

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7352, April 02, 1992]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PRESENT CAMARINES NORTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAET INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAMARINES NORTE STATE COLLEGE, INTEGRATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ABANO PILOT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DAET, MERCEDES SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN MERCEDES, CAMARINES NORTE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN LABO AND THE CAMARINES NORTE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN JOSE PANGANIBAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The present Camarines Norte National High School is hereby converted into a state college to be known as the Camarines Norte State College and integrating thereto the Abano Pilot Elementary School as its training center; Mercedes School of Fisheries and Camarines Norte National Agricultural School as its College of Agriculture; and the Camarines Norte National School of Arts and Trades as its College of Engineering and Architecture.

SEC. 2. The Camarines Norte State College, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the State College, shall primarily provide higher technological and professional instruction and training in the fields of economics, agriculture, health, engineering, education, management, finance, accounting, forest research and conservation, business and public administration as well as short-term technical and vocational courses. It shall also provide and promote research and extension services, advanced studies and progressive leadership in all areas of discipline and responsibilities.

SEC. 3. In addition to the two-year agricultural technology curriculum of Camarines Norte National Agricultural School, the State College shall offer undergraduate courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with appropriate major fields of specialization, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Forestry, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and graduate courses leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Educational Management, Master of Science in Fisheries, Master of Science in Agriculture, Master in Public Administration, Master in Management, and such other courses as the Board of Regents may deem necessary.

SEC. 4. The head of the State College shall be known as the President. He shall be

appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Regents as hereinafter provided.

The powers and duties of the President of the State College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a state college. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Regents comparable to that being received by presidents of similar educational institutions of like enrollment and standing.

The President of the State College shall hold office for a term of six (6) years without reappointment unless he reaches the age of retirement or earlier removed for cause or incapacitated to discharge the duties of his office.

SEC. 5. The governing body of the Camarines Norte State Colleges shall be the Board of Regents of the State College. It shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, Chairman;

President of the Camarines Norte State College, Vice-Chairman;

Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the Senate, member;

Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the House of Representatives, member;

Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority, member;

President of the faculty association of the State College, member;

President of the supreme student council of the State College, member;

President of the alumni association of the State College, member;

President of the employee association of the State College, member; and

Two (2) prominent residents of the Province of Camarines Norte who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization of the State College, members: *Provided*, That the president of the alumni association and of the employee association as well as the two (2) prominent residents shall be elected by the Board when deemed necessary who shall have the same powers, authority and privileges as the regular members of the Board: *Provided, further*, That the Department of Education, Culture and Sports Secretary, the President of the State College, the Education and Culture Committee Chairmen of the Senate and the House, and the NEDA representative shall have an *ex officio* term of office, while the presidents of the faculty association, supreme student council and when deemed necessary, the presidents of the alumni association and employees association shall serve for one (1) year, and when likewise necessary the two (2) prominent residents shall serve for four (4) years and two (2) years, respectively.

SEC. 6. The members of the Board, including the Chairman, shall be entitled to an allowance of Three hundred pesos (P300.00) per meeting actually attended but in no case shall exceed Six hundred pesos (P600.00) a month: *Provided*, That actual

and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or upon the other official business authorized by resolution thereof shall be reimbursable. The Board of Regents shall convene regularly once every two (2) months on the first Friday thereof. The Chairman may call a special meeting whenever necessary.

SEC. 7. In addition to its general powers of administration, the Board of Regents shall exercise and perform the following powers and duties:

- a. To confer degrees upon successful candidates for graduation of the State College. It may also confer honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their achievements, statesmanship and eminence in industry or public service related to the aforementioned fields: *Provided*, That no such degrees shall be conferred in consideration of or to reciprocate personal favors;
- b. To appoint upon recommendation of the President, the deans, the registrar of the State College, the secretary of the State College, the heads of departments, professors, instructors, lectures, administrative and supervisory officials and such other personnel complement as are necessary to effectively implement the State College's program; to fix their compensation and salaries; to prescribe hours of service and other duties as may be deemed proper; to grant them, in its discretion, leaves of absence under regulations promulgated by the Board, other provisions of law notwithstanding; to prescribe rules of academic discipline for education, professional growth of the faculty and other administrative personnel, and to remove them for cause after due investigation and hearing pursuant to the Civil Service Law; and to establish professorial chairs in the State College and to provide for the maintenance or endorsement of such chairs as may be necessary;
- c. To authorize the President of the State College to award proficiency certification or diploma to students who have completed nondegree courses;
- d. To approve the curricular offerings and rules of discipline prepared by the College Council as hereinafter provided;
- e. To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as, but not limited to, matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees. Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the State College, constitute a special trust fund and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank. Any and all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same fund for the use of the State College. Any provision of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding, income generated by the State College and all sums appropriated for the support of the State College may, at the discretion of the Board, be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other similar benefits for its faculty members and personnel, for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, and repair of urgently needed instructional and auxiliary facilities, equipment, buildings and other infrastructures and for other expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under this Act. If for any reason, the State College shall not be able to pursue any project for which funds have been appropriated for reasons beyond control and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board of Regents may authorize the use of said funds for any reasonable purpose