

AN ACT TO CONVERT LANAOS TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN ILIGAN CITY INTO A VOCATIONAL COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN MINDANAO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FU...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4626, 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. The Lanao Technical School in Iligan City is hereby converted into a vocational college to be known as the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology which shall offer elementary, secondary general, secondary vocational, and normal courses of instruction and also collegiate, agricultural, and industrial courses leading to bachelor degrees. It shall also offer opportunities for manual labor as assistance to self-supporting students.

SEC. 2. The head of the Institute shall be known as the President of the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, in addition to those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college or university.

SEC. 3. The governing body of the Institute shall be the Board of Trustees of the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology. The Board shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be the Chairman, 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 Public Schools, the Director of Vocational Education, the President of the Institute and the President of the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology, as members. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, or in the event that there is no incumbent Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as the chairman of the Board of Trustees. When both the Secretary and the Undersecretary of Education are unable to exercise the powers of the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees of the Institute shall serve without compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or other official business authorized by resolution thereof.

SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended. It shall also have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration:

- To receive and appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Institute;
- To confer certificates, diplomas or degrees upon successful candidates for graduation;
- To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the Institute, teachers, principals, supervisors, instructors, professors, lecturers, and other employees of the Institute, except laborers and student assistants or

student helpers who can be appointed by the President of the Institute; to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, in its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause after due investigation and hearing;

- To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the Institute 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 fellowship for faculty members and scholarships to students showing evidence of special merit;
- To provide rules for its own government, and to promulgate for the government of the Institute such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are necessary;
- To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same and other properties of the Institute for the benefit of the Institute or for aid to any student, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 5. 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. 6. On or before the fifteenth day of the second month following the opening of regular classes of each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, conditions and needs of the Institute.

SEC. 7. There shall be an Institute Council consisting of the President of the Institute and of all instructors and professors of the Institute and the heads of the secondary departments. The Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules of discipline, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the Institute, as well as for graduation and 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. 8. The body of teachers, principals, supervisors, instructors and professors of the Institute shall constitute the faculty of the Institute, with the President of the Institute as the presiding officer. In the appointment of professors or instructors of the Institute, no religious test shall be applied, nor shall the religious opinions or affiliation of the faculty of the Institute be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, That no instructor or professor in the Institute 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 Institute for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 9. Professors and other regular instructors in the Institute shall be exempt as such from any civil service examination or regulations as a requisite for appointment.

SEC. 10. There shall be a secretary of the Institute, to be appointed by the Board of Trustees. He shall be the secretary of such Board and also of the Institute and shall keep such records of the Institute as may be designated by the Board.

SEC. 11. The Lanao Technical School is hereby abolished and all its personnel, unexpended appropriations, proper-ties and other assets are transferred to the Northern Mindanao Institute of Technology.

SEC. 12. The sum of five-hundred thousand pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the purpose of this Act. Thereafter, the necessary funds shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 13. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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