

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8365, October 11, 1997 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE RIZAL TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGES INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RIZAL TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Rizal Technological Colleges in the City of Mandaluyong, including its branches in the City of Pasig, Municipality of Antipolo in the Province of Rizal, and Municipality of Kawit in the Province of Cavite, is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Rizal Technological University, hereinafter referred to as the University. The main campus of the University shall be in the City of Mandaluyong.

SEC. 2. The University shall primarily provide highly professional, scientific, technological, and special instructions in the fields of engineering and technology education, business and entrepreneurial technology, and the arts and sciences. It shall also promote research, extension and advance studies in its areas of specialization.

The University shall pursue and endeavor to lead in the development of work-integrated learning through partnership with industry and involvement of students in civic activities. Cooperative education shall provide an important educational component and technical proficiency in the development of human resource capital.

SEC. 3. The existing high school shall continue to operate as a laboratory for the teacher education programs of the University. The size of its enrollment shall be determined by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SEC. 4. The University may open new branches in consortium with other academic institutions only within the City of Mandaluyong and the Province of Rizal. For this purpose, the partner concerned shall, in addition to funds appropriated under the regular university budget, provide funds for the infrastructure and manpower needs of the branches thus established, until otherwise provided in the agreement. All properties acquired for the use of the University shall be donated to and titled in the name of the University unless there are legal impediments thereto. Such branches shall offer highly specialized courses in science and technology in accordance with detailed studies on the needs of business, industry and government in the localities to be served. For this purpose, the University President shall appoint a committee to study the feasibility of opening up such branches. Such committee shall include as members, at least a representative each from the business and the industry sector.

The University shall, within a reasonable time from the approval of this Act, develop

and fully utilize its real property situated in the Municipality of Baras, Province of Rizal, as a site for science and technological researches and agricultural technology projects.

SEC. 5. The University may enter into agreements with local governments for the support of any of its branches: Provided, That the said agreements shall not in any way impair the autonomy of the University. Under such agreements, the local government shall provide funds to the University in support of university programs in addition to the regular yearly national appropriation of the University. Such funds provided by the local government shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 6. The governing body of the University shall be vested in 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 chairmen of the Congressional Committees on Education and Culture;
- d. The regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) where the main campus of the University is located;
- e. The president of the federation of faculty associations;
- f. The president of the federation of student councils or the student representative elected by such federation: Provided, That in the absence of a federation president or student representative elected by the federation, the University shall schedule one (1) week for the campaign and election of a student representative;
- g. The president of the federation of alumni associations of the University; and
- h. Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization, chosen from among a list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the city or province where the school is located, as recommended by the search committee constituted by the President in consultation with the Chairman of the CHED based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position.

The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the duly constituted search committee.

For the purpose of paragraphs (f) and (g) 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.

The presidents of the federation of faculty associations and alumni associations and

the federation of student councils shall sit in the Board until the expiration of their respective terms of office in such capacities.

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

SEC. 7. The governing board shall have the following specific powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the board of directors of a corporation under Section 36 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, otherwise known as the Corporation Code of the Philippines:

- 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 determine, in its discretion, to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;
- c. To receive in trust legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds, to administer and dispose the same when necessary for the benefit of the University, subject to limitations, directions and instructions of the donors, if any. Such donations shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donor; and
- d. To fix the tuition fees and other school fees and charges, such as, but not limited to, matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as their respective boards may deem proper and reasonable 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 fund 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 purposes for which they are collected.

If, for reasons 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 purposes which, in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the University;

- e. To adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and school fees for greater access to poor but deserving students;

- f. To authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties, including necessary supplies, material and equipment. Purchases and other transactions entered into by the University through the Board shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;
- g. To appoint, upon recommendation of the president of the University, vice presidents, deans, directors and 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 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; to grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provisions of existing law 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, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the administrative and academic councils as herein provided;
- j. To set policies on admission and graduation of students;
- k. To award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of outstanding contribution in the field of education, public service, arts, science and technology or in any field of specialization within the academic competence of the University and to authorize the award of certificate of completion of non-degree and non-traditional courses;
- l. To absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions as branches, centers, stations, etc., within the City of Mandaluyong and the Province of Rizal in coordination with the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and to offer therein needed programs or courses, to promote and carry out equal access to educational opportunities mandated by the Constitution;
- m. To establish research and extension centers of the University where such will promote the development of the latter;
- n. To establish chairs in the University and to provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students;
- o. To delegate any of its powers and duties provided for hereinabove to the president and/or other officials of the University as it may deem appropriate so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the University;
- p. To authorize an external management audit of the institution, to be financed by CHED and to institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of audit results and recommendations;