

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3998, June 18, 1964]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NUEVA ECIJA SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO CENTRAL LUZON POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, GIVING IT CORPO RATE EXISTENCE, PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DEFINING ITS POWERS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDING FOR HIGHER VOCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Nueva Ecija School of Arts and Trades, located in the City of Cabanatuan, is hereby converted into Central Luzon Polytechnic College which shall offer not only four-year secondary trade, three-year technical courses, opportunity courses, and four-year courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Architecture and other allied courses which the Board of Trustees, as hereinafter provided, may decide and deem desirable for the needs of the region and the country but shall also offer graduate courses along the fields of its specialization.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the college shall be to provide higher vocational, professional, and technological instruction and training in trade and industrial education and technology, and to promote research, advance studies, provide leadership in the field of trade, industrial, a technological education.

SEC. 3. The head of the college shall be known as the President of Central Luzon Polytechnic College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees. The powers and duties of the president of the college, in addition to those provided in this Act, shall be those that usually pertain to the office of the president of a college.

SEC. 4. The policy-making power in Central Luzon Polytechnic College is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees, to be composed of the Secretary of Education, as *ex-officio* chairman; 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 Director of Public Schools; the President of the College; and the President of the College Alumni Association (formerly President of the Nueva Ecija School of Arts and Trades Alumni Association). In the absence or inability of the Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary shall act as *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.

The members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses, not exceeding forty pesos per day in any case, 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 exercise for Central Luzon Polytechnic College all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred fifty-nine, as amended. It shall also have the following powers and duties in addition to its general policy-making function:

(a) To receive and allocate such sums as may be provided by law for the college;

(b) To confer titles, bachelor's and master's degrees successful candidates for graduation;

(c) To authorize the President of the College to award proficiency certificates to students who have finished the first two years of the three-year curriculum in technical education and to those who have finished the opportunity courses which are intended for adults or the old leavers;

(d) To appoint, upon recommendation of the President of the College, a dean of instruction, a registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the college, except emergency laborers, student assistants or student helpers who can be appointed by the President of the College subject to confirmation by the board; to fix their compensations, duties, hours of service, and such other conditions as it may deem fair and proper; to grant, in its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate; and to remove faculty members or employees for cause after fair hearing;

(e) To approve the curricula and rules of discipline drawn by the college council, as hereinafter provided;

(f) To fix the tuition fees of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees, and to remit the same in special cases;

(g) To provide fellowships and other types of travel and scholarship grants and exchanges for members of the faculty, and scholarships to students in exceptionally meritorious cases;

(h) To prescribe rules for its own government, and to enact for the government of the college such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and functions of the college; and

(i) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal