

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2237, June 17, 1959]

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERTING THE PRESENT PHILIPPINE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES INTO THE PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES, GIVING IT CORPORATE EXISTENCE, PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DEFINING THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES, PROVIDING HIGHER VOCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNICAL 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 present Philippine School of Arts and Trades located in the City of Manila, Philippines, is hereby converted into the Philippine College of Arts and Trades which shall offer not only its present four-year trade 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 five-year course leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Industrial Education.

SEC. 2. The purpose of the said college shall be to provide higher vocational, professional, and technical instruction and training in trade and industrial education; and for special purposes to promote research, advance studies, and progressive leadership in the field of trade, technical and industrial education.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as President of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, subject to the confirmation of the Commission on Appointments. The powers and duties of the President of the College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act shall be those usually pertaining to the Office of the President of the College.

SEC. 4. The government of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades 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 Public Schools, the President of the College, the President of the Philippine College of Arts and Trades (PSAT) Alumni Association, and the President of the Chamber of Industries of the Philippines. 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 among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as 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 the resolution of the Board.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties in addition to its general powers of administration:

- a. To appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the college;
- b. To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Arts, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education, and Master of Arts in Industrial Education to successful candidates for graduation;
- c. To authorize the President of the College to award, a proficiency certificate to students who have finished the first two years of the four-year curriculum in Technical Education and/or a diploma to those who have completed the four-year curriculum in Technical Education;
- d. To appoint, on recommendation of the President of the College; Dean of Instruction, Registrar, heads of departments, professors, instructors, lecturers, and other employees of the college; 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 absences under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions 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 College Council as hereinafter provided;
- f. To fix, in as moderate as possible, the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for laboratory courses, and all special fees which shall constitute a special trust fund for the college 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 college such rules and regulations, not contrary to law, as may be necessary to any carry out the purposes and functions of the college as defined in Section two of this Act; 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 benefits of the college, or of the department thereof, or for aid to any student or students, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may in its discretion determine.

SEC. 6. A *quorum* of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all the members. All process against the Board of Trustees shall be served on the man or Secretary thereof.

SEC. 7. On or before the 15th day of June of each year the Board of Trustees shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, conditions, and needs of the college.

SEC. 8. There shall be a College Council, consisting of the President of the College and of all instructors and professors of the college. The council shall have the power