

AN ACT CONVERTING THE VIRAC NATIONS AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VIRAC, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, TO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES STATE ...

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6341, June 19, 1971

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Virac National Agricultural and Trade School in the Municipality of Virac, Province of Cataduanes, is hereby converted into a college to be known as the Catanduanes State Colleges, hereinafter call Colleges which shall offer courses leading to the titles Associate in Business Education, Associate in Commerce four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor Science in Business Education, Bachelor of Science Commerce, Bachelor of Science in Education, and five-year courses leading to the degrees of Master of Arts Business Education, Master of Arts in Education, and Master of Arts in Commerce.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said Colleges shall be to provide higher professional and technical instruction and training in business education and commerce; and for special purposes, to promote research, advance studies and progressive leadership in the field of education, business education and commerce.

SEC. 3. No student shall be denied admission to the Colleges by reason of age, sex, nationality, religious belief, or political affiliation.

SEC. 4. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Catanduanes State Colleges. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. The powers and duties of the President of the Colleges 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. 5. The Board of Trustees of the Catanduanes State Colleges 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 House of Representatives, the Director of Public Schools, the President of the Colleges, and the President of the Catanduanes State Colleges Alumni Association. In the absence or the inability of the Secretary of Education, as ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or in the event that there is no incumbent Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as the 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 of Trustees, or when these two positions are vacant, the members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

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. 6. 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 thirteen of Act Numbered

Fourteen hundred fifty-nine, as amended, otherwise known as the Corporation Law:

- To elect a temporary chairman in the absence of both the Secretary and the Undersecretary of Education;
- To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Colleges;
- To confer the titles of Associate in Business Education, Associate in Commerce, and the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Master of Arts in Business Education, Master of Arts in Education, and Master of Arts in Commerce, to successful candidates for graduation;
- To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the Colleges, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the Colleges, 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 to the contrary 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 Colleges 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 to remit the same in special cases, constituting special trust fund of the Colleges;
- To provide fellowship for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;
- To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the Colleges such general ordinances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are consistent with the purposes of the Colleges as defined in Section two of this Act; and
- 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 Colleges, or of the department thereof, or for aid to any student or students in accordance with the direction and instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 7. 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. 8. On or before the fifteenth day 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 Colleges.

SEC. 9. There shall be a Colleges Council, consisting of the President of the Colleges and all instructors and professors of the Colleges. 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 Colleges, 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. 10. The body of instructors and professors of the Colleges shall constitute the faculty of the Colleges, with the President as the presiding officer. In the appointment of professors or instructors of the Colleges, no religious test shall be applied, nor shall the religious opinions or affiliations of the faculty of the Colleges be made a matter of examination or inquiry: Provided, however, That no instructor or professor in the Colleges 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 Colleges for or against any particular church or religious sect.

SEC. 11. Professors and other regular instructors in the Colleges shall be exempt as such from any civil service examinations or regulations as a requisite to appointment.

SEC. 12. There shall be a secretary of the Colleges, appointed by the Board of Trustees. He shall be the secretary of such Board and also of the Colleges, and shall keep such records of the Colleges as may be designated by the Board.

SEC. 13. The President of the Colleges, with the cooperation of the superintendent of schools of the province, may use one or more of the secondary schools in the province as training or laboratory schools of the Colleges.

SEC. 14. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Colleges and all accounts and expenses thereof shall be audited by the Auditor General or his duly authorized representatives.

SEC. 15. For carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act, the sum of five hundred thousand pesos is hereby appropriated from any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in addition to the current appropriation of the Virac National Agricultural and Trade School. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Enacted without Executive approval, June 19, 1971.

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