policies on higher education in Singapore that the Minister thinks fit and may direct the university company to implement those policies.

(2) The university company must comply with any direction given by the Minister under subsection (1).

Appointment to Board

6.—(1) The Board consists of such number of trustees as the Minister may appoint.

(2) The Minister may, at any time, remove or replace any trustee, or appoint new or additional trustees to the Board.

Consent of Minister

7.—(1) The prior written consent of the Minister is required for —

- (a) the admission of any person as a member of the university company and the removal of any such member;
- (b) the disposal of the whole or substantially the whole of the university company's undertaking or property;
- (c) the voluntary winding up of the university company;
- (d) the addition, deletion or alteration of any provision of the constituent documents of the university company; and
- (e) the removal of any trustee from the Board.

(2) The requirements under subsection (1) apply in addition to the requirements prescribed by the Companies Act 1967 and the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 in respect of the matters in subsection (1)(a) to (e).

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(3) Any act done or agreement made in contravention of subsection (1) has no effect and is unenforceable at law.