

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PAMPANGA AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO PAMPANGA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4576, 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 present Pampanga Agricultural School in the Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, is hereby converted into Pampanga Agricultural College which shall offer not only its present four-year secondary agricultural course and the four-year home-making curriculum but also a two-year course leading to the titles of Associate in Agriculture and Associate in Agricultural Education, the degree of Master of Science in Agricultural Education, and the following special and collegiate courses:

- Special Courses:

- Two years (2 yrs.) Farm Mechanic
- Two years (2 yrs.) Animal Husbandry
- Two years (2 yrs.) Agronomy
- Two years (2 yrs.) Horticulture
- Two years (2 yrs.) Adult Education

- Collegiate Courses:

- Five years (5 yrs.) Technical Agriculture leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education.
- Five years (5 yrs.) Teacher Education leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education
- Three years (3 yrs.) Technical Agriculture leading to the title of Associate in Agriculture.

SEC. 2. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Pampanga Agricultural College. 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. 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. 3. The government and administration of said College and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be the ex-officio Chairman; the Chair-man 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 Director of Public Schools; the President of the College; and the President of the Pampanga Agricultural College Alumni Association (P.A.C.A.A.), as members. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as ex-officio 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, the other members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary Chairman who shall act as Chairman.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for 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. 4. The Board of Trustees shall have 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 appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the college;
- To confer the titles of Associate in Agriculture and Associate in Agricultural Education and the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Master of Science in Agricultural Education;
- To authorize the President of the College to award proficiency to outstanding students;
- To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the College, the dean of instruction, the registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the college except student helpers or student assistants who may be appointed by the President of the College; to fix their compensations, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper to grant them; at its discretion to grant leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;
- To fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and for laboratory courses;
- To prescribe rules and regulations for its own government, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the college;
- In order to constitute a quorum a majority of the Board of Trustees must be present.

SEC. 5. There shall be a college council, consisting of the President of the College and all instructors and professors of the College.

SEC. 6. 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 title or degree. The council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be recipients of titles or 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. 7. The body of instructors and professors of the College shall constitute its faculty, with the President of the College as the presiding officer. In the appointment of professors and instructors of the college, no religious test shall be applied, nor shall the religious opinions or affiliations of the faculty be made a matter of examination or inquiry.

SEC. 8. 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 or supplies as may be needed by the College, and to detail employees therein for duty, when in the judgment of the head of the bureau or office such

appa-ratus, equipment, supplies or employees can be spared with-out serious detriment to the public service.

SEC. 9. 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 or his duly authorized representatives.

SEC. 10. All personnel, properties, records, obligations, and appropriations of the Pampanga Agricultural School are hereby transferred to the Pampanga Agricultural College.

SEC. 11. 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 operation and maintenance of the said College for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and sixty-six. There-after, the necessary sum for said purpose shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 19, 1965.

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