[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1434, June 14, 1956]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the Municipality of Catarman, Province of Samar, a vocational college to be known as the Samar Institute of Technology which shall offer not only elementary, secondary general, secondary vocational and normal courses of instruction but also collegiate agricultural and industrial courses leading to bachelors' degrees. It shall also offer opportunities for manual labor as assistance to self-supporting students.

- SEC. 2. The head of the Institute shall be known as the President of the Samar Institute of Technology. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Institute. The powers and duties of the President of the Institute, in addition to those specifically provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college or university.
- SEC. 3. The governing body of the Institute shall be the Board of Trustees of the Samar Institute of Technology. The said Board shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, who shall be the 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 Public Schools, the President of the Institute, and a prominent resident of Samar to be designated by the President of the Philippines. The trustees of the Institute shall serve without compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other official business authorized by resolution thereof.
- SEC. 4. The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration:
 - a. To receive and appropriate such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the Institute;
 - b. To confer certificates, diplomas or degrees upon successful candidates for graduation;
 - c. To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the Institute, teachers, principals, supervisors, instructors, professors, 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 due investigation and hearing; .