

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5270, June 15, 1968]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PABLO BORBON MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO THE PABLO BORBON MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GIVING IT CORPORATE EXISTENCE, PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DEFINING THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES, PROVIDING HIGHER VOCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, OFFERING OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING COURSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The present Pablo Borbon Memorial School of Arts and Trades, located in the Municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas, hereby converted into the Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology which shall offer not only its present four-year secondary trade, four-year technical courses and four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts and Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education but also the two-year graduate course leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Industrial Education, and as soon as facilities warrant, to offer engineering courses, particularly Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science Electrical Engineering.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said institute of technology shall provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in trade and industrial education and other vocational courses, and to offer engineering courses to uplift the technological potential and talents of the youth in this part of the archipelago; and for special purposes to promote research, advance studies and progressive leadership in the field of trade, technical, industrial and technological education.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments. The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, 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. 4. The government of the Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees, to 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 Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the Director of Vocational Education, the President of the Institute, the President of the Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology Alumni Association, and the President of the Chamber of Industries of the Philippines, as

members. In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as the *ex-officio* Chairman of the Board. In the absence or inability of both the Secretary and Undersecretary of Education or when these positions are vacant, the other members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as the Chairman.

The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for 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. 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of powers of administration:

(a) To appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Institute;

(b) To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Technical Education, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and Master of Arts in Industrial Education to successful candidates for graduation;

(c) To authorize the president of the Institute to award proficiency certificates to students who have finished the first two years of the four-year curriculum in technical education and/or diploma to those who have completed the four-year curriculum in Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Technical Education, five-year curriculum in Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Master's degree in Industrial Education;

(d) To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the Institute, dean of instruction, registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the Institute; to fix their compensation, hours of service, and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant them, in its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

(e) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the Institute Council as hereinafter provided;

(f) To fix, in as moderate as possible, the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduates, and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees which shall constitute a special trust fund for the Institute and to remit such fees in the case of deserving students;

(g) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;

(h) To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the Institute such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the Institute as defined in Section two of this Act;