

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, TO BE KNOWN AS PALAWAN TEACHERS' COLLEGE, PROVIDING...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4303, 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. A teachers' college is hereby established in the Municipality of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan, to be known as Palawan Teachers' College which shall offer four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Bachelor of Science in Education, and graduate courses leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science in Education.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said college shall be to provide professional and technical instruction, with special provisions for the non-Christian tribes in the Province of Palawan, and for progressive leadership in the field of elementary and secondary education.

SEC. 3. The head of the college shall be known as the President of the Palawan Teachers' College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments. The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college.

SEC. 4. The government of said college is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees of the Palawan Teachers' College. 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 Director of Vocational Education, the President of the College, and the President of the Palawan Teachers' College Alumni Association, as members.

Members of the Board 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. 5. 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 confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts, and Master of Science in Education, to successful candidates for graduation;
- To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the College, instructors, professors, lecturers, 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 other provisions of law notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

- To approve the curricula 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, fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees, and to remit the same in special cases;
- To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;
- To provide 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 denned in Section two of this Act;
- To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the College or for aid to any student, in accordance with the directions and in-structions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 6. 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 president or secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. On or before the fifteenth 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. 8. There shall be a College Council consisting of the President of the College and all instructors and professors of the college. The Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules of discipline, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the College, as well as for graduation and the receiving of a degree. 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. 9. The body of instructors and professors of the College shall constitute the faculty of the College, with the President of the College as the presiding officer. In the appointment of professors or instructors of the College, no religious test shall be applied, nor shall the religious opinions or affiliations of the faculty of the College be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, That no instructor or professor 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 of attendants at the College for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 10. Professors and other regular instructors in the College shall be exempt as such from any civil service examinations or regulations as a requisite to appointment.

SEC. 11. There shall be a secretary of the College, appointed by the Board of Trustees. He shall be the secretary of such Board and also of the College, and shall keep such records of the college as may be designated by the Board.

SEC. 12. Heads of bureaus or offices of the National Government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the President of the College, such apparatus or supplies as may be needed by the College, and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office such supplies or employees can be spared without serious detriment to the public service.

SEC. 13. The President of the College, with the cooperation of the Division Superintendent of Schools of Palawan, may use one or more of the elementary schools in the Province of Palawan as training or laboratory schools of the college.

SEC. 14. Salaries of the personnel shall be adjusted at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of said college within the amount available for appropriation.

SEC 15. The sum of five hundred thousand pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the establishment, operation and maintenance of the said college during the fiscal year nineteen hundred sixty-six. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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