

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANTIQUE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIBALOM, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE INTO THE POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE OF ANTIQUE.

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Be it enacted by the Batasang Pambansa in session assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Antique School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Sibalom, Province of Antique, is hereby converted into the Polytechnic State College of Antique hereinafter referred to in this Act as the College which shall offer courses leading to the titles of Associate in Business Education, Associate in Commerce, four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, and five year courses leading to the degrees of Master of Science in Agriculture, Master of Science in Agricultural Education, and Master of Arts in Education.

SEC. 2. The College shall primarily provide higher technological, professional, and vocational instruction and training in science, agricultural and industrial fields, as well as short-term technical or vocational courses. It shall promote research, advanced studies and progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

SEC. 3. In addition to its present curricular offerings, the College shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of science, agriculture and industry as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.

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

SEC. 5. The head of the College shall be known as the President of the Polytechnic State College of Antique. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees and shall be comparable to that being received by presidents of similar educational institutions of like enrollment and standing, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

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. 6. The College shall be governed by a Board of Trustees which shall be composed of the Minister of Education and Culture as chairman, the President of the Polytechnic State College of Antique, and five (5) prominent citizens of the Province of Antique to be appointed by the President of the Philippines as members.

Of the five appointed members one shall be a representative for science, one for agriculture, two for arts and trades, and one for technology: Provided, That at least one of the five appointed members shall be an alumnus of the former Antique School of Arts and Trades and at least another one shall be a member of the Parents-Teachers

Association of the College. 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; one to serve for four years, and one to serve for five years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of five years and until their successors who should be experts in the same field 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 a vacancy in the office, the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture shall temporarily perform the functions of the Chairman of the said Board. The Chairman may assign qualified officials to represent him with full authority in the Board.

SEC. 7. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members holding office at the time a meeting is called. All processes against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the President or Secretary thereof.

SEC. 8. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be entitled to an allowance of one hundred pesos per meeting actually attended but not more than three hundred pesos a month: Provided, That they shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon their official business authorized by resolution of the Board, subject to existing budget laws on honoraria and allowances.

SEC. 9. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration, and the exercise of all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section Thirty-six of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines.

- To receive and appropriate for the purposes specified by law such sums as may be provided for the support of the College;
- To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship or eminence in any of the fields of specialization of the College, or in recognition of public service: Provided, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate some personal favor;
- To authorize the President of the College to award proficiency certificates or diplomas to students who have completed non-degree courses;
- To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the College, a vice-president, deans, directors, secretary of the College, registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers and other officials and employees of the College, to fix their compensation subject to Presidential Decree No. 985 and other pertinent budget and compensation laws, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper, to grant to them at its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing; to establish Chairs in the College, and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such Chairs as may be necessary;
- To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the College Council as hereinafter provided;
- To provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;
- To prescribe rules for its own government and to enact for the government of the College such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the College;
- To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, to administer the same

for the benefit of the College, or the departments thereof, or for aid to any student or students, 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. All such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and to be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donors; and

- To authorize the establishment of other branches of the College and to designate as its branches other schools of secondary level within the Province of Antique : Provided, That the funds for the purpose shall come from its appropriation.

SEC. 10. On or before the fifteenth day of the second month after the opening of regular classes each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, conditions and needs of the College.

SEC. 11. There shall be a College Council consisting of the President of the College and all members of the faculty with the rank of professors. 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 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 College or its 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 College shall constitute the faculty of the College.

The faculty shall be covered by the appropriate civil service rules and regulations.

SEC. 13. No member of the faculty of the College shall attempt directly or indirectly, under penalty of dismissal by the Board of Trustees, to influence students or any person in the College towards any ideology, political or otherwise, which preaches the overthrow of the government through violence or subversion.

SEC. 14. There shall be a Secretary of the College who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President of the College. He shall also be the Secretary of the Board and shall keep such records of the College as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 15. The treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex officio treasurer of the College and all accounts and expenses thereof shall be audited by the Commission on Audit or its duly authorized representatives.

SEC. 16. Heads of bureaus and offices of the National Government are hereby authorized to loan or transfer, upon request of the President of the College, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or the services of such employees as can be spared without serious detriment to the public service. Employees so detailed shall perform such duty as required under such detail and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular official service.

SEC. 17. All assets including the present appropriation of the Antique School of Arts and Trades whether fixed or movable, records and personnel, are hereby transferred to the Polytechnic State College of Antique. Thereafter, funds for the maintenance and operation of the College shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 18. The Minister of Education and Culture is hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary for the immediate implementation of this Act.

SEC. 19. All laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved, November 14, 1982.

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