

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHERN MINDANAO NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE INTO THE NORTHERN MINDANAO STATE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXPANDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ITS CURRICU...

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Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Northern Mindanao National Agricultural College , located in the City of Butuan , Province of Agusan del Norte, is hereby converted into the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to in this Act as the Institute.

SEC. 2. The Institute shall primarily provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in agricultural and industrial fields. It shall also promote research, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in the fields of agriculture including agricultural education and home technology, fishery, forestry and industrial education.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present secondary agricultural course and undergraduate course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, the Institute shall offer undergraduate courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, and Bachelor of Science in Forestry; post graduate courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Agriculture and Master of Science in Agricultural Education; courses in fresh-water fish culture and such other degree courses and special courses as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.

SEC. 4. No student shall be denied admission to the Institute by reason of sex, ethnic consideration, or religious belief or affiliation.

SEC. 5. The head of the Institute shall be known as the President of the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, 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. 6. The governing body of the Institute shall be the Board of Trustees of the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology. It shall be composed of the Minister of Education and Culture, who shall be the chairman and the Regional Director of the Ministry of Education and Culture, Regional Development Council Director, the President of the Institute, incumbent Governor of the Province of Agusan del Norte, incumbent City Mayor of Butuan, President of the Alumni Association of the Institute, and four prominent residents of Agusan del Norte who are holders of degrees relevant to the courses offered in the Institute, as members.

Such residents shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines . Of the first group appointed, the President of the Philippines shall designate one to serve for one year; one to serve for two years; one to serve for three

years; and one to serve for four years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case of permanent vacancy, the position shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines. Such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only.

When the Minister of Education and Culture is unable to perform his duties as Chairman of the Board due to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture shall temporarily perform the functions of the Chairman of the said Board.

When both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board shall elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as chairman thereof.

SEC. 7. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation but they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meeting of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution thereof, subject to pertinent budget laws, rules and regulations on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 8. In addition to its general powers of administration, the Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:

- To receive and appropriate for the purpose specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the Institute;
- To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the Institute. It may also confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in agriculture, forestry, industry or public service related to such fields;
- Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, to appoint, upon recommendation of the Institute, the deans of the different schools of the Institute, the registrar, the heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecture and other employees of the Institute; to fix, in accordance with the Office of Compensation and Position Classification rates, their compensation; to prescribe hours of service, duties and the conditions of work as it may deem proper; to grant to 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 an investigation and hearing pursuant to civil service law governing disciplinary action;
- 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 and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees and remit the same to the office or authority concerned;
- To provide fellowships and scholarships for deserving faculty members and students;
- To prescribe rules for its own government and for this purpose, to enact such regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary;
- 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 Institute or of a department thereof, or for aid to any student in accordance with the directions and instruction of the donor, and in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine;
- To include, and absorb in order to maintain the different barangay high schools within the service area of the

Institute in Butuan City, Agusan del Norte; to establish such other branches within the Province of Agusan del Norte as may be necessary and within the limits of its appropriations; and to designate other schools of secondary level as feeder schools;

- To provide vocational training to adult citizens and out-of-school youths; and
- To name after prominent Filipinos or heroes any such building, annex, ground, or branch of the Institute.

SEC. 9. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time the meeting of the Board is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or secretary thereof.

SEC. 10. On or before the fifteenth day of June, of each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit to the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, condition, and needs of the Institute.

SEC. 11. There shall be an Institute Council consisting of the President of the Institute and all members of the faculty of the Institute. 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 Institute, as well as for graduation and the conferring of degrees, subject to review by the Board of Trustees. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of degrees. Through the President of the Institute or a duly authorized committee, the Council shall have disciplinary power over the students within the limits prescribed by the rules of discipline.

SEC. 12. The body of instructors and professors of the Institute shall constitute the faculty of the Institute, with the President of the Institute as the presiding officer.

No member of the faculty of the Institute shall attempt directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Trustees, to influence students or attendants at the Institute towards any ideology, political or otherwise, which preaches the overthrow of the government through violence or subversion.

SEC. 13. There shall be a secretary of the Institute who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President of the Institute. He shall be the secretary of the Board and also of the Institute, and shall keep such records of the Institute as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 14. The President of the Institute may, upon prior consultation with the superintendent of schools of the province, designate any secondary school in the division concerned as training or laboratory school of the Institute.

SEC. 15. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex officio treasurer of the Institute. All accounts and expenses therefor shall be audited by the Commission on Audit and all disbursement shall be made in accordance with existing auditing rules and regulations.

SEC. 16. Heads of the bureaus and offices of the National Government are hereby authorized to loan, or transfer, upon request of the President of the Institute, such apparatus, equipment or supplies as may be needed by the Institute and to detail employees for duty therein, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or the services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to the public service. Employees so detailed shall perform such duties as is required under such detail, and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular official service.

SEC. 17. The requirements provided for in this Act which may be detrimental to the present faculty and employees of the Northern Mindanao National Agricultural College, who may be absorbed by the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology, shall not apply to them. But future appointees to the said

Institute shall be subject to all the requirements provided for in this Act.

SEC. 18. All parcels of land, buildings, equipment and facilities owned by the Northern Mindanao National Agricultural College, as well as obligations and appropriations thereof, shall be transferred to the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology.

SEC. 19. The existing appropriations for the Northern Mindanao National Agricultural College are hereby transferred to the Northern Mindanao State Institute of Science and Technology, to be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The necessary sum for the operation and maintenance of the Institute shall be provided for in subsequent General Appropriations Acts.

SEC. 20. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, November 11, 1982.

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