

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4449, June 19, 1965 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOCOS SUR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VIGAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, INTO A UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN PHILIPPINES, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion.*—The Ilocos Sur School of Arts and Trades in the Municipality of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur, is hereby converted into a university which shall be known as the University of Northern Philippines, hereinafter referred to as University, the same being organized as a corporation under that name.

SEC. 2. *Purposes.*—The University shall primarily give technical and professional training, advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences and arts, besides providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches.

SEC. 3. *Powers of the University.*—The following are the powers of the University:

- a. It shall have the general powers as set forth in Section thirteen of the Corporation Law;
- b. It shall have the power to acquire public lands for its expansion and/or beneficial use; and
- c. It shall be authorized, through its college of engineering, to undertake the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements and such sums as may be necessary for this purpose shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act for the University. All public works appropriations in the name of the Ilocos Sur School of Arts and Trades are hereby transferred to the University as provided for in this Act: *Provided*, That the construction of its buildings and other permanent improvements as authorized in the Public Works Acts of the Government shall be undertaken by the college of engineering as herein provided.

SEC. 4. *Governing board; compensation; manner of appointment; compensation; meetings; performance of functions.*—The government of the University is vested in a Board of Regents. The Board of Regents shall be composed of the President of the University, who shall be *ex-officio* chairman of the Board, and, as members, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Vice-president for External Affairs, the President of the Alumni Association, and three other persons to be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments. Of the three additional members first appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for three years, and one for five years. Thereafter, persons appointed to succeed such members shall hold office for a term of five

years and until their successors are duly qualified, in case of a vacancy among the three additional members of the Board of Regents, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, and such appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term only. All members of the Board of Regents shall be residents of the Philippines: *Provided*, That no person in the employ of the University or of any other educational institution in any capacity whatsoever, whether as dean, professor, instructor, lecturer, or otherwise, shall be eligible for appointment by the President of the Philippines to the positions of the three members of the Board of Regents.

The President of the Philippines, in the selection of the three members of the Board of Regents, shall give preference to residents of the Province of Ilocos Sur. In case of vacancy in the office of the President of the University, the Executive Vice-President shall act as chairman until one is regularly elected in accordance with this Act.

Members of the Board of Regents who are officers of the University shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred either in attendance of meetings of the Board or in other official business authorized by resolution of the Board: *Provided*, That members of the Board who are not employed in the University shall be entitled to *per diems* not exceeding twenty-five pesos per actual attendance of board meetings: *Provided, further*, That the Board of Regents shall have one general meeting and such number of special meetings a month as may be necessary in the interest of the University.

SEC. 5. *Powers of the Board of Regents.*—The Board of Regents shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- a. To receive and appropriate to the ends specified by law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the University;
- b. To provide for the establishment of one or more Colleges of Liberal Arts, a College of Social and Political Science, a College of Veterinary Science, a College of Commerce and Business Administration, a college of Engineering, a College of Agriculture, a College of Nursing and Midwifery, a School of Fisheries, a School of Surveying, a Conservatory of Music, a School of Fine Arts, a School of Graduate Studies, and such other colleges and schools as the Board of Regents may deem necessary;
- c. To confer the usual honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of learning, statesmanship, or eminence in literature, science or art: *Provided*, That such degrees shall not be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or other valuable consideration;
- d. To establish chairs in the colleges and schools mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section and to provide for the maintenance or endowment of such chairs;
- e. To approve the courses of study and rules of discipline drawn up by the University Council as hereinafter provided; to fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees;
- f. To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing evidence of special merit;
- g. To contract for technical services, under certain conditions;
- h. To prescribe rules for its own government; and
- i. To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the University, or of a