

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7168, December 26, 1991]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

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

SECTION 1. The Philippine Normal College in the City of Manila with branches in the Municipality of Prosperidad in the Province of Agusan, Municipality of Alicia in the Province of Isabela, Cadiz City in the Province of Negros Occidental and Municipality of Lopez in the Province of Quezon is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Philippine Normal University, hereinafter referred to as the University. The main campus of the University shall be in the City of Manila.

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

SEC. 3. The University shall offer undergraduate and graduate courses in the fields of education and other degree courses as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives.

SEC. 4. The University shall have the general powers of a corporation 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 University insofar as authorized by the Board.

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:

Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, Chairman

President of the University, Vice Chairman

Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, Member

Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives,
Member

Representative of the National Economic and Development Authority, Member

President of the Federation of Faculty Associations of the University, Member

President of the Federation of Supreme Student Councils of the University,
Member

In addition, the Board may appoint as members, the following when deemed necessary:

President of the Federation of Employees Associations of the University

Two (2) prominent citizens who have distinguished themselves in the fields of specialization of the University.

The Presidents of the Federation of Alumni Associations and of the Federation of Employees Associations, as well as the two (2) prominent citizens so appointed by the Board shall have the same powers, authority and privileges as the regular members of the Board.

The Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, the President of the University, the Education Committee Chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the representative of the National Economic and Development Authority shall have an ex officio term of office, while the Presidents of the Federation of the Faculty Associations and the Federation of Student Councils and, when deemed necessary, the Presidents of the Federation of Alumni Associations and the Federation of Employees Associations shall serve for one (1) year, and when likewise necessary, the two (2) prominent citizens shall serve for four (4) years and two (2) years, respectively.

For the purpose of the provision of this Section, the associations of faculty, alumni and employees associations and student councils in each campus of the University shall organize their respective federations.

SEC. 6. The Board shall promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared state policies on education and other pertinent provisions of the Constitution on education, arts, culture and sports.

SEC. 7. The 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 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 essential commodities, materials and equipment for educational or technological programs as an exception to existing laws, provided such commodities, materials and equipment are not available locally;
- 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 the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any. Such donation shall be exempt from all taxes and shall be considered as deductible items from the income tax of the donor;

- e. To fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as but not limited to matriculation fees, graduation fees and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose. Such fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the University, constitute special trust funds and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank. Any 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 to the contrary notwithstanding, incomes generated by the University, may at the discretion of the Board be disbursed for the professional growth and development, health, welfare and other similar benefits of the 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 expenses necessary for the attainment of its purposes under this Act. If for any reason, the University 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 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, machineries, equipment and other facilities and the purchase and acquisition of real and personal properties, including necessary supplies, materials and equipment. Purchases and other transactions entered into by the University through the Board shall be exempt from all taxes and duties;
- g. To confirm appointments of vice presidents, deans, directors, heads of departments, faculty members and other officials and employees of the University made by the President of the University;
- h. To fix and adjust salaries of faculty members and administrative officials and employees;
- i. To approve the curricula, institutional programs and rules of discipline drawn by the Administrative and Academic Councils as herein 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;
- k. To establish branches in the cities and provinces if and when it becomes essential and necessary where there is no existing school offering similar programs or courses to promote and carry out equal access to education opportunities as mandated by the Constitution;
- l. To establish chairs in the University and to provide fellowships for qualified faculty members and scholarships to deserving students.

SEC. 8. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of all members holding office at the time of the meeting: *Provided, however,* That among those present are the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports who is the Chairman of the Board, or the President of the University who acts as the presiding officer in the former's absence. The Board shall convene regularly once every two (2) months. The Chairman of the Board may call a special meeting whenever necessary.

The members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled for reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred either for attendance in meetings of the Board or for other official business authorized by resolution of the