

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8688, June 27, 1998]

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE
UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Cebu State College, the first state college in Central Visayas, situated along two main streets of a centrally located district in Cebu City and servicing thousands of students from the Mindanao and Visayas islands, is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Cebu Normal University (CNU), hereinafter referred to as the University.

SEC. 2. The University shall primarily provide higher professional and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extension services, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in education and other fields as may be relevant.

SEC. 3. The State University shall offer undergraduate, graduate and short-term courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives particularly in order to meet the needs of the province and the country.

SEC. 4. The University shall continue to operate a reasonably-sized laboratory school within its campus.

In addition, the University shall adopt public elementary and secondary schools in the city and the province of Cebu to serve as pilot centers for innovative teaching learning strategies and approaches so operated and maintained under the appropriate memorandum of agreement between the University and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SEC. 5. The governing body of the University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

- a. The chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), chairman;
- b. The president of the University, vice-chairman;
- c. The chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the Senate, member;
- d. The chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the House of Representatives, member;
- e. The regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) where the main campus is located, member;

- f. The president of the federation of faculty associations of the university, member;
- g. The president of the federation of student councils of the University, member;
- h. The president of the alumni association of the University, member; and
- i. Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization of the institution concerned chosen from among a list of at least five (5) persons qualified in the city or the province where the University is located, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the University President, in consultation with the chairman of the CHED, based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position, members.

The chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the president of the University, the education committee chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall have an ex officio term of office.

The term of office of the president of the faculty association, the federation of student councils and the president of the alumni; association, shall be coterminous with their respective terms of office.

The two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

For the purpose of the provision of this section, the associations of faculty, alumni, and student councils in each branch of the University shall organize themselves to form their respective federations which in turn shall elect their federation officials.

In case of vacancy in the office of the president, the officer-in-charge of the University designated by the Board shall serve for the unexpired term only.

SEC. 6. The Board shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Philippine Constitution on education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, as well as the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722.

SEC. 7. The University shall have the general powers of a corporation as set forth in the corporation law. The administration of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents and the president of the State University insofar as authorized by the Board.

SEC. 8. The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to the general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under existing laws:

- a. To enact rules and regulations not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;
- b. To receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the support of the University in the manner it may, in its discretion, determine to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;
- c. To import duty-free, subject to existing laws, essential commodities, materials and equipment for educational or technological programs, provided such

commodities, materials and equipment are not available locally at a comparable prices;

- d. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit of the University and subject to limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any. Such donations shall be subject to existing laws on tax exemption;
- e. To fix tuition fees and other necessary school charges, as such but not limited to matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultations with the involved sectors;

Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the University, shall constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank, and all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the University.

Any provision of existing laws, rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding, any income generated by the University from tuition fees and other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall be retained by the University, and may be disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension, or other programs/projects of the University: *Provided*, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific purpose for which they are collected.

If, for reason beyond its control the University shall not be able to pursue any projects for which funds have been appropriated and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of said funds for any reasonable purpose which in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the University;

- f. To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment, and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties including necessary supplies, materials and equipment;
- g. To appoint, upon the recommendation of the president of the University, vice presidents, deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty members and other officials and employees;
- h. To fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws governing hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding; and to remove them for cause in accordance with the requirements of due process of law;
- i. To approve the curricula, instructional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic councils as herein after provided;
- j. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation; to award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of education or in any field of specialization of the University; and to authorize the awarding of certificates for completion of non-degree and nontraditional courses;