

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES ACT 2017

(No. 30 of 2017)

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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 and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

Whereas a company limited by guarantee has been incorporated under the Companies Act (Cap. 50) 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.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Singapore University of Social Sciences Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

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 (Cap. 50) 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 an agreement in writing 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 such external review panel as the Minister may commission from time to time.