

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TARLAC COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4337, June 19, 1965

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, a college to be known as the Tarlac College of Technology; by converting the present Tarlac School of Arts and Trades, located at Tarlac, Tarlac, and the Tarlac National Agricultural School, located at Camiling, Tarlac, as such.

SEC. 2. The Tarlac College of Technology is an effective institution for the Government's moral regeneration and socio-economic programs, as well as for the educational mandate, Article XIV, Section V of the Philippine Constitution. The college aims, among other things, the following:

- To train and develop junior technicians (skilled workers and craftsmen), technicians and technologists needed by industries;
- To train and develop rural industrial leadership for barrio and community industries; and
- To increase productivity by upgrading the technical skills and related knowledge of workers, foremen, supervisors, managers, and executives of industries through adult technical and technological extension courses.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the Tarlac College of Technology by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation.

SEC. 4. On or before the tenth day of June of each year the Board of Trustees shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the College.

SEC. 5. The government of the College is vested in a Board of Trustees to be known as the Board of Trustees of the Tarlac College of Technology. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, the president of the biggest labor union in the service area, the president of the industrial management group in the service area, the Governor of Tarlac, the Director of Vocational Education, and the President of the College, as members.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration:

- To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the College;
- To provide for the establishment of a College of Arts and Trades, a College of Agriculture, College of

Engineering, a College of Architecture and Fine Arts, a College of Forestry, and such other colleges, and schools as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.

- To establish Chairs in the colleges mentioned in paragraph (b) and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such Chairs, as well as to provide for such other positions as professors, assistant professors, instructors, tutors, and lecturers as the progress of the College may make necessary, and to fix the compensation pertaining to such position;
- To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the College, professors, instructors, lecturers, teachers and other employees of the college; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to them in its discretion leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them only for cause after an investigation and a hearing have been had;
- To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the College Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees, and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees; and to remit the same in special cases;
- To provide fellowships and scholarships and to award the same to students showing special evidence of merit;
- To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the College such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the College as defined in Section two of this Act;
- To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations, real and personal property of all kinds, and to administer the same for the benefit of the College or of a department thereof, or for aid of any student, or students, in accordance with the direction or instruction of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 7. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the Chairman or secretary thereof.

SEC. 8. The head of the institution shall be known as the President of the Tarlac College of Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments.

SEC. 9. There shall be a College Council, consisting of the President of the College and of all instructors of the College. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of degrees. Through its president or committee, it shall have disciplinary power over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 10. The body of instructors of each college shall constitute its faculty, and as presiding officer of each faculty there shall be a dean elected from members of such faculty by the Board of Trustees on nomination by the President of the College. In the appointment of professors, instructors, teachers, and other employees of the College, no religious test shall be applied nor shall the religious opinions or affiliations of the instructors of the College be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, That no instructor in the College shall inculcate sectarian tenets in any of the teachings, nor attempt, either directly or indirectly under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Trustees, to influence students or attendants at the College for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 11. Professors, instructors and other personnel of the College shall be exempt from any civil service

examination or regulations as a requisite to appointment and from the Wage Position Classification Office rules and regulations as to salary scales and promotions.

SEC. 12. There shall be a secretary of the College to be appointed by the Board of Trustees. He shall be the secretary of that Board and also of the College, and shall keep such records of the College as may be assigned to him by the Board.

SEC. 13. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex-officio treasurer of the College and all accounts and expenses thereof shall be audited by the Auditor General, and all disbursements shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by him.

SEC. 14. Heads of bureaus and offices of the national, provincial, municipal governments and government corporations and other instrumentalities, upon request of the president of the Tarlac College of Technology, are hereby authorized to loan or make available without cost, laboratory apparatus, shop tools, instruments and equipment and to make available their shop and laboratory and facilities for instructional purposes, and to detail employees for duty at the Tarlac College of Technology, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office such employees can be spared without serious detriment to the public service. Employees so detailed shall perform such duty as is required under such detail, and the time so employed shall count as part of their regular official service.

SEC. 15. The President of the Philippines, the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall constitute a Board of Visitors of the College whose duty shall be to attend the commencement exercises of the College and to make visits at such other times as they may deem proper, to examine the property, course of study, discipline, and the state of finances of the College, to inspect all books and accounts of the institution, and to make reports to the Congress of the Philippines thereon with such recommendations as they may find necessary.

SEC. 16. The Tarlac School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Tarlac and the Tarlac National Agricultural School in the Municipality of Camiling, both in the Province of Tarlac, are hereby abolished.

SEC. 17. The present faculty and employees of the Tarlac School of Arts and Trades and the Tarlac National Agricultural School, including all unexpended appropriations, records, assets, liabilities, properties and equipment, are transferred to the Tarlac College of Technology. Salaries of the personnel shall be adjusted at the discretion of the Board within the amount available for appropriation: Provided, however, That no personnel of the converted schools shall be laid off, demoted in rank or reduced in salary.

SEC. 18. In addition to the present appropriations for the Tarlac School of Arts and Trades and Tarlac National Agricultural School, one million pesos is hereby-authorized to be appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the operation and maintenance of the Tarlac College of Technology during the fiscal year nineteen hundred sixty-six. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the same purpose shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 19. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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